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ACC EXPANDS CLOSURES TO COMPLY WITH GOVERNOR'S STAY-AT-HOME ORDER

Anthem, Ariz. – The Anthem Community Council (ACC) continues to closely follow events associated with the outbreak and spread of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19), and recommendations from local, state and federal government and public health officials.

In an effort to reduce the community spread of COVID-19, Governor Ducey issued an Executive Order on March 30, 2020 for Arizona residents to “Stay Home” **through April 30**. As further steps to previously announced closures, and to remain consistent with the order, the following are effective at the **close of business March 31**:

Parks

- Per Governor Ducey’s March 23, 2020 Executive Order that opportunities for outdoor recreation with physical distancing such as **walking, hiking, running or biking** are essential, and his March 30, 2020 Executive Order to “Stay Healthy,” green space and walking paths at ACC-owned Community Park, Opportunity Way Park, Liberty Bell Park and the Dog Park remain **open** to residents and their household families for passive recreation, as do the trails and Parkside-owned neighborhood parks.
- For areas that remain open, residents should bring their own sanitation supplies, adhere to CDC guidelines for safe physical distancing (6 ft.), and not gather in groups. Please note that the parks will close at 7 p.m.
- All gated playgrounds at Community Park and Opportunity Way Park remain closed, as does the Daisy Mountain Railroad.
- The sports fields, ramadas, skate park, pickleball and other courts (basketball, tennis, volleyball) will be closed.
- Reservations for ramadas and fields will not be accepted; any reservations already made through April 30 will be refunded.
- Residents are reminded that when on walks with pets in parks and neighborhoods, pets must be leashed at all times (A.R.S. 11-1012).

Civic Building

- The Anthem Civic Building remains closed.
- Essential ACC and HOA staff maintains business hours either on-site or remotely.
- For programs/classes with associated fees that were scheduled through April 30, refunds will be issued for those registered; this includes programs led by either ACC staff or independent contractors.
- The Maricopa County Sheriff's Office has closed all substations to public access. Call 9-1-1 in an emergency. For non-emergencies, call 602-876-1011 or for the Anthem substation, call 623-551-8810.
- An additional 15-day grace period will be offered for assessment payments due April 1. Payments can be mailed; visit *OnlineAtAnthem.com* (click on "Pay Assessments") for instructions.

Community Center

- The Community Center, including the pool, remains closed.
- For programs/classes with associated fees that were scheduled through April 30, refunds will be issued for those registered; this includes programs led by either ACC staff or independent contractors.
- Essential ACC staff maintains business hours either on-site or remotely.

Special Events

- As announced on March 27, Music in May has been canceled.

The need to expand or modify this list and facility operations will be evaluated on an ongoing basis. Should circumstances change – whether based on government mandates or otherwise – we will examine all options necessary for the safety and well being of our residents and employees.

ACC Community Executive Officer Neal Shearer said, "As a result of the heightened requirements to stay home and maintain physical distance in order to stop the spread of COVID-19, the ACC is taking further actions to comply with Governor Ducey's direction, and to safeguard both residents and our employees. We appreciate your ongoing cooperation and support in order to reduce risk to our community."

With questions regarding the virus, or if you are experiencing symptoms, refer to the CDC, Arizona Department of Health Services, Maricopa County Department of Public Health, or contact your medical provider. Please stay home and stay healthy, and continue to adhere to preventative measures recommended by public health officials.

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