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CITY OF EDMONDS REOPENS CITY PARKS

Most areas reopen with changes, other facilities remain closed

(Edmonds, WA) – In alignment with Governor Jay Inslee’s “Stay Home - Stay Healthy” order and phased reopening, on May 5 the City of Edmonds will reopen park facilities that have been closed recently. These include the Fishing Pier, Marina Beach Park and parking lot, and the Brackett’s Landing North parking lot. Due to COVID-19, however, social distancing and safety guidelines will still need to be observed by parks visitors.

“I am happy to share that we got the go-ahead to open some of our most popular open spaces in Edmonds,” said Mayor Mike Nelson. “They will look a bit different. These are the steps we need to take for the health and safety of our residents and visitors, and to improve access for those who have difficulty walking.”

Fishing Pier

Beginning May 5, the public may walk and fish from the pier. The City will post signs and provide visual guidance to maintain social distancing. Portable restrooms and wash stations will be available. Permanent public restrooms remain closed.

Marina Beach Park and Parking Lot

The park and parking lot will reopen with additional Americans with Disability Act (ADA) parking stalls to provide enhanced access. Existing portable restrooms will be open. The playground and sand volleyball court will remain closed. The Dog Park will also remain closed.

Brackett's Landing North Parking Lot

The parking lot will reopen with additional ADA parking stalls. The restroom and drinking fountain will remain closed. No portable restrooms are available at this park.

Yost Pool

Yost Pool will not open for the summer. In accordance with the current [Governor's "Stay Home – Stay Healthy" Order](#), [Snohomish Health District](#) and the [Center for Disease Control](#) health and safety guidelines, as well as the Mayor's State of Emergency declaration, the traditional activities and programs at the pool are prohibited. In addition, due to a hiring freeze, neither the City nor the City's service provider, Dale Turner YMCA, is able to provide staff and programming due to COVID-19 impacts. "We know this is very disappointing news to all the pool users and supporters," said Angie Feser, Director of Edmonds Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services. "I wish there were a way to open safely. Unfortunately, many public pools in Snohomish County are in the same situation."

Our parks remain open

All other city parks, trails and open spaces are open for public use. Amenities such as permanent restrooms, drinking fountains, playgrounds, picnic shelters, sports courts and skate park remain closed until further notice. While the City of Edmonds Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services Department appreciates and recognizes the physical and mental value of recreation, exercise and being outside, we also request people who visit the city parks, trails and open spaces adhere to the COVID-19 safety guidelines including:

- Avoid small and large gatherings in parks.
- Do not participate in organized activities or sports.
- Avoid high-touch surface (benches, playground, picnic tables, gates, etc.)

The City is abiding by and supporting the Governor's "Stay Home – Stay Healthy" Order and its requirements. The City recognizes these are unprecedented and challenging times, and we appreciate your willingness to make socially responsible decisions in how you use the City's parks and facilities.

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