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**FRANKFORT PARK DISTRICT
Illinois Moves to Phase 5 – Frankfort Park District Return to Normal**

Governor Pritzker announced the State of Illinois will fully reopen today, June 11. Visit https://www2.illinois.gov/news/release?ReleaseID=23415&fbclid=IwAR15qu_VLF-QomzSjUeyrLRB3_f3GibkrNbB3937I0Wa5Ok3i6gcGrSF3dY for his announcement.

Starting Friday, June 11, fully vaccinated individuals are not required to wear a face mask or social distance. Individuals not fully vaccinated must wear a face mask in Park District facilities or when social distancing is not possible outdoors. By participating in a Park District program, activity, event, or visiting a Park District facility without a face mask, you are verifying truthfully that you have been fully vaccinated. The State of IL has also released updated “All Sports Guidelines”. Adjustments have been made to lift the requirement for masks while playing outdoor sports. However, for those not fully vaccinated, which includes most youth, the “All Sports Guidelines” require individuals to wear a mask while participating in close contact indoor sports. The indoor sports, where it is required that a mask be worn includes basketball, volleyball, boxing, hockey and wrestling,

Stacy Proper the Superintendent of Recreation said, “We are happy things are finally moving in a positive direction. The events put on by both the Park District and the Village bring out a sense of community in Frankfort. This past year has been hard for the Park District not to be able to offer those opportunities to the residents. The events we did offer were limited with restrictions in place, so we are excited our events are opening up for families to enjoy.”

The Frankfort Park District will begin to return to normal. Some events have changed and that is because the planning for the return to normal affected the event. The 4th of July will be celebrated with Fireworks at Main Park which will open at 8:00 pm. The Fireworks will begin at 9:15 pm and are sponsored by the Frankfort Park District, Village of Frankfort, Frankfort Chamber of Commerce, Frankfort Firefighters Foundation, & Frankfort Firefighters Local 4338. The July 4 event will not include activities of the past but is scaled back and will not include a full day’s activities. Face coverings are encouraged to be worn for those that are not fully vaccinated and cannot maintain social distance. Attendees can view the fireworks show from Main Park but can also view the show from areas around the downtown. There is limited parking at Main Park but additional parking is available along Nebraska, Village Hall and the parking lot at Borg Warner. There will not be concessions available, so attendees are encouraged to bring refreshments, alcohol is not permitted in the park.

There will be a return of Movies on the Green back to Breidert Green, White & Kansas Street. Trolls World Tour (PG) will play on Tuesday, July 13 and Inside Out (PG) on Tuesday, August 10 at 8:30 pm. Registration is now open for the Short Run on a Long Day 5k Run/Walk, which has been scheduled for Thursday, July 29 at



Main Park with a race time of 7:00 pm. The date was pushed back to ensure the State would reopen and we could hold the annual event.

“We are excited to announce the return of the Short Run 5k. Runners were disappointed that initially the Park District was offering a virtual option again this year but once restrictions lightened, we were able to plan the return of the race live and in person. This year’s race will be a different date but same route our runners love” said Cali DeBella, Recreation Supervisor.

Director Hassett stated that “The Park District appreciates the cooperation that has been made by those who participated during the pandemic. It has been a year of ups and downs. Staff worked to be responsive to the ever-changing Covid mitigation rules and we are grateful for the willingness of our residents to work with us. We aren’t throwing away our signs regarding Covid mitigation rules, but we will tuck them away and hope the next time we pull the signs out it will help us to remember how far we have come and that we can all work together to protect one another. We look forward to seeing and hearing all the participants back in our facilities.”

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