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Hello Mayor Wilson, DPW and City Council,

I am a resident of Somerville for 23 years, the last 16 of those with kids. I am writing to request that the city please consider turning on the water in the city parks earlier than the historical Memorial day weekend. It is getting warmer earlier, with 80 degree days not uncommon through the month of May (tomorrow's forecast of 78 degrees on May 5th, for example). Perhaps now is a good time to re-evaluate the timing of turning on the park water for this year and future years, as this is the new normal.

I imagine it is a big undertaking to turn all of the water on at the parks. If the city could turn on only the water bottle fillers/fountains now and the water spray parks later, that would still be a big improvement. The spring season kids' sports are in full swing in many of the Somerville parks already and there is no place for the young athletes to fill up water bottles or grab a drink at a fountain. The city supports kids sports and outdoor activities in so many ways. This would make a big difference supporting kids, and other Somerville residents enjoying the parks, over the next few weeks.

Thank you for your time,
Alison Davis, Ward 5