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Memorial Beach -FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE-June 23, 2020

Marlborough, Mass. – Today, Mayor Arthur G. Vigeant and Director of Recreation Charles Thebado announced that Memorial Beach will be opening for the Summer 2020 season on **Friday**, **June 26, 2020**. The following guidelines are to be adhered to by residents who wish to use the beach. Memorial Beach will be closed on **Monday**, **June 29, 2020** for previously scheduled water herbicide treatment.

Beach Protocol

- Beach visitors are asked to set up at least 12' apart from other groups on their towels, limit groups to no more than ten people, and follow COVID-19 Beach Re-opening guidelines set by the Marlborough Board of Health and the State.
- Patrons are encouraged to wear face coverings when unable to maintain a 6' distance from others (except when swimming). It is not the responsibility of city staff or lifeguards to enforce social distancing or the wearing of face coverings.
- The beach will be open from 11:00 AM 6:45 PM, and gates will be locked when the beach is closed. Anyone who chooses to swim outside of these hours is doing so at their own risk.
- Bathrooms at Memorial Beach will open and maintained beginning on **Wednesday**, **June 24, 2020**.
- Marlborough Department of Public Works staff will visit the beach twice daily for barrel emptying and cleanup to ensure all residents have a positive and healthy experience. However, it is asked that residents clean up after themselves.

Parking and Accepted Activities Protocol

- This year, Memorial Beach is reserved for residents of Marlborough only. Residents must provide a license and registration showing the same City of Marlborough address prior to entrance.
- Beach Parking is prohibited on Simpson Road, Paquin Drive, and Miles Standish Drive. Parking regulations will be strictly enforced.
- Dropping off swimmers in the handicap accessible parking lot is prohibited.
- Swimming is allowed only in the Memorial Beach roped off area.
- Alcohol, tobacco products, or drug use are not allowed anywhere on public property.

Additional information can be located at the links below:

Memorial Beach Website:

https://www.marlborough-ma.gov/recreation-department/pages/memorial-beach-0

Commonwealth COVID-19 Beach Safety Guidelines:

https://www.mass.gov/doc/safety-standards-for-coastal-and-inland-beaches-phase-ii/download

If you have any questions, comments, or concerns please reach out the Recreation Department at 508-624-6925 or the Mayor's Office at 508-460-3770.