

## Columbiana Firestone Park & Recreation Department COVID-19 Opening Update

May 19, 2020

The City of Columbiana has made the decision to open the Firestone Pool mid-June.

The Park Recreation and Cemetery Board also approved the opening of the baseball fields which coincides with the Governor's orders:

- [Beginning Tuesday, May 26](#), sports leagues in Ohio will be permitted to operate if these leagues can meet required safety protocols. This applies only to non-contact and limited-contact sports. **A full list of mandatory and recommended best practices will be available soon at [coronavirus.ohio.gov](https://coronavirus.ohio.gov).** Note that safety protocols for high-contact sports are in development.

The City will continue to closely monitor Governor DeWine's reopening plans and will continue assessing the status of Firestone Pool and Firestone Park Pavilion's opening on a week by week basis.

**The Columbiana Park Recreation and Cemetery Board will hold a Special ZOOM Meeting on June 1<sup>st</sup> at 7PM to discuss details regarding COVID-19 opening and operating procedures for the Firestone Pool.**

Organized activities anywhere in the park system will still be prohibited until further notice and bathroom facilities will remain closed indefinitely. Visitors of the park are asked to follow the advice and protocol outlined by local, state and national health organizations. The Columbiana Firestone Park & Recreation Department recognizes the inconvenience this may cause, however our main priority is always keeping our city staff, park patrons and town safe during this unprecedented time.

Firestone Park is located at the center of Columbiana and is the recreational cornerstone of the City. Established by the generous donation of land and funds by one of Columbiana's favorite sons, Harvey S. Firestone. The beautiful 68-acre park has been maintained and has prospered through the tireless efforts of the community. For more information on the City of Columbiana and Firestone Park you may contact 330-482-2656 or visit [columbianaohio.gov](https://columbianaohio.gov).

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