



THE WATER LINE

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Indoor Aquatic Center to Close Mid-August through November

The indoor aquatic center at the Richard A. Carlucci Recreation and Aquatic Center will close sometime in mid-August and remain closed through the first of November to replace the building's roof.

"We liken this to being a homeowner," said Clay Chafin, Director of Parks and Recreation. "Buildings require maintenance. Sometimes it's a hot water heater, sometimes it's a roof. An indoor aquatic center is a pretty harsh environment for a roof and ours needs attention right now. And for safety reasons, we'll have to close the aquatic center to handle this. None of the other functions at the Recreation Center and the outdoor Splash Island Waterpark will be affected."

The exact closing date is yet to be determined but is expected to be announced when the contractor is selected. Barring any unforeseen circumstances, the indoor aquatic center will reopen in November in time for the busy winter season.

"We chose the months of August, September, and October to have the indoor aquatic center closed for repairs because those are historically the months of least usage," said Chafin. "We'll be able to move some of the activities to Clarks Creek Natatorium, and we'll announce those as soon as we can. Because patrons who have already purchased annual or six-month memberships were unaware of the closure before their purchase and will be inconvenienced, we will offer to extend their memberships. Annual members will receive an additional two months and six-month members will receive an additional month. All who purchase three-month memberships, ten-visit-pass memberships, and day passes will be advised before purchasing that the indoor aquatic center will be closed."

"Those patrons who don't use the indoor aquatic center that much will be able to take



advantage of the inconvenience to gain additional months," added Chafin. "Anyone who purchases a six-month pass or annual pass between now and September 1 will receive seven months for the price of six or fourteen months for the price of twelve."

The roof repairs will not only make the roof better structurally but they will also increase the r-value of the roof. This will help the indoor environmental system operate more efficiently.

The Richard A. Carlucci Recreation and Aquatic Center is located at 651 Vestal Road in Plainfield.

Proper ways to Drain a Swimming Pool

Did you know that draining your swimming pool into the municipal storm sewer is illegal? The Plainfield Stormwater Ordinance prohibits it. The municipal storm sewer system conveys water directly into rivers, lakes, and streams, and chlorinated water can kill aquatic life.

Because many residents want to drain their swimming pools at the beginning and end of summer, the Town has put together these helpful hints on properly draining your pool. If you have questions, please call the Department of Public Works at 839-3490.

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Tip #1: NEVER DISCHARGE POOL WATER DIRECTLY INTO A STORM DRAIN.

Consider the following steps to reduce chlorine to undetectable levels (less than 0.1 mg/l) before draining it into the storm system.

- It is essential to drain a pool by allowing the water to run over your property before letting it flow into the storm drain, swale or ditch. This allows the grass and ground to naturally filter out bacteria and chemicals.
- To remove chlorine so it won't kill your grass, simply stop adding chlorine to your uncovered pool and wait. Sunlight will help to naturally dissipate the chlorine within 10 days. During that time, use a swimming pool test kit to measure chlorine.
- Or, you can chemically dechlorinate the pool water before discharging to your property. Chemicals that will quickly remove chlorine are available through pool and spa care vendors. Follow the directions on the product label.

Tip #2: TO DISCHARGE POOL WATER INTO THE SANITARY SEWER (NOT STORMWATER SEWER) USE THE FOLLOWING STEPS.

(Unlike the stormwater sewer, the sanitary sewer and combined sewer systems carry wastewater to the Wastewater Treatment Plant for removal of harmful pollutants before it is discharged to White Lick Creek. Most in-ground pools have the capability to drain into the sanitary sewer system.)

- If your swimming pool is not directly connected to the sanitary sewer, consider using other sanitary sewer connections in or around your home.
- Use a pump and hose to drain pool water into plumbing fixtures connected to the sanitary sewer.
- Seek the advice of a licensed plumber concerning the appropriate connections and flow rate for pumping and discharging the water.
- Be prepared to call a plumber immediately if draining the pool causes a back up to the sewer system.
- Do not direct pool water discharge to a private septic system.
- When washing pool filters, discharge the wash water to the sanitary sewer system. Depending on the type of filter, it might be appropriate to throw the used filter in the trash for solid waste disposal.

DPW to Host Public Tours of North Wastewater Treatment Plant

For the sixth year in a row the Department of Public Works will again host plant tours at the North Wastewater Treatment Plant, 990 South Center Street, during the summer months. Previous years' programs have proven to be very popular, not only with residents of Plainfield but also with citizens from other parts of the county who are interested in seeing how wastewater gets treated so that it can be returned to the ecosystem.

This informational program is open to the public. DPW encourages you to come in and meet the staff, walk with them through the steps of the wastewater treatment process, and discuss environmental issues like water usage, water conservation, and storm water quality.

The plant tours are scheduled for three Wednesdays, June 15th, July 20th, and August 17th, starting at 6:00pm to 7:30pm. No reservations are necessary. In the event of stormy weather, the scheduled tour will be cancelled.

Come learn how the Town's Public Works employees keep your water safe every day of the year!



WHAT'S THIS? -- This is a sample of one of the eleven steps of the waste water treatment process. Come and see the community's waste water get cleaned step by step when you take a plant tour of the North Waste Water Treatment Plant in Plainfield.