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### **Springfield Memorial Day Parade Planned for May 29**

SPRINGFIELD, OHIO – May 22, 2017 – City crews have begun preparing for Springfield’s annual Memorial Day Parade, which is scheduled for 9 a.m. on Monday, May 29. Each year, crews begin preparation for the parade weeks in advance in order to perform the necessary maintenance on the City’s infrastructure and assets.

“Our City is excited for another fun Memorial Day celebration,” said Springfield City Manager Jim Bodenmiller. “It is a team effort to get the City ready for the day’s events, and I thank our crews for doing such a wonderful job of ensuring that we are ready for the many people who will come out to celebrate.”

In preparation for the event, sewer manholes and water valves are checked to verify lids are secure and in good repair, fire hydrants are checked and painted if necessary, and street trees along the route are trimmed to remove low hanging branches for spectators.

City crews hang banners on street light poles along North Fountain Avenue that will remain up until Labor Day. The week before the event, City crews hang almost 150 American flags along the parade route and around Newcomers Cemetery on Mechanicsburg Road that will remain up through July 4.

Immediately before the parade, trash and debris will be removed from catch basins and streets and ‘No Parking’ signs will be placed along the parade route. The City’s contractor, DSS Sweeping Service, Inc., will sweep the route before the event, and City crews will re-sweep the route at the conclusion of the parade.

The City also provides road closure barricades for the parade and delivers them to the site before the close of business on Friday. Parade organizers will set up the barricades the morning of the event.

“Memorial Day draws thousands of people to our City, and it is important that our infrastructure is safe and clean,” Bodenmiller said. “I look forward to an excellent parade on Monday.”

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