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## **Kiwanis Spray Park Temporary Closure 8/20/18 - 9/4/18**

MOUNT VERNON-- Kiwanis Spray Park, located at 500 South 18th Street in Mount Vernon, will be closed from August 20, 2018 through September 4, 2018. During this time contractors will install an anti-slip surface to the Spray Park. Between August 20th & August 24th the playground bordering the Spray Park will also be closed to ensure the safety of our park users during this improvement project. We apologize for the temporary inconvenience and appreciate your patience as we improve Kiwanis Spray Park. For any questions call Mount Vernon Parks & Enrichment Services at (360) 336-6215.

### **FAQs:**

- **What's wrong with the current surface?**  
Over the past several years, the city has received an increasing amount of warnings and concerns regarding children's slips, trips and falls on the current concrete spray park play surface. Despite the textured surface, careful surface preparation prior to opening the park, and consistent maintenance and pressure washing throughout the open season, our patrons remain concerned about children falling on the hard surface currently in use.
- **Why doesn't the City wait until later in the year to do the work?**  
Application of this material requires significant preparation and curing time. Unfortunately, the optimum time to apply this material is when the

weather is dry and warm over a 3-4 week period; at the height of summer use. Since our weather is unpredictable as the fall approaches, the decision was made to delay the project to the end of summer to ensure maximum use of the park and still allow the best opportunity for successful application of the new surface.

- **Will the park re-open this season?**

The current plan has the Spray Park opening up after completion of the project around the Labor Day weekend and extending to the end of September.



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