

Q & A November Public Engagement Meetings

Dittmar Recreation Center Questions:

What is the difference in the season hours from last year?

Pools had differing daily opening and closing times in addition to season start and end times.

Will all pools open?

All operable pools will be opened for the 2014 season based on the new schedule, The facilities that will remain closed for the 2014 season are Odom, St. Johns, Palm and Kealing.

Will Deep Eddy stay year round?

Yes, Deep Eddy will remain open all year round.

Why can't Dick Nichols be a year round pool?

It is possible for Dick Nichols to be a year round facility however, the funding for the year round operation is currently feasible given the Aquatic budget.

Can the Dove Springs area have a year round pool?

Dove Springs is not set up with a heater and there are no pools within a two mile radius that are heated. The Aquatics Assessment has identified the south east area of the City of Austin as underserved in general by aquatic facilities. Ideally, the Aquatics Division would prefer to have heated pools located in each of the four identified quadrants (northwest, northeast, southwest and southeast) sections of the city. Unfortunately, the cost of operating these pools year round is currently outside the current operating budget.

Why is Bartholomew not staying the same size?

The total area of pool surface for the new facility design for Bartholomew is less than the previous pool that has been removed. It is approximately 300 sq. ft. less in surface water. The new design offers greater opportunity for programming of the pools into separate uses. The facility includes an activity, recreation and lap pool with a diving well and two slides. Each pool is design to address the recreational and programing opportunities for distinct age groups. For example the activity pool is specifically designed for toddlers and younger children while the activity pool is meant for older kid play. The lap pool is also large enough for general pool activity and lap swimming.

What is it worth to us to develop a relationship with AISD?

The opportunity to collaborate with AISD provides Aquatics the opportunity for additional programming while sharing the cost of the facility and the program.

Do we work with other PARD departments for planning?

Yes, the Aquatic Division works with other allied City departments in the maintenance, planning and design of any facility to comply with current health codes other regulations in regards to pool functions and safety.

Northwest Recreation Center Questions -

How much was the budget reduced over the years?

Unit Name		2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Instructional Swim Program	5602	\$248,320.00	\$184,819.00	\$254,821.00	\$270,474.00	\$262,266.00
Aquatic Administration	8301	\$377,245.00	\$335,512.00	\$490,496.00	\$553,316.00	\$720,708.00
Public Pools	8302	\$1,744,571.00	\$1,707,811.00	\$1,707,390.00	\$1,746,360.00	\$2,296,500.00
Barton Springs	8303	\$548,009.00	\$989,392.00	\$863,167.00	\$957,561.00	\$866,560.00
Aquatic Maintenance	8304	\$1,335,367.00	\$1,606,637.00	\$1,413,816.00	\$1,473,500.00	\$1,726,121.00
Total Division Budget		\$4,253,512.00	\$4,824,171.00	\$4,729,690.00	\$5,001,211.00	\$5,872,155.00

Unit Name	2010	Differences from the previous year			
		2011	2012	2013	2014
Instructional Swim Program		-\$63,501.00	\$70,002.00	\$15,653.00	-\$8,208.00
Aquatic Administration		-\$41,733.00	\$154,984.00	\$62,820.00	\$167,392.00
Public Pools		-\$36,760.00	-\$421.00	\$38,970.00	\$550,140.00
Barton Springs		\$441,383.00	-\$126,225.00	\$94,394.00	-\$91,001.00
Aquatic Maintenance		\$271,270.00	-\$192,821.00	\$59,684.00	\$252,621.00
Total difference		\$570,659.00	-\$94,481.00	\$271,521.00	\$870,944.00

Update on Deep Eddy opening on website with correct info.

Yes, Aquatics has been informed that the information for Deep Eddy is not current and staff has updated the web site with current information.

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Civitan Summer 2013
Neighborhood Pools Summer 2014

June 17-August 11
 Daily 1:00pm – 6pm Recreational Swim

Proposed Schedule Civitan and all
 June 6 – August 24
 Monday – Friday
 8am – 11am Lap Swim
 11:00am -8:00pm Recreational Swim
 Weekends
 11am-7:00pm Recreational Swim

Please see the new proposed pool hours [here](#).

Can we open NW pool in winter?

Currently Northwest does not have a pool heater, and is therefore not a possibility at this time. A facility of this size would be very difficult to heat a cost estimate is not available.

Does the additional expenditure for Bartholomew Pool after the discovery of ground water justify changing design?

Yes, the discovery of ground water provided the Aquatic Division an opportunity to seek additional public input while the ground water issue was being resolved. The subsequent outreach to the community generated the changes and the final design of the pool.

Can we divide the slides at Bartholomew by age group?

The proposed slides at Bartholomew are generally separated into two age groups. The shorter length slide is intended for kids between 5 and 10 while the longer length slide is intended for kids 8 and older including adults.

Are we planning on getting rid of all 50m pools?

Aquatics' currently has no plans to remove any or all of the existing 50m pools.

How many lap lanes are available on schedule?

The aquatic division does not currently have this information but will work to try and provide this information on our facility info sheet. These are documents we have online that tell patrons what amenities we have at each facility.