



Tuesday – May 12, 2020 Covid – 19 Update

Stay Safe Ohio Order

Public Health Order issued for All of Ohio

On April 30, 2020 Ohio Governor Mike DeWine, Lt. Governor Jon Husted, and Ohio Department of Health Director Amy Acton, M.D. MPH, announced that Ohio will continue the Stay at Home Order under the new Stay Safe Ohio Order.

The new order went into effect beginning **Thursday, April 30, 2020, at 11:59 p.m.** and will remain in effect until **11:59 p.m. on May 29, 2020**, unless the order is rescinded or modified.

Massillon Recreation Center Patrons and Citizens of Massillon,

We have had many inquiries about the re-opening of the Massillon Recreation Center and Senior Center. While we are all anxious about providing our services to our community, we understand that the safety of our patrons comes first. We have been working on plans to provide services in a safe manner. There are many unanswered questions as to how we can re-open our facilities. **Until all questions are answered and guidelines are set, the Massillon Recreation Center and Senior Center will remain closed until further notice.**

The City of Massillon Recreation Board is following the guidelines set forth by Governor Mike Dewine, Mayor Kathy Catazaro-Perry and our Massillon City Health Director, Terri Argent. Once we are given the order to re-open, we will pass all information and guidelines on to our patrons. All information will be posted on our website www.massillonparks.com and on our Facebook page.

We understand that Parks & Recreation services play a key role in the health and well-being of our citizens. When these services are interrupted, along with the Stay Safe Ohio Order, our lives are changed dramatically. We are committed to provide our services in a safe manner when the time is right.

While our facilities are closed, please remember that our parks and walking paths are open for your use as long as Social Distancing is practiced. Be considerate of others that are enjoying the parks. We have 30 park areas that have many different ways to enjoy the outdoors even though the disc golf course, playgrounds, basketball courts are closed.

Also, our park pavilions and restrooms are closed. And, our youth and adult programs are all on hold. If we are able to offer any of the programs in the near future, we will have all information posted on our website.

Don't forget that we have many park lands throughout the city for all to enjoy. A few are listed below.

- Community Park has natural areas and creek that runs through it.
- Oak Knoll Park is one of our oldest parks. Did you know that it was used as a staging ground for the North during the Civil War?
- Kiwanis Park has 10 acres of natural wooded area.
- Wampler Park has 10 acres of natural wooded area.
- Veterans' Memorial Park pays tribute to all that have served our great country.
- Union Cemetery was one of the first burial grounds in the City.
- The Legends of Massillon Golf course is open.

We have all been effected by this pandemic. Please stay safe and remember that we are all in this together.

Sincerely,

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