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Chelsea Community,

First...we hope you all are safe, healthy and are enjoying your families despite these challenging times. There is light at the end of the tunnel and we hope to resume park and recreation activities in our community in the near future. Governor Kay Ivey confirmed the current "stay at home order" through April 30th. Beginning May 1st, it is expected that our state will begin the road to recovery from this pandemic in a responsible manner. There are multiple phases in the recovery process and it is our hope and expectation that Phase II will allow for the return of youth sports and other recreational activities. One of the many requirements for progression to Phase II is a downward trajectory of new COVID-19 cases in the state. There were 169 new cases on 4/21, compared to 200 new cases on 4/20. We are moving in the right direction!! We need to keep this up throughout April. Additionally, there has been only 1 new case in Shelby County in the last 24 hours. This message will layout registration for Summer sports...Baseball and Softball, as well as information regarding registration for tackle football, flag football, and cheerleading.

Baseball/Softball Registration for Summer Season

Registration for Summer Baseball and Softball will begin on **Thursday, 4/23**. Registration for the Summer season will be \$125 per child in Baseball/Softball and \$60 per child in T'ball. We will allow payment plans; however, balances must be paid in full prior to games beginning. Our goal will be to keep the summer teams as close as possible to the Spring teams as we plan to use the jerseys that have already been handed out to all players and coaches. We understand that not everyone will sign back up for the Summer season and we also expect some new players this Summer that were not registered for the Spring season. We will make the best of this situation and do our best to put on a great season for the kids. Our plan will be to begin practices in a safe environment as soon as the Governor and health department officials allow. We expect this to be at some point in mid-May. If that is case, we plan to begin games on either Monday, 6/1 or Saturday, 6/6. In baseball we will plan to play 10-12 games and hopefully an end of season tournament in July. Softball games will depend on the number of girls that we get registered and available teams to play. Additional safety precautions will be implemented at all parks and various procedures will be changed in an effort to increase the overall cleanliness of our facilities and maintain the safety of our fans, parents, players, coaches, and officials. We will keep you posted as we receive additional information. Register at Chelsea.Recdesk.com.

Tackle Football/Flag football Registration for Fall

Registration for Tackle and flag football will begin on **Thursday, 4/23** also. Registration fee for Tackle football is \$250.00 and flag football is \$125.00. However, understanding the financial hardships that

many in our community and beyond are enduring, we are requiring only a \$50 deposit at the time of registration. The additional balances will be due prior to ordering uniforms later in the summer. Our hope to have tackle teams in the 4th, 5th, and 6th grades and flag teams from K/1 through 5th grade.

Cheerleading Registration for Fall

Registration for Cheerleading will begin on **Thursday, 4/23**. Cheerleading this season will be offered at a reduced rate of \$150. Again, understanding the impact of COVID-19 on community and beyond.

Cheerleading registration much be paid in full at the time or registering due the advanced uniform ordering for cheer uniforms. More information to come on cheerleading uniform fittings, etc.

Volleyball and Archery Registration for Summer

Registration will open up in mid-May. More information to come in the next few weeks.

Again...all registrations are at Chelsea.RecDesk.com. If you have any problems with registering in the RecDesk system, please email bpettus@cityofchelsea.com or mglausier@cityofchelsea.com.

We will keep you all abreast of any new or revised information as soon as we are aware. Stay safe...stay healthy...and we hope to see you all again soon!!

Thank you,
Chelsea Park and Rec
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Mark Glausier-Sports Director, Chelsea Community Center