



Fridley Civic Campus

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UPDATE: City of Fridley Recreation and Springbrook Nature Center Summer Services

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As the weather begins to warm up, the Fridley Recreation and Springbrook offices are typically buzzing with excitement as we plan activities for you all to enjoy throughout the summer. Like it is for many, this year is different. Our team is doing our best to keep up with the rapidly changing information regarding the COVID-19 pandemic and adapting our plans for summer programming and activities. We are committed to continuing our work to serve Fridley in a safe and meaningful way.

Your safety and health are our top priority as we explore new and different ways for the community to stay active, connect with each other, and have fun! We are currently updating our programming and facility operations for the summer. As this situation changes, we will continue to release updates on our websites and Facebook pages.

Facilities

- Springbrook Nature Center will open restrooms to the public on June 1.
- The Nature Center exhibit area will remain closed until further notice.
- Parks and trails are open and available for you to use.
 - Please keep yourself and others safe by following these guidelines:
 - Do not use parks or trails if you are exhibiting [symptoms of illness](#).
 - Always keep a minimum of 6-feet away from other people.
 - If this is not possible, find another location or leave the space.
 - Share the trail and warn other users of your presence as you pass, and step aside to let others pass.
 - Wash your hands and avoid touching your face.
- City playgrounds are open but are not cleaned or sanitized.
 - If you choose to use the playgrounds, wash and/or sanitize your hands before and after touching play structures and follow proper social distancing.
 - The City does not currently have satellite restrooms available and drinking fountains are not turned on.
- Picnic Shelters reservations will not be accepted until at least July 6.

Follow the [CDC's guidance on personal hygiene](#) prior to visiting parks, trails, or the nature center. Please wash your hands and avoid touching your face. It is recommended that you [wear a cloth face mask](#) whenever in a public building.

Programming

To maintain the health and safety of participants and staff, the following cancellations/changes have been made:

- Summer ROCKS, Springbrook Nature Center camps, field trips, special events (i.e. Wet & Wild Water Party, Nickel Jamboree) and Safety Camp are cancelled.
- Connecting Fridley Community events scheduled for June 24, July 22 and August 12 have been cancelled.
- Springbrook Summer Concerts:
 - June concert has been cancelled.
 - Decisions on July and August concerts will be announced in mid-June.

City staff is continuing to modify our offerings with new safety procedures in place. Please stay tuned to our [website](#) and Facebook pages for updates and new programming.

Sports

At this time, sports games are prohibited by the Governor's current [Stay Safe Order](#). Staff continues to wait for guidance from the Center for Disease Control and the Minnesota Department of Health. The following changes to sports are in effect:

- Instructional classes and lessons:
 - We are investigating alternative delivery methods and best practices for skills-based programs.
- Adult sports leagues (softball, pickleball, basketball, soccer, golf):
 - All leagues are postponed until at least July 6. We hope to offer one season versus a spring and fall schedule.
- Youth Sports Leagues are run by volunteer associations in Fridley.
 - Decisions on these programs will be made by the individual sports.
 - Field rentals will be available for groups after July 6.

Please continue to monitor FridleyMN.gov/Recreation and SpringbrookNatureCenter.com for up-to-date information and resources, including a list of ways you can still enjoy our parks and nature center while maintaining appropriate physical distancing to help slow the spread of COVID-19.