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Darien Beaches Back to Closing at Traditional 10 PM Time, Tennis and Pickleball Courts Open

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Weed and Pear Tree Point Beaches are going back to their normal 10 p.m. closing times, and tennis and pickleball courts can be used by town residents, the Parks & Recreation Department announced Thursday.

The announcement includes several other rules changes (all of which took effect on Thursday): The town now has a carry-in/carry-out policy regarding trash at parks (there are dumpsters you can use at the beaches). That includes taking your dog-poop bags with you, disgusting as that may be if you're driving out.

Here's the Park & Rec announcement:

Beach Hours:

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Beginning Thursday June 4, The Darien Parks & Recreation Department will be extending the closing hours of Weed Beach and Pear Tree Beach from 8 p.m. to our normal closing hours at 10 p.m.

Security guards will be on from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. with the park monitors working from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Please remember to ***SPREAD OUT TO STOP THE SPREAD*** while enjoying your beaches.

Tennis Courts: may play singles and or doubles while always following the safety guidelines from the USTA.

Pickleball: may play singles only until further notice. The guidelines for double play is for players to be play with family only.

Carry-in and Carry-out trash at all parks and beaches. Please help keep our parks and beaches clean. ***There are dumpsters at each beach that may be used.*** No glass is allowed on the beaches, broken glass in the sand is very dangerous.

- This method fosters a partnership between visitors and the parks by encouraging all visitors to help maintain clean parks.
- It empowers the public to take responsibility in keeping parks clean.
- It eliminates unsightly trash and receptacles in the park environment that can detract from the beauty of the natural environment.
- You reduce unsightly litter in the park environment, which can impact wildlife habitat significantly.
- Avoids the unpleasant smells and messes associated with dumpsters.
- Increases the safety of your visit by reducing the number of bees, wasps and other pests (such as skunks and rats) in the picnic areas and campgrounds.
- Improves health of wildlife by reducing their dependency on trash as a food

Dog owners: Keep your dogs leashed at all times at all parks.

Please stop leaving your dog waste and poop bags all over our parks. Our children deserve to play in poop-free parks.