

September 10, 2009 Monthly Highlights: Gary Lawton, President

Aquatic Centers Remain Open

All four City pools (A.M. Cannon, Comstock, Hillyard and Shadle) are currently open and staff is evaluating on a week by week basis how long to keep each pool open. Decisions will be made based on weather, attendance, and staffing. Call the Pool Hotline at 625-6960 for the most current information.

Thank you to all who sponsored swimming for kids this year. More than \$10,000 was collected from individuals, businesses and organizations who wanted to make sure that all kids could use the new pools.

- The list of major contributors includes:

Avista
Auto Row Car Dealers
City of Spokane Fire Fighters Union Local 29
Shadle Lions Club
Rotary Club of Spokane-North
Spokane Kiwanis Youth Fund
Roen Associates
Telecom Pioneers, Washington Chapter No. 30
Hillyard Lions Club

There were also several substantial gifts from those who wished to remain anonymous.

With the changing seasons please note the following regarding Parks and Recreation restaurants in Riverfront and Manito Parks.

- The Boulevard Bistro in Riverfront Park will operate its last day for the season this coming Sunday, September 13th. Its current hours are 11 am to 3 pm.
- Manito's Park Bench Café will operate its last day for the season on Sunday, September 20th. Its current hours are 9 am to 3 pm.
- The staff thanks everyone for their support and business at both locations.

The Minnehaha Neighborhood Council celebrated the 100th Anniversary of Minnehaha Park on August 29th with a community picnic.

- The land for Minnehaha Park was purchased by the Parks and Recreation Department in 1909 for \$30,000. Buildings on the Minnehaha Park property had a multitude of uses in the Park's early days, including housing a brewery, bakery and film studio. The large white warehouse that was lost to fire just a few short years ago was not only the original home for the film studio, but also served in recent times as a warehouse for all of the Parks and Recreation tables and benches which were also

lost in the fire. Since then, members of the Park Operations staff have worked diligently in winter months to rebuild and replace nearly half of what was lost in the fire.

The Fall 2009 Activity Guide for is now available on-line and in City Library branches.

- You'll find all sorts of outdoor adventure, special interest, fine arts, therapeutic recreation, kids activities and Rec Sports programs. To register go online to www.spokaneparks.org.

As part of the Parks and Recreation Department's master planning process, "Road Map to the Future," our consultant will be conducting several Community Forums September 28 – 30th.

For more information or to participate in the Forums, please call 625-6200.

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