



City of Oak Park Heights

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COVID-19 Update – City of Oak Park Heights

RE: Public UPDATE # 13 – May 29th 2020
From: Eric Johnson, City Administrator

The City Hall will be opening on June 1st with some basic operational modifications – such as implementing social distancing, sanitation and continuing to utilize remote meeting tools as much as possible. Like many firms- we are reviewing the new rules and requirements as to how we can best operate safely and in also be in compliance with guidelines. Here are some updates from the City:

- The City Offices are OPEN via telephone and email and most operations are proceeding to a great extent. The City's general phone line remains open from 8 am to 4:30 pm - Mon-Fri; due to the call forwarding feature; we only have one incoming-line-- so you may – on occasion - receive a busy signal or it will roll to voice-mail. Please call back in a couple of minutes and we can address your needs. **651-439-4439**.
- The City Council has eased some restrictions on outside sales by City retailers and restaurants, we hope these firms can at least find some benefits with these actions. **If you are a restaurant and desire to set up operations outside – with or without liquor sales, please check in with City Hall and we can process a short application and get you rolling. The City Council will always consider further actions or ideas to help. Call Eric at 651-439-4439.**
- City Parks and Trails remain open. The City's park shelters & regular restrooms are planning to be open effective June 1st, 2020. Formal Park Shelter rental will continue to be suspended. The City's first Summer Park Event is planned for June 2nd and we are attempting to give this a try – however as compliance with Gov. Walz's orders remains in effect– especially for social distancing protocols and not more than 10 persons congregating, etc. Additional precautions are being implemented at the events. The event listing can be found on the City's website -- found here in this link → [Park Events](#):
- The City's clean-up day is still planned for Saturday Morning - June 27th! We anticipate adding certain social distancing protocols so as to protect the City's hauler staff (as well as City Staff) – such as staying in your vehicle, this might slow down the process a bit so please be patient.
- Governor Walz & State of MN has an ONLINE PORTAL that contains a number of State updates. <https://mn.gov/covid19/> The City seeks solid compliance by the general public with these new protocols so as to continue to protect our community and all its members. Please reach out to us at City Hall if you have any questions.
- The City Council and City Commissions continue to function utilizing ELECTRONIC METHODS for meetings, such as ZOOM or telephone. We expect to continue to involve the public in these processes but must rely on this available technology to make this happen. If you would like to watch these meetings and/or participate in planned Public Hearings, please reach out to the City Clerk Jenni Pinski at jpinski@cityof oakparkheights.com

The City's CORE FUNCTIONS of public service delivery regardless of the situation shall be maintained:

1. Ensuring water is delivered to homes and hydrants;
2. That sanitary sewers and sanitary sewer lift stations remain operational;
3. Streets remain plowed, and
4. Police/EMS/FIRE services remain intact and functional;
5. We expect regular building Permit Issuances and Garbage and Recyclable pick-up to continue.

Should there be any changes related to the City's ability to deliver these CORE SEVRICES we will post them on the City's Website which can be found at www.cityof oakparkheights.com and links will be placed on Facebook. One can always call City Hall at 651-439-4439 if you have any specific questions or need guidance on securing other aid. We will do our best to respond.