



City Event and Recreation Announcement From the Mayor and City Council of Mendota Heights

We are in unprecedented times. Things that the City would normally be doing, or be preparing to do, have had to wait.

However, the City, and our residents, need to plan. That is difficult to do when there are so many unknowns, and the world is changing daily.

Perhaps of most widespread interest is the use of the City's play fields by youth and adult users groups. The City has received several requests from parents and members of organized sports to allow the use of fields, if the City-sponsored teams are not going to use them.

There are two things to remember:

- 1. First, the City does not sponsor any organized sports, with the exception of adult softball. MHAA and organized soccer are private groups which use the City's facilities.**
- 2. The City will abide by the Governor's orders regarding the spread of COVID-19. Most of the current restrictions which have been imposed by Governor Walz are valid through May 4th. At that time, those may be extended, removed, or otherwise modified. When the Governor's orders do allow for team play, it will then take the City approximately two weeks following that announcement to make the facilities usable by sports groups.**

Because the May 4th Governor's orders may involve a gradual reopening of facilities, we would strongly suggest in the meantime that user groups prepare and be ready to implement COVID 19 distancing guidelines.

Based on current information about the spread of COVID-19, we believe that the City will need to cancel, or at least postpone City-sponsored events and recreational opportunities until July 6th. This will include the following:

- The City Parks Celebration which had been scheduled for June 6th is cancelled**

- **The Officer Scott Patrick Memorial 5K Run, which had been scheduled for June 6th is postponed—it will be held instead on July 11th**
- **The City-sponsored fireworks on July 4th are cancelled.**
- **The City's summer field trips and lesson programs through July 6th are cancelled**
- **The June Summer Concert Series event in Mendakota Park is cancelled; whether to hold the concerts in July and August will be revisited in June**

The City's Par 3 Golf course will reopen for golf and foot golf for the season at 7:30 AM next Monday, April 27th. However, users must observe social distancing requirements, as directed by the Governor—

- **No carts, or equipment rentals**
- **No use of the clubhouse by patrons;**
- **Debit or Credit cards only; no cash accepted**
- **No walk-ups (reservations only)**
- **Greater spacing of tee-times**
- **No-touch pins**

All of these regulations will be posted on the City's website, and available as a handout at the course

The COVID-19 situation has been fluid, and changes to the current pandemic situation in Minnesota and Mendota Heights could impact these plans.

The City Council realizes that these changes are sacrifices, and regrets the need to make those. However, the Council puts the safety of Mendota Heights residents at paramount importance.