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City of Lafayette Announcement Concerning Opening All City Parks and City Swimming Pool

Hello everyone,

This is Lafayette City Mayor Richard Driver.

As you are aware, Lafayette City Park has been closed due to Covid-19 guidelines. Key Park, Winding Stairs Park, and Sullivan's Lake Park are open but with restraints that were required to meet CDC Covid-19 Guidelines. These guidelines allowed the City of Lafayette to reopen trail ways and walkways at these three parks provided the visitors followed the guidelines set forth by the CDC which are included in the Tennessee Pledge. City Park has not been opened due to the concern of noncontact activities such as basketball, tennis, volleyball and swimming. Also, the CDC does not allow playgrounds to be open due to the concerns of properly sanitizing the playground equipment.

On May 22, 2020 the City of Lafayette opened the restrooms at Key Park and Winding Stairs park to the public. All pavilions located at Key Park and Winding Stairs Park will be open to the public on Friday May 29<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 am. Also, the Cabin at Winding Stairs Park will be available for use by organizations starting on the same day and time. The City of Lafayette has begun to take reservations for the pavilions and the cabin. However, the playgrounds at Key Park will remain closed for the time being. You can call Lafayette City Hall at 615-666-2194 for additional information.

On Friday May 22, 2020 Governor Lee signed Executive Order No 38 which included guidelines for noncontact sporting events and activities and also introduced changes to social distancing and gathering guidelines for these activities. The social gathering, under the Governor's revised guidelines, limits groups attending these gatherings to 50 persons, however, this limitation does not necessary prohibit fifty or more total persons from gathering in a single place or venue for an activity or event if they are in separate, otherwise permissible smaller groups that substantially maintain six feet or more separation from other persons or separate group. Basically, fifty persons may sit in a set of bleachers and watch an event provided that person or multiple smaller groups of persons are spread out from one another and maintain at least six feet of separation from other groups or persons. Executive Order No 38 also defines noncontact sporting events or activities as baseball, softball, volleyball, golf, disc golf, tennis and other racket sports, cycling, swimming, track and field and running events and equestrian.

I want to announce that on June 1, 2020 Lafayette City Park will be opened to the public. This will include the opening of the tennis court, basketball court, volleyball court and the swimming pool. All pavilions and restrooms at City Park will be opened to the public. However, as with Key Park, the playgrounds are not included in Executive Order No 38 and will not be opened to the public at this time. The City of Lafayette will begin taking reservations for pool parties on June 1, 2020 at 8:00 am. For information on pool and park hours and to make reservations for the pool or any other park facility call Lafayette City Hall at 615-666-2194.

The revised social gathering guidelines will be used at all park facilities.

Thank You and Stay Safe