



July 21, 2020

MAYOR'S UPDATE

Illinois is currently in Phase 4 of the RESTORE ILLINOIS PLAN. This has allowed our community to move forward as we make our way back to “normality.” All COVID-related decisions made by the City of Palos Heights have been based on facts supplied to us from various government agencies. We have always acted with the intention of protecting the best interests of our citizens – and not to embarrass anyone on a State or Federal level.

Currently, all local government and City-provided services are available as usual. We have made some required modifications to all Recreation Center activities.

FAQ's

City Hall answers lots of questions each day related to COVID-19. I would like to answer a few of the more common questions here.

Q: Are masks required in businesses?

A: Restaurant workers are required to wear masks. All other industry workers and patrons are *encouraged* to wear masks. Retail business can deny service to a customer who does not wear a mask. According to the IDPH website, “the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) now recommends wearing cloth face coverings in public settings where other social distancing measures are difficult to maintain (e.g., grocery stores and pharmacies), especially in areas of significant community-based transmission.”

Q: Is the pool open?

A: Yes. The pool reopened on July 13 with capacity restrictions. Reservations are required. See the Recreation Center website at <https://www.palosheightsrec.org/416/Palos-Heights-Pool> or call 708-361-1807. The pool season will end on August 16, 2020.

Q: Will the City be hosting any concerts or movies this summer?

A: The Recreation Department is working on a plan to safely host movies and concerts. Pre-Registration will be required to control crowd size. Currently, the Rec Department is accepting pre-registration for a showing of the movie *Space Jam* at Meyers Park on July 30th. Registration is available at www.palosheightsrec.org. Check the website for future events.

New Business

An encouraging sign of the return to normality is the opening of new businesses in our City. We have 4 new businesses on schedule to open in the near future. Those businesses are:

Manhattan Firehouse Grill

NW corner of Harlem Avenue and 127th Street

Menu: Fresh hand-formed, flame-broiled burgers, hand-cut fries, homemade meatballs, marinara, cheese sticks, battered onion rings. Made to order with all fresh ingredients.

Renovation: Summer 2020

Est. Opening: Fall 2020

Fat Papa's

11845 Southwest Highway

Menu: Breakfast, lunch and dinner. Lunch and dinners specializing in burgers, fries and pizza

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Andy's Frozen Custard

12755 S. Harlem Avenue

Menu: Frozen Custard with toppings served from a unique outdoor venue with outdoor seating

Est. Construction Commencement: Fall 2020

Est. Opening: Early Spring 2021

Dunkin' (aka, Dunkin' Donuts)

11851 Southwest Highway

Menu: Coffee, donuts and breakfast sandwiches

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The City will continue to follow recommendations for the public's safety. City Officials and Staff are committed to keeping our community safe and healthy by doing our part. We understand this is a difficult time and sincerely appreciate your patience, understanding and cooperation. Updates will be provided on our website and Facebook as information becomes available.

Best Regards,



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City of Palos Heights