



## Des Moines Pool Metropolitan Park District

September 9, 2025

7:00 p.m.

Special "Hybrid" Meeting

*Meetings are hybrid: being held remotely using Zoom and in-person at the Des Moines Pool MPD District Office (22015 Marine View Dr. So. – Main floor). If you wish to listen in, please do so at 1-253-205-0468; Meeting ID: 875 7487 4467; Passcode: 697651. Any questions or comments should be directed to Scott Deschenes, District General Manager at (206) 429-3852 or by email at [scott.deschenes@desmoinespool.org](mailto:scott.deschenes@desmoinespool.org). Public comment for those who cannot physically attend will be due by email to [info@mtrainierpool.com](mailto:info@mtrainierpool.com) by noon on the day of each meeting. Patrons that can attend in-person will be allotted three minutes during public comment (#5). This is due to the hybrid format of the meetings.*

### AGENDA

7:00 1. CALL TO ORDER ROLL CALL

7:01 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

7:03 3. ADOPTION/MODIFICATIONS OF AGENDA (No Modification, Special Meeting)

7:04 4. ANNOUNCEMENTS, PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATION

7:05 5. PUBLIC COMMENT (Please Limit to Three [3] Minutes)

*Hybrid Meeting: If you are unable to physically attend and wish to make public comment, please submit in writing via email to [info@mtrainierpool.com](mailto:info@mtrainierpool.com) by 12:00 p.m. (noon) on Tuesday, September 9. Please include your name, address, and contact phone number. All timely submitted public comments will be read at the meeting subject to the time limit. Any public comments received after noon, will be read at the following regular meeting*

7:10 6. GENERAL BUSINESS

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**22015 Marine View Drive South, Suite 2B, Des Moines WA 98198 (Physical Location)**

**22722 19<sup>th</sup> Avenue South, Des Moines, WA 98198 (Mailing Address)**

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**7:40 UPCOMING MEETING(S) & EVENT(S)**

- September 21, 2025, 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, 12:00 p.m.(noon), Location: Mount Rainier Pool (22722 19 Avenue S, Des Moines, WA)
- September 23, 2025, Regular Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Location: DMPMPD Office (22015 Marine Drive So. #2B, Des Moines, WA)

**ADJOURNMENT**

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### AGENDA ITEMS SUMMARY SHEET

Agenda Item #: 6a Assigned to: District G.M.

Meeting Date: September 9, 2025

Under: General Business

Attachments: Yes

Subject: 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Overview

#### Background/Summary:

The Mount Rainier Pool will host its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on Sunday, September 21. The ceremony will start at noon with a free special swim from 1-3pm.

Attached is general information for the Event Overview including but not limited to:

- (i) Noon Dedication Outline
- (ii) Speeches
- (iii) RSVP Feedback
- (iv) Invitations to Featured Speakers
- (v) Lobby/Site Setup
- (vi) Plaque Update
- (vii) Equipment Needed
- (viii) Other/General Discussion

Fiscal Impact: N/A

#### Proposed Motion:

No motion at this time, but a motion may arise from the discussion.

Reviewed by District Legal Counsel: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No X Date: N/A

#### Three Touch Rule:

_____	Committee Review
<u>Continuous</u>	First Board Meeting (Informational)
<u>N/A</u>	Second Board Meeting (Action)

Action Taken:      Adopted      Rejected      Postponed

Follow-up Needed:      Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No x      Report back date: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Notes:

- Executive Summary (*if you do not want to read the entire list of attachments*)
- Other attachments (see sections)



## i. DEDICATION OUTLINE



## 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dedication Timeline

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	Function	Speaker	Notes
Noon	Welcome & Opening Speech	President Young	Welcome & Opening Speech
12:04	Recognition of Dignitaries and Past Board	Commissioner Dusenbury	Stand-and-wave format
12:06	Keynote Address	City Representative	Keynote
12:10	Reading of Proclamation	Commissioner Campbell	Proclamation for next 50 years
12:13	Recognition of James Ellis & Forward Thrust Movement	Commissioner Thorell	Invite family
12:17	Plaque Unveiling	City of Des Moines Councilmember Gene Achziger	Speech + Unveiling
12:20	Highline School District Remarks	HSD Representative	Speech (Do we want to do this?)
12:24	Next 50-years call-to-action	Commissioner Stender	Speech & Announcement of Advisory Committee
12:28	Group Photo & Ribbon Cutting	All speakers	In front of plaque on easel



# TALKING POINTS BROKEN OUT

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## 12:00 PM – Welcome & Opening Speech

**Speaker:** President Young

**Talking Points:**

- Welcome guests, dignitaries, and community members
  - Acknowledge the significance of 50 years serving Des Moines and South King County
  - Brief mention of today's program and gratitude to all supporters
  - Statement of pride in the Mount Rainier Pool's legacy and role as a community asset
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## 12:04 PM – Recognition of Dignitaries and Past Board

**Speaker:** Commissioner Dusenbury

**Talking Points:**

- Recognize current and former commissioners and elected officials (stand-and-wave)
  - Thank them for their leadership and support over the years
  - Acknowledge representatives from the City, County, and School District
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## 12:06 PM – Keynote Address

**Speaker:** City Representative

**Talking Points:**

- Acknowledge the City's role in supporting public recreation and community health
  - Highlight partnership with the Park District
  - Emphasize continued investment in infrastructure and equity for future generations
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## 12:10 PM – Reading of Proclamation

**Speaker:** Commissioner Campbell

**Talking Points:**

- Read the official 50th Anniversary proclamation
  - Emphasize community pride and commitment to the next 50 years
  - Celebrate the role of public facilities in community building
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## 12:13 PM – Recognition of James Ellis & Forward Thrust Movement

**Speaker:** Commissioner Thorell

**Talking Points:**

- Speak on the pool's legacy as part of Forward Thrust
  - Share a brief story about James Ellis and his leadership in the Forward Thrust movement
  - Acknowledge the pool as one of the fruits of his vision
  - Recognize any attending family or representatives of Mr. Ellis
  - Explain why he's featured on the commemorative plaque
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## 12:17 PM – Plaque Unveiling

**Speaker:** Councilmember Gene Achziger

**Talking Points:**

- Discuss the community value of commemorating legacy builders like Ellis
  - Share a few reflections on how the pool has served generations of Des Moines residents
  - Introduce the unveiling and invite all guests to view the plaque
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## 12:20 PM – Highline School District Remarks



**Speaker:** HSD Representative

**Talking Points:**

- Highlight the educational and safety role the pool plays in youth development
  - Recognize student access to swim lessons and physical education
  - Thank the District and staff for supporting youth in the region
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## 12:24 PM – Next 50-Years Call-to-Action

**Speaker:** Commissioner Stender

**Talking Points:**

- Reflect on how far the pool has come—and where it must go
  - Highlight challenges with aging infrastructure
  - Announce the formation of a **Community Advisory Committee**
  - Encourage community input, participation, and vision for future upgrades or new facilities
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## 12:28 PM – Group Photo & Ribbon Cutting

**Speaker:** All

**Talking Points:**

- Pose together to symbolize unity, legacy, and a shared future
  - Thank all attendees again
  - Invite guests to the free community swim and refreshments (if offered)
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## OUTLINE OF DAY OF EVENT INCLUDING EQUIPMENT NEEDS

- OVERALL:
  - Do we want to work with the chamber or Destination Des Moines?
  - Pool closed on Sunday, September 21
  - Staff in at 9am to deep clean facility, grounds and other items
  - Setup event at 10am



## ii. SPEECHES



## OPENING SPEECH OPTIONS – PRESIDENT YOUNG

### 1. LONGER SPEECH:

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#### **Opening Speech – 50th Anniversary of Mount Rainier Pool**

*Speaker: President Young*

“Good afternoon, everyone, and welcome.

On behalf of the Des Moines Pool Metropolitan Park District, it is my honor to welcome all of you—our community members, families, neighbors, and dignitaries who have joined us today. Your presence makes this milestone celebration truly special.

Today marks 50 years since the Mount Rainier Pool first opened its doors to the people of Des Moines and South King County. For half a century, this pool has been more than just a place to swim—it has been a gathering place, a training ground, and a safe space where children learned to swim, athletes pursued their dreams, and families created lasting memories.

We are proud of the legacy this pool represents, and even prouder of the role it continues to play as a vital community asset. None of this would have been possible without the tireless dedication of our staff, volunteers, board members past and present, our community partners, and of course—you, the residents we serve.

This afternoon’s program is both a celebration of our history and a look toward our future. We’ll honor the visionaries who helped bring this pool to life, recognize those who sustain it today, and share our hopes for the next 50 years.

On behalf of the Board of Commissioners, I extend my deepest gratitude for your continued support. Together, we will ensure that Mount Rainier Pool remains a place where everyone can learn, grow, and belong.

Thank you—and let’s celebrate 50 years of community at Mount Rainier Pool!”

### 2. SHORTER SPEECH:

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## **Opening Speech – 50th Anniversary of Mount Rainier Pool**

*Speaker: President Young*

“Good afternoon, everyone. On behalf of the Des Moines Pool Metropolitan Park District, welcome, and thank you for joining us to celebrate this very special milestone.

For 50 years, the Mount Rainier Pool has been more than a pool—it’s been a gathering place for families, a training ground for athletes, and a safe space where generations of South King County residents have learned to swim.

We are proud of this legacy and grateful to our staff, volunteers, partners, and most importantly, our community, who have made it all possible.

Today’s program will honor our history, celebrate our present, and look ahead to the next 50 years of service. Thank you for your continued support—and let’s enjoy this celebration together!”



## Recognition of Dignitaries (Commissioner Dusenbury)

### **Recognition of Dignitaries and Past Board**

*Speaker: Commissioner Dusenbury*

“Thank you, President Young.

At this time, I would like to recognize some very special people who have helped guide and support the Mount Rainier Pool over the years.

First, I want to acknowledge our current and former commissioners. Your leadership, dedication, and countless hours of service have been vital in keeping this pool strong for 50 years. Would you please stand and be recognized with a round of applause?

- Gene Achziger
- Eric Kasnick
- Nancy Kuehnoel
- Marty Martinson (DO WE WANT TO RECOGNIZE THOSE WHO LEFT AREA?)

I would also like to thank the elected officials and community leaders who have joined us today. We are grateful for your continued partnership and support.

- Will add this when we get closer.

Finally, we want to recognize representatives from the City of Des Moines, King County, and the Highline School District. Your collaboration has been instrumental in ensuring this pool remains a resource for our community.

- Will add this when we get closer.

Please join me in thanking all of these leaders for their vision and commitment to making the Mount Rainier Pool a true community treasure.”



## **Introduction to Resolution – 50th Anniversary**

*Speaker: Commissioner Holly Campbell*

“As we celebrate 50 years of service, it’s important not only to look back at where we’ve been, but also to look ahead at where we’re going.

Our theme for this anniversary—*‘From the First Splash to the Next Wave: 50 Years & Beyond’*—reminds us that the Mount Rainier Pool has given generations of families their first swim lessons, their first competitions, and their first memories in the water. It has been a cornerstone of health, safety, and connection in our community.

But it also reminds us that the work is not finished. While we are proud of all this facility has accomplished, we must also acknowledge that the pool is aging. Its systems are deteriorating, its footprint is too small to meet today’s demand, and the needs of our growing community are greater than ever.

This resolution represents a promise: that we will carry forward the legacy of the Mount Rainier Pool and prepare for the future. It outlines our commitment to explore land acquisition, conduct a feasibility study, engage our community, and pursue the funding necessary to build the next generation of aquatic facilities.

In short, it’s about ensuring that our children and grandchildren will have the same opportunities to learn, play, and grow in the water that past generations enjoyed here.

At this time, I invite [reader’s name/title] to present the resolution that will guide us from our first 50 years into the next wave of community service.”



## **Recognition of James Ellis & Forward Thrust Movement**

*Speaker: Commissioner Thorell*

“Thank you.

As we celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Mount Rainier Pool, it is important to recognize the vision and leadership that made this pool—and so many others across King County—possible.

The Mount Rainier Pool is part of the legacy of the *Forward Thrust* movement, a series of voter-approved investments in the late 1960s and early 1970s that transformed our region with parks, open spaces, transit, and public facilities. One of the central champions of that effort was James R. Ellis.

James Ellis was more than a civic leader—he was a visionary. He believed that building pools, parks, and community spaces wasn’t just about concrete and water, but about equity, access, and civic pride. Thanks to his leadership, over 20 public pools were built in King County, including the one we stand in today.

Generations of children have learned to swim here, families have connected here, and lives have been enriched because James Ellis believed in the power of public investment to strengthen community.

We are proud to feature his name on the commemorative plaque unveiled today, so that everyone who enters this facility will know the story of his vision and the role he played in shaping healthier, more connected communities.

If there are any members of the Ellis family or representatives here today, we extend our deepest gratitude for sharing his legacy with us.

On behalf of the Des Moines Pool Metropolitan Park District, we dedicate this 50th Anniversary celebration to James Ellis and the enduring spirit of the Forward Thrust movement.”



## Next 50 Years Call-to-Action

*Speaker: Commissioner Stender*

“Thank you.

As we celebrate 50 years of the Mount Rainier Pool, it’s inspiring to reflect on all this facility has accomplished. Since 1975, thousands of children have learned to swim here, families have gathered here, and generations have built memories in this water. The Mount Rainier Pool has truly been a cornerstone of health, safety, and community.

But as we look ahead, we must be honest about the challenges. In 1975, Des Moines had fewer than 4,000 residents. Today, we have more than 31,000—a nearly 700% increase—yet we still have the same single pool, built to serve a much smaller community.

This pool was also built before the Americans with Disabilities Act, before zero-depth entries, before warm-water therapy pools, family changing areas, or the multi-use rooms people expect today. Despite our best retrofits, this 1975 design cannot fully match the accessibility, flexibility, and energy efficiency of modern aquatic centers.

What does this mean? It means that while we should celebrate the past, we must also prepare for the future. Families now expect splash zones and warm water play. Competitive swimmers need 50-meter pools, cooler water, and warm-up space. Seniors need easy entry ramps and warm-water therapy. Our single, aging pool simply cannot meet all of those needs.

That is why tonight, I am proud to announce the formation of a **Community Advisory Committee that will be coming in 2026**. This committee will help us shape the next chapter—exploring options for upgrades or even planning a new aquatic facility that truly reflects the needs of today and tomorrow.

But this isn’t just a board project—it’s a community project. We need your ideas, your energy, and your vision. The Mount Rainier Pool has always been your pool, and its future should be defined by you.

So, let’s honor the past 50 years by working together for the next 50. Let’s ensure that when our children and grandchildren stand here at the 100th Anniversary of swimming in our community, they will celebrate not only the first splash, but the next wave of opportunity we created together.”



## Closing Statement – President Young

“Thank you to my fellow commissioners for your reflections and for helping us honor the past, present, and future of the Mount Rainier Pool.

At this time, I would like to open the floor to our honored guests and dignitaries. If there are any elected officials, community partners, or representatives here today who would like to share a few brief remarks, we warmly invite you to come forward.

Your voices and continued support have been essential to the success of this pool over the past 50 years, and we welcome your words as we look toward the next 50.

And before we close, I’d like to remind everyone that you are welcome to stay and enjoy our **Free Family Swim from 1:00 to 3:00 pm**. It’s our way of saying thank you to the community that has supported the Mount Rainier Pool for half a century.”

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### iii. RSVP Feedback



## RSVP MESSAGES SUMMARY

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- Clerk Melum emailed PDF along with Event Flyer starting on September 2.
- Following up with physical letters to each dignitary.
- Sent each email RSVP follow-up and will send final email week of event.
- As of end of day on Thursday, September 4, had 12 responses.
  - City of Des Moines (2): Mayor Buxton, Commissioner Yoshiko Matsui
  - City of Normandy Park (1): Parks Manager Lloyd
  - Highline School District (1): Superintendent Duran
  - Highline College (1): VP Outreach Gerstman
  - Tukwila MPD (2): Director of Operations Harpin and Commissioner Zaputil
  - School Board Candidates (2): Kresly and Nita-Enniful
  - District 33 Candidates (1): Schilling
  - DMPMPD Board (2): Campbell and Thorell
- Other Dignitary Speeches:
  - Dr. Duran (HSD): Responded with email inviting him to speak. No response at time of this email.
  - Mayor Buxton (CoDM): Responded that she recommended having Councilmember Achziger speak.
  - Candidate Kresley responded that she might want to say a few words. Could do this for all at the end.



## iv. Featured Speakers



## Featured Speakers

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### City of Des Moines

- Why? Led movement to form the District in 2008-2009.
- Usually have Mayor or Board President
- Mayor Buxton suggested having Councilmember Achziger speak.

### Highline School District

- Why? Landlord of pool since 2009 and partners on running pool since.
- Superintendent Dr. Duran RSVP'd, and I sent response wanting to know if he would like to speak.

### Backup

- Former Board Member at inception
- State or County Representative
- Former Lifeguard that has career
- Other?



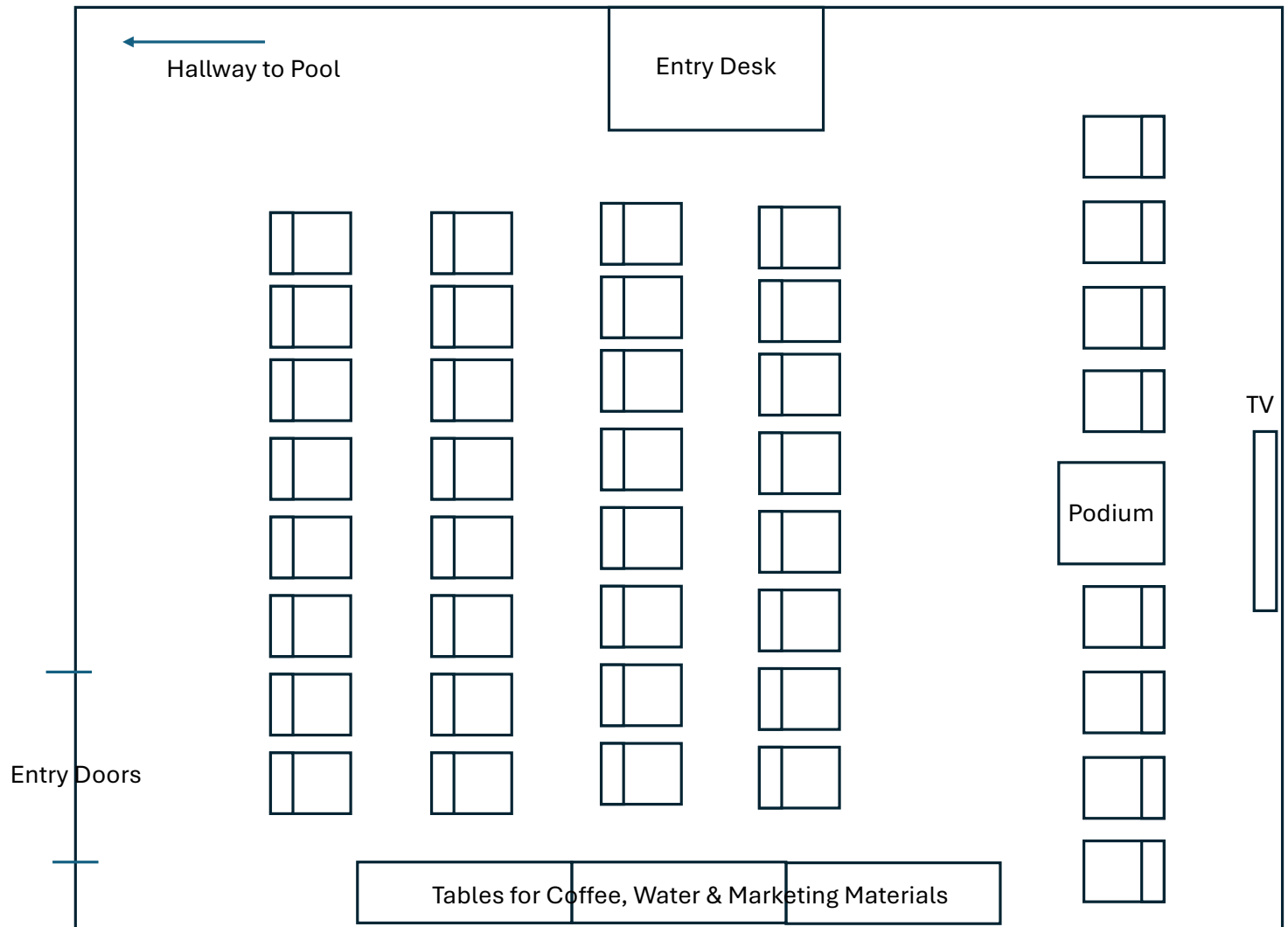
## v. Lobby/Site Setup



# Lobby Setup

Will need to  
alter due to  
space  
constraints

Lobby is not a  
square, but  
will work with  
staff the  
morning of  
event to best  
fill space





## vi. Plaque Update



Plaque:  
Around  
\$7,900 + Tax

I finally have some pricing info for you on this.

Ballpark pricing for something similar to what you sent me (see below)....

24"x36"

.3125" thickness

raised copy

single line border

etched photos/inserts

per provided artwork

mounting pattern

typical production time 10-12 days after design approval

\$7800

Please get back to me with any questions, etc and we'll work on getting things moving forward on this for you.

*Note-errors on sample. Made with ChatGPT as example.*

**mrp**

**DES MOINES POOL**

**MOUNT RAINIER POOL**  
**50TH ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATION**  
**1975 - 2025**

Dedicated in celebration of the Mount Rainier Pool's 50 years of service to the Des Moines and Normandy Park communities.

Originally opened in 1975 as part of the Forward Thrust initiative, this facility has provided generations of residents with access to swim lessons, water safety education, aquatic fitness, and a welcoming space for community connection.

This milestone honors the vision of those who built the pool, the dedication of those who have operated it, and the enduring commitment to ensuring a safe, inclusive, and vibrant public resource.

This plaque commemorates five decades of public service, aquatic safety, and community spirit – past, present, and future.

**Des Moines Pool MPD Board of Commissioners (2025)**  
Share Young, President  
Doug Dusenbury, Clerk of the Board  
Holly Campbell, Commissioner  
Shane Stender, Commissioner  
Patrice Thorell, Commissioner  
Scott Deschenes

**FORWARD THRUST**

**Community Partners (1975–2025)**  
Highline School District  
City of Des Moines  
City of Normandy Park  
City of Searac  
King County Parks  
Des Moines Legacy Foundation  
King Aquatics  
Aquatics Management Group.

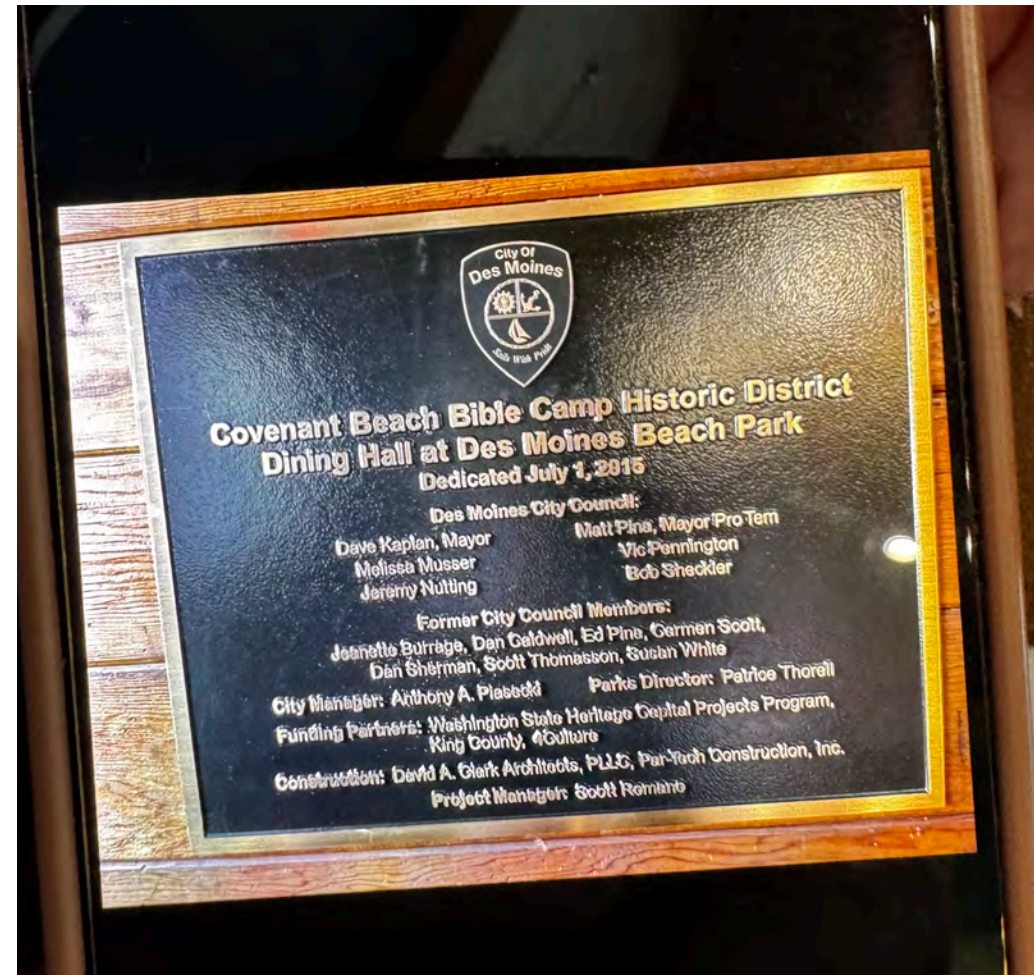
*In grateful tribute to James, "Jim" Ellis, (1921–2019) visionary civic leader and architect of the Forward Thrust initiative, whose dedication to public service made this pool –*

**James "Jim" Ellis. (1921–2019)**  
*City of Des Moines Honorary Citizen*



# Other Options

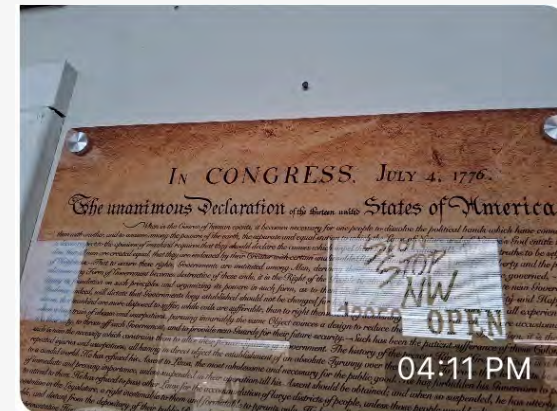
- Cheaper Metal
- Image provided by Commissioner Thorell
- Awaiting estimate
- Will bring to meeting
- Need 10-12 business days, but will see what we can do
- Estimate around \$6k for 24\*36





## Other Options

- LAMINATED COVER
- 1/4" clear acrylic with full color image printed on back
- pre-drilled holes with standoffs for mounting
- Available sizes...
  - 16x24: \$263.50
  - 20x30: \$316.25
  - 24x36: \$375.25
  - (assumes we are provided with useable artwork to print directly from)
- Turn around time would be about a week





## vii. Equipment Needed



# Equipment Needed

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## Room Setup

- Podium (Add Laminated Logo of DMPMPD to the front)
- PA with Microphone System
- Tables (5) w/ Tablecloths
- Chairs (50) – Mismatched. Might be good to rent (or take from storage)

## Food and Drink

- Coffee setup for 100? (get from Starbucks, Panera or Other)
- Water Dispenser from Back
- Purchase cups from Costco (200)

## Decorations

- TV (Slide Show of Pool at Opening)
- 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Flyer
- Table of Flyers
- Plaque
- Staff Mural (if possible)
- Marketing/Age of Facility
- Resolution and Proclamation post

## Outside/Parking Lot

- Sandwich board for Overflow Parking
- Cones/Caution Tape for VIP Parking

Will bring drawing of setup for event to meeting on Sept 9.









## viii. Other/General Discussion



# Commemorative Forward Thrust Pools in King County

Below are the Forward Thrust Pools that were developed in 1970s in King County. Each contain the Location, Status, Agency Involved and Future Plans.

Pool Name	Location	Status (Agency)	Future Plans
			
Medgar Evers Pool	Seattle (Central Dist.)	Open (Seattle Parks & Rec)	Listed in Capital Improvement Plan for Major Work.
			
Helene Madison Pool	Seattle (Northgate)	Open (Seattle Parks & Rec)	Recently renovated.
			
Ballard Pool	Seattle (Ballard)	Open (Seattle Parks & Rec)	Interior and exterior comprehensive renovation.





Meadowbrook Pool

Seattle (Lake City)



Open (Seattle  
Parks & Rec)

Recently renovated.



Rainier Beach Pool

Seattle (Rainier Beach)



Closed (Seattle  
Parks & Rec)

Replace with Rainier Beach  
Community Center.



Queen Anne Pool







Seattle (Queen Anne)



Open (Seattle  
Parks & Rec)

Recently renovated.



	<p>Tukwila</p>		<p>Open (Tukwila Pool MPD)</p> <p>Expansion plans for next couple of years.</p>
	<p>Covington</p>		<p>Open — City of Covington</p> <p>Aquatic Feasibility Study to explore replacement with recreation center.</p>
	<p>White Center</p>		<p>Open — Nonprofit-operated</p> <p>Updated to Solar and other grants.</p>





Enumclaw Aquatic Center

Enumclaw

Open — City of Enumclaw

Remodeled in 2025 with party rooms, new entry, family changing rooms and ADA upgrades.



Kenneth Jones Pool

Federal Way (High School)

Closed and torn down for Federal Way High School.

Replaced by Federal Way Community Center



Northshore Pool

Bothell (formerly)

Closed.

Converted — McMenamins Lagoon





Mary Wayte Pool

Mercer Island

Managed by OCA  
Aquatics for MISD

Remodeling in 2025 with new entry,  
locker rooms family changing room  
and ADA upgrades.



Carole Ann Wald Pool

St. Edward Park

Closed — 2009

Closed. No public plans to save the  
pool.



Mount Rainier Pool

Des Moines

Open (Des Moines  
MPD)

Turns 50 on September 15, 2025. \$1.8  
million to repair critical systems.





# Mount Rainier Pool at 50: Then and Now

## A Pool Built in 1975, Serving 2025 Needs

When the Mount Rainier Pool opened in 1975, it was a **state-of-the-art facility** for Des Moines. Families enjoyed two diving boards, a bulkhead for flexible pool use, and affordable swim opportunities in one community pool. But fifty years later, the world has changed dramatically — and so have community needs.

### More People, Same Pool

- In 1970, Des Moines had fewer than **4,000 residents**. Today, the city has **over 31,000** — a **694% increase**.
- King County's population nearly doubled in the same time.
- Yet Des Moines still has only **one public pool of the same size** (112' x 43').

**The challenge:** One small pool now serves a city nearly seven times larger, making it harder to provide enough swim lessons, exercise classes, and open swim times for everyone.

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### Affordability in a Changing Economy

- In 1975, a home cost around **\$38,000**; today, the average is **\$617,000**.
- A car cost about **\$4,000**; now it's closer to **\$49,000**.
- Meanwhile, the cost of a senior swim at Mount Rainier Pool has only risen from **\$1 to \$4.75**, and **other passes are the lowest for public pools in the area**.

**The commitment:** Even as costs skyrocket, the Pool District works hard to keep swimming **affordable for all**, offering scholarships, Medicare passes for seniors, grant-funded lessons, free certifications for youth lifeguards and swim lesson instructors to reduce barriers, and \$1 family and senior days.

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## Built Before Modern Standards

- In 1975, the **ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act)** didn't exist. The pool was not designed for accessible entry, barrier-free restrooms, or family changing areas.
- Today, modern pools offer **zero-depth entry, warm-water therapy pools, multi-use rooms, and larger locker rooms** with private stalls.

**The challenge:** Despite retrofits like pool lifts and ADA steps, Mount Rainier Pool cannot fully match the accessibility, efficiency, or flexibility of modern aquatic centers that many others around the state and county have in their communities.

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## What People Expect Today

- **Youth & Families:** In 1975, a single pool with diving boards was exciting and state-of-the art. In 2025, kids expect **splash zones, lazy rivers, warm water play, family changing rooms, and party rooms.**
- **Competitive Swimmers:** Training now calls for **50-meter pools, cooler water, and dedicated warm-up space.**
- **Seniors:** Older adults look for **warm water, easy entry ramps, therapy programs, and barrier-free locker rooms.**

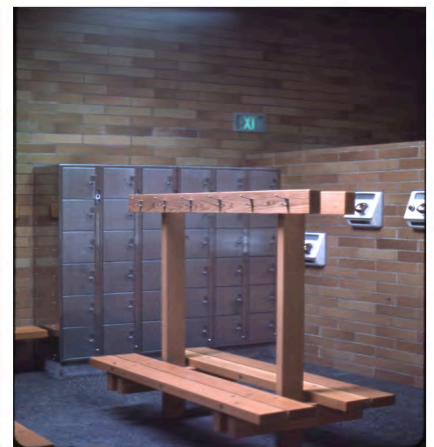
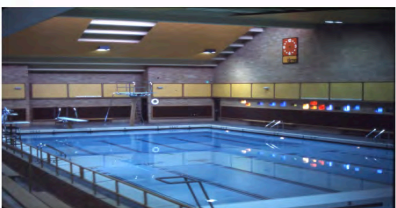
**The reality:** Today's families, athletes, and seniors want different water temperatures, different facilities, and more options than one pool can provide.

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## Why This Matters for Our Future

For five decades, the Mount Rainier Pool has taught thousands to swim, trained lifeguards, and given families a safe place to gather. But the facility is showing its age. **It uses more energy than newer pools, lacks flexible community space, and struggles to keep up with modern expectations.**

Still, the Mount Rainier Pool remains a **cornerstone of community health, safety, and connection.** The next chapter is about ensuring this vital resource can continue serving Des Moines families for another 50 years.

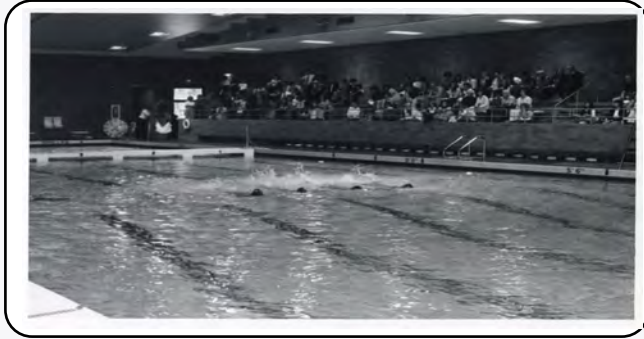




# Mount Rainier Pool — 50 Years of Change

1975 → 2025 • How life, needs, and demographics have changed

## THEN (1975)



## NOW (2025)



## Population Growth

Category	1975	Today	Change
Des Moines population	3,951	31,388	+694%
King County population	1.16 million	2.28 million	+97%
Mount Rainier Pool size	112'*43'	112'*43'	No change

## Value of a Dollar (Local Examples)

Item	1975	Today	Change
Home price (median example)	\$38,000	\$617,000	+1524%
Car price (typical new)	\$4,000	\$49,000	+1125%
Senior swim admission	\$1	\$4.75	+475%

## Evolving Community Needs & Design

- Accessibility: ADA requirements now standard for public pools (not required in 1975).
- Safety & Technology: Computer-controlled filtration/chemistry; better air & water quality.
- Capacity: Same-size pool serves a city that is many times larger than in 1975.
- Modern Amenities: Today's families expect swimming pools to feature modern amenities like warm-water leisure areas, interactive play structures, comfortable seating, and accessible changing spaces.



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*Cover Scholarship for All Ages including lessons*

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## **Des Moines Pool Metropolitan Park District**

**From the First Splash to the Next Wave: 50 Years & Beyond**

### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

#### **Mount Rainier Pool Celebrates 50 Years of Community Service with Anniversary Dedication**

Des Moines, WA — September 21, 2025 — The Mount Rainier Pool, a cornerstone of community recreation and water safety in South King County, is celebrating its 50th Anniversary with a special dedication ceremony on Sunday, September 21, 2025, at 12:00 PM.

Since opening its doors in 1975, the pool has served generations of families with swim lessons, water safety education, lifeguard training, and affordable recreation. Built as part of the Forward Thrust initiative, the facility remains one of the few public pools in the region and continues to play a vital role in community health and wellness.

#### **Event Highlights**

- Keynote remarks from community leaders and dignitaries
- Proclamation for the “Next 50 Years” of service
- Tribute to James Ellis and recognition of the Forward Thrust movement
- Plaque unveiling & ceremonial ribbon cutting
- **Free Community Swim from 1–3 PM following the ceremony**

The program will honor the visionaries who helped establish the pool while recognizing the challenges of maintaining a 50-year-old facility in a growing and changing community. Leaders will also issue a call-to-action for the next 50 years, inviting residents to participate in shaping the pool’s future.

“From its first splash in 1975 to today, the Mount Rainier Pool has been more than just a swimming pool — it has been a gathering place, a classroom for water safety, and a lifeline for community health,” said Scott Deschenes, General Manager (or preferably a board member). “This anniversary is about honoring our history while charting a course to ensure future generations continue to benefit from this vital community resource.”



The ceremony will take place at Mount Rainier Pool, 22722 19th Ave South, Des Moines, WA 98198. All community members are welcome to attend. Reserved seating and parking will be available for dignitaries and invited guests.

For more information, visit [mtrainierpool.com](https://mtrainierpool.com) or follow the Pool on Facebook at [facebook.com/mtrainierpool](https://facebook.com/mtrainierpool).

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### About the Des Moines Pool Metropolitan Park District

The Des Moines Pool Metropolitan Park District operates the Mount Rainier Pool, providing affordable access to aquatic programs for youth, adults, and seniors. With a mission to promote water safety, healthy living, and community connection, the District continues to expand programs and partnerships that ensure swimming is recognized as an essential life skill.

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Warm regards,

Scott Deschenes

District General Manager

Des Moines Pool Metropolitan Park District

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# 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Marketing Outlets

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## Local Blogs & Online News:

- **Waterland Blog (South King Media)** – main community news source for Des Moines & Normandy Park
- **Normandy Park Blog** – local coverage and events
- **Highline Times / Westside Seattle** – regional newspaper covering Highline area
- **Kent Reporter / Federal Way Mirror** – cover broader South King County events



## School & Family Channels:

- **PeachJar** – digital flyer system through Highline Public Schools (great for families)
- **School District PTSA's/PTO's** – Highline School District and private schools (St. Philomena, etc.)



## Social Media Platforms:

- **Facebook** – Mount Rainier Pool page + community groups (e.g., *Des Moines, WA Community Info*, *Normandy Park Community Group*)
- **Instagram** – visual storytelling for youth/families
- **X (Twitter)** – quick news and local hashtags (#DesMoinesWA, #NormandyParkWA, #SouthKingCounty)



## Local Media Outlets:



- **Seattle Times – South King County section**
  - **KIRO 7, KING 5, KOMO 4, FOX 13** (local TV – event announcements)
  - **KNKX Public Radio (NPR Tacoma/Seattle)** – covers South Sound community events
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#### **Civic & Business Channels:**

- **Destination Des Moines** – tourism and community events calendar
  - **Seattle Southside Chamber of Commerce?**
  - **City of Des Moines & City of Normandy Park**
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#### **Other Channels:**

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# Des Moines Pool Metropolitan Park District

## AGENDA ITEMS SUMMARY SHEET

Agenda Item #: 6b      Assigned to: District G.M.      Meeting Date: September 9, 2025

Under: General Business      Attachment: Yes

Subject: Resolution 2025-08 Declaration on Moving Forward (*or Statement of Concern*)

### Background/Summary:

The Des Moines Pool Metropolitan Park District (Pool District) owns and operates the Mount Rainier Pool, which will mark its **50th anniversary on September 15, 2025**. While it has served our community well for decades, the facility is no longer **physically, functionally, or economically sustainable** for the residents of Des Moines.

### Physical Challenges

The pool was originally designed to last **25–40 years**. At 50 years old, its core systems — mechanical, plumbing, electrical, and structural — are past their useful life. Breakdowns continue to mount, causing costly repairs, disrupting operations, and limiting the services we can provide.

### Functional Limitations

When the pool was built, Des Moines had fewer than 4,000 residents. Today, the population is more than **31,000** — nearly seven times larger — but the pool remains the same size. This limits our ability to deliver essential programs such as swim lessons, water safety instruction, and fitness activities. In addition, community expectations have changed since 1975. Families now look for amenities like family changing rooms, multiple bodies of water at different temperatures, zero-depth entry, warm-water therapy, and full ADA accessibility. While the Pool District has made upgrades where possible, the current facility cannot be expanded to meet these modern needs.

### Economic Strain

The Pool District continues to spend significant resources on outdated, inefficient systems. Like other Forward Thrust-era pools, Mount Rainier Pool has **low cost-recovery**, requiring ongoing subsidy to stay operational. In contrast, newer facilities are designed to serve larger populations more efficiently, with features that attract higher usage and revenue while also addressing critical community issues such as childhood obesity, water safety, and youth engagement as a safe “third place.”

### The Path Forward

To meet the community’s future needs, the Pool District must plan for a **new aquatic facility**. However, state law currently restricts levy increases to **1% annually**, which has steadily eroded the District’s taxing capacity. Once able to levy up to **\$0.75 per \$1,000 assessed value**, projections show this rate could fall below **\$0.20 by 2029**, well under the original campaign promise. This shrinking levy base not only limits daily operations but also weakens our ability to borrow funds for capital projects.

To address these challenges, the Pool District is committed to pursuing a **levy lid lift**, building reserves for a future transition, and preparing for a **bond measure** to replace the Mount Rainier



Pool with a modern, efficient aquatic center that reflects the needs of today's and tomorrow's families.

**Resolution 2025-08** affirms the Board of Commissioners' dedication to this path — ensuring the legacy of the Mount Rainier Pool continues for the next 50 years and beyond.

If the board of commissioners does not wish to pass the resolution, the District GM has also provided a **Statement of Concern** that could be presented or augmented as part of a speeches at the September 21 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration.

**Fiscal Impact:** See Background Summary for more information.

**Proposed Motion**

**(For Resolution 2025-08):** *"I move that the Board of Commissioners of the Des Moines Pool Metropolitan Park District adopt **Resolution 2025-08**, declaring the condition of the Mount Rainier Pool, affirming the need to pursue a levy lid lift, and committing to build reserves and prepare for a future bond to replace the Mount Rainier Pool with a modern aquatic facility."*

**or**

**(Statement of Concern):** "I move that the Board of Commissioners direct staff to prepare and publish an **informational report** on the current condition and long-term challenges of the Mount Rainier Pool, and to **schedule opportunities for community input** as part of the District's planning for the next 50 years."

Reviewed by District Legal Counsel:    Yes     X     No           Date:     Various    

**Three Touch Rule:**

	<b>Committee Review</b>
<u>May 27, 2025</u>	<b>First Board Meeting (Informational)</b>
<u>Sept 9, 2025</u>	<b>Second Board Meeting (Action)</b>

**Action Taken:**    Adopted    Rejected    Postponed

**Follow-up Needed:**    Yes        No               x        Report back date:                     

**Notes:**

- Attachments:
  - Resolution 2025-08, Declaration on Moving Forward
  - (Alternative) Statement of Concern – Mount Rainier Pool at 50



**DES MOINES POOL METROPOLITAN PARK DISTRICT**

**KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2025-08**

**DECLARATION OF MOVING FORWARD**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE DES MOINES POOL METROPOLITAN PARK DISTRICT EXPLORING THE REPLACEMENT OF THE MOUNT RAINIER POOL AND OUTLINING NEXT STEPS FOR COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND FEASIBILITY STUDY.**

**A Resolution Declaring the Deterioration of the Mount Rainier Pool, the Need to Pursue a Levy Lid Lift, and the Intent to Explore the Development of a New Aquatic Facility on an Expanded Site**

**WHEREAS**, the Des Moines Pool Metropolitan Park District (“District”) was formed to operate and maintain the Mount Rainier Pool, which has served the residents of Des Moines, Normandy Park, and surrounding communities for nearly five decades; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mount Rainier Pool’s major systems—including its surge pit, mechanical, electrical, plumbing, and HVAC systems—have reached or exceeded their useful life, and the most recent conditions assessment has identified a critical, time-sensitive issue that places the long-term operability of the facility at significant risk; and

**WHEREAS**, the facility’s deteriorating condition has led to increasing emergency closures, rising maintenance costs, and service disruptions, limiting the District’s ability to meet the community’s growing demand for aquatic services such as swim lessons, water exercise, recreational swimming, and water safety instruction; and

**WHEREAS**, the population of Des Moines and the surrounding area has grown substantially since the pool’s construction, intensifying demand for aquatic facilities that the current pool can no longer meet in terms of size, capacity, or programming; and

**WHEREAS**, the recent conditions assessment determined that the Mount Rainier Pool’s existing site footprint is too small to accommodate future expansion or the addition of new amenities needed to meet community needs; and

**WHEREAS**, the District recognizes that securing a larger lot of land is necessary to pursue the development of a modern, expanded aquatic facility that can accommodate future population growth, new program offerings, and increased community demand; and



**WHEREAS**, although the District has successfully pursued grants and capital funding to address temporary repairs, a long-term capital funding strategy is urgently required to secure land, plan, and eventually construct a replacement aquatic facility; and

**WHEREAS**, the District's current taxing authority is constrained under Washington State's 1% annual limit on property tax increases, which has eroded the District's effective levy rate over time, leaving the District unable to meet these urgent needs within current revenues; and

**WHEREAS** the Board of Commissioners recognizes the need to pursue a levy lid lift to restore taxing capacity, stabilize operations, build capital reserves, and position the District to secure land and advance the planning and development of a new aquatic facility;

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**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE DES MOINES POOL METROPOLITAN PARK DISTRICT, AS FOLLOWS:**

**1. Declaration of Facility Condition and Urgency:**

The Board declares that the Mount Rainier Pool is in a critically deteriorated condition, as documented by the most recent facility assessment, and that the limited site capacity prevents future expansion, creating an urgent need for financial and planning action to maintain aquatic services and prepare for the community's future needs.

**2. Levy Lid Lift and Capital Funding Intent:**

The Board expresses its intent to prepare for a levy lid lift under RCW 84.55.050 to restore taxing authority, stabilize operations, address emergency repairs, build capital reserves, and support land acquisition and future facility development.

**3. Land Acquisition and Feasibility Commitment:**

The Board commits to exploring all available opportunities to secure a larger site suitable for a modern aquatic facility and to undertaking a comprehensive feasibility study to evaluate options for new construction, site planning, and expanded programming.

**4. Community Engagement Commitment:**

The Board directs staff to develop and implement a robust public engagement process—including surveys, public meetings, and the formation of a community advisory committee—to ensure residents, stakeholders, and partners have meaningful input in shaping the vision for a future aquatic facility.



**5. Progress Reporting:**

The Board directs the General Manager to provide regular progress updates on levy lid lift planning, land acquisition efforts, feasibility study progress, and public engagement activities at future board meetings.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Board of Commissioners of the Des Moines Pool Metropolitan Park District this 9th day of September 2025.

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President Young

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Commissioner Dusenbury

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**DES MOINES POOL METROPOLITAN PARK DISTRICT  
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

**MOUNT RAINIER POOL AT 50  
STATEMENT OF CONCERN**

The Board of Commissioners of the Des Moines Pool Metropolitan Park District recognizes that the **Mount Rainier Pool, now approaching its 50th anniversary, faces significant physical, functional, and economic challenges.** Originally designed for a much smaller community, the facility has exceeded its expected lifespan and is increasingly difficult to operate, maintain, and adapt to modern needs.

While the District has worked diligently to extend the life of the pool through repairs and retrofits, the Board acknowledges that **ongoing deterioration, limited capacity, and outdated design features** create barriers to fully meeting the community's expectations for water safety, recreation, health, and accessibility.

The Board further recognizes the importance of transparency, planning, and broad community engagement as we prepare for the next 50 years of aquatic services in Des Moines and South King County.

The Board of Commissioners directs staff to:

1. Prepare and publish an **informational report** on the current condition and long-term challenges of the Mount Rainier Pool;
2. **Schedule opportunities for community input** as part of the District's future planning;
3. **Pursue evaluation of a levy lid lift** as a funding strategy to stabilize operations and support future facility planning;
4. **Develop a Community Advisory Committee** to help guide visioning and public involvement; and
5. **Explore future alternatives** to ensure continued aquatic services for the community over the next 50 years.



## Des Moines Pool Metropolitan Park District

### AGENDA ITEMS SUMMARY SHEET

**Agenda Item #:** 6c      **Assigned to:** District G.M.      **Meeting Date:** September 9, 2025

**Under:** General Business

**Attachment:** Yes

**Subject:** Proclamation 2025-04 Honoring James Ellis

#### **Background/Summary:**

The District GM is recommending the Des Moines Pool Metropolitan District pass the attached proclamation that includes making the second Saturday of each September, James Ellis Day, and offering free pool public swim pool usage in recognition of his legacy including getting the Mount Rainier Pool built.

#### **Background on James R. Ellis and the Forward Thrust Pools**

James R. Ellis (1921–2019) was a respected attorney, civic leader, and one of the most influential visionaries in King County’s modern history. Over the course of his career, he championed projects that shaped the region’s identity — including clean water efforts for Lake Washington, the creation of Metro, and, most notably for our work, the **Forward Thrust initiative** of the late 1960s and early 1970s .

#### **The Forward Thrust Program**

- Forward Thrust was a bold package of voter-approved public investments designed to improve the quality of life in King County.
- Projects funded through Forward Thrust included parks, open spaces, transportation, cultural centers, and neighborhood facilities.
- One of its most enduring impacts was the construction of more than **20 public swimming pools across King County (including the Mount Rainier Pool)**, ensuring that families had access to safe, affordable places for recreation and water safety training.

#### **Ellis’s Leadership and Vision**

Ellis believed public investment was about more than infrastructure — it was about **equity, access, and civic pride**. He saw pools not just as buildings, but as **community anchors** where people of all ages could learn vital life skills, gather with neighbors, and build connections.

#### **Legacy of the Forward Thrust Pools**

- Many of the pools built through Forward Thrust — including the **Mount Rainier Pool, opened in 1975** — continue to serve their communities today.
- These facilities became what Ellis envisioned: “third places” that promote health, safety, and belonging.
- Even 50 years later, they remain among the most significant recreational investments in King County history.

#### **Why It Matters for Us**

As the Mount Rainier Pool reaches its **50th anniversary**, we are not just celebrating the survival of a facility. We are honoring James Ellis’s vision — that every community deserves access to high-quality aquatic spaces — and acknowledging our responsibility to carry that vision forward for the next generation.



**Fiscal Impact:** See Background Summary for more information.

## Proposed Motion

**(For Proclamation 2025-04):** “I move that the Board of Commissioners adopt **Proclamation 2025-04, Honoring James Ellis**, recognizing his leadership in the Forward Thrust movement and his role in the creation of the Mount Rainier Pool.”

Reviewed by District Legal Counsel: **Yes**   X   **No**      **Date:**   Various  

### Three Touch Rule:

	<b>Committee Review</b>
<u>Aug 26, 2025</u>	<b>First Board Meeting (Informational)</b>
<u>Sept 9, 2025</u>	<b>Second Board Meeting (Action)</b>

<b><u>Action Taken:</u></b>	<b>Adopted</b>	<b>Rejected</b>	<b>Postponed</b>
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**Follow-up Needed:**      Yes        No       x            Report back date:                     

**Notes:**

- Attachments:

- Proclamation 2025-04, Honoring James Ellis
- Legacy of James Ellis ([click here for article](#))
- Seattle's Future: Forward Thrust of Bust? ([click here for article](#))



**DES MOINES POOL METROPOLITAN PARK DISTRICT  
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

**HONORING JAMES ELLIS  
PROCLAMATION 2025-04**

**WHEREAS**, the Mount Rainier Pool, established in 1975, stands as a lasting symbol of the vision and civic leadership that shaped King County’s public infrastructure during the late 20th century; and

**WHEREAS**, the pool was made possible through the Forward Thrust initiative — a series of public investment programs approved by voters in 1968 and 1970 that brought lasting benefit to generations of King County residents; and

**WHEREAS**, the late James R. Ellis, a respected attorney, civic leader, and visionary, served as the driving force behind the Forward Thrust movement, passionately advocating for community well-being through parks, open spaces, public transportation, and recreational facilities such as the Mount Rainier Pool; and

**WHEREAS**, James Ellis believed that public investment in community assets was not only a matter of infrastructure, but of equity, access, and civic pride — a belief that continues to guide our mission today; and

**WHEREAS**, his leadership helped create a regional legacy of over 20 public pools across King County, many of which — including Mount Rainier Pool — still serve as vital “third places” for health, learning, safety, and connection; and

**WHEREAS**, the Des Moines Pool Metropolitan Park District, on the occasion of the pool’s 50th Anniversary, recognizes the extraordinary foresight and dedication of James Ellis and those who stood alongside him to ensure that every community had access to quality aquatic spaces;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Des Moines Pool Metropolitan Park District Board of Commissioners does hereby **honor the life and legacy of James R. Ellis**, and proclaims:

- That this 50th Anniversary celebration is dedicated in his memory,
- That his contributions to King County and our local community will never be forgotten,
- That the plaque unveiled today at the Mount Rainier Pool shall stand as a tribute to his vision for healthy, connected communities, **and**
- That **beginning in 2026, and the second Saturday of each September**, the Mount Rainier Pool will offer **free public access to the community** in celebration of James Ellis and the enduring spirit of the Forward Thrust movement.



**Adoption:** ADOPTED by the **Board of Commissioners** of the **Des Moines Pool Metropolitan Park District** at an open meeting of such Board on the **9th of September 2025**, the following Commissioners being present and voting.

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President Young

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Commissioner Dusenbury

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Commissioner Campbell

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Commissioner Stender

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Commissioner Thorell

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## Des Moines Pool Metropolitan Park District

### AGENDA ITEMS SUMMARY SHEET

**Agenda Item #:** 7      **Assigned to:** President Young      **Meeting Date:** September 9, 2025

**Under:** Meeting End      **Attachment:** None

**Subject:** Good of the Order

#### Background/Summary:

1. Good of the Order: Around the table for board and staff to share any updates outside of the regular business on the agenda.

2. Next board meeting (unless special meeting scheduled):

- September 21, 2025, 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, Noon. Location Mount Rainier Pool (22722 19 Ave S, Des Moines, WA)
- September 23, 2025, Regular "Hybrid" Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Location DMPMPD Office (22015 Marine Drive So. #2B, Des Moines, WA)

3. End of Meeting:

**Fiscal Impact:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Proposed Motion:** No motion necessary.

**Reviewed by Legal Counsel:** Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** N/A

<b>Two Touch Rule:</b>	N/A	<b>Committee Review</b>	
	N/A		<b>First Board Meeting (Informational)</b>
	N/A		<b>Second Board Meeting (Action)</b>

**Action Taken:** Adopted \_\_\_\_\_ Rejected \_\_\_\_\_ Postponed \_\_\_\_\_

**Follow-up Needed:** Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ **Reporting Back Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

#### Notes:

- 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Ad/Flyer



# It's our birthday

Join us **SUNDAY, SEPT 21**  
*as we honor our past and dive into the future*

**Re-dedication Ceremony at Noon**  
**Free Public Swim 1-3<sup>pm</sup>**

- Dignitary speakers, ribbon-cutting plaque unveiling, and more
- Community photo & family-friendly atmosphere

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## **The Pledge of Allegiance**

**I pledge allegiance  
to the Flag  
of the United States  
of America,  
and to the Republic  
for which it stands,  
one Nation under God,  
indivisible, with liberty  
and justice for all.**

