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Hello Tennis Members,

The Parks and Recreation Department is happy to announce the opening of our Tennis Courts on Saturday, May 1, 2021. At this time we continue to follow CDC Guidelines and Medical Public Health Recommendations along with standard USTA Guidelines to ensure the health and safety of our members, their families and our community. Please read the following information so you understand the modifications that have been made this year.

BEFORE YOU PLAY

- [Full United States Tennis Association guidelines](#) are available for your review.
- Massachusetts public health guidelines **do not recommend play if you:**
 - Are exhibiting any symptoms of the coronavirus: mild to severe respiratory illness with fever, cough and difficulty breathing, or other symptoms identified by the CDC.
 - Have been in **contact with someone with COVID-19** in the last 14 days.

PREPARING TO PLAY

- Protect against infections:
 - Wash your hands.
 - Bring a full water bottle to avoid touching a tap or water fountain handle.
 - If you need to sneeze or cough, do so into a tissue or upper sleeve.
 - Arrive as close as possible to when you need to be there.
 - Avoid touching surfaces if you can.

UPON ARRIVAL

- If the courts are full when you arrive, please wait by your car until a court opens.
- Masks should be worn when social distancing is not possible.
- The court restroom and court gate handles/touchpads are sanitized nightly. Please use proper personal hygiene when using the restroom.

WHEN PLAYING

- When playing doubles, coordinate with your partner to maintain physical distancing.
- Avoid touching your face after handling a ball, racquet or other equipment. Use hats, headbands, towels or wristbands to wipe your face during play.
- Remain apart from other players when taking a break.

AFTER PLAYING

- Leave the court as soon as reasonably possible.
- Make sure to bring all your belongings and trash with you.
- Wash your hands thoroughly or use a hand sanitizer after coming off the court.

OPENING NOTES

- All 6 courts will be open for play beginning Saturday, May 1.
- The courts are still a little soft and damp. If they are too soft or wet please don't use them.
- Please check the court calendar (online and at the courts) to become familiar with town-sanctioned events that have precedence over individual play.
- As a member, you will be provided with a code to unlock the gates (below). This code will change periodically throughout the season and an email update will be sent. .

RULES

1. Code: Do not share this code with non-members.
2. Do not prop gates open and be sure they close fully behind you.
3. Your membership gives you access to one court. You may bring a guest, but they can only be on your court. To use two or more courts, two or more members must be present.
4. The Parks and Recreation Department reserves the right to revoke memberships with no refund if Rules and Regulations are not followed.
5. The full Tennis Courts Rules and Regulations are listed below:

COURT RULES & REGULATIONS

The courts were built by the Town of Lincoln for use by Lincoln residents. The Parks and Recreation Committee have instituted certain rules and regulations for users to follow. It is our hope that the spirit as well as the letter of these regulations will be observed so that all may share the courts on a fair basis. The courts are open from May through October, depending upon the weather.

USE OF THE COURTS

1. A current membership is required for all Lincoln residents and employees of the town. Memberships must be renewed every calendar year and are valid from May through October.
2. Please do not play on the courts when they are soft and wet.
3. All users (participants and bystanders) shall leave the tennis courts and seek shelter at the first indication of thunder or lightening and remain off the courts until 30 minutes past the last indication of thunder or lightening.
4. Bicycles and dogs are prohibited from the courts.
5. The courts may be used on a first come, first serve basis except when the Parks & Recreation Department sponsors tournaments, matches, instruction (see monthly calendar), or closes the courts for maintenance.
6. Instruction and tournament play not sponsored by the Parks and Recreation Department is prohibited.
7. Players and spectators are expected to behave in a courteous manner at all times. Arguing, shouting, verbal or physical threats, or any other form of disruptive or intimidating behavior shall not be tolerated. Good sportsmanship is expected at all times. Please do not disrupt play by walking across the court being used, or by making any unnecessary noise.
8. When all courts are in use and others are waiting to play, singles play must be limited to 1 hour and doubles to 1½ hours in total. The court should then be offered to those having waited the

longest. If there are people waiting, no court should be tied up by 2 or 3 players rallying while awaiting others to complete their group.

9. Non-residents may play only with their Lincoln hosts, unless they purchase a membership
10. In general, players are expected to do their part to keep the courts and sideline areas in good condition and free of debris. Please use the trash barrel for any and all garbage.
11. Anyone found to be in violation of these polices will be asked to leave the courts immediately, and may, at the discretion of the Parks and Recreation Committee, have their membership terminated.

CARE OF THE COURTS

1. Two courts are lighted for night play. The switch is located on the tennis shed. Lights are available from dusk to 10pm.
2. Only tennis shoes (soft rubber soles with no heels or treads) are to be worn on the courts
3. Please sweep the court after use. When brushing, begin at the outside and work toward the center in a spiral motion.
4. The Parks and Recreation Department reserves the right to close the courts for upkeep or at any other times when

Please let us know if you have any questions!

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