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City of Santa Cruz Parks and Beaches Update

SANTA CRUZ, CA— Given recent updates to State and County Health Orders, the City of Santa Cruz is clarifying the status of key amenities within our Parks & Recreation system.

Beaches

Effective May 1 at 11:59 p.m. City of Santa Cruz beaches will be closed from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., daily until further notice. Additionally, curfews for Cowell and Main Beach will also be in effect from midnight to one hour before sunrise as stipulated in the City of Santa Cruz Beach Management Plan and in accordance with City Municipal Code 13.04.

During the times that beaches are closed, the ocean will remain open for water sports (e.g., surfing, boogie-boarding, swimming, paddle-boarding, kayaking, boating, etc.), and individuals may cross beaches in order to access and leave the ocean.

During the times that beaches are open, they are to be used only for active recreation, such as running, walking, water sports, or other form of physical activity. All other non-exercise, passive, or sedentary activities at beaches, such as sitting, lying, standing, picnicking, etc, are prohibited. Please continue to observe safe distancing while at our beaches and comply with all posted signs and notices.

DeLaveaga Golf Course

The DeLaveaga Golf Course will reopen Monday, May 4, 2020 under modified operations that comply with Appendix C of the County's updated Shelter-in-Place Order. Please visit delaveagagolf.com for more information.

The Santa Cruz Wharf

The Santa Cruz Wharf is open for physical exercise and fishing. Beginning Monday, May 1 parking on the Santa Cruz Wharf will be limited to 20 minutes for curbside pick-up from Wharf businesses only.

Parks and Open Spaces

Outdoor exercise continues to be allowed in parks and open spaces while following safe distancing guidelines. However, large gatherings are a violation of shelter-in-place orders meant to protect public health. In consideration of everyone, if the area you want to visit is crowded, consider altering your schedule to do so when there are fewer people.

"The City of Santa Cruz offers many outdoor exercise locations to maintain health and well-being in compliance with social distancing guidelines," said Parks and Recreation Director Tony Elliot. "Please consider using the rest of our 1,700 acres of parks, greenways and open space for walking, jogging and other activities, but please do not congregate."

Public safety personnel throughout Santa Cruz County will work collaboratively to ensure compliance with the Order through patrols and engagement with community members. Violation of or failure to comply with this Order is a misdemeanor punishable by fine, imprisonment, or both. (California Health and Safety Code§ 120295, et seq.; Cal.Penal Code§§ 69, 148(a)(I))

Please see <http://www.cityofsantacruz.com/coronavirus> for updated information and resources.

The City of Santa Cruz Parks and Recreation Department provides environments, experiences and programs that enrich lives and build a healthy community.

<<Public Health Order Attached>>

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