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SYRACUSE PICKS BURNET PARK GOLF COURSE FOR TEST RUN OF SLEDDING IN THE CITY

Syracuse, N.Y. – Before winter 2018 slips away, the city of Syracuse is opening a section of Burnet Park Golf Course for sledding beginning after 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, Mar. 3. Mayor Walsh, who vowed to bring sledding back to Syracuse as a mayoral candidate, made the announcement Saturday morning after late winter snowstorm passed over the city.

“Sledding in city parks is one of my favorite childhood memories, and I want kids and their families today to have the same experiences,” said Mayor Walsh. “The good news is that the city ordinances actually do allow us to designate areas as permitted for sledding. That’s what we’re doing at Burnet Park Golf Course, and if it goes well, we’ll hope to introduce other sites next winter.”

The area chosen for sledding is directly behind the golf clubhouse, beginning near the first tee box. The area is posted with, “Sledding Permitted Here” signs and the run, which descends in to a bowl shaped area, is marked by snow fencing. Sledding is not allowed outside the designated area.

The golf course parking lot will be cleared and open for parking. The clubhouse will also be open to people sledding and using the park for winter activities on Saturday and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

“Our parks are great places to make the most of winter. Whether its snow shoeing, skiing, or ice skating, we offer activities that are right for the site,” said Mayor Walsh. “The bowl at Burnet Park Golf Course has a fun hill that’s away from traffic and free of obstructions. That’s makes it a good place to let people sled safely.”

While the sledding area will not be supervised, the location near the clubhouse will allow Parks and Recreation staff to observe the activity to help decide if it can be continued or expanded. The Parks and Recreation Department will accept ideas for future sledding locations by phone at (315)473-4330 or on Facebook at @Syracuse Parks & Rec.

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