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City of Riverside Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department To Open Aquatics Facilities Under Modified Schedule to Begin 2022 Swim Season

Due to lifeguard staffing shortages, the City of Riverside Parks, Recreation, and Community Services Department (PRCSD) will open the 2022 swim season under a modified schedule for the safety of our customers and staff. The revised schedule will remain in place until certified lifeguard staffing levels normalize.

Given present staffing levels, the modified schedule maximizes swim opportunities at five of the seven City-managed aquatic facilities throughout Riverside. To provide quality and safe aquatics programming and adhere to the American Red Cross standards, PRCSD will offer aquatics programming at five pool sites (Hunt, Islander, Sippy Woodhead, Shamel, and Villegas Pools). Unfortunately, PRCSD does not have enough lifeguards to staff all pool sites safely. As a result:

- 1. Recreation FREE Swim has been postponed to Monday, June 13.*
- 2. Private Swim Lessons are cancelled until the summer of 2023.*
- 3. The Fairmount Boathouse will remain closed until the summer of 2023.*

PRCSD will offer free recreation swim days, sponsored by RPAL, beginning today, Wednesday June 1 at Sippy Woodhead Pool and Wednesday, June 8 at Villegas Pool. RPAL sponsored swim day locations will rotate weekly. For a complete listing of days and locations, please visit <https://riversideca.gov/activityguides/mobile/index.html>

All city Splash Pads are operational through Sept. 7. The splash pads remain free of charge and operate from 9 a.m.-6 p.m. daily. The splash pads are located at Andulka Park, Arlington Heights Sports Park, Doty-Trust, Fairmount Park, Orange Terrace, and Sycamore Highland Park.

PRCSD continues to recruit interested individuals for Lifeguard Instructor positions. To increase the hiring and retention of aquatic staff, PRCSD is offering ARPA scholarships to cover the cost of the required certifications to become lifeguards. The goal is to hire and train enough lifeguards to open all seven pools.

"Although this summer will look different from prior years, I'm confident that the aquatics team will make it enjoyable for City residents," PRCSD Director Pamela A. Galera.

If you are interested in a lifeguard position, please visit: <https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/cityofriversideca>.

For more information regarding PRCSD aquatics programs or other summer activities and camps visit www.rivreg.org or call 951.826.2000.

For more information on PRCSD swim lessons visit [Swim Lessons | Parks, Recreation and Community Services \(riversideca.gov\)](https://www.riversideca.gov/swim-lessons)

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