



Temporary Closure of Columbia Park East over Labor Day Weekend

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[Tri-Cities, Wash] – Columbia Park in Kennewick will be closed Friday, September 4th through Sunday, September 6th from dawn until 3 pm each day. No access into the park will be allowed at the N. Hartford St., Highway 240 and N. Edison St. access points for the HAPO Over the River Drive-In Airshow.

As has been the case in prior years, event organizers lease the park for exclusive use, compensating tax payers for the time it is unavailable for free public access. Admission into the park during these times will only be authorized to vehicles with pre-purchased tickets to the event. Barriers such as fencing and barricades will impede through access. There will be no access to the east boat launch during the temporary park closure.

The City and non-profit event organizers regret any inconvenience this may cause boaters, bicyclists and pedestrians, and appreciate the community's flexibility in accommodating this Tri-Cities tradition that in years past has generated more than \$3 million per year in economic impact in the region and funding for continued maintenance and improvement of area parks and recreational opportunities.

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