



June 30, 2020

Hello Residents of the Manhattan Park District,

As these ever-changing times continue, the Manhattan Park District continues to prepare program offerings and services within the guidelines provided from the State of Illinois and CDC. Our number one goal is to offer high level services with the safest format possible. We stand behind our commitment to your safety and will continue to do so every step of the way!

We are excited to share with you the changes to the Manhattan Park District's operations and services as it pertains to the guidelines associated with Phase 4 of the Restore Illinois Plan. Most notable items are the opening of the playgrounds and news regarding the Central Park Splash Pad. You can see all the details of this information and all other pertinent information below:

Parks

- All park open space remains open for recreation under the guidelines provided by the State of Illinois
- Playgrounds are now open to be used at users' risk
 - *Playgrounds will NOT be disinfected*
 - No more than 50 people can be on or near a playground at one time
 - Social distancing of at least 6 feet apart should be maintained
 - Face coverings should be worn anytime social distancing cannot be maintained
- Park visitors must adhere to social distancing of at least 6 feet
- No groups of more than 50 people may congregate in the parks
- All users should practice good hygiene and wash hands and use sanitizer frequently
- Limited public restrooms will be open
- Port-a-Potties will be located in select locations
- Hand washing facilities may not be available at all park locations. Visitors should bring and use hand sanitizer.

Tennis Courts

- Open for use
- Gates must be kept open at all times
- Players should use their own racquet
- Players should maintain social distancing of at least 6 feet

Central Park Splash Pad

- Opening July 4, 2020
- Splash Pad Hours: M-F 12 - 8 pm and Sat-Sun 10 am - 8 pm
- Use of the Splash Pad will be at the risk of the individual users
- No more than 50 people inside the fenced area
- Face coverings should be worn any time social distancing cannot be maintained
- **Splash Pad will NOT be disinfected**
- All users should practice good hygiene and wash hands and use sanitizer frequently

Field Rentals

- Round Barn Farm Baseball/Softball Field and MPD Athletic Complex are available for public use or permit
- Central Park Field will be available after Labor Day due to field repairs
- Permits are available for practice or game play
- MPD Athletic Complex will remain locked unless a rental is booked
- Anyone renting fields must fill out all necessary permit paperwork, including COVID-19 Protocol Form
- All permitted groups must adhere to the following guidelines provided by the State of Illinois:
 - No more than 50 people per group
 - Social distancing of at least 6 feet should be maintained at all times
 - Water must be supplied by each individual
 - No shared equipment
 - Anyone not directly involved with game play must stay 30 ft from dugouts

Room & Pavilion Rentals

- Rentals of maximum 50 people allowed
- All necessary paperwork should be filled out and submitted online, including the COVID-19 Protocol Form
- Wristbands will be provided to renter and must be worn by all individuals attending rental
- The Central Park room and north pavilion will not be available for rent this summer
- The Central Park North and South pavilions will be unavailable to the public Monday-Friday, 8 am - 5 pm beginning July 6
- The Main Pavilion is available for use/rental any day
- Select indoor space is available for rental
 - A \$50 disinfection fee will be added to all indoor rentals

Hansen Community Center Operations

- Online program registration remains open
- The HCC will have customer service hours beginning July 6: M-F 9:30 am-11:30 am & 2- 4 pm
- Face coverings are required to enter the HCC at all times
- If you cannot wear a face covering for health reasons, you will be asked to call the front desk and someone will come outside to assist you

Events

- Sip of Summer Concert Series
 - July concert is cancelled
 - August concert yet to be determined
- Wine Fest (hosted by the Manhattan Park Foundation)
 - Plans are in place to offer the event either traditionally or with adaptations
 - More details to come over the summer
- Round Barn Fest/Run for the Round Barn
 - Plans are in place to offer event as of now
 - Final decision to be made late summer
- Halloween Events are being determined with more details to come late summer/early fall

Summer Camp

- Camp Coyote (Age 5-11) is scheduled to begin July 6 and run M-F, 9 am - 4 pm
- Online registration is now open
- Camp Chickadee (Age 3-5) and Before and After Care is canceled
- Camp will be restricted to 20 participants at this time
- Strict safety procedures will be followed to ensure the safety of our campers
- For more information on summer camp and camp safety, please contact MacKenzie at moconnor@manhattanparks.org

Programming

- Phase 4 programming includes in person programming practicing social distancing, face coverings, etc.
- Online registration for July programs is now open
- Visit our website or our Facebook page to see the July Program Guide for our updated program offerings
- Fall Leagues: Staff are evaluating all options for fall Baseball, T-Ball and Adult Softball with more information to follow as it becomes available

Please contact us at mpd@manhattanparks.org with any questions about Park District operations during this challenging time. The Park District will continue to update our operations and programming and keep the community updated as more information about Phase 4 becomes available. We hope you have a safe and enjoyable summer and plan to see everyone as soon as we can!

Sincerely,
Manhattan Park District Staff