



# City of Columbia

701 East Broadway, Columbia, Missouri 65201

Department Source: Parks and Recreation

To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: March 4, 2024

Re: Report - Activity & Recreation Center (ARC) Water Zone Shutdown

## Executive Summary

On January 17, 2023, City Council approved the Activity & Recreation Center (ARC) capital improvement project which included replacement of the Water Zone water play structure and aggregate flooring surrounding the feature. A contractor has been selected for the project and will start removing the old structure on May 28, 2024 with an anticipated project completion date of September 1, 2024. The replacement of the water play structure and flooring will require the Water Zone to be closed during the duration of the project. Parks and Recreation staff have adjusted outdoor swimming facility operating days and hours to offset the closure of the pool. Staff will schedule aquatic programming that occurred at the ARC, such as water aerobics and little swimmers, at the three outdoor aquatic facilities and Hickman Pool during the ARC Water Zone closure. All ARC members will be able to use their ARC membership to access each of the outdoor pools throughout the summer. Staff has developed a communication plan to make all citizens aware of the aquatic facility changes for summer 2024 and will provide information through different outlets from March through May.

## Discussion

Parks and Recreation staff worked with the City's Purchasing Department to select Westport Pools, LLC. to complete the scope of work related to the replacement of the water play structure and aggregate flooring surrounding the feature within the ARC Water Zone. This project was one part of a larger capital improvement project at the Activity & Recreation Center (ARC) and is funded by the Park Sales Tax and private donations.

After discussing the installation timeline with the contractor, it has been determined that work will start May 28, 2024 and will be completed by Sept. 1, 2024. The replacement project will require the complete closure of the ARC Water Zone during the duration of the project. All other areas of the ARC will be open for daily use.

Along with the replacement of the water play structure and surfacing, park staff and additional contractors will complete the following work in the natatorium, party rooms and office spaces:

1. Install new flooring in the natatorium party rooms, hallway, staff offices.
2. Install a new heating unit in the PoolPak dehumidification system.
3. Skim coat the group showers in locker rooms.
4. Replace the Virginia Graeme Baker (VGB) drainage grates in the pool.
5. Replace the sand in the pool filters.



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6. Service and clean the Ultraviolet filters for the pool and spa.
7. Replace the PoolPak evaporator coils.
8. Service pool pumps & blower motors.
9. Replace natatorium storage cubbies.
10. Paint party rooms, hallways and staff offices.
11. Replace the metal doors in the natatorium.
12. Complete the routine pool cleaning and maintenance items completed annual during the normal one-week shutdown of the ARC Water Zone.

To offset the impact of the closure of the ARC Water Zone, recreation staff will offer an expanded schedule of operating days and hours for outdoor pools and increase utilization of Hickman Pool during summer 2024. The scheduling document included with this report details the operating schedule for each outdoor pool and Hickman Pool during the duration of the ARC Water Zone project. The scheduling document also provides a breakdown of the programming that will take place at each facility for recreational swimming, lap swimming, little swimmers programming, deep water aerobics, swim lessons and aquatic facility rentals.

In addition to changes related to operating hours for the facilities, all members of the ARC will be able to utilize their ARC membership for entrance to the outdoor aquatic facilities during the duration of the ARC Water Zone shutdown. All applicable programming and rental fees still apply if necessary.

Recreation staff has developed an extensive communication plan to make all citizens aware of the aquatic facility changes for summer 2024. Staff will provide information to ARC members and citizens starting in March and will continue to provide updates through May. Staff will send multiple messages to ARC members through RecConnect messaging, signage will be posted in the ARC display cases and staff will utilize social media for multiple messages. The spring/summer Leisure Times will also be available to the public starting on March 6 and will include the summer outdoor aquatic facility schedules. Recreation staff will also send out a press release in May to announce the summer outdoor aquatic facility schedule and inform the public about the ARC Water Zone closure.

While staff does not anticipate any changes to the proposed schedule for the ARC Water Zone capital improvement project, notification will be sent to City Council and citizens if there is any type of scheduling delay that will alter the completion date for the project.

## Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: The plan for extended hours of operation for the department's outdoor aquatic facilities and Hickman Pool and expanded aquatic programming will offset the majority of the lost revenue from the ARC Water Zone closure.

Long-Term Impact: N/A



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## Strategic & Comprehensive Plan Impact

Strategic Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Reliable and Sustainable Infrastructure, Secondary Impact: Not Applicable, Tertiary Impact: Not Applicable

Comprehensive Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Infrastructure, Secondary Impact: Not applicable, Tertiary Impact: Not Applicable

## Legislative History

Date	Action
01/17/23	<p>B356-22: Authorizing construction of improvements at the Activity and Recreation Center (ARC) to include replacement of the Water Zone play structure and aggregate flooring, the aquatics office area and party room flooring, the elevator control valve, and the domestic water heater, and the construction of building foundation repairs; calling for bids through the Purchasing Division for a portion of the project; amending the FY 2023 Annual Budget by appropriating funds.</p> <p><a href="https://gocolumbiamo.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=5969253&amp;GUID=E9BF906D-9015-4750-A1B4-123F77EBE65B&amp;Options=&amp;Search=">https://gocolumbiamo.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=5969253&amp;GUID=E9BF906D-9015-4750-A1B4-123F77EBE65B&amp;Options=&amp;Search=</a></p>

## Suggested Council Action

No action required unless the City Council wishes to make changes to the proposed plan for aquatic facilities during the ARC Water Zone shutdown during summer 2024.