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City of Fort Thomas Parks & Facilities Re-opening Plan – June 2020

The City has spent considerable effort in balancing the offer of parks, facilities and other public amenities with the measure against maintaining public safety and confidence. The COVID 19 pandemic has affected all of our lives in many ways and we are adjusting with each decision we make moving forward to minimize its impact.

City staff, in consultation with Mayor Haas and City Council, is working to provide opportunity for everyone to resume with normal activities as soon as possible. We have worked closely with all other governing agencies and neighboring communities to phase reopening to meet regulations and guidelines to provide a safe beginning. This effort requires certain protocols beyond our previous routines and in some instances additional personnel and/or training is necessary. We ask for your continued patience and assistance as we all work toward being fully operational.

We will be assessing this plan regularly to adjust making other amenities & facilities available. We are presently scheduled for re-opening of certain facilities and amenities as follows:

Phase I - June 1st

- All city parks, open spaces, trails remain open for passive recreational activities only; no groups, family units only.
- Tower Park tennis courts and Highland Park disc golf course will be open -participants must provide own equipment. Social distancing required.
- Armory Gymnasium will be open to walkers beginning at 7:30am M-F only; basketball courts will be available through reservation between 9:00 am – 12:00pm M-F only. Reservations limited to ½ hour, must be family units/adult supervised, provide own equipment. No practices/scrimmages permitted.
- Farmers Market has its opening date on Wednesday June 3rd 3:00 pm – 7:00 pm in Tower Park. The market will be set up to comply with NKY Health Dept standards but remains very accessible and full of traditional offerings.
- Park Shelter rentals and Game Room/Meeting Room rentals can be reserved for dates beginning July 1st (for gatherings of 50 or less). Contact Recreation Department at (859) 781-1700.

Phase II – June 15th

- Fields are available for Youth sports- baseball, softball, teeball - practices only. Permits will be issued by the city through respective league directors. All KY Healthy at Work -*Guidance for Youth Sports and Athletic Activities* will be required for participants including limitation on number of participants and no competitions.

– June 29th

- Youth sports activities will be expanded to include competitions and gathering of 50 spectators. Social distancing and KY Healthy at Work -*Guidance for Youth Sports and Athletic Activities* will be required.
- The City does not own or operate any public pools. Please contact the owner/operators for their intended schedule or opening date.

This schedule is subject to change as more information or guidelines become available. Please visit city website at www.ftthomas.org for updates.

The City is currently working toward alternative events surrounding the 4th of July, Summer Concert Series, Art Around Town and new opportunities for public participation. Please stay tuned for further details that will be posted.