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Our mission is to promote, facilitate and coordinate the sustainability and expansion of aquatic resources within the Truckee Meadows.

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Existing Pool Repairs

Sierra Nevada Community Aquatics Inc's. (SNCA) main focus is to bring a new aquatics facility to the area. However, part of our mission involves maintaining the sustainability of existing facilities. Late last year SNCA announced its participation in an effort to raise funds to make repairs and improvements to our areas existing pools. As most of you are probably aware, the public pools that remain operational in the area face many challenges due to age of the facilities. The recent closure of The City of Reno's Northwest Pool for the day due to a boiler issue and the failure of the air handling system the following day are examples of the issues that local aquatics operators face.

While the primary goal of funds donated to the effort is not to provide funds for major repairs these recent issues highlight the need for improvements in our local facilities. The funds will be administered by the Community Foundation of Western Nevada (CFWN) to assist the public pools with additions/repairs that will benefit the end users of the pools. The concept developed when several members of Sierra Nevada Masters took it upon themselves to raise funds and work with the City of Reno to replace all of the showerheads in the locker rooms at Northwest Pool. SNCA became involved to assist in the coordination of repairs between the user groups, the CFWN and the local municipalities.



We are pleased to announce that the kick off effort, in which donated funds were matched by a generous SNM member, resulted in \$1,600 being raised as of December 2012. Information on how you can assist in this effort is included on page three of this newsletter. Please contact chip.hobson@sncaquatics.org with any questions or suggested improvements to our local pools.

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Centers for Disease Control - Swimming Facts

Several interesting aquatics related facts as presented by the Centers for Disease Control Website - http://www.cdc.gov/healthywater/swimming/fast_facts.html

Healthy Swimming Fast Facts

- There are 10.4 million residential and 309,000 public swimming pools in the United States ¹.
- In the United States during 2009, there were approximately 301 million swimming visits each year by persons over the age of six ².
- Thirty-six percent of children aged 7-17 years, and 15% of adults in the United States, swim at least six times per year ².
- Swimming is the fourth most popular recreational activity in the United States ².
- Swimming is the most popular recreational activity for children and teens (ages 7-17) ².
- There are over 6.6 million hot tubs in operation in the United States ³.
- *Cryptosporidium* (or Crypto) is an extremely chlorine-tolerant parasite that can survive in a properly chlorinated pool for 3.5–10.6 days ⁶.
- Drowning is the leading cause of unintentional injury death among children aged 1–4 years. Drowning is the second leading cause of unintentional injury death among children 5–9 years ⁸.
- More than 60% of fatal drownings of 0–4 year-olds occur in swimming pools ⁹.
- In the United States in 2009, almost 24 million individuals participated in motor or power boat activities ².
- In 2010, 3,153 persons were injured and 672 died in recreational boating accidents ¹⁰.
- Of those who drowned in a boating accident, 88% were reported to not be wearing a life jacket

2013 Dates to Remember

Adopt-A-Pool
Idlewild Pool
Saturday June 1, 2013
10am to Noon

AQUAFEST
Idlewild Pool/California Building
Saturday, August 17, 2013
4pm to 8pm

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Repair Fund Information



Existing Pools Repair

Sierra Nevada Community Aquatics (SNCA) has created a mechanism for accepting donations to repair existing pools in the region. The concept was developed with a cooperative effort of several members of Sierra Nevada Masters and the City of Reno to replace the poorly functioning shower heads at the Northwest Pool. SNCA became involved to assist in the coordination of repairs between the user groups, the Community Foundation of Western Nevada (who administers the Community Aquatics Fund) and the local municipalities. The goal of the monies raised will be to make repairs and improvements that improve end user enjoyment of the facilities.

Additional projects have already been suggested and SNCA would like to hear your ideas as well. Ideas can be sent to chip.hobson@sncaquatics.org.

Donations for repairs can be sent directly to:

Community Foundation of Western Nevada
1885 S. Arlington Ave. Suite 103
Reno, NV 89509

Make checks payable to "Community Aquatics Fund" and be sure to note "Existing Pool Repairs" and name the intended pool to support in the memo line.

Donations can also be made online at www.nevadafund.org

On main page "click here to donate"
Scroll to "Select a fund" and click down arrow
Highlight "(SNCA) Sierra Nevada Community Aquatics Fund"
Enter contribution information and be sure to note "Existing Pools Repairs" and pool for which donation is intended in "Notes: Anything we should know?" box

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