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Memorial Day Cruise Open to Everyone Saturday, May 23, 2020 at noon in Virginia City

VIRGINIA CITY, Nev. (May 8, 2020) – Virginia City and parades are synonymous with each other. But how do you throw a parade during the age of social distancing and with many COVID-19 restrictions still in place? Easy. What is traditionally one of the largest parades for the historic town, the Memorial Day Parade, will turn into a cruise honoring our country’s fallen heroes.

While no one will be allowed to congregate along the boardwalk, everyone is encouraged to drive to Virginia City and participate in the cruise displaying their American pride and showing patriotic colors for all to see. **The cruise starts at 12 p.m. Saturday, May 23, 2020.**

“Parades are a big part of what we do on the Comstock and the idea of not having a Memorial Day parade, just wasn’t right,” Deny Dotson, tourism director for the Virginia City Tourism Commission, said. “Honoring those that gave the biggest sacrifice in the name of our freedom should never be put on hold or postponed. This cruise format, that is open to everyone, will allow us to remember what really matters most. Something we could all use during these times.”

Participants are encouraged to support the local merchants who have had to shutter their regular operations since March 18. Visit online at <https://visitvirginiacitynv.com/virginia-city-businesses-available/> for a complete list of businesses and direct links to restaurant menus to order grab-and-go in advance or after the cruise.

The cruise begins at 12 p.m. Participants line up starts at the Fourth Ward School, located at the junction of U.S. Routes 342 and 341 at C Street, and decorations are encouraged. No walking groups, spectators and passing out of candy is allowed.

For more information on the cruise or Virginia City, Nevada, visit visitvirginiacitynv.com or call Visit Virginia City at 775-847-7500.

*A short 30-minute drive from the Reno-Tahoe International Airport takes visitors to one of the largest historic districts in the United States - **Virginia City, Nevada**. Come experience this mining “boomtown” as it was in the 1800’s. Step back in time while visiting the numerous historic buildings, saloons, churches and museums or take a mine tour or even ride a real steam train. The Comstock Adventure Passes offer the best value with discounted attraction packages. For lodging, event calendar or Comstock Adventure Passes, [visit online](#) or call 775-847-7500. The Visitor Information Center is located at 86 South C Street, Virginia City.*

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