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Town of Vernon to Open Community Pool and Swimming Areas for the Summer

Mayor Champagne Waives Admission Fees

(VERNON, Connecticut) – The Town of Vernon’s summer aquatics program kicks off later this month on schedule and three swimming areas will be open to residents FREE of charge.

The Community Pool at 375 Hartford Turnpike, and the swimming areas at Camp Newhoca Park, 185 Grier Road, and Valley Falls Park, 300 Valley Falls Road, will open the week of June 21st, 2021.

Vernon Mayor Dan Champagne has directed town administration to waive all fees at the pool and swimming areas this summer.

“People are ready to get back out into the community and to use our beautiful recreation facilities,” Mayor Champagne said. “People have been cooped up for more than a year and we encourage everyone to come out and enjoy our spectacular open spaces here in Vernon.”

Town Administrator Michael Purcaro and Parks and Recreation Director Marty Sitler inspected Newhoca Park on Monday. Crews have expanded the beach area and have been prepping the swimming areas for the summer.

The swimming schedule is:

- Newhoca Beach, Monday and Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Community Pool, Tuesday and Thursday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Valley Falls Beach, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Parks and Recreation Director Marty Sitler and his staff have already hired a team of lifeguards and continue to seek additional lifeguards and staff to safely expand swimming area schedules. Information about available positions is on the Town website at www.vernon-ct.gov.

Purcaro and Sitler said the Town is committed to providing a safe summer swimming program for Vernon residents. The public is directed to stay out of the water when no lifeguard is on duty.

About the Town of Vernon

The Town of Vernon is a celebrated place to live, work and visit. From its beautiful parks and lakes, to its vast trails and historic homes and buildings, Vernon is a resilient and thriving community that promotes the health and wellbeing of its residents and values the natural environment. With a resident population of approximately 30,000 and occupying 18.03 square miles, Vernon combines a balanced appreciation of history, and a strong economic base for growth, both residential and commercial. Located 15 minutes east of the Connecticut capital of Hartford, and 25 miles from the City of Springfield, Massachusetts, the Town of Vernon is strategically located in “New England's Knowledge Corridor” with close proximity to some of the top colleges and universities in the country.

Designated a certified Sustainable Community, the Town of Vernon offers a wide range of benefits and services to its residents. The Town of Vernon is a full-service municipality that practices a management philosophy of continuous quality improvement. To learn more about the Town of Vernon, please call (860) 870- 3670 or visit www.vernon-ct.gov.

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