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News Release

City continues limited facility re-openings next week in Phase 3

Some facilities will remain closed under City plan that follows Ad Astra phases

ARKANSAS CITY, Kan. (May 29, 2020) — Starting next week, the City of Arkansas City will continue the limited reopening of several facilities as part of Phase 3 of Kansas' Ad Astra state reopening plan.

Key facilities set to begin reopening Monday are City Hall and the Agri-Business Building. The Paris Park Pool is on track to open June 8 with a capacity of 250 people, as allowed under the most recent local Public Health Order issued by Cowley County Public Health Officer Thomas Langer. Recycling operations in both Arkansas City and Winfield also are set to resume next week on a modified basis.

The Agri-Business Building will not be available for public rental, but it will be reserved for the hosting of IYQ Camp as in previous years. Also, the Arkansas City Public Library will be initiating curbside services starting Monday as part of its own reopening plan, although the building will remain closed.

To maintain the health of its employees and help to limit the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19) locally, the City closed City Hall to the public in late March. Starting Monday, the following offices will be able to start reopening to the public with safeguards, including Plexiglas dividers and social distancing:

- **City Clerk's Office and City Manager's Office**, located on the first (main) floor;
- **Finance Department / Utility Billing Office**, located on the first (main) floor;
- **Municipal Court / Commission Room**, located on the first (main) floor;
- **Neighborhood Services Division**, located on the second (top) floor.

Through Phase 3, the basement offices at City Hall will remain closed to the public. Any business with those offices will continue to be conducted online, by telephone or email, or via appointments.

All other City facilities, including the following, will remain closed to the public in Phase 3:

- **Cleo Graves Memorial Hogan**, located in Ranney Park at 326 E. Poplar Ave.;
- **Northwest Community Center**, located at 615 W. Birch Ave.;
- **Senior Citizens Center**, located at 320 South A St. (*but meal program is continuing*).

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The City continues to encourage citizens to follow health recommendations when using City parks or facilities, including safe social distancing methods, and to refrain from entering these facilities while sick.

Below are the City offices that operate out of the basement of City Hall and their contact information:

City Manager Department: Emergency management, human resources, public information

Services provided to the public out of the Human Resources Division, including job listings, are available on the City's website at www.arkcity.org/government/human_resources/index.php. For questions or to schedule an appointment with HR, please call [441-4406](tel:441-4406) or email kmccubbin@arkcity.org.

Most applications and open government forms are available on the City's website at www.arkcity.org/government/open_government/document_center.php.

The Emergency Management Coordinator may be contacted by email at bfrazee@arkcity.org.

The Management Assistant may be contacted at either [441-4413](tel:441-4413) or mcrandall@arkcity.org.

The Public Information Officer may be contacted at [441-4415](tel:441-4415), [660-5963](tel:660-5963) or alawson@arkcity.org.

Other City facilities

All City facilities housing City personnel remain off-limits to the public indefinitely, except for certain circumstances. This restriction includes the Bryant Shop, Central Shop, Fire-EMS Department, Parks Shop, Police Department, Water Treatment Facility and Wastewater Treatment Plant. However, the Police Department may begin allowing some visitors and station tours on a limited, discretionary basis.

The Meals on Wheels program will continue indefinitely as a curbside pickup or delivery service only.

An overview of the City's updated reopening plan is attached to this release, but is subject to change.

For questions or concerns about any of these closures or changes, please call Public Information Officer Andrew Lawson at [\(620\) 441-4415](tel:620-441-4415) or email him at alawson@arkansascityks.gov.

For the latest information about COVID-19, please visit the CDC website at www.cdc.gov or the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) webpage at www.kdheks.gov/coronavirus.

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