

Memorandum

To: Mike Geisel, City Administrator

From: Tom McCarthy, Director of Parks, Recreation & 

Date: September 10, 2020

Subject: Chesterfield Family Aquatic Center Updates



We continue to analyze the hours of operations and fee structure for the Aquatic Facility. Our current hours of operation are in line with the other municipalities. See chart below.

City	Monday - Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Ballwin	11:30-7:30	11:30-9:30	11:30-7:30	11:30-7:30
Manchester	12:05-7:30	12:05-8:30	11-7:30	12-7:30
Des Peres	12-6	11-7:30	11-7:30	11-6
Ellisville	11:30-7:30	11:30-7:30	11:30-7:30	11:30-7:30
Chesterfield	12-7	12-7	12-6:30	12-6:30

The aquatic facility is currently scheduled to be open all 101 days of the pool season. However, each season we are forced to close the pool the last couple weeks of the season after the lifeguards return to school. We are required to staff the pool with a mandated level of lifeguards, or close if we are unable to provide the required number of guards. I am recommending that once school starts, that we adjust the pool schedule by closing facility the facility Monday – Thursday, but remain be open on Friday from 4-7:00 p.m.(two weeks prior to Labor Day).

Our staff is primarily comprised of high school and college age students. Our college age students head back to school the first week of August. Without the proper number of lifeguards, we risk trying to operate the Aquatic Facility at unsafe lifeguard levels. Our attendance numbers during this time frame are extremely low. We would also save a substantial amount of money (approximately \$10k) being closed during this time frame. I have provided information below from several of our neighboring municipalities pool hours once Parkway and Rockwood go back to school. Chesterfield recommended hours are highlighted below in red.

City	Monday - Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Chesterfield	Closed	4-7:00pm	12-6:30	12-6:30

Ballwin	Closed	Closed	12-5:30	12-5:30
Manchester	Closed	4-8:30 – Comp pool only	11-7:30	11-7:30
Ellisville	Closed	4-7:30	11:30-7:30	11:30-7:30
Des Peres	Closed	Closed	11-7:30	11- 6

We need to adjust our daily admission rate to meet the increase costs associated with the minimum wage that continues to rise each year. Our fees are currently at:

Fees	Resident	Non-Resident
Child / Senior	\$5	\$8
Adult	\$6	\$8

Other municipalities fees in our area are as follows:

City	Fees	Resident	Non-Resident
Des Peres	Youth / Senior	\$7	\$10
	Adult	\$7	\$10
Ballwin	Youth / Senior	\$6	\$10
	Adult	\$7	\$10
O'Fallon	Youth / Senior	\$6	\$8
	Adult	\$8	\$10
St Charles	Youth / Senior	\$8.50	NA
	Adult	\$9.50	NA
Kirkwood	Everyone	\$6	\$10
Wentzville	Youth / Senior	\$6	\$8.50
	Adult	\$7	\$9.50

For 2021 aquatic season, we recommend increasing fees by \$1. We would still be in line with our competitors for daily admission. We will still have \$2 off admission after 5 p.m.

Fees	Resident	Non-Resident
Child / Senior	\$6	\$9
Adult	\$7	\$9

With your approval, I would like to move this forward to the Parks, Recreation & Arts Citizens Advisory Committee and then depending on how that goes move it on to the Parks, Recreation and Arts Committee of Council and with their approval/direction, on to Council.

Please forward to the Parks, Recreation and Arts Committee for further review and direction.

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