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MEMO

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Dear Resident,

We would first like to thank the constituents of Yorktown for the great level of understanding regarding the hard decisions we've had to make during this pandemic and the many parents and seniors who have called issuing their thoughts for their children and community at large.

These hard decision have come to a head today. Due to overall health concerns and our local school districts need to do everything in their power to get their facilities to a level of safety in order to open schools this Fall, we will have to unfortunately cancel our Full and Half Day camps in both Lakeland and Yorktown. We are disappointed as a department to cancel these programs, but we will be working within the structure of the 4 phased State reopening guidelines to hopefully provide some weekly activities for your children. Please continue to visit our town website for continued updates.

In regards to pools we do not have much better news. Just prior to the Covid-19 pandemic, we had begun a construction project of the Jr. Lake Pool facility. As a result of limitations from the pandemic fall out, we will not be able to finish this project to open that facility this summer. Furthermore the Westchester County Department of Health has pulled all pool permits last month and we cannot open any pool facility at this time. With that being said we will have to delay the opening of the Shrub Oak Pool & Sparkle Lake. We are looking at a July opening at best if at all. It will come down to our ability to adequately provide safety which includes staffing lifeguards as well as being able to provide the ability for registration prior to opening to the general public. We do not have a definitive date for registration for Shrub Oak Pool at this time, any date we would provide would be arbitrary.

The State has given some guidance on a couple recreation activities. Golf and Tennis will be available in the first phase of the pandemic. The town will be reopening at first 2 of its 3 tennis courts starting as soon as possibly next week: Blackberry Woods Tennis Courts located in the Mohegan Lake hamlet along with the lower lot tennis courts at Downing Park. Since they have their own individual access points we will be able to open these two newly refurbished facilities. There will be a couple guidelines to maintain safety for our players. We will require a 1 hour play time limit and we will only allow singles matches. For safe social distancing we have eliminated the middle court nets where games will not be permitted. For the golf lovers in Town Westchester County's Mohansic Golf Course remains open and you can obtain information regarding this course at golf.westchestergov.com

Our remaining active parks will remain closed due to State, regional, county, & local requirements but our passive parks (Trails & Nature Preserves) remain open. In order to keep them open and reduce the spread of the virus, we will require all participants to wear masks while using our hiking trails and nature preserves, while also practice proper social distancing, by staying 6 feet away from fellow patrons in these parks. Remember to wear your masks in our passive parks, but please respect our parks by not littering; especially do not discard your PPE on our trails. To further keep us safe, if there is no parking available at the passive park you're visiting, please turn around and visit later or visit another passive park in town. Visit www.YorktownTrailtown.com/locations for a full comprehensive list of passive parks in town.

If you have any questions please call 914-245-4650 x0

Sincerely,

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