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PRESS RELEASE

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Rec Centers updates coronavirus closure plans

After further consideration following residents' feedback, the Rec Centers is canceling Spring Fest this weekend.

The Association heard from many residents who suggested the Spring Fest should be canceled for residents' safety, following Wednesday's announcement that other facilities were closing and events being canceled as a precaution against coronavirus. With low turnout predicted anyway due to the soggy conditions, the Rec Centers announced this morning the Spring Fest is canceled. The 5K Race on March 28 also is canceled.

Staff is still working out whether these events and others can be rescheduled or how refunds/credits will be issued. These details have not yet been determined, and residents are asked to be patient and give us time to work out the details.

We have notified Maricopa County of our closure since Beardsley Rec Center was scheduled as a polling place during Tuesday's primary. Please contact the County to see where the new polling places are located, as election officials have moved several polling places from senior communities due to coronavirus concerns.

Additionally, the Rec Centers would like to clarify any confusion about whether outdoor facilities and spaces will remain open. To limit the financial hit on the Association, the golf courses will remain open to golfers, with limited person-to-person contact. No concessions or beverages will be sold, and golfers are asked to limit their time in the pro shop. Golfers should check in at the pro shop and go to their carts before being called to the tee. To reduce congestion, golfers should not socialize in the pro shop or on the patio.

All other outdoor venues and events are closed. This includes:

- Softball field and clubhouse
- All Pickleball courts
- All Tennis courts
- Both mini golf courses
- Bocce courts
- Lawn bowling
- Beardsley Park

- All courtyards
- Both dog parks
- All walking tracks

These closures will remain in effect until March 30. Staff will reevaluate the situation prior to that date to see if any changes should be made.

“We understand what an inconvenience this is for our members and guests,” said General Manager Bill Schwind. “This is the right decision for the safety of our members. We know not everyone agrees with us, but safety is first, and the long-term financial security of the Association is second. That is why golf remains open with limited person-to-person contact. All other facilities are closed. We are working with the Broadcast Club to allow very limited access to their studio so they can do public service announcements on this situation.”

Members who need to pay their dues can mail them to the R.H. Johnson Recreation Center, 19803 R.H. Johnson Blvd., Sun City West, AZ 85375; or call 623-544-6100 to pay by phone with a credit card. Those who plan to golf are encouraged to put money on their accounts by calling that number.

Residents are advised to watch suncitywest.com and sign up for the Rec Centers’ enews or follow us on our social media pages for the latest information.

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