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City to Open Outdoor Sports and Playground Facilities in Phases
PHASED APPROACH TO HELP PREVENT THE SPREAD OF COVID-19

KEENE- The CDC continues to recommend social distancing practices including a minimum of six feet of space between individuals to prevent further spread of the Coronavirus. With the health and safety of the community in mind, and as the Governor and State of New Hampshire work to re-open the State and increase activities the City of Keene Parks and Recreation Department will be phasing in the opening of outdoor activities and playground facilities. The City is following the States Universal Guidelines, Guidelines for Attractions, Guidelines for State Parks and Outdoor Activities along with Guidelines for the Center for Disease Control (CDC) is taking a phased approach to opening the following outdoor sports and playground facilities, effective Friday, May 22, 2020:

Wheelock Park – tennis courts and horseshoe courts

Robin Hood Park – tennis courts

Ellis Harrison Park – tennis courts

Jonathan Daniels School – pickleball courts

Gilbo Avenue – skatepark

Signage has been placed at these locations indicating proper social distancing during play. The current guideline of no more than 10 people per area will be enforced. Should citizens not adhere to the guidelines the facilities may be closed again. Ballfields and playgrounds which create larger gathering opportunities and involve the use of shared equipment continue to be closed until further notice. Open spaces such as Keene parks and trails remain open to the public as places to explore with proper social distancing. For more updates on recreation opportunities during this time visit KeeneParks.com and connect with our social media platforms to stay engaged and connected.

Users of these facilities should only engage in activity if they are healthy and stay at home if they are exhibiting any symptoms of COVID-19.

We encourage all to visit notifykeene.com for current information on City of Keene COVID-19 actions and efforts.

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