Stay Healthy: Coronavirus Adaptations

May 28, 2020

Dear Residents, Families & Patrons,

In support of Governor Pritzker’s Stay-at-Home order extension (through May 31) and the Restore Illinois plan, Park District of Franklin Park facilities remain closed and summer programs normally available are delayed. Within the requirements of the Governor’s Plan for our region, and in anticipation of entering Phase 3 soon and Phase 4 at the end of June, Park District staff is working to provide Day Camps, some access to the Pool on Pacific and Ice Arena, and selected Community Events as outlined below as early as July 6, pending continued restoration progress.

The Park District’s Transition Team is determining the safest and most efficient facility, program and event plans for our staff, residents, patrons and supporting vendors. We also continue to work with the Franklin Park Health Department and the Cook County & Illinois Departments of Public Health to monitor and evaluate conditions.

**Camps (Discovery, Teen, Tot & Sunshine)**

All camps in June are cancelled. Moving forward, for Camps beginning July 6, we secured additional locations to limit the amount of campers at each site. Locations will be determined based on age. We understand this is not ideal for families with multiple campers in different age groups, but it is best for overall safety. Camps will not have field trips or trips to the Pool on Pacific. Pending State of Illinois Guidelines, Camp registration will begin June 8 for residents, and June 22 for non-residents if space is available.

**Pool on Pacific**

We are reviewing all possible information before determining if it is feasible to open the Pool on Pacific in early July this summer. Key factors include advancement of Restore Illinois guidelines for Phase 4, based on the recommendations from numerous advising/governing agencies and the overall safety of staff and patrons. You may see staff cleaning areas of the pool during June, but that is not a guarantee we are opening. All Pool on Pacific programs and special events are cancelled. We are not booking Open Swim Pool Parties and the status of private rentals are to be determined.

**Special Events**

All special events in June and July are cancelled. This includes Street Dance, Summer Concerts at North Park, Movies in the Park and Park Parties. June Concerts were moved to August and will be held if we enter Phase 5 of the Restore Illinois Plan.

**Recreation Programs**

All Recreation Programs in June are cancelled with the exception of Adult Fitness Programs that will begin June 8. Please note classes will take place outdoors and registration is limited to ten in accordance with the Restore Illinois Phase 3 guidelines. Online registration is preferred. You may register over the phone with a credit card or if you need to register in-person contact (847)455-2852. Programs that run through July and August will resume when we enter Phase 4 and it is safe and feasible.
Fitness Center
The Fitness Center remains closed until further notice. Pass holders will have their passes extended from the time we were closed.

Community Center Room/Gymnasium Rentals
All rentals in June are cancelled. We are not accepting future dates at this time.

Ice Arena / North Park Facility
The Ice Arena & North Park remain closed with a plan to reopen in early July pending progress to Phase 4. If State of Illinois Guidelines are approved, Ice Arena Camp & Program registration will begin June 8 for residents, and June 10 for non-residents, if space is available. North Park is a potential Day Camp location beginning July 6. In the meantime, private tours at North Park are available. Please contact (847) 678-4021 to set up an appointment.

The parks are open for socially distanced walking and running, but please keep the CDC recommended distance of six feet from another person. We need your help to keep your parks and community safe. We ask you to take social distancing to the fullest extent. If you or anyone in your family is sick, please stay home. Unfortunately, playground equipment including basketball courts, skateboarding areas and outdoor fitness equipment also remain closed.

Continuous updates will be shared via email and Facebook. Meanwhile, feel free to contact us at 847-455-2852 or by direct staff email. Looking ahead, Online registration is preferred. You may also register over the phone with a credit card. If you need to register in-person please contact (847)455-2852.

We appreciate your understanding and support and look forward to serving you soon.

Sincerely,

Park District of Franklin Park Staff

P.S. July is National Parks & Recreation Month. It will be wonderful if we can celebrate it together!