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## Seasonal Park Work

As the cold season moves in and more activity occurs indoors, it is then time for park facilities to be prepared for the winter. According to Pat Mrsny, City of Norfolk Recreation Director, this winterization has already begun.

“As the weather turns colder, there is less use of these facilities. When the temperatures drop, there comes the possibility of pipes freezing and bursting. We take steps early to make sure the park equipment is ready for cold weather,” Mrsny said.

Bathrooms at Central Park, Johnson Park, Liberty Bell Park and the TaHaZouka east entrance were closed as early as the second week of October. The bathrooms at Skyview will close on October 30.

Although use of the parks is still encouraged, maintenance staff is reduced for the winter months. The number of people who use the parks is greatly reduced so the east entrance to Skyview Park is closed for the winter. The east entrance at Skyview Park will close October 30.

The campground at TaHaZouka Park is also closed for the season. Mrsny said there will be limited service throughout the off season from outside of the campground.

“Those who still want to use the campground can park along the road outside the campground. From there you can plug into the nearby power pedestals for a reduced fee. The dump station can be used from outside of the campground during the off season but there will be no showers or bathrooms available until next spring,” Mrsny said.

The fountains in the lagoons at TaHaZouka Park have also been pulled out of the water, cleaned and stored for the season.

Mrsny said the Miracle Skatepark located at Memorial Park will remain open during the off season- weather permitting. For safety reasons, it will be closed during periods of snow, ice or other inclement weather.

The Cowboy Trailhead at TaHaZouka Park is open year around. The city's portion of the trail (the portion within TaHaZouka Park itself) is routinely cleared of snow and ice.

Park users are reminded to take extra precautions when using all park facilities over the winter months as there may be snow and ice accumulation on sidewalks and trails and around the play equipment.

All park facilities are usually available again for use in mid-April depending on weather conditions at that time.