


**RECREATION & PARKS DEPARTMENT  
MEMORANDUM NO. 17-01**

**TO:** Lori LaVerriere, City Manager  
**VIA:** Colin Groff, Assistant City Manager  
**FROM:** Wally Majors, Recreation & Parks Director   
**DATE:** January 5, 2017  
**SUBJECT:** Denson Pool Schedule – December & January

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**Keeping the Denson Pool open for public swimming during December and January will cost approximately \$8,073, which is the cost to pay for the required lifeguards.**

**Currently, the Denson Pool is closed during December and January except for swimming/safety lessons and swim team practice. Average attendance historically has been less than ten people coming to the pool for public swimming during each of these two months. However, an inquiry was recently made regarding keeping the pool open for public swimming throughout the year.**

**If it is decided to have the pool available for public swimming during December and January, staff recommends following the same schedule as we do throughout the year, which would be as follows:**

- **Tuesday – Friday, 2:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.**
- **Saturday, 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.**

**When children are not in school, the public swimming schedule would be as follows:**

- **Tuesday – Saturday, 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.**

**When the pool is open for public swimming Tuesday - Friday, a minimum of two part time (PT) lifeguards are needed to maintain the appropriate level of supervision. The lifeguards would report to duty either 30 minutes before or stay 30 minutes after their shift so that they can attend to related responsibilities, for example setting rescue equipment on the deck and inspecting the pool.**

**When the pool is open for public swimming on Saturdays or when there is no school, three PT lifeguards are required since with the extended hours the slides will be made available for use, which adds a significant responsibility to their duties. The lifeguard's work schedule would be from 9:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m., 8 hours per day. The time that the lifeguards would work before and after the pool is open allows for them to complete opening and closing procedures.**

During December 2017 and January 2018, there will be a total of 26 weekdays during which the pool will be open for public swimming from 2:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. and 16 days (Saturdays and school holidays) when the pool will be open from 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Therefore, during weekdays, two PT lifeguards at \$14.95/hour each @ 3 hours/day will cost \$89.70/day.

During Saturdays and during days in which there is no school, three PT lifeguards at \$14.95/hour each @ 8 hours/day will cost \$358.80/day

26 days x \$89.70 =	\$2,332.20
<u>16 days x \$358.80 =</u>	<u>\$5,740.80</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$8,073.00</b>

In conclusion, these are options to be considered:

- Do not make any changes to the existing schedule since historically during December and January an average of 10 people per month visited the pool during public swimming hours.
- Open the pool during Saturdays and days when public schools are closed, which will cost approximately \$5,740.80.
- Open the pool for public swimming following the same schedule throughout the year, which will cost approximately \$8,073.