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# Petrifying Springs Biergarten and Kenosha County public beaches set to open Memorial Day Weekend

Beginning this Memorial Day Weekend, the Petrifying Springs Biergarten and two public beaches in Silver Lake and Paddock Lake will open for the summer season.

County Executive Jim Kreuser welcomes everyone to venture out and enjoy summer in Kenosha County's parks.

"Summertime is when our county parks really shine," Kreuser said. "I hope you'll come out and experience some of what they have to offer."

#### **Petrifying Springs Biergarten**

The 2018 grand opening of Petrifying Springs Biergarten is set for 4 p.m. on Friday, May 25. The biergarten is located at Shelter No. 1, near the southern entrance to Petrifying Springs Park, 5555 Seventh St., Kenosha.

Petrifying Springs Biergarten offers indoor and outdoor seating, German-style food, and alcoholic/non-alcoholic beverage options. In addition, it offers activities such as kickball leagues, live music and family days.

During Memorial Day Weekend, Friday festivities will include the "Blessing of the Maibock" by the Rev. Brit Windel of DayBreak Church at 5:30 p.m., and the Tapping of the First Bier by County Board Supervisor Greg Retzlaff at 5:45 p.m. Maibock beer will be complimentary until the first keg is finished. Saturday's highlights include a Kona Ice truck on site and live music by Alpine Blast. Sunday activities include live music by Brother Quinn, face painting and a bouncy house.

"We are extremely excited to be back for the 2018 season, said Mike Grab, co-owner of the Biergarten, which operates under a lease agreement with Kenosha County Parks. "We truly believe we have created a unique and special destination for people to take a break from their hectic lives.

"The Biergarten allows them to escape to Germany without the expensive price tag. Customers have embraced putting the phones down and getting back to what's important, which is as simple as having a conversation with family and friends over a cold beer."

For more details about business hours, menu selections or activity schedules, visit the Petrifying Springs Biergarten website at <a href="https://www.facebook.com/petsbiergarten">www.petsbiergarten.com</a> or its Facebook page at <a href="https://www.facebook.com/petsbiergarten">https://www.facebook.com/petsbiergarten</a>.

### **Kenosha County Public Beaches**

Silver Lake Beach in Silver Lake Park and Paddock Lake Beach in Old Settlers Park will be open from Memorial Day Weekend until Labor Day. Both beaches are open to the public and offer various amenities for park visitors.

#### Silver Lake Park - Silver Lake Beach

Silver Lake Beach lifeguards will be on duty when the beach officially opens at 10 a.m. Saturday, May 26. Other park amenities include a playground, shelter, bathhouse, picnic areas, concessions and watercraft rentals. Entrance fees are collected from Memorial Day through Labor Day. More information can be found at parks.kenoshacounty.org. Silver Lake Park is located at 27000 85<sup>th</sup> St.

#### Old Settlers Park – Paddock Lake Beach

The Paddock Lake Beach offers BBQ grills, picnic tables, restrooms and changing facilities, and a playground. There is no lifeguard on duty. Note, there is no entrance fee for visitors, with the exception of the Fourth of July. Old Settlers Park is located at 24100 75<sup>th</sup> St.

For more details, operating hours and information about other park activities, please visit the Kenosha County Parks' website at <a href="http://parks.kenoshacounty.org">http://parks.kenoshacounty.org</a>, call 262-857-1869, or check us out on Facebook at <a href="http://facebook.com/kenoshacountyparks">http://facebook.com/kenoshacountyparks</a>.

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