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Open House to be Held at New Chambersburg Aquatic Center

Chambersburg, Pennsylvania – The public and media are welcome to join with Chambersburg Town Council and staff at the New Chambersburg Aquatic Center on Thursday May 24, 2018 (rain date Friday May 25, 2018):

The Borough of Chambersburg is pleased to announce the opening of the new Chambersburg Aquatic Center on Saturday, May 26, 2018 (weather permitting).

Prior to this date, the facility will host an Open House for anyone interested in receiving a free tour of the facility, purchasing membership passes at a 10% discounted rate, or getting their season pass pictures taken. Light concessions will be available for purchase.

The Open House will be held on Thursday, May 24, 2018, from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. No swimming will be allowed.

If there is inclement weather, the rain date for the Open House is Friday, May 25, 2018, from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Currently, the Borough of Chambersburg is in the midst of hiring and training personnel for the summer swim season. In addition, workers are putting the final touches on the new water slides, the new spray pad, the new picnic facilities, the new mini-golf course, the new climate controlled event room, the new concession stand, and four new water features including a lazy river.

Staff will be training all week leading up to a soft opening for the public on Saturday, May 26, 2018.

If you plan on attending on the first full day of operations, May 26, please make note of the following:

- Early Admission for Season Pass Holders, 12:00 to 1:00 p.m.; the typical one-hour advanced admission for season pass holders
- Open to Public, daily published hours, 1:00 to 8:00 p.m.
- Free parking in Memorial Park parking lots or look for overflow parking signs if lots are full
- Facility capacity is 1,100 patrons plus staff; at 1,100 patrons, additional patrons will be held outside facility and allowed to enter only as other patrons exit facility

In addition, a Ceremonial Grand Opening will be conducted on June 9, from 10:30-11:30 AM.; open to the media and to season pass holders. Get your season passes now!

Aquatic Center Membership pictures may be taken at the Chambersburg Recreation Center, 235 S. Third Street, Chambersburg, PA 17201, weekdays, May 7-11, and May 14-18, from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. After these dates you may get your pictures taken during the Open House, or during regular facility operation hours beginning Saturday, May 26.

In October 2016, Chambersburg issued a Recreation Bond for \$9.7 million. That bond was sold to finance a list of possible capital improvement projects throughout Borough parks. According to Borough Manager Jeffrey Stonehill, along with the bond, the Borough submitted a project list, approved by Town Council, with 13 different capital projects that could be funded through the bond sale.

Chambersburg Council has earmarked \$7.5 million from that bond sale for the construction of a new Aquatic Center.

If you have any questions about the Aquatic Center please email Julie Redding, Chambersburg Recreation Department, at jredding@chambersburgpa.gov or 717-261-3275 x2900. In addition, Council President Heath Talhelm is available for comment by calling (717) 261-3254 and arranging an interview.

Chambersburg is a unique community. Chambersburg supplies more services than any other municipality in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. In addition to typical town functions, Chambersburg is Pennsylvania's only municipality supplying electric and gas. Chambersburg is 1 of 35 Boroughs to operate a municipal non-profit electric utility. Chambersburg is the largest municipal electric utility in the State, twice as large as the second largest, Ephrata, Lancaster County; and, the only one to operate generation stations. Chambersburg is 1 of 2 municipalities in PA to operate a natural gas utility. The other is Philadelphia, which does not operate an electric utility. Nationally, Chambersburg is 1 of 2,000 communities to have its own electric system and 1 of 800 communities to have a natural gas system but 1 of only about 50 to operate both. Chambersburg manages a regional water system, a regional sanitary sewer system (not through an independent Authority), and a new storm sewer utility; one of the first storm sewer utilities to form under the new Federal mandate to regulate stormwater.

Chambersburg currently has 20,508 residents (2013). www.chambersburgpa.gov