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DOGGIE PADDLE RETURNS AUG. 20; AQUATIC CENTER READIES FOR THREE-MONTH CLOSURE

Before the Tualatin Hills Aquatic Center closes for its second phase of scheduled renovations, the pool will host just the third installment ever of THPRD's popular Doggie Paddle.

The Doggie Paddle – an open swim event open to any water-loving canine – will be held on Sunday, Aug. 20, from 4 to 6 pm. Two 45-minute sessions are scheduled. Each one will accommodate up to 50 dogs (but no humans; owners must remain on the pool deck).

The shallow end of the pool will be used for this event. Stairs and a ramp will be provided to help the canine guests enter and exit the pool, which is located at 15707 SW Walker Road, Beaverton.

Preregistration for the Doggie Paddle is available through the park district's class registration system at thprd.org. The cost is \$8 in advance, \$10 on the day of event (if space remains available).

"The schedule doesn't allow us an opportunity to do this except when we know the pool is going to be drained and cleaned. Otherwise, we'd consider making it an



Dogs in a public pool? Yes, indeed, on Aug. 20, for only the third time ever, THPRD will offer an open swim for pooches of all breeds. Registration is required for the event.

annual event,” said Sharon Hoffmeister, superintendent of Aquatics. “It’s been a big hit each time we’ve held it.”

Previous Doggie Paddles were held at the Aloha Swim Center and the Beaverton Swim Center, both in 2013.

Following the Doggie Paddle, the Aquatic Center will be closed Aug. 21-Dec. 10. Among the many capital improvements to be completed during the closure: resurfacing of the pool tank, replacement of the pool deck, a redesign of the west side berm in the pool area, painting, resurfacing dressing room floors, and ADA improvements.

During Phase 1, which was completed in 2016, the center’s roof was replaced.

Raleigh Swim Center will remain open on a limited schedule through the end of November to host general public programs and rentals. Somerset West will open for rentals only.

Comparable programs at other THPRD pools – which include the Sunset Swim Center, just two miles away from the Aquatic Center – will be available for the general public. Swimmers can visit <http://www.thprd.org/activities/aquatics> for a complete list of aquatic drop-in programs and fitness classes available throughout the district.

About THPRD

Formed in 1955, THPRD is the largest special park district in Oregon, spanning 50 square miles and serving about 240,000 residents in the greater Beaverton area. The district provides year-round recreational opportunities for people of all ages and abilities. Offerings include thousands of widely diverse classes, 95 park sites with active recreational amenities, nearly 70 miles of trails, eight swim centers, six recreation centers, and about 1,500 acres of natural areas. For more information, visit www.thprd.org or call 503-645-6433.

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