



City of Inver Grove Heights
Parks and Recreation Department
"Discover the Opportunities"

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Dear Inver Grove Heights Residents,

This has been a challenging couple of months for all of us, and I know we are all doing what we can to safeguard our health and the health of our fellow citizens. The City has been carefully watching trends and decisions being made statewide and nationally about the use of parks, trails and open spaces. We continue to rely on this guidance to allow opportunities for our residents to get out and exercise for the benefit of their mental and physical health, while still practicing good hygiene habits and maintaining appropriate social distancing.

The purpose of this communication is to let you know the status of parks, programs, Inver Wood Golf Course and the Veterans Memorial Community Center.

- **Parks:** Most of the park system will reopen on **Monday, May 18**. It will take us a week or so to get some of the amenities in place. Please see the attached guide for further details. Please be prepared to provide your own hand sanitizer while using the park system.
- **Inver Wood Golf Course:** Inver Wood Golf Course is open for business, to book a tee time please visit www.inverwood.org.
- **Organized Athletics:** Once Governor Walz allows for organized athletics in the state of Minnesota, it will take us approximately two weeks to prepare fields and facilities. Athletic associations using our fields/facilities will be required to submit a COVID-19 operations plan to us before we allow use of our fields.
- **Veteran Memorial Community Center:** Currently we are targeting opening the facility in small, progressive stages starting on Monday, July 6. As we get comfortable operating under new COVID-19 guidelines, we will begin to reopen additional portions of the building over the course of several weeks/months. We will provide additional detail by June 15.
- **Recreation Programs:** We will be modifying our summer program offerings to meet attendance and social distancing requirements, as well as other COVID-19 guidelines which are needed to provide safe and fun programs. We tentatively plan on recreation programs beginning on July 6.
- **Senior Programming:** Programming at the Senior Center will be delayed until later this fall due to the special attention needed to program for this age demographic.

We want to thank you for all your patience and cooperation. We know this has not been easy, but we are getting through this together. Please visit our website at www.invergroveheights.org for the most updated information. If you have any questions please feel free to email me at ecarlson@invergroveheights.org.

I hope you, your family and friends remain safe and secure. Thank you for helping us protect the community.

Sincerely,

Eric Carlson
Parks & Recreation Director
City of Inver Grove Heights

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