**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**City of Decatur Municipal Government Update – Tuesday, May 26**

At the time of our update, there have been 176 confirmed cases within Morgan County.

Effective today, all City of Decatur facilities will be open to the public, without appointment. If you can, please reach out to the department you have business with first, as many trips can be saved with phone or email correspondence. Facial coverings are strongly recommended.

While we are now in a new phase of the ADPH’s public health order, it is now more imperative than ever that we continue to safe practices and follow the CDC guidelines given to us. Let’s decrease our numbers together.

**Public Safety Update**

The Decatur Police Department and Decatur Fire & Rescue are continuing to respond to calls and emergencies, as normal.

If you feel that you have COVID-19 symptoms and need to call 911, please make sure to tell our dispatchers so that our first responders can take appropriate safety precautions.

**Street & Environmental & Recycling Departmental Updates**

Garbage routes continue to run on their regular routes.

If you haven’t already done so, please complete your census. This is crucial for our state to receive the allocations and funding our communities

The City of Decatur’s recycling program is temporarily suspended. If you would like your recyclables discarded, please place them in the garbage container with regular garbage, which will be collected on your regular garbage collection day.

Household Chemical Collection will return on June 13, 2020, from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., at 1802 Central Parkway. Please visit our website (DecaturAlabamaUSA.com) for more information.

**Parks & Recreation Updates**

As of Tuesday, May 12, in compliance with the Safer at Home Order, the following facilities will open:

* Aquadome
* TC Almon
* Jimmy Johns Tennis Center
* All Outdoor Public Tennis Courts

These facilities will open with limited operation hours and restricted activities. Procedures have been put in place to ensure the safety of our patrons and staff members. All listed facility use and activities will be by reservation only at this time, with the exception of the outdoor public tennis courts.

Trails remain open, but we want to remind residents to follow social distancing guidelines, if they do choose to get some fresh air at one of these locations.

The opening of Point Mallard Waterpark will be postponed until the summer of 2021.

All purchased Point Mallard 2020 Waterpark Season Passes will be automatically rolled over for the 2021 season. Every 2020 season pass that is converted to next year will automatically receive up to $10 in future Fun Bucks to spend in the Park.

Those who choose not to roll over their 2020 season passes to next season can request a refund. Instructions are listed on our website, www.PointMallardPark.com, on how to complete this process. Requests for refunds must be submitted by Friday, June 26, 2020. Any refund not requested by this date will be automatically rolled over for use of the 2021 season. Please allow up to two weeks after the deadline to receive your refund.