

GREENFIELD

Green River swimming area opening

Staff Report

GREENFIELD — The Green River Swimming and Recreation Area on Nash's Mill Road is opening today with reduced hours after a short delay caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Greenfield's Recreation Department, Health Department and Department of Public Works have been busy preparing the park for opening, according to a Recreation Department press release. Starting today, the swimming area will be open seven days a week from noon to 7 p.m.

"There will be many increased safety precautions," stated Recreation Director Christy Moore. "We have been working closely with our park staff to train and prepare them for the new guidelines we must follow."

According to the release, visitors should expect changes when they visit the park, including logging their names and telephone numbers at the gate, wearing face masks when social distancing cannot be maintained and setting up on the beach 12 feet apart to allow for transit across the beach. Currently, pavilion and group rentals are not permitted and no groups larger than 10 are allowed together. Any-



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The Green River Swimming and Recreation Area is opening Saturday with reduced hours after a short delay caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

one who is sick is asked to stay home and not visit the park.

Throughout Phase 2 of the state's reopening plan, changing rooms, showers and water fountains will remain closed, but public restrooms will be open and available for use. The release states the Recreation Department is increasing the frequency of cleaning and disinfecting throughout the park and restrooms. Hand sanitizer stations are also being installed.

"The health and safety of both park visitors and our staff is our top priority," Moore continued. "We thank the public

for their cooperation as we navigate this new and evolving situation together. With temperatures forecasted to reach 90 degrees, we are happy to be able to get this facility open to the public."

Season passes for the swimming area can be purchased or renewed at the park gate or renewed online. Daily rates are also available to those who don't want to purchase a season pass. For more information, visit greenfield-recreation.com or call the Recreation Department at 413-772-1553.