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City Announces Limited Park Reopenings

Manhattan Beach, CA (May 8, 2020) - The City of Manhattan Beach will begin a gradual, phased-in, limited reopening of specific parks and amenities beginning May 8, 2020. Following a successful re-opening of Polliwog Park consistent with State and County Public Health guidelines, City Council has now approved the reopening of open space and walkways at Live Oak Park and Sand Dune Park.

At Live Oak Park, both the north and south portions of the open space will be reopened. The baseball field, also known as Dorsey Field, will remain closed; organized sports, such as baseball and softball, are not allowed due to social distancing guidelines implemented by the State and Los Angeles County. All other park amenities remain closed.

At Sand Dune Park, only the grassy area will be reopened. The dune, "tot lot" family area and the staircase remain closed.

"Our goal is to take a measured approach to provide residents an opportunity to recreate and enjoy the outdoors while ensuring a safe environment exists for the community," said Mayor Richard Montgomery.

A phased approach to reopening parks and recreation facilities allows for safe and thoughtful community access while protecting public health. The principles guiding the phases include activities with no contact, such as walking through a park, low contact such as organized activities like tennis, limited gatherings, including having a small organized activity and an eventual return to normal activities including larger gatherings. During the first phase, individuals must continue to practice social distancing and avoiding gatherings. Further, the City continues to strongly encourage residents to wear face coverings while in public, including in parks.

In addition, City Council directed staff to begin implementing components of Phase 2, including permitting singles tennis through an online reservation system. Public tennis courts are expected to reopen later this month. Visit www.citymb.info/parksandfacilities for the latest information on park and facility reopenings.

While Live Oak Park, Sand Dune Park, and Polliwog Park are open for limited recreation, residents are also encouraged to recreate at home and within their neighborhood. For ideas, tips and instructional videos on how to do so, visit the City's virtual recreation program, "[Healthy at Home](#)."

The City will continue to monitor and evaluate the conduct and behavior of park visitors, their willingness to exhibit safe practices, and Coronavirus trends in the community. The City may adjust openings and closures based on such information.