

## *Village of Park Forest - Parks & Playgrounds Phase 4 – Restore Illinois Plan*

### **PARKS MAINTENANCE**

During the COVID-19 health crisis, the Department of Recreation, Parks & Community Health has continued serving the community while remaining fiscally responsible by reducing expenses and managing resources. This has included a reduction in staff hours and seasonal staffing. With reduced manpower, our priorities for parks and playgrounds have focused on keeping parks available to the public by mowing open spaces and by addressing safety concerns with cautionary measures such as keeping playgrounds and public washrooms closed.

As the state moves into Phase 4, washrooms and pavilions will re-open but our priorities for park maintenance will remain at a cautionary level. While not an ideal situation, we are committed to providing as safe and enjoyable a recreation experience for residents as possible.

To report safety or maintenance concerns please call 708-748-2005.

### **PARK & PLAYGROUND GUIDELINES**

Outdoor recreation guidelines provided for the Center for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC) are listed below.

**Visitors should adhere to the minimum safety guidelines during their visit to Village parks:**

- Maintain social distance of 6 feet from individuals outside of your household
- **Group sizes should be limited to 50 individuals**
- 30 feet distance should be maintained between groups
- Wear a face mask if social distancing is not possible
- Sanitize surfaces such as picnic tables and park benches before and after use
- Wash hands often, or use hand sanitizer
- Stay home if you are sick or have been exposed to someone with COVID-19

### **OPEN**

- Playgrounds (use at your own risk)
- Tennis courts (avoid handshakes and uses a separate set of tennis balls for each player)
- Basketball courts WITH SOCIAL DISTANCING
- Walking paths
- **Permits to use picnic pavilions will be issued to groups of 50 or less beginning July 6.**
- Athletic fields (permit is required)

### **CLOSED**

- Drinking fountains

*Information is subject to change as guidelines become available from the CDC and the State of Illinois regarding Phase 4 of the Restore Illinois Plan*