



Grant Outdoor Pool Repairs Frequently Asked Questions, updated July 2016



What is happening at Grant Pool?

Thanks to voter support of the Parks Replacement Bond, construction is now underway to replace the mechanical systems (which date to the 1920s and 1940s) at Grant Outdoor Pool. The following systems will be replaced: plumbing, pumps, motors, pipes, strainer baskets, chemical controllers, sanitation systems, pool gutters, deck drains, and filters. The work will also include accessibility improvements through correction of cross slope issues on the deck and installation of two new pool lifts.

What is the construction schedule?

The current construction schedule calls for completion by the end of July 2016, with the pool re-opening in early August 2016. We apologize for this delay in starting the summer season at Grant. We are hopeful that the project will go smoothly, and that may allow the pool to open sooner. In fact, we have an early completion incentive built into the contract, and our contractor is doing everything he can to finish early. We will update the community as the opening date gets more certain. We are proactively telling the community what we hope is the “worst case scenario” and hope that we will have better news to share soon.





Why is Grant Pool not opening until August?

The Bond funds were released to Portland Parks in July 1, 2015. Before getting to construction, we had to go through design development, construction documents, permitting, and bidding processes. Because we are spending public dollars and have to follow city and state procurement regulations, this process took about eight months to complete. We faced a setback the first time we went out to bid (in November) when both bids we received were deemed incomplete. We had to start the bid process over and that set us back a couple of months.

Why can't construction be done after the summer season?

We could have started the construction later (after this pool season), but Grant Pool's mechanical systems were in such poor condition that we would be faced with closing the pool completely this summer if these repairs were not performed this year. Thankfully, rather than going all summer without a pool, the community will instead lose only part of the summer use.

Where can I swim, take lessons, or join a swim team league during the Grant closure?

Other nearby PP&R pools are available for use at Creston Outdoor Pool and Matt Dishman, Montavilla, and East Portland Community Centers. Find the pool closest to you: <https://www.portlandoregon.gov/parks/finder>.

Swimming lessons registration for summer session begins Monday, April 18, 2016, and Grant neighbors are welcome to register for a swim team at another pool.

Grant Pool plans to have two sessions of swim lessons in August, and a couple swim lesson sessions in September. Grant Pool is scheduled to remain open until September 23, 2016 to accommodate users of Matt Dishman Pool (which is scheduled to be closed for 6-8 weeks starting in mid-August for Bond project work to replaster the pool and replace the spa).





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What is the Parks Replacement Bond?

The Parks Replacement Bond was passed with the support of over 73% of voters in November 2014. Its primary focus is on repair and replacement of the most critical needs in the parks system. The total bond is for \$68 million, and work has begun on the first list of 32 Bond projects citywide.

Where can I get more information?

- **Aquatics Program:** Nancy Roth, 503-823-5130
www.portlandoregon.gov/parks/aquatics
- **Class Registration:** (503) 823-PLAY (7529)
<https://apm.activecommunities.com/portlandparks>
- **Find Another Pool Near You:**
<https://www.portlandoregon.gov/parks/finder>
- **Grant Pool Project & Parks Replacement Bond:**
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