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First Selectman

TOWN OF GUILFORD
EMERGENCY ORDER REGARDING
OUTDOOR USE OF TOWN-OWNED PROPERTIES

WHEREAS, on March 10, 2020, the Governor of the State of Connecticut declared a public health emergency and a civil preparedness emergency for the State of Connecticut, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Sections 19a-131 and 28-9, in response to the global pandemic of COVID-19 disease associated with a novel coronavirus that is currently affecting multiple countries and states; and

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2020, the First Selectman of the Town of Guilford, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Sections 28-8a(a), 28-1(8), and 28-22, declared a state of emergency for the Town of Guilford, due to the significant danger to public health posed by the spread of COVID-19 and shortages of supplies and equipment necessary to protect the public health and safety, and the spread of COVID-19 to residents of the Town of Guilford as a result of the global pandemic; and

WHEREAS, in an effort to safely facilitate beneficial outdoor exercise for the general public in a manner consistent with Governor Lamont’s Executive Orders related to COVID-19, the First Selectman, has decided to take the following actions:

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that, pursuant to the powers and duties granted by Connecticut General Statutes sections 28-8a, Section 3-2 of the Town Charter and Section 27-3 of the Town Code, and notwithstanding the provisions of Chapter 214 of the Town Code, entitled “Parks and Public Places,” and any other Charter or Town Code provision to the contrary, effective immediately until further notice:

1. Outdoor use of the following Town-owned properties shall be permitted, subject to the restrictions on use set forth below:
   A W COX SCHOOL FIELDS, ABRAHAM BALDWIN MIDDLE SCHOOL FIELDS, BITTNER PARK, BITTNER SKATE PARK, BLUFF HEAD PARKING LOT, BRAEMORE PRESERVE, CALVIN LEETE SCHOOL FIELDS, CHAFFINCH ISLAND PARK, CHITTENDEN BEACH, CHITTENDEN PARK, DANIEL AVENUE BEACH, DUDLEY PROPERTY, E C ADAMS MIDDLE SCHOOL FIELDS and TENNIS/PICKLEBALL COURTS, EAST RIVER PRESERVE, GRASS ISLAND, GUILFORD HIGH SCHOOL FIELDS and TENNIS/PICKLEBALL COURTS, GUILFORD LAKES SCHOOL FIELDS and TENNIS/PICKLEBALL COURTS, JACOBS BEACH, JAMES VALLEY PRESERVE, LAKE QUONNI PAUG BATHHOUSE/PARKING, LAKE QUONNI PAUG BEACH, LONG HILL PARK, MARINA, MELISSA JONES SCHOOL FIELDS, MEYER HUBER PRESERVE, MILL POND, NATHANAEL B. GREENE COMMUNITY CENTER, NUT PLAINS DOG PARK, NUT PLAINS PARK, OLMSTEAD OUTLOOK, PEDDLERS PARK, DISC GOLF COURSE located at BITTNER PARK, ROLLWOOD PARK, SHELL BEACH, SHORELINE OUTDOOR EDUCATION CENTER, TIMBERLAND
PRESENCE, TOWN GREEN, and TROLLEY ROAD BEACH. The Guilford Lakes Golf Course will be open at a date in the near future subject to restrictions of use adopted by the Guilford Lakes Golf Course Commission, which are posted on the Town website. Basketball courts located on Town-owned properties will continue to be closed until further notice.

2. The use of the foregoing Town-owned properties shall be subject to the following restrictions:
   (i) Strictly adhere to Governor Lamont’s Executive Orders, including, without limitation, Executive Order (EO) 7N, which prohibits all social and recreational gatherings of more than 5 people, until such time as EO 7N is further modified or lifted by the Governor;
   (ii) Maintain Center for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines on social distancing, which include, without limitation, staying at least six (6) feet apart at all times over entire property including any associated parking areas;
   (iii) Recommendation to wear a face mask in accordance with CDC guidelines to provide maximum protection to others, including the most vulnerable individuals in our community, subject to any mandatory face mask requirements set forth in the Governor’s EO 7BB;
   (iv) Upon opening, the use of Guilford Lakes Golf Course shall comply with State DECD best practices, set forth https://www.csgalinks.org/content/csga/csga-covid-19-resources#best%20practices, as further restricted by rules adopted by the Guilford Lakes Golf Course Commission;
   (vi) Use of tennis courts for pickle ball shall comply with any National Pickle Ball Association guidelines and relevant CDC guidelines;
   (vii) If you do not feel well stay home so that you do not endanger others, including the most vulnerable in our community. Individuals evidencing symptoms of COVID-19, may be expelled from the use of such Town properties;
   (viii) Use of such Town properties shall be permitted only from sunrise to sunset;
   (ix) Recreational pick-up games of any kind are prohibited, due to the inability to adequately self-distance and the health and safety issues of sharing a ball, frisbee, disc or similar equipment by hand;
   (x) Use of playground equipment on Town-owned properties continues to be prohibited until further notice;
   (xi) Swimming at Town-owned properties is prohibited, until receipt of further guidance from the State and the CDC;
   (xii) Use of Town Marina and State boat launch shall comply with relevant DEEP and CDC guidelines;
   (xiii) These restrictions, while extensive, may not be entirely comprehensive. If CDC or the State develops additional methods of reducing or eliminating risk and keeping individuals safe, such restrictions shall be adopted.

3. Individuals violating the provisions of this Executive Order or any related local, state or federal order or any related local ordinance or state statute, may be subject to enforcement action.

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that this order will be made publicly available for inspection and review in the Office of the Town Clerk of the Town of Guilford and shall be posted on the Town of Guilford website.

Dated: April 29, 2020

Matthew T. Hoey, III
First Selectman