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## PARK AND RECREATION STATEMENT

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I hope this statement finds all of you and your families healthy in such a dynamic time. Things are changing so rapidly around us but we continue to stay optimistic as we move toward our spring and summer programs. I believe after all of this is over, we will welcome a sense of normalcy recreation can provide.

I first wanted to update you on our parks and playground structures within our parks. As a reminder we do not sanitize equipment in our parks. Please use caution and follow CDC health and safety recommendations. We encourage you to practice social distancing and avoidance of gatherings and group activities. We also encourage you to help keep our parks maintained by picking up any garbage if you choose to be in our parks.

The second update has to do with our spring and summer programs. At this time we will postpone any activities associated with our spring/summer programs. This may include tryouts, practices and any other park and rec activities. **This is not a cancellation** of our programs as we are still hopeful we can get past this and move forward with our programs. We want everyone to continue to sign up with one change. We will be switching registration on Activenet ([www.waupacaactive.net](http://www.waupacaactive.net)) to signing up on the programs waiting list. This allows us to collect all information without payment to start. Once we have a better handle on how a possible season may look, we will communicate with everyone. If at that time the new schedule does not work for your family, you will be allowed to withdraw. If you paid, you will receive a full refund and if you are on the waiting list, we can cancel your registration. As a reminder, if we have to fully cancel a program anyone signed up will receive a full refund.

So as a reminder, please continue to register for all programs and we will continue to communicate as we move forward through this unpredictable time.

Please feel free to reach out to our staff with any questions you may have.

Sincerely,  
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