

## **Freedom Lake Operations Update... 5/19/20**

Hello Freedom Lake Patrons and LaGrange Community,

We are excited to share this update as it is a complete new direction from the last news that we shared. What it boils down to is fun in the sun at the beach this summer!

Freedom Lake will open for the season on Saturday, May 30<sup>th</sup>, following new Covid19 restrictions. With the announcement last Friday (5/15) by the Governor of the ability to open public beaches, we accelerated and finalized our opening plan based on the current guidance and limitations that have been shared with us to date. We will be implementing new rules and guidelines for all areas of operations. As of opening day there will be areas of the lake that will be closed. Those areas include all slides, the playground, volleyball, tetherball, ping pong, dino dig and the caterpillar crawl. **Covid19 operating protocols will be published once approved by the Dept. of Health.**

### **Here are some bullets of the reopening and operating plan for Freedom Lake:**

- Freedom Lake opens for weekends only on 5/30.
- Freedom Lake opens full time on 6/9 (yay, a week early). The last day of operations will be Labor Day.
- Lake passes are on sale in the Recreation Office **by appointment only** by calling 452-1972.
- **A very limited number** of season passes are available for the following eligible non-resident towns: Beekman, East Fishkill, Pleasant Valley, Poughkeepsie, Union Vale, Wappinger.
- We will sell a block of non-resident season passes and then evaluate beach usage. We may choose to open another block of non-resident season passes at a later date for a reduced fee if we feel our lake capacity and staff can accommodate it.
- Photo ID and tax or utility bill are **ALL** required to purchase a pass.
- Daily admission at Freedom Lake this year is open to **LAGRANGE RESIDENTS ONLY**.
- Lake bathrooms will be open for beach patrons only. Porto potties are available near basketball courts.
- Currently concessions are not allowed to open.

We will be holding a **special lake pass sale** on Wednesday, 5/27, from 6:30-8pm, at Freedom Park main pavilion where we can spread out and better meet social distancing guidelines. There will be a \$5 discount offered that night **ONLY**. Stay tuned for specific posts on that event. Remember, all recreation office transactions are by scheduled appointment only.

We are working hard to make sure we can offer you the best experience possible while being mindful of safe practices. It will be a different experience this summer, but it will be filled with joyful smiles and laughter in the summer sun. We will give you the best we can possibly offer. Be ready...we will need you to be part of our team to make this work for all. Stay tuned for new policy relating to social distancing, facility usage and cleaning protocols.

We are looking forward to seeing you very soon!

Best regards,

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