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Outdoor Skating Rinks Opening

Eau Claire Parks, Recreation & Forestry announces that outdoor skating rinks will be ready for use after 4pm on Thursday, December 31. All outdoor warming shelters will be closed this winter to reduce gathering and to mitigate COVID exposure. Light timers have been installed at all outdoor rink locations and will be operational 4pm-9pm daily.

Outdoor Ice Rinks are located in these neighborhood parks:

Boyd (general rink)

Demmler (general rink)

Oakwood Hills (skating & sledding)

Pinehurst (general & hockey rinks, sledding, skiing, snowshoeing)

Putnam Heights (general & hockey rinks)

Roosevelt (general & hockey rinks)

Sam Davey (general rink)

In addition to outdoor skating, Pinehurst Park offers visitors a chance to try out new winter activities with a gear-share program beginning today, December 29 from 12pm-7pm. Gear share equipment including snowshoes, sleds, hockey sticks and Kubb can be accessed by calling the on-site staff member upon arrival at the park, the phone number will be posted on the front door of the shelter building. A portable restroom is on site.

Pinehurst Gear Share and Supervision Hours: Monday-Friday 4-7pm Saturday & Sunday 12-5pm December 30, 31 & January 1 from 12pm-7pm

For additional information, patrons should visit "Outdoor Rinks and Winter Activities" found in the Recreation section of the City website at www.eauclairewi.gov or contact Eau Claire Parks and Recreation at (715) 839-5032.