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What: Partial Reopening of City Parks and Community Center
Where: Sevierville, TN
When: Monday, May 18, 2020

The City of Sevierville will reopen certain areas of city parks and the Community Center on Monday, May 18, 2020.

In keeping with guidance from the State of Tennessee and CDC, visitors to all indoor and outdoor facilities should remember the following:

- Don't come to the community center or parks if you are sick;
- Maintain social distancing of at least six feet;
- Keep groups to less than ten persons;
- Wash or sanitize hands frequently; and
- Consider wearing a cloth mask when near other persons.

Sevierville city parks will reopen on May 18, 2020 with certain restrictions, including:

- All playgrounds, basketball courts, baseball/softball fields, soccer fields, and swimming pools remain closed indefinitely;
- Walking trails and tennis courts are open, social distancing of at least six feet will be enforced;
- Picnic shelters will be open, but groups must be less than ten persons;
- The PetSafe Dog Park is open, but each area (small dog and large dog) will be limited to less than ten persons and each person is limited to 45 minutes per visit; and
- Cemetery Park will be limited to less than ten people.

Some areas of the Sevierville Community Center will reopen on May 18, 2020 with certain restrictions. The gymnasium, swimming pool, locker rooms, and racquetball courts remain closed indefinitely. All children's programs are suspended indefinitely.

The Fitness Center will be open 6 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday-Friday. Some classes will also be available. To enhance social distancing, fitness equipment has been relocated, classes will be held in the gymnasium, and limits are in place on the number of users and participants. Additional requirements include:

- In order to comply with State guidance, reservations are required to use the Fitness Center and attend classes. Reservations may be made beginning May 11 online at <https://recreation.sevierville.tn.org/CourseActivities>

or by phone at 865-453-5441. Non-members can pay fees online or upon arrival. (All current memberships have been extended for two months at no charge.) When making a reservation, persons will be asked several questions regarding COVID-19 symptoms;

- Visitors will be limited to one hour or one class per visit;
- Visitors will be required to pass through a body temperature sensor upon arrival. Those with a body temperature of above 100.4 will not be permitted entry;
- Visitors will be required to sanitize their hands upon arrival and departure;
- Social distancing measures will be in place and maintained; and
- Only persons 18 years old or older will be permitted in the Fitness Center and classes.

The Bowling Center will be open 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday-Friday. Requirements include:

- Reservations are encouraged and can be made by calling 865-868-1874 beginning May 11;
- Persons under 16-years old must be accompanied by an adult;
- Bowlers will be limited to one hour per visit;
- Only five lanes will be open to comply with social distancing guidelines;
- All bowlers must provide and wear a cloth mask; and
- Bowling ball selection will be limited. Bowlers are encouraged to bring a personal bowling ball if available.

Parks and Recreation employees will be taking several measures to enhance the safety of visitors and themselves, including:

- Following CDC guidelines for sanitizing public areas;
- Wearing masks in most situations;
- Sanitizing work areas periodically; and
- Sanitizing equipment and public areas periodically.

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