



Newsletter

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The Scoop from Scott

by Scott Deschenes, District General Manager

Welcome to the first edition of the Des Moines Pool Metropolitan Park District newsletter. We're starting this publication as a way to improve communication about programs and services provided by the Mount Rainier Pool in Des Moines, which is our facility.

Did you even know that we had an indoor pool? Or that you lived within the boundaries of a park district? In 2009, voters approved the creation of the Des Moines Pool Metropolitan Park District. Pool operations, maintenance and aquatics programs are funded by property taxes and user fees.

In addition to Des Moines, the Mount Rainier Pool serves the communities of Kent's West Hill and Normandy Park. The facility provides a pool for swim teams and a center for our community to learn water safety, swim lessons, and participate in aquatic fitness programs.

Studies have shown that swimming is the fourth most popular sports activity in the United States.



Public access to a pool provides numerous benefits of health, safety and emotional well-being. Aquatics improves muscle tone, flexibility, heart health, and reduces stress and cholesterol levels. Most importantly, swimming lessons are actually a life-saving activity that reduces the risk of drowning for both children and adults.

On another note, the Parks District is in the process of surveying the community about programs and services it would like to see as part of an aquatics center. There is more information in this newsletter, and we hope you will take part in one of the meetings!

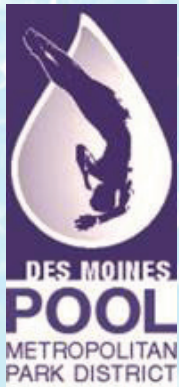
Pool Closure for Maintenance

The Mount Rainier Pool will be closed from July 17 to September 17 for scheduled maintenance. Projects include relining the pool, replacing the bulkhead and broken bricks on the interior of the pool. Tiles on the edge of the pool also will be replaced. Regular programming will resume in the fall. We look forward to seeing everyone then!

Another Clean Audit!

The Des Moines Pool Metropolitan Park District operates under a balanced budget, and has passed all its independent audits by the state. We are governed by a five-member Board of Commissioners elected by voters living within the boundaries of the Park District. Board meetings are held the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 5:00 p.m. at 22015 Marine View Drive South, Des Moines, WA 98198. We would love to thank you for your support in person, so come visit!





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Make Your Voice Heard Aquatic Feasibility Study

The Des Moines Pool Metropolitan Park District invites the public to participate in an Aquatic Feasibility Study at two upcoming meetings July 26 and September 13. All meetings will be held at the Des Moines Yacht Club (22737 Marine View Dr. S.) from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

The Mount Rainier Pool currently leases the land and building from the Highline School District. Our pool is 42 years old, and costly to repair. There also is no space to expand and provide new programs or services that will generate user fees to reduce the cost to taxpayers for operations and maintenance.

The meetings allow residents and pool users to determine what they would like to see in a sustainable aquatics facility and community recreation center.



Join us to help build a vision of the future options for the Mount Rainier Pool including aquatic and recreation trends, revenue recovery and overall design.

For more information on the meetings, please contact Scott Deschenes, District General Manager, at (206) 429-3852 or scott.deschenes@desmoinespool.org.



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