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RIVERFRONT ROTARY FOUNTAIN CLOSES FOR THE SEASON

The Rotary Fountain in Riverfront Park is now closed for the remainder of the season. The Fountain normally closes in mid-October but due to several repair challenges the decision has been made to close it now for the year.

Issues with the fountain computer control board have already cost \$1,400 and have not resulted in a remedy. Additionally, the main filter pump has a leak and needs to be rebuilt before it fails completely.



While crews are working to solve these issues, the fountain pumps continue to circulate water and incur operating costs with no benefit to the public. By shutting down the Fountain staff can begin work on these repairs thus saving on water, chemical and electrical costs.

About the Riverfront Rotary Fountain

Scheduled to re-open in the Spring of 2011, the Riverfront Rotary Fountain is located on Howard Street at the South entrance to Riverfront Park. The Fountain was dedicated on September 1st, 2005, to “the people of Spokane” and under the care of the Spokane Parks and Recreation Department, the fountain is destined to continue to be a popular attraction for years to come. The Downtown Spokane Rotary Club 21 and the Spokane Parks Department worked together to make the fountain a reality. Financial support was also provided by numerous donors whose names appear around the fountain. Harold Balazs is the artist. The fountain has five 24-foot-tall stainless steel columns. These support a 30-foot diameter ring containing 40 overhead jets. The jets spray towards the middle

of the fountain producing a dome of water and a waterfall in the fountain's center. Eight geysers shoot water upwards. The Fountain also has dozens of mist jets, and the five boulders have jets that spray sideways. To conserve water, the fountain water is filtered and re-circulated.

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