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TOWN POOL OPENINGS 2020

July 4, 2020 – Country Knolls and Barney Road Pools

The Town of Clifton Park recently announced plans to open the Town pools in early July, following updated guidance released by New York State allowing public pools to operate this Summer. The Town Pools annually open on Memorial Day Weekend and close following Labor Day Weekend. When it became clear in early May the Town Pools would not be able to open at the end of the month, it was decided we would postpone opening day to July 1st, which was established as a placeholder. We decided to take a wait and see approach as circumstances related to COVID 19 changed daily. Our team conducted general maintenance and repair projects to ensure we maintained a readiness footing, while we awaited any changes to NYS policy.

When the news stating pools can open in July was released, we quickly began to redouble our efforts in preparation of a definitive opening day. Our team has been contacting the lifeguards hired in February to confirm they will be able to return, preparing to fill the pools, order supplies, establish new protocols for pool operations and many other vital tasks. Many lifeguards are returning in 2020. Based on the number of guards who have committed to return, two pools will be open.

This year's pool season will be very different than any of the other 20 years the Town has owned the pools. The schedule, standard operational procedures and new rules will significantly change the dynamics of our pools. Our goal is to provide the best possible experience for Clifton Park families, under the restrictive conditions we must follow. We appreciate your cooperation and patience to help everyone have an enjoyable and successful pool season. The young men and women who work at the pools along with our management team, will be adjusting to some different operational elements and they also will need your cooperation.

We have listed the schedule and policies for the 2020 pool season in the attached document. The Country Knolls Pool and Barney Road Pool will open July 4th. The Locust Lane Pool will remain closed for the season. There will only be daily passes available and the number of people allowed within the pool grounds at one time will be less than the normal capacity limits allow. We will not be able to allow use of some of the pool features and protective masks will be required upon entry.

Please review the information below for more details. Daily Pass tickets can be purchased at the Parks and Recreation Office on the first floor of Town Hall between the hours of 8am-5pm, Monday through Friday. Unfortunately, due to capacity limitations only Clifton Park residents will be able to purchase tickets so please have identification available. We will continually assess all policies for the pools as conditions and new guidelines from NYS are established.

On Monday June 29th from 2pm-4pm, daily pass tickets can be purchased at the Barney Road Pool Clubhouse. On Wednesday July 1st from 2pm-4pm the tickets can be purchased at the Country Knolls Pool front gate. Cash or check will be accepted. Please note that other than these two limited opportunities, please purchase all daily pass tickets at Town Hall. The daily pass tickets can be used for any day the pool is open.

The Town Board is very proud of our team, who has worked expeditiously to ensure the Town Pools will be open in 2020. We are also proud to offer a Full Day Camp this year on short notice as well. The Town Board is committed to offering as many services as possible for Clifton Park residents in a safe manner.

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