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**TO:** Nasha McCray, Assistant City Manager

**FROM:** Phil Fleischmann, Parks and Recreation Director

**SUBJECT:** Summer 2023 Aquatics Operations Update

Pending the successful completion of Health Department inspections in the coming weeks, Windsor and Warnersville pools and spraygrounds at Keeley and Barber Parks will open Memorial Day weekend. However, due to the extensive scope, timing, and scheduling of maintenance and repair needs, Peeler and Lindley pools will not open. Included in this memo are updates on upcoming offerings, as well as, the status of maintenance and repairs.

In an effort to enhance aquatic experiences and offerings for residents during the summer months particularly while repairs are in progress, Parks and Recreation will offer free admission and expand pool hours at Warnersville and Windsor. With the exception of closures to the general public on specific days to accommodate summer day camp swimming, hours of operation at pools will be extended from 11 am to 7 pm on weekdays and 11 am to 6 pm on weekends.

In addition to free admission and expanded hours, a variety of free events and programs will also be offered at Warnersville and Windsor pools this summer including:

- Safety Around Water (SAW) Classes for youth, ages 0-12. This is in partnership with the YMCA of Greensboro and will be offered to recreation center camp participants and community members
- Splish Splash Story Time: Windsor, June 1 and 15, 10-11 am, and Warnersville, June 8, 10-11 am, ages 0-4
- Water Volleyball: Windsor, July 15, 10 am to 7 pm, and Warnersville, August 19, 10 am to 7 pm, ages 14+
- Teen Takeover: Windsor, June 9, 6-7:30 pm, and Warnersville, July 21, 6-7:30 pm
- Swim Fest: Warnersville, June 24, 12 noon to 4 pm, all ages
- Shark Week Luau: Windsor Pool, July 17, 4-5:30 pm

The Department is also determining the feasibility of offering lap swimming through a partnership at a non-departmental location, as this activity is popular at Lindley pool. Additionally, staff is developing transportation options to allow residents from the neighborhoods around Peeler Recreation Center to have access to Windsor and Warnersville pools during the summer.

In August 2022, City Council allocated \$1,100,000 for pool maintenance and renovation from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARP) funding. The department began work immediately on identifying maintenance and construction needs and costs, utilizing the City's current pool contractor, Carolina Pool Management. Due to the cost and extent of repairs needed, preliminary exploration determined

that design plans would have to be developed for Lindley, Peeler, and Warnersville pools. Included below are more specific updates per pool, as the needs vary per location.

#### Lindley Pool and Pump Room Repairs

Initially, the repairs to be bid as a maintenance project included reconditioning of the pool deck, crack repairs and wading pool removal. The bid opening was held on November 29, 2022 and a notice to proceed was issued on March 8, 2023. During the deck reconditioning process, which began in late April, the subsurface area under the diving boards and above the pump room was identified to be in a poor condition necessitating work with additional complexity.

Staff received a proposal from SKA Consulting Engineering on September 28, 2022 for the evaluation of overhead concrete distress in the ceiling of the pump room, as the City does not have a structural engineer on staff to perform this type of assessment work. The work for a temporary design was started in November 2022, but due to workload and staff capacity of the contracted engineer, drawings were provided in March 2023. The project was bid on April 25, 2023, but redacted due to the concrete issues identified above. Because of the correlation of both the concrete at the surface and pump room, the structural engineer is currently devising an alternative to include both pump room and concrete within the same project. The proposal for this work is expected to be received by late May 2023.

#### Peeler and Warnersville Pool Repairs

At Peeler and Warnersville pools, the anticipated amount of repairs exceeds \$300,000 at each location. State statute requires plans to be developed by an engineer or architect for projects exceeding this threshold prior to bidding work. This requirement has extended the repair processes. The current status of work at each location is as follows:

- Peeler pool repairs include a new pump and filter, pump room repairs, reconditioning of the pool surface and pool deck, and hydraulic and leak testing. Staff received the 50% drawing on April 27, 2023. The City has reviewed the drawings and provided comments for final documents for bidding. Once approved by the City, drawings will go to the Health Department for final approval before bidding. Following the bid process, a contract to complete the project will be presented to City Council for approval. A notice to proceed and start of construction will likely take place late Summer/early Fall.
- Warnersville pool requires repair work on the pump and pool surface that will begin in Fall. This work is not required in order to pass inspection and does not pose a safety risk. As a result, Warnersville pool will open this summer and repairs will be completed after the pool season has ended.

Staff have begun communicating the above updates to the Parks and Recreation Commission and will be doing broader public outreach about the public about summer offerings and facility availability beginning next week. Updates will be shared on the City's website, through the Department's email distribution list, in the Discover Greensboro magazine, and through the City social media channels.

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