

## HOW DID WE GET TO THIS POINT?

*The Community continues to rank outdoor and indoor aquatic facilities as its top priorities for the Bowling Green Parks and Recreation Department.*

The request for a levy has come from a citizens' advisory committee which studied community surveys and the results of public meetings and considered different alternatives, including rehabilitation. The Parks and Recreation Board and City Council endorsed its recommendation to let citizens decide the fate of a City Park Family Aquatics facility.

Six years of surveys, public meetings, focus groups, citizen deliberation, and consultant study have given us a replacement plan for the outdoor aquatic facility. Now it's up to the community to decide if this issue is important enough to fund with their tax dollars.



## HOW TO HELP BUILD THE POOL

- Be sure to vote March 6
- Volunteer to help get the word out by (email [mgfirebug@gmail.com](mailto:mgfirebug@gmail.com) for more information).
- Donate to the levy campaign by sending a check to: Citizens for BG City Parks, 336 S. Main St., Bowling Green, OH 43402

**See Plans for the New Outdoor Pool at the BG Community Center, 1245 W. Newton Road**

Or

See the plan online at:

[www.bgohio.org/departments/Parks-and-Recreation](http://www.bgohio.org/departments/Parks-and-Recreation)



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## AQUATIC LEVY ON THE BALLOT MARCH 6, 2012

After six years of surveys, public meetings, focus groups, and a citizens' advisory committee, it's time for the community to vote on something it said is truly important...a new outdoor pool at City Park.

A .6 mil levy will appear on the March 6, 2012 ballot, and Bowling Green will have one chance to keep a pool at City Park for future generations.

**Your vote is important**— see inside for more information on this critical community levy.

## Levy to Replace the Aging City Park Family Aquatic Facility

### WHY IS THIS NEEDED?

After 50 years the existing outdoor pool at City Park has reached the end of its useful life and must be replaced. Current issues include:

- The concrete tank, which has cracked and is leaking, could cave in. A PVC liner, installed in 2003, is reaching the end of its lifespan.
- The slide needs to be replaced in no more than 3 years.
- Cracks in building roofs and walls require extensive repairs and the interiors are inadequate for modern operations.
- The old pool design does not meet the needs of the recreational swimmers who come each summer; attendance numbers have dropped.
- The pool deck and curbing need to be replaced due to cracking and heaving.
- Plumbing and electrical issues exist throughout the facility
- Our children need to learn to swim to reduce drowning accidents
- The Community wants to continue to enjoy a summer swimming experience

### WHAT WILL IT COST?

The new pool is estimated to cost \$3.8 million. A 20-year levy at .6 mills will pay for the new pool and cost the owner of a home assessed at \$100,000 five cents a day or \$18.38 a year.

### WHAT HAPPENS IF THE LEVY PASSES?

The community designed a new aquatic facility in a series of public meetings, focus groups and surveys. The plan will be finalized in another public meeting in Spring 2012. The old facility will open on Memorial Day and close in July for demolition. The new aquatic facility will be built in City Park with a goal of opening in July 2013...so no swim season will be missed.



### WHY NOT REHAB THE OLD FACILITY?

Rehabilitating the 50-year old facility is estimated to cost \$1.8 million. But that will not guarantee that the old pool tank won't collapse or the pool deck heave and crack. Putting \$1.8 million into new construction on top of a 50-year old foundation is not a wise use of public money.

### WHAT HAPPENED TO THE IDEA OF AN INDOOR POOL AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER?

The citizens' advisory committee concluded that the indoor pool and second-floor fitness expansion should wait for several years due to the \$10 million cost and the poor economy. It remains a top need voiced in the recreational surveys submitted by the community.

### WHAT HAPPENS IF THE LEVY DOESN'T PASS?

The Parks and Recreation Department will continue to operate the aquatic facility until a major repair is required. The Park Fund will not be able to afford such a repair and the aquatic facility will close for good. The "best guess" is that a major repair will be required in the next 3-5 years.