

PRESS RELEASE ~ JUNE 10, 2020

The Town of Blind River is eager to announce it's reopening of The Blind River Marine Park. Thursday June 11th and Friday, June 12th we will be open from 8am-4pm as a soft-opening that will allow our seasonal boaters to move to their slips.

For the month of June our hours will be Monday-Friday 8am-4pm. June 29-August 28 will expand to 7 Days per week 8am-6pm. Canada Day will have service 10am-4pm in conjunction with our Art Gallery.

Boating is a great way to promote physical distancing as well as exploring our local beauty. As many of our residents have had their summer travel plans changed, our docks are open to all boaters seeking daily, monthly, or seasonal slip rentals. If you find yourself venturing on Lake Huron frequently, we invite you to arrange for a slip to make your experience easier. All boats and boaters are welcome at our public marina. Please email marina@blindriver.ca with any questions or requests to process agreements electronically.

We fully understand and love the culture of boating, chit-chat, and reminiscing with people we only see during the summer. Our request this year is that we all maintain distance and keep interactions to a minimum.

This is one of the strategies we are hoping are respected by our boating community to ensure our staff stay healthy and can serve you for the entire season.

Our Requests are as follows:

- ✓ Please keep 6' apart on the docks.
- ✓ Treat the docks and boardwalk like our trails, give ample right of way to oncoming walkers and wheelers.
- ✓ When possible, purchase our punch card for ice to reduce cash/transaction contact
- ✓ Do not invite guests that do not live in your household on your boat this summer.
- ✓ If you are sick, please do not interact with staff or touch anything in The Marine Park.

While we realize we can not police these requests, we hope for everyone's health and safety that they are followed.

Timber Village Art Gallery will be hosting *The Summer Art Show and Sale*. Our Gallery and Summer Show opening will be June 29th at 10am. We will not be hosting an official opening ceremony this summer.

Our gallery hours are the following:

June 29th to 31st are 10-6. Last admission will be at 530pm.

Canada Day is open from 10am-4pm, last admission at 330pm.

July 2 – August 3 we will operate Tuesday-Saturday from 10am-6pm, last admission at 530pm.

We are opening to support our local artists this summer. As Blind River works to support its local merchants and owners, it is imperative our local artisans receive opportunities to sustain their livelihood.

We have added several tools to make your experience safer and engaging.

- ✓ A maximum of four guests will be permitted in the gallery at one time
- ✓ You are encouraged to view art and process payment at wave to allow other guests to view
- ✓ wave will have an outdoor transaction station set up to reduce traffic in the gift shop (weather permitting of course)
- ✓ wave has a capacity of two guests and is fully stocked with updated consignment items from our local talent
- ✓ We will happily process transactions for art via credit card, package, and promote curbside pick up
- ✓ High contact areas will be sanitized regularly
- ✓ Pieces may be reserved for 24 hours to allow you to call the Gallery with a credit card payment process

Timber Village Art Gallery requests the following of users:

- ✓ Do not visit The Marine Park or TVM Gallery if you are sick
- ✓ Please respect our capacity of four guests and plan accordingly

- ✓ Debit or Credit are preferred to reduce cash transactions
- ✓ We encourage the use of masks

Timber Village Museum remains closed for the month of June. We look forward to providing updates as we can open safely to the public.

In order to support our local merchants as they re-open, it is imperative that The Marine Park, an additional gateway to Blind River, be open to serve the public and encourage users to *Celebrate Local*. While we are adjusting how we serve, we will do our best to deliver the best summer experience possible. All merchants in Blind River with marketing material are invited to arrange by appointment with museum@blindriver.ca for drop off and complimentary promotion in *wave*.

Please be safe, distance, and enjoy The North Channel. Fall in love with the paradise that you are lucky enough to call home.