



Amusement Park Season Cancellation Notice

It is with great sadness that The Oaks Park Association announces the cancellation of the 2020 amusement park season. Our historic midway, including the rides, games, and miniature golf course, will not operate this year. This setback comes after months of preparation, using evidence-based advice from global attractions industry leadership, to create a solid plan implementing safety precautions for our guests including: social distancing measures, mask requirements, increased sanitation, guest temperature checks, staff health checks, capacity limitations, contactless payment, and online reservations. We have made repeated efforts to convey to the state government our ability to operate with the same modifications that have been acceptable for the reopening of every other major, regional attraction in Oregon. Despite those efforts, we have continued to be excluded from the list of statewide attractions permitted to open. With the fall season around the corner, we have had to make this difficult decision to cancel the 2020 season in its entirety.

This closure means that for the first time in our 115-year history, through floods, wars, and economic ups and downs, Oaks Park will miss an amusement park season. We are heartbroken that during this time of difficulty for so many of our neighbors we will not be able to lighten the load by providing wholesome, affordable family fun that has been the hallmark of Oaks Park and a vital part of the local fabric for generations.

While the current situation also mandates the closure of the Roller Rink and Historic Dance Pavilion, we maintain the hope of resuming those operations at some point during the last quarter of 2020 and to returning to full operations in 2021. We remain committed to implementing modifications and restrictions to comply with mandates and to adhere to expert recommendations for keeping our visitors and staff healthy and safe. Please visit our website, oakspark.com, for ongoing updates.

For those who are in possession of ride bracelets from our extensive donation program or who purchased 2020 bracelets/vouchers through a 3rd party program such as Groupon, Portland Perks, or Half-Price Portland, please be aware that your bracelets/vouchers will be honored during the next operating season. Organizers of group events that will be affected by the cancellation of our 2020 amusement park season will be contacted regarding options for your reservation.

Oaks Park has been fortunate to have exceptional people on our team who have demonstrated an unending commitment to bringing joy to our neighbors and to ensuring the future of this historic, nonprofit organization. We must express sincere appreciation to our staff for their ingenuity and hard work as we strove together in recent months to create a safe and healthy environment for reopening. We know that, for our team, Oaks Park is more than a job, it is a labor of love and that their passion is what makes this place so special in the hearts of Oregonians.

The outpouring of concern from our customers during this setback has been overwhelming and the Oaks Park Association's commitment to our neighbors is strengthened and reinforced by the support we've been shown. Our goal remains, as ever, to preserve and perpetuate the historic amusement park as an affordable, safe, and family-friendly recreation attraction for generations to come. We look forward to the day when we can again make that goal a reality for our community.