



Greetings:

We hope you and your family are doing well. As we attempt to carefully move towards offering programs and activities we wanted to take this opportunity to update you on our plans. Please keep in mind that our goal, first and foremost, will be to follow the appropriate guidelines and protocols to insure that we do all we can to reopen as safely as possible.

1) All parks and park amenities are now open under normal operating hours with the exception of public playgrounds (including the Elevate Course at Apex Community Park). Per the Governor's Executive Order 141, public playgrounds will remain closed until further notice. The Rogers Family Skate Plaza at Hunter Street Park will remain closed until further notice due to previously planned renovations and construction. That facility will reopen as soon as possible.

2) The Apex Community Center and the Halle Cultural Arts Center will reopen to the public on June 1, 2020 with limited access to promote health and safety. Members of the public who plan to visit either facility are encouraged to wear a face covering. Each facility will have specific spacing guidelines for social distancing and we ask that you keep interaction with staff who may be in the building to an absolute minimum. Examples of activities allowed in each facility include:

**Community Center:** Registration for future programs, permit applications and renewals, and walking for exercise.

**Halle Cultural Arts Center:** Registration for future programs.

**NOTE:** Beginning June 1<sup>st</sup>, rental requests will be accepted at both facilities provided social distancing and other guidelines can be met.

3) Hours of Operation: Beginning June 1<sup>st</sup>

**Community Center:** 8:00am - 5:00pm (Monday thru Friday)  
9:00am - 6:00pm (Saturday)

**Halle Cultural Arts Center:** 9:00am -6:00pm (Monday thru Friday)

4) A variety of programs and opportunities are now being offered online and virtually. For up-to-date information regarding program opportunities please visit the Town's website at [www.apexnc.org/223/Parks-Recreation-Cultural-Resources](http://www.apexnc.org/223/Parks-Recreation-Cultural-Resources). Although the buildings will be open

to the public beginning June 1, we encourage everyone to register online or by mail when possible rather than coming to the facilities. If you do need to visit in person, we ask that you carefully read the guidelines posted before entering and understand that our staff is also working through new guidelines regarding interaction with the public.

5) As part of safely restarting our programs and reopening our facilities the following are some of the protocols that have been put in place:

- Requesting staff and instructors to wear the appropriate PPE when interacting with the public and each other
- Regular cleaning and sanitization of all areas that might be touched by others
- Proper signage related to social distancing, the wearing of face coverings, and washing hands
- Reduced class sizes to allow for social distancing

In the meantime, we encourage you to continue to be safe and active at home. For inspiration, check out our Stay and Play video series here: <http://www.apexnc.org/1419/Stay-and-Play>. If you would like to share your own pictures or videos of how you are staying and playing, you can email them to [peakconnect@apexnc.org](mailto:peakconnect@apexnc.org) or post them on social media using #StayandPlay.

For some arts classes at home, check out The Halle Cultural Arts Center's Halle At Home video series here: <http://thehalle.org/1415/HalleAtHome>. We would love to see how you are staying creative at home by posting #HalleAtHome on social media.

Thank you for your flexibility and understanding during these unprecedented times. To stay up to date on the latest info, follow our [Facebook Page](#) or the Town's [COVID-19 page](#). If you have any questions related to this information or on our plans to reopen, please call (919)-249-3402 or email [peakconnect@apexnc.org](mailto:peakconnect@apexnc.org).

The entire team at your Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Resources Department look forward to seeing you soon!