



June 2, 2020

**UPDATE  
JULY 4<sup>th</sup> AND SUMMER SPECIAL EVENTS**

As we move through the Phases of the RESTORE ILLINOIS PLAN and adhere to the guidelines from the Governor's Office, Centers for Disease Control (CDC), the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH), and the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO), ***the City has made the difficult decision to cancel the following summer activities:*** outdoor concerts and movies through the end of July, the July 3rd special event, fireworks and the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade. In addition, the pool is closed until further notice and the annual Car Classic event is also cancelled. However, we are in the process of discussing an alternate Car Classic event – and possibly a special community event in the fall. The Recreation Department has begun working on that potential event which would incorporate food, games, music and fireworks.

We will continue to closely follow recommendations for the public's safety, as it pertains to the maximum number of people in a group, social distancing, and public park usage. The previously mentioned agencies provide us guidelines in order to make appropriate decisions on which activities and operations can be offered this summer and beyond. We understand this is a difficult time for all and we are doing our best, considering the health and safety circumstances. The timelines and guidelines are very fluid, with regard to planning fall programs and events. We will keep posting updates to the community.

City Officials and Staff are committed to keeping our community safe and healthy by doing our part to properly maintain outdoor recreation areas. We sincerely thank you for your patience, understanding and cooperation.

For information regarding these special events, please connect with the Recreation Department via email at [Recreation@palosheights.org](mailto:Recreation@palosheights.org) or call 708-361-1807. Please continue to check out updates as they become available on our [website](#) and Facebook.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "RS", written over the text "Best Regards,".

Robert S. Straz  
Mayor  
City of Palos Heights