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and recreational experiences.*

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## **Cornelius PARC Takes Precautions Amid Growing COVID-19 Concerns**

As concern about the global pandemic continues to grow, the Town of Cornelius has taken additional steps to keep the community safe. The safety and well-being of everyone who visits our PARC facilities are always our primary concerns. In light of the current situation and following federal, state and local direction, please note the following updates:

**All Organized PARC Programming is Canceled, Extended Until May 10:**

### **Special Events:**

- A Morning With the Easter Bunny at the Cornelius Arts Center on April 3 is canceled
- Hop Into Spring at Robbins Park on April 4 is canceled
- Hooked on Cornelius at Robbins Park on April 25 is canceled
- Earth Jam 2020 at Robbins Park on April 25 is canceled
- Lake Norman Bike Expo at Davidson Town Green on May 2 is canceled

### **Athletic Programs:**

- Hot Shots Challenge Basketball at Bailey Road Recreation Center on March 21 is canceled
- Westmoreland Athletic Complex baseball/softball tournaments are canceled through May 10
- Adult Softball spring league season is suspended
- Beginner Pickleball Lessons are suspended
- Charlotte Independence soccer is suspended through May 10
- Lake Norman Little League baseball and softball are suspended through May 10
- Xtreme Lacrosse is suspended through May 10
- Lake Norman Tennis Academy lessons are suspended through May 10
- No reservations for field or facility rentals are being accepted at this time

### **Recreation Programs:**

- Walk with a Doc events at Antiquity Greenway on April 4 and May 2 are canceled
- Morning Nature Walk at Robbins Park on April 14 is canceled
- Bailey Road and JV Washam Recreation Centers' programming is canceled at least until May 10, including both fee-based (SKWOD Fit Camp, Tai Chi, Cardio Funk, and Cornelius Youth Orchestras) and free/open gym

programming (Adult Basketball and Senior Pickleball) provided at these centers

- Town Hall recreation programming is canceled at least until May 10, including Lake Norman Bridge Club, Tai Chi, and Senior Fit Club

### **Arts Programs:**

- All remaining classes of the Spring A session of arts education classes already started at the Cornelius Arts Center are canceled
- The Spring B session of arts education classes is canceled
- Art in the Park at Robbins Park on April 15 is canceled

### **Crediting Your Account for Canceled Programs**

Program participants will receive a pro rata credit to their account for any unused portion of programming that has been canceled for the current session. For example, if a program costs \$100 and half the program has been completed then the participant will receive a \$50 credit to their account, which is good for any other future program registration.

### **Parks & Greenways Are Open, But...!!!**

Though our programming is taking a hiatus, you can still enjoy our wonderful parks and their wide-open spaces. In fact, many health experts recommend people get outdoors to relax and alleviate stress during this difficult time. Ample open spaces within our parks allow you to maintain the recommended “social distancing”: the CDC recommends a minimum of 6 feet distance to help reduce the risk of spread between individuals. Also, the use of playgrounds is strongly discouraged because, while our team is working diligently to help ensure public safety, it is not feasible to continuously monitor and clean all the components. Should you choose to use the playgrounds, you do so at your own risk. Visit our web pages to find more information about our [great trails](#) and [beautiful parks](#).

### **Cleaning & Sanitizing**

Our park maintenance staff already do an exceptional job of keeping our facilities safe and clean. Out of an abundance of caution, we have implemented additional steps to more thoroughly sanitize our park restroom facilities. A more appropriate EPA-approved disinfectant is now being used to clean our park restroom facilities with even more focus on high-touch areas such as door handles, faucet handles, and flush valves.

### **Good Hygiene**

As we have heard from the CDC, people need to continually wash their hands. After spending time in our parks, please wash your hands before you leave. Our park restrooms are stocked with soap dispensers and touch-free hand dryers for your convenience.

### **Questions & More Information**

Town officials and PARC staff are closely monitoring this rapidly changing situation and will continue to align with the direction provided by government and public health authorities. We will share additional information in the days to come. We will also address programming beyond May 10 as soon as those decisions are made.

If you have any questions related to programming, please feel free to call us. For Cornelius Arts Center programs you can reach us at 704-896-8823. For all other

programming and special events you can reach us at 704-892-6031, ext. 160.

Cornelius residents are encouraged to stay abreast of the rapidly evolving situation via reliable sources including the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#) (CDC), the [NC DHHS](#) and the [Mecklenburg County Public Health Department](#) (MCPH).

For more information on COVID-19, review a [fact sheet](#) provided by the NC DHHS and direct questions to the COVID-19 Citizen Hotline (1-866-462-3821).

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