

May 29, 2020

## Greetings Licensees of Facility Services

After nearly 10 weeks of reduced services and closures, Gainesville Parks & Recreation is preparing to reopen.

Gainesville Parks & Recreation (GPRA) has created tentative three-phased recovery plans to return to full operations and serve our residents. Dates of particular importance are as follows:

- June 1 – GPRA administrative office will reopen, registration will resume for programs, including day camps.
- June 15 – Frances Meadows Aquatic & Community Center (indoor only) & Rental Facilities will reopen.
- June 27 – Splash Zone at Frances Meadows will open\*; Lanier Point Athletic Complex Rentals will begin.
- June 29 – Modified Summer Camp will begin.

*\*Pending restrictions being lifted by Governor Kemp as the Splash Zone is considered a 'waterpark' and must be inspected by the State.*

Gainesville Parks & Recreation is making every effort to follow social distancing guidelines and appropriate reduced capacities in its facilities. We have also increased our sanitization and safety protocols to protect our staff and patrons. However, we cannot guarantee safety from exposure. If you are suffering any of the following symptoms; fever, sore throat, cough and/or sneezing or have been exposed to anyone who has tested positive for COVID-19, please do not participate in our programs or services at the time. Thank you for your cooperation.

Operational changes vary greatly by facility but residents can expect to see additional security measures focused around social distancing and sanitizing.

## Facility Rentals – Know Before You Go:

- We will be following social distancing in all set-ups for rentals at Civic Center, Fair Street Neighborhood Center, and Martha Hope Cabin. This means we have reduced the number of people allowed in each room for banquet style, classroom style and theatre style.
- We will have sanitizing procedures in place before and after each rental.
- Hand sanitizing stations will be available at all locations.

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- Our staff will work with you to make your event as successful as possible and assist you with finding the right room and set-up to accommodate your needs in conjunction with social distancing.

More information regarding GPRA social distancing is available at our Administrative Office located at the Civic Center. Our staff is available to answer any questions you may have concerning our current guidelines for rental facilities by contacting our office at 770.531.2680.

Thank you for your continued patience and understanding as we slowly work our way back to full operations. Please note that changes are inevitable but GPRA will work to minimize the impact on residents and staff. Keep your chin up, stay healthy, stay active, and stay safe.

Sincerely,

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