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SHERWOOD RECREATION CENTER PREPARING FOR MAY 18 RE-OPENING

SHERWOOD, Ark. (May 8, 2020) — The City of Sherwood Parks and Recreation Department is preparing the Bill Harmon Recreation Center, located at 51 Shelby Road, for re-opening on Monday, May 18. Due to COVID-19, the re-opening will have limitations in program availability, hours and capacity. The staff is busy making necessary changes to comply with the Arkansas Health Department's directives announced by Gov. Asa Hutchinson on May 1. Along with the BHRC, many city offices will also re-open on May 18. This specifically includes City Hall, Public Works, Planning and Court offices. Facilities will have safety measures in place including shield protectors as well as additional hand sanitizing stations. The Animal Shelter and Senior Citizens Center, along with other Parks and Recreation facilities and playgrounds, will open at a later date.

“The City of Sherwood is looking forward to providing as many opportunities as possible for our residents. While the new normal is worked out, patience must be exercised by staff and visitors alike,” said Mayor Virginia Young.

BHRC OPERATING HOURS

The Bill Harmon Recreation Center will be open from 6 a.m. to noon and 3-7 p.m. Monday through Friday. It will be closed Sundays and from noon to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday to clean. On Saturdays, the center will be open from 1-6 p.m. Hours, rules and procedures are subject to change at any time.

BHRC MEMBERSHIPS

All active memberships as of March 13 will be honored. Each membership will resume the first day a member returns or until the facility is in full operation, whichever comes first. Day passes are available at regular rates.

BHRC CAPACITY & ADMITTANCE

Admittance is limited to 50 patrons at a time. Patrons must be 16 and older to enter. All patrons and staff members will be required to answer a short questionnaire and submit to a temperature check before admittance. Access will be denied if deemed necessary based upon the questionnaire, including whether the patron's temperature is currently or has been 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit or greater in the last two days. Face masks that cover the mouth and nose are required except when actively exercising. Patrons must provide their own masks. It is understood that conversation is a part of recreation and exercise, but patrons are asked to visit in the parking lot so as many as possible can have the opportunity to take advantage of the facility.

BHRC CLOSED AREAS

Many pieces of exercise equipment will be re-located to achieve the required 12-foot spacing, and the 'plate loaded' equipment will be closed until restrictions are lifted. The upstairs walking track will be closed to space

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out equipment. A temporary walking area will be designated on the gym floor that surrounds the newly-relocated cardio equipment. Basketball will be suspended until further notice. Group classes will resume as soon as accommodations will allow. Restrooms will be limited to three individual unisex restrooms — two on the first floor and one upstairs. Locker rooms and showers will remain closed.

BHRC SWIMMING POOL

Only lap-swimming and walking will be permitted in the pool. The pool capacity will be limited to eight at any time. All pool users should shower at home and come dressed to swim. A one-hour pool limit will be observed. Swimsuit coverings and shoes are required outside of the pool room.

SUMMER DAY CAMP / AFTER SCHOOL CARE / OUTDOOR POOLS

More information about Summer Day Camp, After School Program, outdoor pools and Splash Pad will be coming in the future.

For more information, call the Bill Harmon Recreation Center at 501-835-6893.

