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### **SAVE THE DATE! CORTLAND COUNTY AND EXPERIENCE CORTLAND ANNOUNCE 2020 JULY 3<sup>RD</sup> FIREWORKS**

(CORTLAND, NY): The Cortland County Legislature and Experience Cortland: Cortland County Convention & Visitors Bureau are pleased to announce that the long standing tradition of July 3<sup>rd</sup> fireworks in Cortland County will take place this year, July 3, 2020, albeit in a new location.

“The 3<sup>rd</sup> of July fireworks, previously always hosted at Dwyer Memorial Park, are a time-honored tradition in Cortland County,” said Legislative Chairman Paul Heider. “The event not only provides families a fun activity to look forward to but also recognizes our nations fight for Independence. Unfortunately, we must modify our tradition this year in order to keep the public safe.”

The fireworks show will be moved to an alternate location to the east of the City of Cortland, but will still take place on Friday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>. This move will provide an excellent opportunity to view the show from nearly every vantage point in the City of Cortland.

“We know the continuing postponement of summer events due to the COVID pandemic has had an impact on our friends, neighbors, and the residents of Cortland County,” said Meghan Lawton, Executive Director of the Cortland County Convention & Visitors Bureau. “Since the shutdown started we have been working to determine if the fireworks show could go on, while also ensuring that all involved could enjoy the event safely and that social distancing, NYS and CDC guidelines were met.”

The fireworks show will commence after dark, at approximately 10:15pm, on the 3<sup>rd</sup>. In the event of inclement weather, the fireworks will be rescheduled for Sunday, July 5<sup>th</sup>. Dwyer Memorial Park, while unable to host this year’s fireworks, will remain open on July 3<sup>rd</sup> for patrons to use while maintaining current social distancing practices including limiting gatherings to 25 people or less.

County Legislative Clerk Eric Mulvihill extended thanks to the Forbes family for allowing the use of their property above the City for this year’s show.

The Cortland County Convention & Visitors Bureau’s purpose is to enhance the general economy of Cortland County, its cities, towns and villages, through promotion of tourist activities, conventions, trade shows, special events and other directly related and supporting activities.

The CVB office is located at 42 Main Street, Cortland, NY. For more information on the Cortland County Convention & Visitors Bureau, please call 607-753-8463, email [info@experiencecortland.com](mailto:info@experiencecortland.com), visit us on the web at [www.experiencecortland.com](http://www.experiencecortland.com), or follow us on our social media channels @experiencecortland.

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