

July 2009 Monthly Highlights: Gary Lawton, President

It's been a busy month for the Department with a focus on completion of the first two bond-funded swimming pools, the launch of many Recreation programs and activities, the big Fourth of July celebration in Riverfront Park and the upcoming Rosauers Open at Indian Canyon.

- On July 1st Mayor Mary Verner joined Park Board members in cutting the ribbon on the new Shadle and A.M. Cannon aquatic centers. Those pools then opened to the public on July 6th.
- Sekani Adventure Day takes place this Saturday, July 11th, with programs designed to connect Spokane residents to local outdoor activities right here at home.
- On Saturday, July 18th we will be celebrating the Grand Centennial for the Loeff Carrousel in Riverfront Park, marking 100 years of fun and entertainment for kids of all ages. A full day of activities is planned so be sure to check out the Riverfront Park web site for all the details.
- Next week will be very busy for golf with the 22nd Annual Rosauers Open getting underway July 15th – 19th, and the Bank of America Pro-Am scheduled for July 15th and 16th, both at Indian Canyon Golf Course.
- **Donations from Businesses, Organizations & Individuals are now being accepted to sponsor kids' swim passes.** For just \$15, a child can swim in Spokane city pools all summer long in 2009. The Parks Department is ready to help those families who may not be able to afford the pools' admission fee. To support this effort donations can be made through July 30th either by check made out to City of Spokane Parks and Recreation Department and mailed to the Parks Department in City Hall. You can also use your credit or debit card by phoning 624-6200, or coming to the 5th floor reception desk in City Hall.
- **To apply for a Sponsored Swim Pass** citizens are asked to pick up an application at one of these five community/senior centers:

West Central, East Central, Peaceful Valley, Northeast or the Southside Senior Center.

An equal number of applications will be available at each center to provide equal access to all neighborhoods. A parent or guardian should bring the completed application to either the A.M. Cannon or Shadle aquatic centers. **Passes will be distributed on a first-come, first-serve basis.**

We also want to recognize and thank **Avista** for its \$5,000 contribution to the Parks Foundation to support kids swim passes. And also, thanks to the **AutoRow** car dealers -- The Appleway Group, Dishman Dodge, Gus Johnson Ford, Hallmark Hyundai / Isuzu and Jaremko Nissan / Saab who will contribute \$15 for every vehicle sold in July and August. It's estimated the combined efforts of Avista and the AutoRow Dealers will result in approximately 1,000 free passes for kids!

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