

METRO DISTRICTS

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Hello,

We hope you, your families, and friends are safe during these stressful and uncertain times due to COVID-19. We are giving an update on the community, which will be updated as more information comes along.

Community Center & Pool: As you know the COVID-19 issues is causing a lot of uncertainty's around the communities as what to do or not do. One question we get a lot is when will the Community Center Fitness Center open and will the swimming pool open on time or even be opened? As of right now the District is unsure on what will be allowed to open. What will social distancing or physical distancing requirements be? What size groups can gather? What cleaning requirements will be in place?

At this time, the Community Center/Fitness area will remain closed until new regulations/guidelines are sent out with what is required. Once we have a better understanding of the new requirements the Fitness Center may open but limited on what machines and exercise equipment can be used to keep the physical distancing requirements.

More than likely a few machines will be moved to get the physical distancing requirements and a few machines will be turned off and/or marked as not to be used. When given updated requirements the District will send out more information on the Fitness Center. The District wants to abide by all guidelines and requirements for the resident's safety.

As for the Swimming Pool, the pool will remain closed until the District gets updated regulations/guidelines from the State and Federal Government. We have a few ideas that are being discussed with the board on how to open the pool, but again waiting on actual requirements. More than likely we will have to limit the number of District resident into the pool area and at this time NO GUESTS or POOL PARTIES will be allowed. Only District residents will be allowed access to the pool when it opens with possible limited hours of operations. Time limits may be in place on pool usage, too allow more people in over the hours of operation. More than likely little too no pool furniture will be in the pool area.

As the District is waiting on any new regulations/guidelines we are going to move forward on getting the pool ready to open. We have spoken with the contracted pool management company (A & B Pools), they state they are at full staff for opening as scheduled which would be 5/23/2020, but again waiting on new requirements.

As for opening the pool, not sure what is going to happen over the next roughly 25 days. Right now, we have A & B Pools ordering the chemicals and chlorine as normal. We fear if we wait to hear from the State and Federal Government as to when we can open the pool, it may be hard to acquire what is needed to open and maintain the pool on time or at a new date. If any pool chemicals and chlorine are not used this year, they will be stored for next year.

Over the next few weeks, you will see activity at the Community Center and pool area, we will be having the boilers maintained and inspected by the state, the plumber will prep all water lines to the bathrooms and drinking fountains, and the shade covers installed. We will have contractors power washing outside of the pumphouse/guard room and cleaning the pool furniture if we can use and pool deck, flush and clean all piped lines and filter casings, along with the actual filter cleaning, and testing the new chlorine injection pump we just installed. Then maintenance on the heater all in preparation for opening day. We will be setting up cleaning service on the restrooms. (pest control is year-round) Yearly Inspection of playground in Pool area and repairs, along with a COVID-19 cleaning. The District feels we should move ahead as normal and wait to see what happens.

At worst, we can hold off on filling and heating the pool until we know for sure what the opening date will be if allowed to open. It will take about 3 to 4 days to fill the pool and get the pool to the correct temperatures of 82 to 84 degrees. One additional item to be set up after the pool opens would be a power wash crew to clean all pool furniture (if in use) and cleaning service as required for the bathrooms under COVID – 19 requirements. Not sure what will be required under the new COVID-19 policies and what that cost will be to our budgets. Overall, we will wait to see what the requirements will be then set up schedules and opening as current budgets allow.

The Community Center & Pool hours of operation if allowed to open will be posted on the web site and at the Community Center when we learn what the required social distancing or physical distancing requirements and restrictions are going to be, along with size groups that can gather.

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