

## **Avoid the Long Line for the Darien Memorial Day Food Fair: Buy Tickets Beforehand**

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Darien EMS-Post 53 will pre-sell admission tickets for its annual Memorial Day Food Fair at select locations around town, outside some 17 retail and non-retail locations some weekdays, evenings and all weekends starting May 6 until May 27. (Memorial Day is Monday, May 29.)

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— *an announcement (slightly edited) from Darien EMS-Post 53*

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“Ticket presales are a great way for young families to get to the fun faster after the parade. When you have young children in strollers and your kids are excited to get to the action, it’s hard to wait on line, so why not

get right to the fun with your tickets already in hand?" said Gayle Close, co-chair of ticket sales for the Post 53 Food Fair.

"A select group of local retailers have kindly allowed us to set up ticket sales outside their stores, so you'll see Post 53 volunteers all over town in the next few weeks," Close said. " We want to thank our retail partners for their tremendous support."

**Tickets will sell for \$5.00 each** and will be sold by young adult Post 53 members outside locations such as At Home In The Heights, Darien Doughnut, Darien Sport Shop, Dunkin Donuts, Fabricare Cleaners, Heights Pizza, Jake's Place, Jimmy's Southside Tavern, Nielsen's Florist & Garden Shop, Palmer's Market, Ring's End, Splash Car Wash, Stop & Shop Good Wives Shopping Center, Stop & Shop, Noroton Heights Shopping Center, Tengda Asian Bistro Darien, The Goose, Vavala's Deli & Catering at a varying schedule.

Ticket sales also give people from town a chance to talk with Post members to learn more about the services provided and get your blood pressure checked.

"This is also a great way to support Darien EMS-Post 53, recognizing that the Food Fair — while it's a lot of great family fun, especially for young families — is also a fundraiser to support the work that the community relies on every day," Close said. "We hope that when you see tickets on sale, you'll take a moment to support us, and then come by on Memorial Day to enjoy the fun!"

Founded in 1970, Post 53 provides emergency medical services to the Darien community at the highest level of excellence, using Darien High School students, adult volunteers and paramedics.

The members of Post 53 are committed to achieving and maintaining the highest level of training and skill in providing pre-hospital care and transport to the citizens of Darien.

Post 53 is recognized locally and nationally as one of the finest emergency ambulance services in the United States, for its consistently high quality of pre-hospital emergency care.