

Pool Project 2022 Phase II FAQs

Water Park Closure

What does the project involve? What is the cost of the project?

Currently, the pool filters, pumps and chemical feed components and systems that run and filter the pools are beginning to fail. Replacement parts are no longer available to conduct repairs, and the manufacturer is no longer in business. It is important to move this project forward to prevent an unplanned closure of the pool and the aquatics programs and services.

The water park will be completed from September 5 to October 20. Details for aquatics programs are located in the Fall Parks and Recreation Brochure and at www.ighmn.gov/poolproject.

The total cost of the pool project including engineering, construction, and contingency is \$903,110.

How long will the improvements last? Do you expect to have to change them again? If so, when?

The filters, pumps, and chemical feeds, when well-maintained, will last 20 -25 years.

I just bought a membership last month. I'm an avid swimmer. Can I get a refund?

You may notify the Guest Services staff to put your membership on hold during the construction timeframe. Refunds will not be given for the pool closure.

Where can I find an updated pool schedule?

The schedule is located on the city's website at www.ighmn.gov/poolproject. To view the online daily open swim calendar, always be sure to check www.ighmn.gov/openswim for the most up-to-date information.

Will you still have open swim?

Yes, open swim will still be available in the lap and dive pools. The schedule can be found on the city website at www.ighmn.gov/poolproject. To view the online daily open swim calendar, always be sure to check www.ighmn.gov/openswim for the most up-to-date information.

Will the water slide be open?

No, the water slide will not be open during this time. The schedule can be found on the city website at www.ighmn.gov/poolproject. To view the online daily open swim calendar, always be sure to check www.ighmn.gov/openswim for the most up-to-date information.

Will you still have sensory-friendly time?

No, sensory-friendly time is not scheduled at this time.

Will the cost for Open Swim still be the same during construction?

On August 20, the daily admission fee will return to \$9 (12 and older) and \$6 (11 and under). Fees for daily admission during the pool project (September 6-October 20) will be reduced to \$6/person.

Will lifeguards still be on duty?

Yes, lifeguards will be on duty during open swim and swimming lessons.

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Will pool staff be laid off?

No, aquatics staff will be on duty to oversee programs at the lap and dive pool during open swim and swim lessons.

Will the locker rooms still be accessible?

Yes, locker rooms will be accessible.

Will swimming lessons still be available?

Yes, all swimming levels will be available for fall lessons in the lap pool. You can find the right swimming level for you or your child, along with the complete fall schedule, at www.ighmn.gov/swimlessons.

Are you still charging the same amount for swimming lessons?

Yes, swim lessons will be the same cost; the sessions will be similar to past years.

Will swim team practice be held this fall at VMCC?

The Simley Swim team will be practicing as usual during this project. Are you still booking pool birthday parties?

Parties are available until September 5. Go to the website to book online at www.ighmn.gov/birthdayparties. No parties are available from September 6 to October 20.

Why wasn't this project done during COVID, when the building was closed anyway?

The pool project was originally planned for 2020. However, the bids for the project came in over budget, causing the project to be delayed.

Who can I contact with questions?

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