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NEWS RELEASE

City Parks to Reopen this Weekend in Hinesville

HINESVILLE, Ga. (May 1, 2020) – Hinesville residents will be able to hit the trails and enjoy the outdoors again in the City’s parks again beginning this weekend.

Bryant Commons and Irene B. Thomas Park will all be open for limited use beginning Saturday, May 2.

The parks will be open for their normal operating hours, but there will be certain aspects of each that will not be accessible as of yet. During this first phase of reopening, the following will be opening:

Walking trails
Green Space – for passive use only
Fishing Ponds
Restrooms

The following areas will remain closed until additional phases are initiated:
Playgrounds
Dog Parks

The reopening of closed areas will be announced online and on social media as it occurs.

Patrons are asked to practice social distancing and maintain 6 feet between themselves and others in the park. Masks are not required to visit the park at this time. Per the Governor’s Orders, masks are strongly encouraged when outside the home, but not when individuals are eating, drinking or exercising. If requirements change, this will be published.

Despite the Shelter-In-Place lifting for the majority of the state, gatherings are still not allowed under the Governor’s Orders. This includes birthday parties, weddings, reunions and other gatherings in the parks – with or without reservations.

During this time, City and HDDA staff will be periodically patrolling each park to monitor usage and stop activities that do not meet the requirements in place.



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For questions about Bryant Commons, please contact the Hinesville Downtown Development Authority at 912.877.4332.

For questions about Irene B. Thomas Park, please contact Whitney Morris-Reed at wmorrisreed@cityofhinesville.org.

The City will make announcements regarding any changes to future Council meetings via our website and social media accounts.

Additional information regarding COVID-19 will be shared as it becomes available via the City's website and social media accounts. Please visit our [COVID-19 page](https://www.cityofhinesville.org/517/COVID-19) ([cityofhinesville.org/517/COVID-19](https://www.cityofhinesville.org/517/COVID-19)) for the latest information out of the City of Hinesville as it relates to our response to the COVID-19 situation in Georgia. For more information, please contact Whitney Morris – Reed, Public Relations Manager, at wmorrisreed@cityofhinesville.org.

ABOUT THE CITY OF HINESVILLE:

The [City of Hinesville](https://www.cityofhinesville.org) was established in 1837 and is recognized as one of the fastest growing cities in the State of Georgia in both size and population. As the largest city in Liberty County, it serves as the county seat and is home to more than 35,000 people. For more information, visit [cityofhinesville.org](https://www.cityofhinesville.org).

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