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Kenilworth Park District Summer Camp Information & Use of Parks & Open Lands

Dear Kenilworth Residents.

It has been quite some time since the initial restrictions for COVID-19 were implemented. You have patiently waited for months while following the rules set forth by the Illinois Governor and the CDC. The Kenilworth Park District carefully weighed potential options related to summer camp and summer program offerings. As you might recall, a survey was sent out that asked residents their opinion on whether the District should offer summer camp. The results reflected an overwhelming number of residents wanted some version of summer camp. Our staff has put in countless hours to develop a revised summer camp that we hope everyone will be pleased with.

With the new COVID-19 restrictions in place, the District was forced to get creative in developing the structure of camp. The most challenging part of this process was determining locations for camp participants. Through our efforts, locations have been found and our camp starts on Monday, June 22, 2020. We feel it is important to share that the following locations will be unavailable for public use out of the respect for the safety of our summer camp participants and staff members:

- Summer Camp Dates
 - o June 22, 2020 through August 14, 2020
- Hours of Operation and Park Closure Hours
 - 7:30AM 5:00PM | Monday Friday
- Parks <u>Unavailable</u> for Public Use During Summer Camp
 - o Townley Field South
 - Townley Field Middle
 - o Pee-Wee Baseball Diamond
 - o Maggi Park
 - o Centennial Field
 - o Kenilworth Assembly Hall & West Lawn
 - Mahoney Park West
- Parks <u>Available</u> for Public Use During Summer Camp
 - o Townley Field North
 - o North Park
 - o Memorial Park
 - Ware Garden
 - o Mahoney Park East

We understand our parks and open spaces are vital resources for the Kenilworth Community. Therefore, we have

purposely limited summer camp registration to ensure that there are still areas available for public use. We greatly appreciate your cooperation and understanding during this incredibly unique time. To help with this, we have also created a map of Kenilworth notating which parks and fields will be used for summer camp.

In addition to park and field closures due to summer camp offerings, we would also like to take the time to update you on current Park District Operations.

- All Kenilworth Park District facilities <u>will remain closed</u> to the public. This includes the Kenilworth Assembly Hall, the Village House, and both playgrounds located on the southside of Townley field and on the north side of Pee-Wee baseball field.
 - Park District staff are working shifts in the Kenilworth Park District main office to maintain proper social distancing and sanitization standards. We are still available by phone and email. Contact information for staff can be found at the conclusion of this newsletter.
- Playgrounds located next to Pee-Wee Park and south of Townley Field will remain closed to the public at this time.
- Our staff is working with any individuals who have rented the Kenilworth Assembly Hall to reschedule their events or provide refunds if they cannot reschedule.
- Park District maintenance staff will continue to work on-site while practicing safe social distancing. Public
 parks and lands will continue to be maintained by our independent landscape contractor BCLS Landscape
 Service Inc.

We are incredibly excited to offer additional services and, especially, a summer camp to the Kenilworth community. Being able to facilitate a program where children in the community can play with their friends for the first time in several months is an experience that we are thankful to be a part of. Thank you for supporting the Kenilworth Park District and we can't wait to see you all!

With all our well wishes and thoughts of good health,

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

As more information is available regarding COVID-19, the CDC modifies its recommendations. For the most up-to-date information and recommendations, please visit these sites:

CDC COVID-19 Website

DIPH COVID-19 Website

Cook County Department of Public Health

Any changes to programming or events at the Kenilworth Park District will be communicated using our electronic newsletter and our website.

Kenilworth Park District Newsletter

Kenilworth Park District Website

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If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to the Kenilworth Park District at (847) 251-1691. Please stay safe and be well!

Kenilworth Park District Summer Camp 2020 Locations

