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Back on Track Aurora

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The City of Aurora continues assessing and preparing an adequate response during the current global pandemic. With the community's health and safety a top priority we must continue taking necessary precautions as this virus is still amongst us.

The decision to opening up services and events will depend on the City's ability to adhere to the guidelines and mandates passed down from the State and Federal Government.

The City will continue monitoring the situation and the local health care's ability to respond. The following dates are tentative and subject to local infection rates and availability of ICU beds and ventilators. The following dates are the anticipated:

Once Dearborn County enters Stage 3 of the Governor's back on track plan, scheduled for May 24th, the parks and playgrounds will be open and park buildings and facilities will be available for lease at limited capacity. All lease holders will be asked to sign a waiver so you are aware of the risks involved and agree to hold the City harmless.

Beginning June 1st, the Aurora Recreation and Community Center (ARCC) will be open with capacity restrictions, limited operating hours to allow for deep cleaning, and other preventative measures.

Beginning June 14th as Dearborn County looks to enter Stage 4 of the Governor's plan, the City will open staff and officials offices to the public. If you need immediate assistance, staff will be available by appointment when other accommodations are not possible. Residents will continue to be encouraged to use the drop box at the Utility Department when paying their bills and will look to resolve issues or questions over the phone or through email when possible.

Also on June 14th, recreational sports leagues and tournaments may resume at the City parks.

Once the County reaches Stage 5, tentatively scheduled for July 4th the City will be looking to host fireworks as close to July 4th as can be arranged with social distancing and other preventative measures in place. The City Boards and Commissions will begin opening meetings up to the public, with capacity restrictions, video / phone conference options still in place and recordings being posted to the City website.

Unfortunately given the risks involved and inability to guarantee that the guidelines established by the State Department of Health can be followed, the City will not be opening the City pool this summer. Plans will be made to take advantage of this time and look to make improvements so the pool can operate more efficiently and be more appealing for the community to enjoy next summer.

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