

## PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

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### **Beloit Dirty Dash, Other Summer Recreation Programs Cancelled Due to COVID-19**

**May 28, 2020** - The City of Beloit has made the difficult decision to cancel its 2020 summer programming, including the Beloit Dirty Dash, due to the ongoing risks of COVID-19 in the Beloit community.

With the exception of the Beloit Dirty Dash, the 2020 summer programs had not yet been announced as the Parks & Recreation Division was monitoring the impacts of COVID-19. All non-aquatics summer programs and events have officially been cancelled, including (but not limited to):

- Touch A Truck
- Youth Golf Programs
- July 4 Bike Parade
- Big Hill Adventure Camp

Krueger Pool will not open in June. A final decision on aquatics programming for the remainder of the summer has not yet been made.

The 2020 Beloit Dirty Dash was scheduled for August 22, 2020. The Beloit Dirty Dash is a popular mud run and obstacle course for children ages 4-18. With over 700 annual participants bringing over 1,000 people to Big Hill Park, the City of Beloit Parks & Recreation division would not be able to implement physical distancing precautions and minimize contact points along the course to adequately ensure safety.

“While it is incredibly disappointing to cancel this unique community event, we will be back stronger than ever in the future,” said Mark Edwards, Director of Parks & Recreation. “Cancelling this year is the right thing to do in light of the public health risks associated with COVID-19. Our planning team will start working on making 2021 the muddiest year yet with new, fun obstacles.”

For updates on recreation programs, future event announcements and more, follow the City of Beloit Parks & Recreation Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/beloitwiparksandrec](https://www.facebook.com/beloitwiparksandrec).

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