



# Village of Scarsdale

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### Scarsdale Parks: Use Restrictions and Programming Update

#### Background

As you may know, consistent with NYS and County guidance and requirements, the Village of Scarsdale closed certain parks and fields to public use on March 24 in an effort to slow the spread of COVID-19.

With warmer weather on the way, and following Westchester County's lead in reopening certain golf courses on a trial basis, moving forward with Bicycle Sundays, etc., the Parks, Recreation and Conservation Department is interested in reducing some of our more stringent local restrictions now in-place.

The public health benefits of being outdoors are well-documented and we wish to support enhanced public access to our park amenities to the maximum extent feasible, recognizing the importance of continuing to adhere support the COVID-19 restrictions imposed by NYS and County officials.

To that end, certain park closures are being modified to support *passive use*; refer to the Parks and Open Space Restrictions section below for more information.

Please note that we are also announcing changes to planned programming and activities in response to State and County health official rules and guidance; refer to the Programming and Activities Section below for more information.

Finally, it remains critically important for all parks and open space users to practice social distancing and to wear a face covering when in public and unable to maintain at least six feet separation from any other person.

Please adhere to all rules and regulations governing use of our parks and facilities. If you are unsure, contact Parks, Recreation and Conservation staff by phone at 914-722-1160, or by email using [recreation@scarsdale.com](mailto:recreation@scarsdale.com). During evenings and weekends, please contact the Scarsdale Police Department at 914-722-1200.

## **Prohibited Activities and Uses**

The following activities and uses continue to be universally prohibited throughout all Village of Scarsdale parks and recreational facilities:

- Public gatherings of any size, consistent with Governor Cuomo's Executive Order.
- Any court or other facility with a sign prohibiting use.
- Use of playground equipment.
- Team sports, e.g., baseball, football, lacrosse, soccer, etc.

Basketball and tennis courts, bathrooms, playground equipment, and exercise stations remain closed.

## **Passive Use Guidance**

Examples of "passive use" include, but are not limited to such activities as birding, hiking and walking, jogging, kite flying, and small family group (same household) recreation activities, except prohibited activities and uses.

See the Parks and Open Space Restrictions for updated information about where passive uses are now authorized.

Please also note that a mask/face covering is mandatory for all park and facility visitors when within six feet of others.

## **Parks and Open Space Restrictions**

[All Parks and Public Spaces](#): No public gatherings. Passive and solitary recreational use of open facilities and spaces is authorized, but social distancing of at least six feet is necessary. Face coverings are required in public when unable to maintain social distancing at all times. Restrooms, exercise stations, baseball diamonds, and sporting courts (tennis/basketball) are all closed.

[Aspen Park](#): Passive use area open, with social distancing; playground closed.

[Boulder Brook Field](#): Passive use of sporting field is authorized, with social distancing.

[Brite Avenue Tennis](#): Tennis and Paddle Courts are closed.

[Chase Park](#): Passive use authorized, with social distancing.

[Colonial Acres Park](#): Passive use area open, with social distancing; playground closed.

[Corell Park](#): Passive use area open, with social distancing; playground closed.

[Crossway Complex](#): Passive use authorized on fields 1,2,3,4, and 5, with social distancing; tennis courts and playground are all closed.

[Davis Park](#): Passive use area open, with social distancing; playground closed.

[De Lima Park](#): Passive use authorized, with social distancing.

[George Field Park](#): Passive use authorized, with social distancing.

[Greenacres Playground](#): Playground closed.

[Harwood Park & Library Pond](#): Passive use authorized, with social distancing.

[High School Tennis and Paddle Courts](#): Closed.

[Hyatt Park](#): Passive use of athletic fields is authorized, with social distancing; playground and basketball courts are closed.

[Memorial Garden](#): Passive use authorized, with social distancing.

[Red Maple Swamp](#): Passive use authorized, with social distancing.

[Middle School](#): Tennis courts are closed.

[Scarsdale Pool Complex](#): Closed.

[Scout Field/Willow Playground](#): Passive use of sporting field is authorized, with social distancing; playground is closed.

[Supply Field](#): Passive use of sporting fields is authorized, with social distancing.

[Weinberg Nature Center](#): Trails are open, with social distancing; Nature Center is closed and on-site programs are canceled.

[Winston Field](#): Passive use of sporting field is authorized, with social distancing.

[Wynmor Park](#): Tennis Court and Playground are both closed.

## **Programming and Activities**

### *Scarsdale Municipal Pool Complex*

As of April 29, the 2020 season has been postponed until projected opening date of Saturday, June 27, 2020.

### *Spring/Summer Early Season Program Cancellations and Updates*

Adult Open Gym: Canceled.

Adult Softball League: Decision anticipated on or about May 15.

Bike and Blade Night: Decision anticipated on or about May 15.

Cheerleading (spring): Canceled.

Field Hockey Clinic: Canceled.

Girls Softball League: Canceled.

Tennis Lessons (Series 1): Decision to prorate lesson series anticipated on or about May 15.

Tennis Lessons (Series 2): Decision to prorate lesson series anticipated on or about June 15.

Total Body Fitness: Canceled

USSI Spring Squirts Soccer: Canceled

Weinberg Nature Center Exploring Green Earth: Decision anticipated on or about May 15.

Youth Running Club: Canceled

*Summer Camps* (Camps Sagamore, Lenape, Wapetuck, Pathunke, Sports, Soccer, Teen Travel)

Conversations are ongoing with our permitting authority, the Westchester County Department of Health. An update as to whether or not we will be able to offer camp programs will be made on May 15<sup>th</sup>.

*Summer Programs (July and August)*

Decisions anticipated on or about June 15 and July 15, respectively.

*Special Events*

Decisions on the following programs have not been made at this time and depend on a number of variables, including the ability to hold each event in compliance with public health mandates and guidelines in-place at the time of each event:

- Summer concert series with Westchester Band in Chase Park
- Parties in the Park
- Fireworks Spectacular

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