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Summer lifeguard program canceled at Pine Lake Park

Sammamish, Wash., (June, 2020) – On Tuesday, June 2, the Sammamish City Council reviewed and approved a phasing plan to begin re-opening park amenities throughout the City.

In line with King County, the City of Sammamish's Phase 1B does not allow for the use of docks or swimming, and aquatic facilities in Western Washington remain closed. This condition, combined with many other factors, including staffing shortage, additional risk of COVID transmission when performing resuscitation, and the multiple challenges social distancing poses, does not support the city's efforts to minimize the risk of COVID-19 transmission, forcing the City of Sammamish to cease the lifeguard program this summer at Pine Lake Park.

In the absence of lifeguards, City officials want to remind the public that they swim at their own risk and to be extra cautious. This advisory applies to any water recreation at Beaver Lake and Sammamish Landing as well.

It is recommended that all people, especially children, use life jackets or flotation devices when they are near or in the water. Other safety tips include:

- Be wary of the risk of cold shock due to frigid spring water temperatures;
- Look for hazards in the water like swift currents and debris;
- Read and follow all signage.

The City will be issuing drowning prevention information and water safety tips on social media.

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