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News Release

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### **Lighting Postpones Cherry Blossom Kite Festival to SUNDAY**

The Cherry Blossom Kite Festival scheduled for today has been postponed to tomorrow, due to continuing lightning in the area.

The event will take place tomorrow from 11 a.m. – 3 p.m., Sunday, March 27 at the Mizumoto Japanese Stroll Garden at Nathanael Greene/Close Memorial Park, 2400 S. Scenic Ave.

Admission to the Festival is free for all ages. Bring your own kite, or a limited quantity of kite-making kits for younger children are available for \$3.

The Springfield-Greene County Park Board's SPARC (Schools, Parks Are Reaching Communities) section will announce winners of a kite design and kite building competition at noon. Other organizations regularly involved with Nathanael Greene/Close Memorial Park also will be on-hand to share information about upcoming events in 2011. Limited Japanese snack food items will be available for sale.

The Mizumoto Japanese Stroll Garden is open throughout the season from 9 a.m. – 7:30 p.m., Thursdays – Mondays, from April 1 – October 31, 2011. General admission to the Garden is \$3; 12 and younger are free.

The Kite Festival is presented by Springfield Sister Cities Association (SSCA), Springfield-Greene County Park Board, and Springfield Regional Arts Council.

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