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CHAMBERSBURG INDEPENDENCE DAY EVENTS POSTPONED TO JULY 9

Chambersburg – BREAKING NEWS

The Borough of Chambersburg was notified this evening by the Cumberland Valley 21 Day Retreat organization, the sponsor of the Independence Day celebration at Chambersburg's Memorial Park that **ALL EVENTS INCLUDING FIREWORKS HAVE BEEN POSTPONED UNTIL SATURDAY JULY 9, 2016** due to the weather forecast.

The 21 Day Retreat is a non profit volunteer organization who sponsors and runs Chambersburg's patriotic celebrations. A key part of their activities is fundraising during the Independence Day event, which begins at Noon and continues to the evening with a flag ceremony, food and fun vendors, an antique car show, and finally fireworks. Rain, even spotty rain showers, would impact the ability of these volunteers to raise the money that puts on the Independence Day celebration.

They have requested that the Borough of Chambersburg allow them the use of Memorial Park for the full day of celebration on Saturday, July 9, 2016 except the flag ceremony.

On Saturday, the remaining events will begin at Noon and end with fireworks at 9:30 p.m.

Folks should consider supporting the important work of this volunteer group and attend the full day's events including fireworks.

Finally, the Chambersburg Recreation Department, seeing Monday's forecast, will also reschedule the planned Independence Day Pool Party, at the Memorial Park Pool, for Saturday, July 9, 2016.

If you have any questions, please contact Guy Shaul, Recreation Department Superintendent at gshaul@chambersburgpa.gov or at [\(717\) 261-3275](tel:7172613275).

Chambersburg is a unique community. Chambersburg supplies more services than any other municipality in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. In addition to typical town functions, Chambersburg is Pennsylvania's only municipality supplying electric & gas. Chambersburg is 1 of 35 Boroughs to operate a municipal non-profit electric utility. Chambersburg is the largest municipal electric utility in the State, twice as large as the second largest, Ephrata, Lancaster County; and, the only one to operate generation stations. Chambersburg is 1 of 2 municipalities in PA to operate a natural gas utility. The other is Philadelphia, which does not operate an electric utility. Nationally, Chambersburg is 1 of 2,000 communities to have its own electric system and 1 of 800 communities to have a natural gas system but 1 of only about 50 to operate both. Chambersburg manages a regional water system, a regional sanitary sewer system (not through an independent Authority), and a new storm sewer utility; one of the first storm sewer utilities to form under the new Federal mandate to regulate stormwater. Chambersburg currently has 20,360 residents (2012). www.chambersburgpa.gov