

# PINE LAKE PARK AND BEACH RULES

Welcome to Pine Lake, please enjoy our beautiful park, including the lake, surrounding wetlands, the beach and playground and all other public trails and spaces in Pine Lake. Please keep them safe, clean and civil by following these simple rules.

**Please Note:** *Anyone not following these rules may be asked to leave the park. In some cases, a citation may also be issued, with a fine to be paid.*

## HOURS OF OPERATION

- The Lake and all park areas (playground, Western Wetlands, Eastern Green Space, and all trails surrounding the lake) close at dusk and re-open at dawn.
- The Beach is open for swimming from May 1<sup>st</sup> to October 8<sup>th</sup> each year.

## KEEP IT SAFE

- **Swim at your own risk. There is no lifeguard on duty.**
- Children under the age of 12 must be supervised by an adult, while in the park.
- Swim diapers are required for infants and toddlers who go into the water.
- Swimming is allowed only within the roped area. Adults may submit a waiver at City Hall to swim outside the ropes, but within the inner berm. A parent or guardian may sign the waiver for children under 18.
- Smoking is NOT permitted in the park.
- No fires or cooking anywhere in the park unless specifically approved by the City.
- Water quality is periodically tested during the swimming season. Test results are posted on the community bulletin boards. Swimmers are responsible for monitoring posted water conditions and making their own determinations about water safety.

## KEEP IT CLEAN

- Please do not litter. Trash cans provided for your convenience
- Restroom facilities at the Beach House are not available to beach users so please plan your visit accordingly.
- Pets are not allowed in the lake or on the beach.
- Pets must always be on leash within the city limits.
- Pet owners are required to bag pet waste and dispose of it in provided trash containers. Many containers have bags for this purpose, but pet owners should come prepared with their own bags.
- No glass containers allowed anywhere in the park.

## **KEEP IT CIVIL**

- Alcoholic beverage consumption and public drunkenness are not allowed at the park or beach; violators are subject to arrest and prosecution.
- No recorded or amplified music
- No profanity or aggressive behavior.

## **PROTECT OUR ECOSYSTEM**

- Stay on the paths around the lake and in the wetlands. Do not enter waterways except at designated area (the beach).
- Non-motorized watercraft are allowed only outside of the inner swimming berm. Nothing larger than a single person floatation device allowed within the inner berm.
- To protect the banks of the lake, all watercraft must be launched at the designated area.
- Do not touch or disturb the turtles or other wildlife in any way.
- Fishing is allowed. Persons 16 years and older must have a valid state fishing license (available online). "Catch-and-release" is strongly encouraged.
- Please do not feed the geese, ducks, and other wildlife; it is not healthy to their digestive system, interrupts their migration pattern, and pollutes our lake.
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