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The Green River Swim Area is Set to Open Saturday, June 20th

Greenfield, MA- June 16, 2020 – The Green River Swimming and Recreation Area is set to open this Saturday, June 20th with reduced hours after a short delay caused by COVID-19. The City’s Recreation Department, Health Department, and Department of Public Works have been busy preparing the park for opening during the ongoing Pandemic. Beginning on the 20th, the Swim Area will be open 7 days a week from 12:00pm-7:00pm.

“There will be many increased safety precautions” stated Christy Moore, Recreation Director. “We have been working closely with our park staff to train and prepare them for the new guidelines we must follow.”

Park Visitors should expect changes when they visit the park including logging your name and telephone number at the gate, wearing face masks when social distancing cannot be maintained, setting up on the beach 12 feet apart to allow for transit across the beach, and more. Currently, pavilion and group rentals are not permitted and no groups larger than 10 are allowed together. Any individual who is sick is asked to stay home and not visit the park.

Throughout Phase 2 of Governor Baker’s Four Phased Approach to Reopening, changing rooms, showers, and water fountains will remain closed, but public restrooms will be open and available for use. The Recreation Department is committed to providing a safe public space for visitors and plans to increase the frequency of cleaning and disinfection throughout the park and restrooms. Hand Sanitizer stations are also being installed for use by park guests.

“The health and safety of both park visitors and our staff is our top priority” continued Moore. “We thank the public for their cooperation as we navigate this new and evolving situation together. With temperatures forecasted to reach 90 degrees, we are happy to be able to get this facility open to the public” concluded Moore.

Swim Area season passes can be purchased or renewed at the park gate or renewed online. Daily rates are also available to those who do not wish to purchase a season pass. For more information please visit www.greenfieldrecreation.com, follow us on Facebook, or call the Recreation Department at 413-772-1553.

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