



## PARKS & RECREATION

Dear LaGrange Community,

## Town of LaGrange Parks & Recreation Department

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**Changing Lives...Inspiring Play...Fostering Teamwork!**

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It is the Town of LaGrange Parks and Recreation's overall mission and priority to provide a safe environment for you and your family to enjoy our parks and recreation programs. We also believe that communication between our department and our community is important. We are a department who has the utmost concern for you and your families' safety. And though this is news we have hoped never to have to share, we believe it is important for you to know and understand.

Currently three members of our parks and recreation team have tested positive for COVID-19. These individuals are not counselors. The infected individuals were working from July 30<sup>th</sup> through August 3<sup>rd</sup>. The Department of Behavioral & Community Health conducted an investigation and it was determined that there were no known exposures from these individuals to the children attending the camp. Everyone that has been in direct contact with the infected individuals have been tested. And, even though they have received negative test results, they have been put on a mandatory precautionary two-week quarantine. As for the safety of our employees and our families in the community, the Town of LaGrange takes this very seriously and we are sad to make the following announcement...

Freedom Park and our recreation programs, including Freedom Lake and our day camp program, will close for one week as we make time to sanitize and make sure our processes are up to par. Since our beloved Freedom Park has been closed for three days due to storm clean up, we feel this gives us ample time to assure the park is safe to reopen. Our parks will be closed effective immediately and we are confident that we will reopen on August 15<sup>th</sup> for all to enjoy!

Upon guidance from the Dutchess County Health Department in order to keep safe and healthy, we are reinforcing the policies already set in place for all our staff to follow:

- Always have and wear a face mask **at all times** when interacting with others.
- Monitor their own health including taking regular temperature checks before the start of every shift. Employees who have a temperature or are not feeling well should stay home and notify your doctor.
- Be sure to practice proper hand washing and disinfect their areas frequently, including before and after a shift.
- Be aware of travel restrictions in place by visiting the COVID -19 Travel restriction webpage at <https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov> and notify immediately if they have traveled to or from any of those places.

If you have any questions or need information concerning COVID-19 Coronavirus please visit the Dutchess County Health Department webpage or call the COVID-19 hotline at 845-486-3555.

Please be patient with us as we navigate through this unprecedented time. Since our small but mighty staff is limited, please be extra cautious while visiting our parks. We are making sure we do everything to contain the virus and the spread of the disease. It is our number one priority to keep the community safe and we are taking precautionary measures throughout our parks and within our programs.

This virus has taken much from our community and the entire world without concern or remorse for our needs. Some of us have been very lucky to not have had the loss of a loved one while others have not been so lucky. Be thankful for our health as it is not guaranteed to anyone. And remember this too shall pass!

On a positive note, please keep your eyes out for a safe event we are looking to host on September 19<sup>th</sup>!

Thank you,

Courtney Carroll  
Director of Parks and Recreation