

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM
CITY OF SHORELINE, WASHINGTON

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| <p>AGENDA TITLE: Aquatic Program Review DEPARTMENT: Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services PRESENTED BY: Lynn M. Devoir, Recreation Superintendent</p> |
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PROBLEM/ISSUE STATEMENT:

Tonight, staff and participants from the Aquatic Program will provide Council with an overview of the program including classes, special programs, community use and partners. This briefing is part of our on going program to provide more detailed information to the City Council on City services.

The purpose of the Aquatics Division is to provide safe, healthy, accessible and affordable programs and services to the Shoreline community and to provide diverse, life-long activities that meet evolving community needs in the areas of water safety, swimming skills, athletics, overall health, fitness, certifications and recreational aquatics. This is accomplished through a wide variety of swim lessons and activities for all ages, infants through senior adults.

Ownership of the pool was transferred to the City in 1997 from King County. It was built in 1968 as part of the Forward Thrust Bond Issue. Since the becoming a City facility, the pool has undergone several renovations, including an office/reception area remodel, replacement of the pool bottom, updated locker rooms and most recently a new roof.

In 2004, more than 4,800 individuals participated in swim lessons. This was an increase of 800 people from 2003. Staff continues to attend training and looks for new and innovative methods of teaching classes. In 2003, the number of drop-in participants came to 45,655, this number jumped to 50,346 in 2004. This summer staff saw a record number of participants, topping 21,000 users. Year-end numbers for 2005 are estimated to be slightly higher.

The Shoreline Pool operates approximately 105 hours each week. In addition to City programs, the pool is used by many groups and organizations, including Shoreline Public Schools, that utilize the pool for swim team, dive team, water polo, Special Education and track teams. The facility is also made available to elementary schools in the District for school swim parties throughout the year. Other activities include scuba, kayaking, private swim parties and the Cascade Swim Club.

Our community benefits from the Shoreline Pool. Whether it is a swim team, Arthritis Therapy class, lap swim, deep water aerobics, lessons, or lifeguard training, the pool provides necessary options for water safety, exercise, fitness and fun.

RECOMMENDATION

No action is required.

Approved By: City Manager  _____ City Attorney _____