

## **RECREATION DEPARTMENT**

#### Council Report for April 19, 2021 Committee of Whole Meeting

#### **Groveport Aquatic Center Operations Plan 2021**

Please see enclosed information.

#### Legacy of Love 5k

Just a reminder that this 5k event will take place on Sunday, April 18 (12:00 pm) at Groveport Park.

#### **Outdoor Pool Prep**

The outdoor pool bottom and walls were cleaned on 4/3 and 4/5 by Corvus Janitorial Services. City staff were also on hand to assist. The pool is currently filled with water. Pumps are on and staff is treated the water. American Leak Detection will be on-site at the end of the month to check for leaks and staff will monitor for water loss.

#### **Youth Spring Soccer**

Our Youth Spring Soccer Program kicked off on Sat., April 10 at Cruiser Park. To be expected, registration is down. In addition, we did not permit outside agencies to participate this spring in hopes of limited COVID-19 exposure. Volunteer coaches were very hard to come by. In the  $3^{rd} - 4^{th}$  Grade Division, there are 4 teams, but these 4 fours are coached by the same 2 coaches.

Division	<u># Teams</u>	# Players/Team	<u>Versus</u>
4.5 Yr. – Kindergarten	6	5.83	3 vs. 3
1 <sup>st</sup> – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade	4	9.25	4 vs. 4
3 <sup>rd</sup> – 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade	4	7.0	4 vs. 4
5 <sup>th</sup> – 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade	4	7.0	4 vs. 4

#### Adult Slow-Pitch Softball

Our Monday Night Men's League was the only league out of the four leagues offered that will play this spring/summer. League play begins on Monday, April 19 at Field #5 in Groveport Park. Game times are 6:15 pm and 7:15 pm. Three teams registered as a full team. The fourth team is comprised of persons from our Free Agent List (individual persons looking to play softball, but do not have a team).

#### **Cold Beverage RFP**

The City of Groveport is accepting RFPs for Cold Beverage/Vending Services thru April 25, 2021 (12:00 pm, EST).

#### **Groveport Community Garden**

Gardening began April 1. A total of 33 plots have been rented out.

#### Easter Bunny at Groveport Park

On Sunday, March 28, 2021, the Easter Bunny made an appearance at Groveport Park for residents. 21 residents registered. During this drive-thru event, kids received some candy, a few arts & crafts projects, a coloring contest page and an opportunity to get their photo with the Easter Bunny. This program was a joint effort by the Recreation & Community Affairs Dept. All who attended were very appreciative they we were able to host a safe Easter activity.

#### **Trail Riders**

Despite losing our Trail Riders Coordinator (Amy Van Huffel, former Sports/Fitness Manager), the Trail Riders program lives on thanks to volunteer Jo Reeves. Rides occur once a week on Tuesdays (11:00 am), starting on May 4. Please see attached flyer.

#### **Resignation of Recreation Coordinator**

Juli Pintz (Recreation Coordinator) resigned her position on April 1 to accept a similar position with the Granville Recreation District. Juli is from the Newark area. Juli began her employment with the City of Groveport in February of 2018. She was responsible for Youth Athletics, Classes, Special Events and the operation of our climbing wall. Most recently she was also tasked with all Fitness Programming, Personal Trainers and more.







# Safe Exercise Socialize Outdoors Fun

Explore local paved trails with fellow bicycling enthusiasts. Participants must be at least 18 years of age.

Photo was taken prior to COVID-19 Pandemic.

Each ride is approx. 10 - 16 miles in length round trip (2 - 3 hours), with a lunch stop along the trail. For the time being, we are brown bagging it for 2021.

- Register on-site, including signing of waiver.
- Riders must have a temperature less than 100.4 F to participate and must be COVID-19 symptom free. Temperatures will be taken on-site.
- Helmets required.
- Volunteer led group ride with designated route.
- Socially distanced ride.
- No spitting, snot rockets & high fives.
- Riders responsible for bringing water/sports drink, "brown bag lunch" & hand sanitizer.
- Wearing of moisture wicking face covering/gator & eye protection is recommended.
- Questions: contact Kyle Lund (Recreation Director) 614-836-1000 / klund@groveport.org

#### MAY DATES

- Tue., May 4 Tue., May 11
- Tue., May 18
- Tue., May 15

## MEETING LOCATION

- Walnut Woods Metro Park (Richardson Rd.)
- y 11 Cruiser Park (4677 Bixby Rd., Groveport)
- / 18 Pickerington Ponds Metro Park (Glacier Knoll)
  - Three Creeks Metro Park Heron Pond 3400 Williams Rd.

#### See reverse side for June thru Sept. schedule





#### DATES MEETING LOCATION

- Tue., June 1 Cruiser Park, 4677 Bixby Rd., Groveport, OH)
- Tue., June 8 Pickerington Ponds Metro Park (Glacier Knoll)
- Tue., June 15 Three Creeks Metro Park Heron Pond (3400 Williams Rd., Columbus, OH)
- Tue., June 22 Walnut Wood sMetro Park (Richardson Road)
- Tue., June 29 Pickerington Ponds Metro Park (Glacier Knoll)
- Tue., July 6 Cruiser Park, 4677 Bixby Rd., Groveport, OH)
- Tue., July 13 Walnut Woods Metro Park Heron Pond (3400 Williams Rd., Columbus, OH)
- Tue., July 20 Pickerington Ponds Metro Park (Glacier Knoll)
- Tue., July 27 Three Creeks Metro Park Heron Pond (3400 Williams Rd., Columbus, OH)
- Tue., Aug. 3 Cruiser Park, 4677 Bixby Rd., Groveport, OH)
- Tue., Aug. 10 Walnut Woods Metro Park Heron Pond (3400 Williams Rd., Columbus, OH)
- Tue., Aug. 17 Pickerington Ponds Metro Park (Glacier Knoll)
- Tue., Aug. 24 Three Creeks Metro Park Heron Pond (3400 Williams Rd., Columbus, OH)
- Tue., Aug. 31 Cruiser Park, 4677 Bixby Rd., Groveport, OH)
- Tue., Sept. 7 Cruiser Park, 4677 Bixby Rd., Groveport, OH
- Tue., Sept. 14 Walnut Woods Metro Park Heron Pond (3400 Williams Rd., Columbus, OH)
- Tue., Sept. 21 Pickerington Ponds Metro Park (Glacier Knoll)
- Tue., Sept. 28 Three Creeks Metro Park Heron Pond (3400 Williams Rd., Columbus, OH)

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## Cyclist Connection will be on-hand at the first ride of each month to do free bike inspections.



## **INTER-OFFICE MEMO**

DATE:	4-15-21
TO:	Mayor Westcamp & City Council
FROM:	Kyle Lund, Recreation Director
CC:	BJ King, Administrator Seth Bower, Aquatics Manager
RE:	Groveport Aquatic Center Operations Plan 2021

Per the request of Administrator King, I am providing you with a copy of the Groveport Aquatic Center Operations Plan. The Recreation Department was initially asked by the Franklin a few months ago to develop an Operations Plan and submit the plan to Franklin County Public Health for review. The Operations Plan was submitted to County officials on March 8, 2021.

On March 11, 2021, I received a confirmation email from a County Official (Alexandria Jones) that our Operations Plan was received.

On April 6, 2021, 1:36 PM, I received the below email from Charlie Broschart (Environmental Health Division Manager) at Franklin County Public Health.

A quick update regarding pools. As you may have heard, many of the standing Health Orders were rescinded yesterday, including the order for public pools and aquatic centers. While those orders were rescinded, a new Health Order regarding social distancing, facial coverings and non-congregating was enacted. The order is broad and will apply to pools, other sectors, and settings. We are working with our communications, legal and ICS teams to sort this all out and we will provide communication to our partners and operators soon. Below are links to the rescinded orders and new order, if you have not seen them. We will be in contact soon. https://coronavirus.ohio.gov/static/publicorders/directors-order-rescindingvarious-orders.pdf https://coronavirus.ohio.gov/static/publicorders/do-social-distancing-facial-

coverings-and-non-congregating.pdf

On April 6, 2021, 2:04 PM, I sent the below email to Charlie Broschart (Environmental Health Division Manager) at Franklin County Public Health.

Thank you for the email. Woody Woodward from Ohio Parks & Recreation Assn. made many of us aware of the New Orders and Rescinded Orders last night. We hope to get some new guidance from your office very soon as I am sure you are aware, it takes a lot of planning and organization to open up an outdoor water park during normal conditions, let alone during a Pandemic.

On April 6, 2021, 2:13 PM, I received the below email from Charlie Broschart (Environmental Health Division Manager) at Franklin County Public Health.

I understand your concerns. On the surface, the distancing is going to be the biggest factor that will affect your operation. Keeping groups 6 feet apart both on the deck and in the pool. I still see having to limit occupancy this summer at facilities, as I can't see a way around that to achieve distancing.

On April 14, 2021, 9:26 AM, Administrator King forwarded me an article from ThisWeek Community News, "UPDATED: Hilliard pools will reopen in three phases, with restrictions for 2021 season". A part of the articles notes "With guidance from the Ohio Department of Health, Franklin County Public Health and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the city is confident it can provide a safe pool season in 2021, Anna Subler, community relations administrator."

As I stated to Administrator King, I am really not sure how Hilliard claims to have received guidance from Franklin County Public Health when guidance has yet to be provided by them.

As of April 15, 2021, 2:30 PM, I have not had any further communication from Franklin County Public Health regarding guidance for swimming pools.

#### **IMPORTANT NOTE:**

With the recent residence of the standing Health Orders, we are hopeful that we may now be able to increase our capacity from 160 to 400 patrons per session and to open lockers, showers and drinking fountains.

However, once again, Franklin County Public Health has yet to provide us with the necessary guidance.



DATE: 3/8/21

TO: Franklin County Public Health Department

FROM: Kyle Lund, Recreation Director – City of Groveport

- CC: Benjamin King, City Administrator City of Groveport Seth Bower, Aquatics Manager – City of Groveport
- RE: Operations Plan for Groveport Aquatic Center (Outdoor Water Park) for Spring/Summer 2021

The City of Groveport is hopeful that it will be able to open the Groveport Aquatic Center to the general public in 2021.

Enclosed is our proposed Operations Plan for your review. The City of Groveport did <u>NOT</u> open the Groveport Aquatic Center in 2020 as recommended by the Franklin County Health Department. The City will entertain all recommendations made by the Franklin County Public Health Department.

After you review the enclosed Operations Plan, please contact me at either 614-836-1000 ext. 1503 or <u>klund@groveport.org</u> so we can further discuss your recommendations, concerns, etc.

Thank you.

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### **OPERATIONS PLAN**

The City of Groveport Recreation Department has prepared An Operations Plan (Groveport Aquatic Center) for the Franklin County Public Health Department to consider. The City of Groveport plans to follow all Guidelines as outlined in the Responsible RestartOhio for Local and Public Pools and Aquatic Centers.

#### **Time Blocks**

The City of Groveport proposes to have two time blocks. 12:00 PM – 3:00 PM (1<sup>st</sup> Session) 3:00 PM – 4:00 PM (Closed for additional disinfecting & employee break) 4:00 PM – 7:00 PM (2<sup>nd</sup> Session)

#### **Registration for Time Blocks**

Patrons will be permitted to purchase (1) time block pass per day. A person may register for a pass 48-hours before the date of entry. Registration will be available online and inperson at the Groveport Recreation Center.

In the event that not all of the time blocks for a particular session fill, persons may purchase a block of time in a zone at the front desk.

#### **Capacity and Group Size**

In order to serve as many patrons as possible, time blocks will be established for use of the Groveport Aquatic Center. Patrons will register for a time block prior to arriving at the facility. Each group will be made up of no more than 10 persons. Persons must be at least 15 years of age, unless accompanied by an adult. 160 patrons will be the maximum capacity per each time block. Normal maximum occupancy is 1,000 patrons.

Formula:  $18,086 \text{ of water sq. feet } / (6 \times 6 \times 3.14) = 160 \text{ patrons}$ 

\*formula did not include square feet of Lazy River. Lazy River to remained closed. See **Limited Access** for additional information.

If additional patrons are permissible, please advise. As you know, it is very rare for all patrons to be in the water at the same time.

#### Patron Zones (In-Water)

Patrons will be asked to socially distance both in and out of the water. City staff will install visual cues on the pool deck to provide 6 feet social distance simulations.

#### Patron Zones (Out-of-Water)

Patrons will be directed to socially distance. In an effort to keep groups socially distanced, no more than 1 group may occupy an area under a giant shade umbrella (first come – first served).

#### **Social Distancing**

Visual cues will be placed on the pool deck to assist patrons with visualizing physical distancing on-deck and in the water. Non-Lifeguard staff will be placed on-deck during operating hours to help enforce physical distancing. The primary responsibility of the lifeguard staff is surveillance, patron safety and emergency response.

#### **Limited Access**

The City of Groveport does NOT plan to open or make available the following amenities:

• 450-Foot Lazy River with Inner Tubes

Too difficult to control social distancing due to flow of water; difficult to properly sanitize all inner tubes in between users; line would make social distancing difficult, especially since staff has to measure persons who are close to 42 inches tall.

- In-Water Playground w/ Kiddie Slide
  Too difficult to control social distancing on the three deck levels.
- Lockers

Patrons will be encouraged to come the facility dressed in their swim attire to limit the use of the restrooms. Patrons will take their personal belongings with them to their zone.

- Showers Unable to sanitize after each person's use.
- Lounge/Deck Chairs City of Groveport will not be providing any lounge/deck chairs. Patrons may bring their own personal chair.
- Drinking Fountains Patrons may bring their own water in a personal cooler.
- Personal Flotation Devices (Coast Guard Approved) Patrons may bring their own personal flotation device.
- Large Group Outings

Large Group Outings (more than 10 people) will not be permitted. In the past, Large Group Outings have encompassed birthday parties, church groups, summer camps, day care centers, etc.

Picnic Tables

Staff will remove half of its picnic tables, leaving a total of (8) to be used by the general public. Staff will sanitize each picnic table after use. Signs will be placed at each table reading "Please inform staff at First Aid Station when your group is finished using a table so that our staff may sanitize after your use".

#### **Full Access**

The City of Groveport DOES plan to operate:

• Two 1-meter diving boards.

City staff will install social distancing markers on the ground to indicate where patrons should stand in line.

Two Water Slides

City staff will install social distancing markers on the ground (on the slide tower and deck) to indicate where patrons should stand in line. City staff (stationed at the top of the slide) will stand/sit behind a hygiene barrier (plexi-glass).

- Spraygound
- Vending Machines The City of Groveport does NOT operate a concession stand at the facility.

#### **Face Coverings**

Employees

Pending any changes in guidance from the CDC, State of Ohio, Franklin County Public Health Department and the City of Groveport, staff not actively lifeguarding or performing a water rescue are required to wear a face covering while working.

Patrons

Pending any changes in guidance from the CDC, State of Ohio, Franklin County Public Health Department and the City of Groveport, patrons will be required to wear a face covering upon entrance and while walking about the deck and using the restroom. Patrons will not be permitted to wear a face covering while in the pool. Patrons will not be required to wear a face covering while in their Out-of-Water Zone.

#### Disinfection

Employees will disinfect all frequently touched surfaces at least every two-hours. High touch surfaces include railings, lifeguard chairs, restroom fixtures, door handles, vending machines, tables, desks, etc.

Cleaning/disinfecting will also occur each evening after the facility closes.

#### Hand Sanitizing Stations

The City of Groveport will provide a number of hand sanitizing stations in the facility. Lifeguard staff will also be given their own small bottle of hand sanitizer to keep on their body.

#### **Pool Chemicals**

According to the CDC, no change to the pool water chemistry/pool chemicals is needed as our standards kill the virus. The Franklin County Public Health Department requires a minimum of 1 ppm Chlorine and the ideal range is 2 - 4 ppm. The Aquatics Division is recommending increasing and maintaining Chlorine level between 3 - 4 ppm to ensure that if our Chlorine level decreases, the Aquatics Division will have adequate time to adjust the chemicals and make corrections.

#### Patron Check-In and Entrance

City of Groveport staff will....

- Install social distancing markers on the ground to indicate where patrons should stand.
- Encourage groups/individuals to wait socially distanced in line to get checked-in.
- Greet and check-in group. Staff will check person's I.D. who made the reservation for verification. Each person in the group will have his/her temperature taken. Staff will also ask each person if they are experiencing any COVID-19 symptoms. If patron has a temperature of 100.4F or greater or is experiencing any COVID-19 symptoms, patron will not be permitted to enter. Each person in the group will provide his/her name, address and phone number for contact tracing.

**Patron with temperature of 100.4F or greater without symptoms:** Staff will ask the guest to step aside and wait to have their temperature re-taken in 15 - 30 minutes. If there is shade nearby, suggest to the patron to cool off in the shade. CDC guidelines recommend waiting 30-minutes after exercising or eating before having temperature taken.

If patron's temperature does not show a fever on the re-take, the patron may enter. If the patron still has a fever on the re-take, the patron must leave the facility.

- Encourage patrons to wear a mask while entering, walking about the deck, using the restroom and exiting the facility.
- Instruct to patron where facility rules, special COVID-19 rules, COVID signs & symptoms are located.
  Signage required: Social/Physical Distancing How to prevent spread of COVID-19 Temperature & Symptom Check Requirement COVID-19 Symptoms Patron Occupancy Limit per Session CLOSED: Lockers, Showers & Drinking Fountains Face Coverings Required

#### Patron Exit

- End of Session: Patrons will exit through the double maintenance gate near the filtration room.
- Leaving Early: Patrons will exit through the facility's bath house (normal operation).
- Staff will make an announcement when it is 15-minutes prior to closing time. The announcement will also include a statement regarding social distancing.

"Attention Groveport Aquatic Center guests. The time is now (insert time here) and the facility will be closing in 15-minutes. When leaving the facility, please wear your face covering and stay 6 feet away from other patrons. Thank you for visiting the Groveport Aquatic Center and enjoy the remainder of your day."

#### Staff Check-In and Entrance

City of Groveport staff will...

• Put on a face covering prior to entering the facility and will wear a face covering when not actively lifeguarding or performing a water rescue.

 Have his/her temperature taken and will be asked if he/she is experiencing any COVID-19 symptoms. If employee's temperature is 1004.F or above or if the employee is experiencing any COVID-19 symptoms, employee will not be permitted to work and will be sent home.

#### Staff Gear

- Staff will place his/her gear in the previous concession stand rooms. Gear should not be close to another employee's gear. Only 2 people will be permitted in the previous concession stand rooms at a time.
- Staff will bring his/her own filled water bottles to the facility. Staff may <u>NOT</u> get ice from the ice machine. The ice machine will only be used to treat injuries.

#### **Rest Stations**

• The City of Groveport will designate (3) Rest Stations for lifeguard staff when not actively lifeguarding. Only (1) employee may be at each station. A lifeguard will disinfect the rest station after use.

#### **Hourly Announcements**

Staff will make hourly announcements over the public address system regarding:

- Need for social/physical distancing
- Face coverings
- How to prevent the spread of COVID-19

#### **Special Events**

In the past, the Groveport Recreation Department has run a number of aquatics-related special events at the outdoor pool, including...

- Super Family Sundays contests, games, races, prizes, etc. (1 Sunday per month)
- Mom & Son Game Night pizza, swimming, prizes, fun activities (in land and in the water)
- Dog Paddle Palooza dog swim after the regular season has ended

The City of Groveport does not plan on offering any special events in 2021 to reduce the risk of infection spread.

#### **Group Swim Lessons**

The Groveport Recreation Department has been running Group Swim Lessons at its indoor pool. Classes are limited to 1 instructor to 3 - 4 participants (depending on the class level). The City of Groveport would like to be able to offer Group Swim Lessons at its outdoor pool. Attached are COVID-19 Guidelines related to Group Swim Lessons.

#### Youth Swim Team

The Groveport Fighting Fish will be preparing Guidelines for consideration. The City of Groveport will share those Guidelines with the County for review.

## Groveport Aquatic Center Patron Registration Form 2021

The below information is required in the event of the need for contact tracing.	Visit Date: /	/ <u>2021</u>
Please provide all information for each person in your group. Please print clearly.		
	<b>Session #</b> : () 1	○2
In the event that "Home Address" or "Phone Number" is the same for all persons in your group,	U	Ŭ
please place a "X" in same box.		

Reservation Made By:			Number in Group
	First Name	Last Name	

Person who made reservation is required to complete info. below if the person is entering the facility.

#	First Name	Last Name	Home Address (street, city, state & zip code)	Primary Phone Number
1				
2			⊖ same	⊖ same
3			⊖ same	) same
4			) same	) same
5			⊖ same	) same
6			⊖ same	⊖ same
7			⊖ same	⊖ same
8			⊖ same	) same
9			⊖ same	) same
10			⊖ same	) same

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