“Norfolk Parks Officially Open April 15”

Let the fun begin! The City of Norfolk Parks season is officially open as of April 15, 2015. Park restrooms are open and most drinking fountains are operational as the threat of freezing pipes is over. The Johnson Park restroom is being renovated and should be open soon. Park staff have been sawing downed branches and picking up debris from the winter in anticipation of the thousands of visitors who will come to Norfolk’s 13 parks over the course of the summer.

Pat Mrsny, City of Norfolk Park Superintendent, said that staff has already been mowing park areas and cleaning restrooms for the park season.

“Reservations are filling up for the Clubhouse, Elkhorn Lodge, the Shelter House and Woodland Cabin at Ta-Ha-Zouka Park. Open air shelters can also be reserved from now until October 15,” Mrsny said. Those interested in rates for these facilities can go to [www.ci.norfolk.ne.us/parks/rental_cabins.htm](http://www.ci.norfolk.ne.us/parks/rental_cabins.htm) or call 402-844-2000.

Overnight camping in designated areas of Ta-Ha-Zouka Park is open from April 15 to October 15. Fees are $12 per night without concrete pad and electrical hookup and $18 a night for concrete pad and electrical hookup. There is a seven-night maximum stay limit and no reservations are taken.

There are thirteen concrete camper pads (one ADA accessible), 13 power pedestals, ADA accessible men’s and women’s restrooms with showers, picnic tables, fire rings, barbecue grills and a dump station at the Ta-Ha-Zouka Park campgrounds. Free Wi-Fi access is also available.

Mrsny reminds residents that no alcoholic beverages are allowed in any City park except for the Elkhorn Lodge rental at Ta-Ha-Zouka Park. It's illegal to bring animals into the parks without the use of a leash. The exception is the Ta-Ha-Zouka Park Off-Leash Dog Recreation Area where dogs may be unleashed once they are within the fenced facility.

Fishing is permitted at Skyview Lake and Ta-Ha-Zouka Park and is subject to Nebraska Game and Parks Commission and/or posted City fishing regulations. There can be no motorized boating except for electric trolling motors on Skyview Lake. Canoes, rafts, sailing boats and boats with oars are permitted on Skyview Lake only.
Veteran’s Memorial Park has already been busy with soccer and baseball games this spring. The AquaVenture Water Park will open Memorial Day weekend. More details are to come in the next week.