



TO: Parks Commission
FROM: Cindi Wight, Director
DATE: August 24, 2020
RE: [Park Closing Hours](#)

Background:

We have had a summer of challenging behavior at Leddy Park, especially after dark. It isn't the only summer of the behavior but this year has been especially challenging. We recently notified the community that the Burlington Police will be enforcing the parking lot closing hours at Parks. In doing this, we researched the Park closing times and realized they needed to be updated.

Leddy Park has a closing of 11:00 p.m. when the rest of the neighborhood parks close at 9:30 p.m. We believe the difference was due to the past history of a lit softball field and sanctioned late night softball games. Now the history includes late parties at Leddy Beach including unauthorized beach fires, fireworks and other challenging behavior and the field is no longer lit for night games.

Perkins Pier allows cars to stay to 11:00 p.m. but Waterfront Park is set for 9:30 p.m. With both of those venues serving residents and visitors for downtown dining the later time makes the most sense.

The original language included exceptions for skaters which we would continue.

Recommendation

- 1) Change Leddy Parking lot closing to 9:30 p.m.
- 2) Change Waterfront Parking to 11:00 p.m.

Recommended updates to Appendix D – Section 5 Park Closings

5 Park closings.

(A) Motor vehicles are prohibited at all times within the confines of City Hall Park, Champlain Street Park, Lakeside Park, Pomeroy Park, Roosevelt Park, Smalley Park and Battery Park.

(B) Motor vehicles are permitted to be driven and/or parked within the confines of Waterfront Park, Leddy Park, [Calahan](#) Park, Oakledge Park, Ethan Allen Park, North Beach Park and Perkins Pier, provided that:

- (1) Motor vehicles shall be excluded from the confines of Leddy Park between ~~11:00~~[11:00:30](#) p.m. and 6:00 a.m., except that motor vehicles may be driven and/or parked within the confines of Leddy Park during such time for the purpose of attending scheduled skating events at Gordon H. Paquette Municipal Arena. Motor vehicles shall be excluded from Perkins Pier ~~and Waterfront Park~~ between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m., except that motor vehicles may be driven and/or parked within the confines of Perkins Pier ~~or Waterfront Park~~ if the person driving and/or parking such vehicles displays on his or her dash-board a late parking permit obtained from ~~the attendant upon admission to the Pier~~ [a Burlington Community Boathouse employee](#).



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(2) Motor vehicles shall be excluded from the confines of Schmanska Park, Ethan Allen Park, Waterfront Park and Oakledge Park between the hours of 9:30 p.m. and 6:00 a.m.