



Dear Fellow Palisadians,

For longer than we care to admit, we've eagerly anticipated each Palisades 4th of July celebration with the 5K/10K Run, Parade, Concert & Fireworks. In recent years, we've both had the pleasure of both leading dedicated community members and organizations to produce the day's celebrations. This is a volunteer-led effort by your neighbors, many of whom have been involved for decades.

The 4th of July is our community's biggest day of the year, bringing together long-standing neighbors and recent arrivals to celebrate the independence of our nation. Kids, both young and young at heart, arrive early in the morning to jockey for a good spot at the 5K/10K, then set up their chairs along the parade route, and finally enjoy dinner on the baseball field in advance of the concert and fireworks.

This year, it's with great disappointment that we must report to you for the first time since the founding of the Parade seventy-two years ago by the Pacific Palisades American Legion Post 283, and since the beginning of the 5K/10K Run forty-three years ago, *we must cancel* the Run, Parade, Concert and Fireworks. The health and safety of our community is paramount, and the limits on large social gatherings necessitates this difficult decision. While we'll have many more Independence Days to celebrate, today we must all do our part to safeguard the health of our community.

Now, the good news. We'll continue to organize the Patriotic Home Decorating Contest, and mail to every household our Official 4th of July Program containing great articles & photos. This 4th of July we'll welcome a squadron of WWII fighter planes for a community-wide flyover at 2pm, which you can and should view from your home. We're hoping that you'll celebrate with us, albeit in a different way in 2020.

Stay tuned for more information and check our website regularly. If you wish to make a tax-deductible contribution to help with this year's program, please go to www.Palisades4th.com.

On behalf of the Palisades Americanism Parade Association and the Palisades-Will Rogers 5K/10K Run Foundation, we wish you and your family the very best. Palisadians have a history of sticking together, helping our neighbors, and always persevering. This year, let us redouble our efforts to support each other.

- Matthew Rodman, Parade (PAPA) President 2018-2020
- Brian Shea, Will Rogers 5/10K Race President 1977-2020