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Town of Needham Opens Pool for Residents with COVID-19 Safety Measures in Place

NEEDHAM – Wednesday, July 29, 2020 – Park and Recreation welcomed residents back to the Pools at the Rosemary Recreation Complex Tuesday with individuals and families assigned to their own designated pods or lanes in order to enjoy the pools safely during the COVID-19 pandemic.

“The entire staff at Park and Recreation has worked so hard to get our programs and pool up and running for residents to enjoy themselves this summer,” said Park and Recreation Director Stacey Mulroy. “It was wonderful to see all that work pay off as the public was invited back in to swim and play.”

While many communities chose to keep their pools closed this summer due to the pandemic, the Town worked to open its pools with numerous safety measures in place. In addition to the required pre-registration for assigned spots in both the family and lap pools, safety measures include:

- Additional cleaning and pool testing six times per day between swim slots;
- Changes in lifeguard procedures to minimize contact;
- Social distancing markers throughout the pool area and pool deck;
- Separate pool entry and exit points;
- Required face coverings when not in the water;
- Swimmer wellness forms; and more.

The pools are open Tuesday – Sunday. Lap swim and pool walking is available from 7 am to 12:30 pm Tuesday through Friday. Family swim is open 1:30 pm to 7 pm Tuesday through Sunday. Members of the Pools at Rosemary Recreation Complex will have first access to register for time slots and pay no additional fees to reserve a time slot. Non-Members will have access to available spots after the initial 'Members only' period and pay a fee of \$5.00 per person entering the facility.

The pools are expected to remain open until August 23, 2020. Residents may sign up for pool time by visiting www.needhamma.gov/ParkandRecreation and following the Registration process.

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