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PRESS RELEASE

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Scarsdale Parks: Use Restrictions and Programming Update

The Village of Scarsdale recognizes the physical and mental health benefits of recreation and has been working in collaboration with Westchester County officials to influence rules promulgated through NYS Executive Order such that we are able to safely open as many facilities, activities, and programs as safely possible under the circumstances.

Importantly, Executive Orders issued pursuant to a declared emergency carry significant legal weight and the Village has no discretionary authority to override or modify the State's regulatory measures, which are grounded in the advice and counsel of public health officials. Rather, we are required to modify facility usage rules and make difficult decisions about canceling or delaying popular recreation activities and programs in order to remain compliant with the NYS mandates.

Please note that the Village has been working diligently to expedite a return to some semblance of normalcy, including endeavoring to authorize as many recreational activities as the State will allow. Our programming and facility decisions are intended to protect public health, safety, and welfare, and are guided by Executive Orders promulgated by Governor Cuomo.

Municipal Pool Complex

The Municipal Pool Complex will open on Saturday, July 18!

Pool permit purchases will be discounted 25% from the regular prices and are available for [purchase online](#). Seniors will receive an additional discount, as per our normal pricing structure.

Our pool complex will be operated in a manner meeting or exceeding NYS and Westchester County public health standards in order to make visits safe and enjoyable. More details to come as the reopening plan continues to take shape, informed by the abundant feedback we received in response to the resident survey recently circulated – thanks for participating!

Camp Programs

Although it became necessary to cancel our traditional summer camp programs, Governor Cuomo has granted authority to move forward with other camp programs, subject to a variety of public health mandates and guidance. We are working with the Westchester County Health Department to identify program offerings that can be provided safely during the months of July and August.

We will provide additional info as it becomes available.

Playgrounds

Governor Cuomo has authorized playgrounds to open on a statewide basis, “subject to local discretion.” Accordingly, Scarsdale playgrounds are now open for public use, subject to the following recommendations.

All parents should recognize that no reasonable disinfection protocol is available to make outdoor playground equipment safe from potential exposure to a variety of pathogens, such as COVID-19 and others. As such, parents choosing to allow their children to use playground equipment should help children follow these guidelines:

- **Don't** visit the playground if it is crowded.
- **Don't** visit if you are sick, have tested positive for COVID-19, or were recently (within 14 days) exposed to COVID-19.
- **Do** maintain a distance of at least six feet away from people you don't live with.
- **Do** bring and use hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol. Anyone unable to safely use hand sanitizer should not use the playground equipment.
- **Do** wear a cloth face covering, if you are able. Cloth face coverings should not be placed on children under age 2 or anyone with problems breathing.

The foregoing guidelines are advisory in nature. Thank you in advance for your cooperation in adhering to the guidelines, which are provided to help reduce exposure to potential pathogens, including COVID-19.

Parents may authorize their children to use playground equipment at their own discretion. New signage is posted at each playground to encourage appropriate public health practices.

General Info: All Facilities, Programs, and Activities

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. During evenings and weekends, please contact the Scarsdale Police Department at 914-722-1200.

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

All park restroom facilities remain closed at this time.

Prohibited Activities and Uses

The following activities and uses continue to be universally prohibited throughout all Village of Scarsdale parks and recreational facilities, with the next modification expected to occur after Westchester County enters [Phase III](#) (now in [Phase II](#)):

- Public gatherings greater than 10 people, consistent with Governor Cuomo's Executive Orders and directives.
- Any court or other facility with a sign prohibiting use.
- Team sports, e.g., baseball, football, lacrosse, soccer, etc.

Basketball courts, exercise stations, and bathrooms remain closed at this time.

Passive Use Guidance

Passive and solitary recreational use of open facilities and spaces is authorized, but social distancing of at least six feet is required.

Examples of "passive use" activities include, for example, birding, hiking, walking, jogging, kite flying, and small family group (same household) recreation activities, except the prohibited activities and uses listed above.

See the Parks and Open Space Restrictions section of this press release for individual facility/park guidance.

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

Programming and Activities

Scarsdale Municipal Pool Complex

Opening Saturday, July 18th. Pool Memberships are now available at a 25% pro-rated fee, and seniors will receive their standard additional discount.

Operating details are still being fleshed-out and will be informed by NYS and Westchester County public health mandates and guidance. We will also be reviewing and endeavoring to

implement many of the resident suggestions we received through the pool survey recently conducted. Importantly, the Municipal Pool Complex will operate in a manner that meets or exceeds all public health regulatory mandates and guidance so as to promote a safe and enjoyable 2020 Pool Season.

More details to come.

Tennis Courts and Lesson Programs

Doubles play is now authorized and will be available at the following courts by [reservation](#), only: Brite Avenue, Wynmor, Crossway Har-Tru and High School. Additionally staff has been meeting with our tennis lesson contractor, Lifetime Racquet Sports to establish a lesson program focused around the safety and health of both patrons and professional instructor. We anticipate an early July rollout of lesson offerings.

All players need to help be sure we can keep the courts open by demonstrating compliance with the reservation process and facility rules:

- Players must have a valid Tennis Permit to access courts. Permits are available for purchase [online](#) from the Parks and Recreation website [registration page](#).
- Reservations are mandatory and limited to one-hour timeslots to ensure residents have equal opportunity for play. Once we gauge demand, this policy may be revisited.
- [Court Reservations](#) must be made at least 24 hours prior to play.
- Please arrive ten minutes prior to your reservation and wait in the designated area while maintaining social distancing – no groups; face covering required within six feet of others.
- Singles play will be permitted at all open courts.
- Double play will be limited to Brite Avenue, Wynmor, Crossway Har-Tru and High School courts.
- Players must check-in with attendant before playing; face covering required at check-in.
- All players will be required to show a photo ID or permit when checking-in.
- No lessons are permitted – only residents and their registered guests.
- Bathroom facilities will remain closed – please prepare accordingly.
- Players may choose to wear a face covering and gloves while playing, but not mandatory.

Tennis Lessons (Series 2): Anticipated start date is July 6. Details to be announced once program logistics are finalized with Lifetime Racquet Sports.

Summer Early Season Program Updates

Adult Softball League: Cancelled

Summer Programs (July and August)

Governor Cuomo stated on Sunday, June 14, that “Low-Risk Youth Sports,” defined as baseball, softball, gymnastics, field hockey, cross country and crew will be authorized as of July 06 for

any location that has been authorized to enter Phase III, which may be as early as next week for Westchester County.

An update will be provided once we are authorized to enter Phase III.

Other 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
- Bike and Blade Night

Parks and Open Space Restrictions by Facility Location

[Aspen Park](#): Passive use area and playground open, each with social distancing, etc.

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

[Brite Avenue Tennis](#): Two of the four tennis courts are open for singles and doubles play, though a reservation is required. Paddle Courts are closed.

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

[Colonial Acres Park](#): Passive use area and playground open, each with social distancing, etc.

[Corell Park](#): Passive use area and playground open, each with social distancing, etc.

[Crossway Complex](#): Passive use authorized on fields 1,2,3,4, and 5, and playground is open, each with social distancing, etc. Two all-weather courts are open for singles tennis, and one Har-Tru court is open for doubles; all tennis play requires an advance reservation.

[Davis Park](#): Passive use area and playground open, each with social distancing, etc.

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

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

[Greenacres Playground](#): Playground open, with social distancing, etc.

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

[High School Tennis and Paddle Courts](#): Five of ten tennis courts are open for singles or doubles play, with each requiring an advance reservation. Paddle Courts are closed.

[Hyatt Park](#): Passive use area and playground open, each with social distancing, etc. Basketball courts remain closed.

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

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

[Middle School](#): Three of six tennis courts are open for singles play, with a reservation required.

[Scarsdale Pool Complex](#): Planned opening Saturday, July 18.

[Scout Field/Willow Playground](#): Passive use of sporting area and playground open, each with social distancing, etc.

[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](#): Playground is open with social distancing, etc. Tennis court is open for singles and doubles play with reservations required.

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