



PARKS AND RECREATION

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PARK FACILITIES UPDATE

ATHENS, TENNESSEE – June 8, 2020 – The City of Athens has announced the following updates to Parks and Recreation park and facility operations.

Effective June 10, park restrooms will be open for public use. Restrooms will be sanitized daily by park staff and will be available during park operating hours only.

Effective June 11, existing reservations will be honored, and new reservations will be taken for group pavilion use. Reservations may be requested immediately. Users must comply with current social distancing and group guidelines from the state and from the CDC.

Effective June 11, new reservations will be allowed at the Conference Center. Reduced numbers to coincide with state guidelines and social distancing requirements will be addressed in individual building reservation contracts.

Effective June 22, Ingleside Pool will be open for general swim and for party rental. General swim will be done in sessions; Monday through Saturday sessions will be from 9am until 11am, noon until 2pm, and 3pm until 5pm. Sundays will have one session from 2pm until 5pm. Admission per session is \$1 per person and patrons must pay for each session. A maximum of 45 patrons will be allowed inside the fence at any one time. Social distancing will be enforced. Pool parties may be scheduled, during season beginning at 6pm daily at normal rates. Parties may be scheduled in advance effective immediately.

Effective July 18, organized softball and baseball games and tournaments may be held at the Athens Regional Park. Regular rates apply and users must follow current state guidelines and social distancing requirements. Reservations may be requested immediately.

The Splashpad at the Athens Regional Park and public playgrounds will remain closed until further guidance is issued from the state and CDC regarding safe operations. Basketball courts will remain closed and will continue to be so until the state authorizes basketball play.

The City of Athens is a full-service municipality nestled in the foothills of the Great Smoky Mountains and has garnered a reputation as the “Friendly City.”

For more information, please contact the Office of Parks & Recreation at (423) 744-2700 extension 3.

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