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FIRST QUARTER - 2024 NEWSLETTER

There's been a lot of activity and change at the Greater Toledo Pool Recreation District (GTPRD) and the pool during the first quarter of 2024. In an effort to keep you informed and up-to-date on all that's been going on we've decided to do a quarterly newsletter! Hope it's informative!

New Pool Project Kicks Off – After years of community support and fund-raising efforts, the GTPRD -- along with the City of Toledo -- has launched a joint effort to begin the project to build a new Toledo Pool. In early February the cooperative/collaborative Steering Committee of both the City and GTPRD hired the firm of **Scott Edwards Architecture** to develop the design and plans for our new pool. The initial kick-off meeting March 14th at City Hall brought all parties together to meet face-to-face and create a vision of what the new facility can be for the town of Toledo. Excitement is building as the Steering Committee reviews the first preliminary designs presented 2 weeks ago. Meetings will be on-going with the goal being able to release a Request for Proposals (RFP) by late summer or early Fall, to get construction bids to build the pool.



Looking for more time slots for Rec Swim – With our lifeguard shortage it's been a challenge to get more Rec Swim time into the schedule – but we're trying. What we'd really like is getting enough lifeguard coverage that we can also be open on weekends. On the Fridays we've been open and during Spring Break, a lot of people took advantage of the Rec Swim. We have seen lots of people of all ages enjoying the pool! We will be working to find time to be open when there's no school and getting ready to extend the pool hours as nicer weather and summer draws closer! Come enjoy the water!!



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New Interim Director Hired –

In late January the Board of Directors instated Hal Wallace as the Interim Director replacing Courtney Orn. Hal and his wife are Toledo residents who retired here in 2017, and he's been active as a substitute teacher for the last few years in LCSD. He has a BA in Business/Human Resources and did his Masters work in Sales and Marketing. He retired after a long career in the Data/Telecommunications sector, working both domestically and internationally; as well as working to build out and deploy fiber optic networks to businesses and the cellular industry. Hal also brings experience from his years working in Customer Service and building strong teams of employees. Outside of work he likes to cook, garden and swim, as well as spend time with the extended family that brought him to Toledo.



“Water Safety” classes Cancelled with TOES – After several weeks of preparation and working together with staff members from both the grade

school and the pool we had to cancel the sessions because of unforeseen lifeguard availability. Safety Regulations require that we have a certain number of instructors, volunteers, and lifeguards on duty and available when conducting swim lessons or classes of any kind at the pool; and, unfortunately at the last minute, ended up not having the required coverage.

We realize it was disappointing to many kids, parents and school staff – AND it was equally disappointing to the Staff here at the Pool! We were really looking forward to it too, and we never like to disappoint people! We want to be here for the people in our District. So we will continue to hire and add staff in order to able to offer Swim Lessons, Rec Swim and other activities later this Spring and Summer.



Calling all Lifeguards!! – It has been a challenge to find and hire a sufficient number of lifeguards to staff the pool. We have been limited to being open only on weekdays from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. – which is NOT what ANY of us want! We have been making attempts to create more “Rec Swims” – Friday afternoons and daily during Spring Break ... but that too isn't enough. As summer approaches, we want to be open daily – but that's only possible if we can hire more lifeguards. **We are currently HIRING!** Interested? Apply at the pool front desk.