

SUMMER SERVICES UPDATE

With the ever-evolving COVID-19 situation, the City of New Brighton Parks and Recreation Department understands that many families are experiencing increased stress and anxiety due to this uncertain world that we all find ourselves. Information is changing rapidly and it is difficult to keep pace without feeling overwhelmed. We share in your concerns and are working to adapt and continue to serve our community as best as we can.

We are updating our programming, event, and Community Center operations for the summer. Staff have been working diligently to identify the programs that we believe we can safely offer as a service to the Community. As this situation changes, we will continue to release service and registration updates on our website and Facebook page.

Brightwood Hills Golf Course

Brightwood Hills Golf Course did open for the season on April 18 with social distancing practices in place.

The following will be our plan for the remainder of summer:

- Reduced Greens fees – We understand that we are offering limited amenities. In order to acknowledge that, our greens fee will be the reduced price of \$12/round beginning June 1. There are also discounted season passes available. For more information please visit www.newbrightonmn.gov/golf
- No beverage cart on course for the 2020 season.
- Cancellation of the Junior Golf Program. While this makes us incredibly sad, we know that it is the safest option to not have that many kids all at the course at one time. However, we are encouraging members to choose our discounted Junior Golf Season Pass. This allows youth to golf all season long for a fraction of the cost.

Community Center Operations

Each year, the Community Center welcomes over a half a million visitors. We love being your community home for indoor fitness, business meetings, community events and celebrations, as well as a place for you to gather. But at this time, the City has made the difficult decision to cancel all meetings and events through Labor Day at the Neighborhood and Community Center to limit the number of people that gather or come in the building. We will also implement the following:

- At such time that the fitness facilities are allowed to re-open, use of the fitness facilities will be limited to members only. The City will also provide new membership agreements to members. If they wish to return to the Community Center for their fitness needs, they will have to agree to social distancing protocol. We are also closing locker rooms and cancelling group fitness until July 20. A modified schedule that follows CDC guidelines will be issued.
- Library Operations will be limited and under the direction of Ramsey County.
- The City will provide in person voting operations at the Community Center as required by state law. In person voting will begin on June 26.
- The Eagles Nest and all birthday parties are canceled until after Labor Day.
- The Eagles Nest is closed through Sept 1 at the earliest.
- As an essential service to the City, the New Brighton Farmers Market will operate from the parking lot at the Community Center. However it will look and feel very different. For up to date information about the market, please visit <https://www.facebook.com/NewBrightonFarmersMarket> for information directly from the volunteer run organization.

Sports

At this time, sports leagues are prohibited by the Governor's Stay at Home Order. Staff continues to wait for guidance from the Center for Disease Control and the Minnesota Department of Health. At this time we do not believe that we have adequate time for safety equipment and procedures to be put in place for sports teams and leagues for an early summer start. We are delaying the start of any sports programming until at least July 13. It is our hope to offer modified seasons for adults and youth. However this will be subject to ongoing guidance.

- Lessons (Basketball, football, soccer, tennis) – We are investigating alternative delivery methods or best practices for skills based lessons.
- Adult sports leagues – Postponed the start of the season until July 13. We hope to offer one season versus a spring and fall schedule.
- Youth leagues – Postponed the start of the season until July 13. We hope to offer modified summer and fall seasons.

Aquatics

Due to the need for staff to be in close proximity to participants in case of emergency, the City of New Brighton believes that for the health and safety of all involved, we need to cancel all aquatics offerings through September 1.

Ed-Ventures Summer Child Care

Ed-Ventures will be offered in a modified format. Participants will be contacted directly.

Active Older Adult/Senior Programs

Due to the fact that older adults are an at risk population according to the CDC, all in-person Senior and Club 55 programming (with the exception of hiking club) are canceled through September 1.

- The City will be offering a modified Hiking Club experience. Members will be contacted directly.

Programming

In an effort to maintain the health and safety of staff, the following program cancellations and modifications will be in place:

- Gymnastics, Playground program, Canoeing/Kayaking camps, Preschool Adventures and all special events such as Parks and Recreation Month, Cops & Bobbers and Safety Camp are canceled.
- We are looking at modifying our dance and karate offerings. Please stay tuned to our website and Facebook page for updates.

We understand how disappointed many of you are that we are not able to offer our full slate of programs this summer. Please know that we are sad as well. However, we will continue to look for safe and alternative programming opportunities for you and your family this year. Until then, please stay tuned to www.newbrightonmn.gov/parks for up to date information.

