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STATE OF THE DISTRICT

By District President Vanessa Zaputil

The Tukwila Pool Metropolitan Park District was created by the citizens of Tukwila in 2011 for maintaining access to aquatics in our community. 2016 has been a year of accomplishments that reflect this desire by showing use and need of the Tukwila Pool continuing to rise.

Change of Governance: A big change this year was the Tukwila City Council passing the governance torch on to five newly elected Commissioners. With this change came some bumps in the road, but those were quickly and effectively addressed. The District's Mission, Vision and Values were revised and implemented, as well as other significant policies. *(To view, please visit tukwilapool.org)*

Flooring Replacement: It was identified that our pool was in need of a complete flooring replacement on the deck and lobby due to safety concerns. This project was brought in under budget and completed in just 8 days.

Volunteers: The District was founded on volunteers who continue to be essential to the spirit of the District. The Tukwila Pool Advisory Committee recruited several new members and provides valued guidance to the Commission. Our local volunteers, including the Foster Girls Swim Team, bring their enthusiasm to many aspects such as our popular Special Events and Yard Clean-Ups!

Staffing: As a result of the Board's commitment to safety as a top priority, Assistant Managers were added to improve supervisory levels at the Pool. The Board also restructured the District, for efficiency, employing an Executive Director as a liaison for all of the Tukwila Pool stakeholders.

Partnerships: The District greatly appreciates and depends on partnerships such as The Tukwila School District, the City of Tukwila Parks and Recreation, and the Orcas Swim Club, to increase our community's access to the Tukwila Pool. This year we added a new partner: Aquarobics to enhance our Water Aerobics programming.

Financial Health: The District is on solid financial ground and we continue our focus on a sustainable aquatics facility throughout our budget planning. We are forecasted to meet our 2016 operating budget of \$977,501- funded 80% by property taxes and the balance by user fees, rentals and sales of goods. The District is committed to tight fiscal oversight as well as annually allocating funds for expensive and predictable equipment replacement.

By the Numbers: The District saw encouraging growth in facility use and program attendance during our busy 2016 summer season. We are also pleased to be able to have awarded *over 120 scholarships* so far in 2016, helping facilitate more of our community learning to swim. A Programming Committee was formed to look into prospects for further expanding program offerings at the Tukwila Pool in 2017.

May 1 st - Aug 31 st	2015	2016
Swim Lessons	639 Students	984 Students
General Attendance (Passes/Open Swims)	7,732	8,813

We thank the Tukwila community for their support and the opportunity to provide a welcoming public aquatics facility.

The TPMPD Meets at 6:00pm on every second Monday at 3460 S 148th Tukwila, WA 98168