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OFFICIAL OPENING OF SYCAMORE POOL DELAYED

Due to a late run of threatened and protected spring-run Chinook salmon, the official opening of the Sycamore Pool in the Bidwell Park One Mile Recreation Area will be on June 8, 2019. Typically, the swim season starts on Memorial Day weekend.

The California Department of Fish & Wildlife have been monitoring the salmon, and the City's Park Division agreed to delay the preparation of the pool to help assist the fish in their migration to upper Big Chico Creek to spawn. The pool will be available to swim this holiday weekend and during the next two weeks, but no lifeguards will be on duty until the June 8th.

The City contracts with Chico Area Recreation and Park District to provide lifeguard services. The 2019 Sycamore Pool hours will be 12:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. every day except on Thursdays when the pool is closed. These hours will remain in effect until the Chico Unified School District fall semester begins in August. The One Mile Concession stand operated by the Dog House will open on June 7, 2019 with hours of 11:00 am to 5:00 pm Monday-Thursday, and 11:00 am to 7:00 pm Friday-Sunday.

The pool may be subject to closures due to extreme or unsafe weather conditions, on very poor air quality days, or the unavailability of lifeguards. The water is still very cold, and the City advises the public to swim with caution when lifeguards are not on duty. For more information, please contact the Parks Division at 530-896-7800 or go to the City's website at

http://www.ci.chico.ca.us/General_Services_Department/Park_Division/Bidwell_Park.asp .

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