

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council
FROM: Mike Sauerwein, City Manager
SUBJECT: WARREN H. DAUGHERTY AQUATIC CENTER REPORT
DATE: April 17, 2022

Background

Shane Dye, Pool Supervisor of the Warren H. Daugherty Aquatic Center will be in attendance to present information about the Aquatic Center operations since the last report.


The City of Cottage Grove 2024-25 Proposed Budget is being prepared and South Lane School District is requesting a \$90,000 contribution from the City to assist in funding the community programs of the Aquatic Center.

Recommendation

Information item only, no action from Council.

Cost

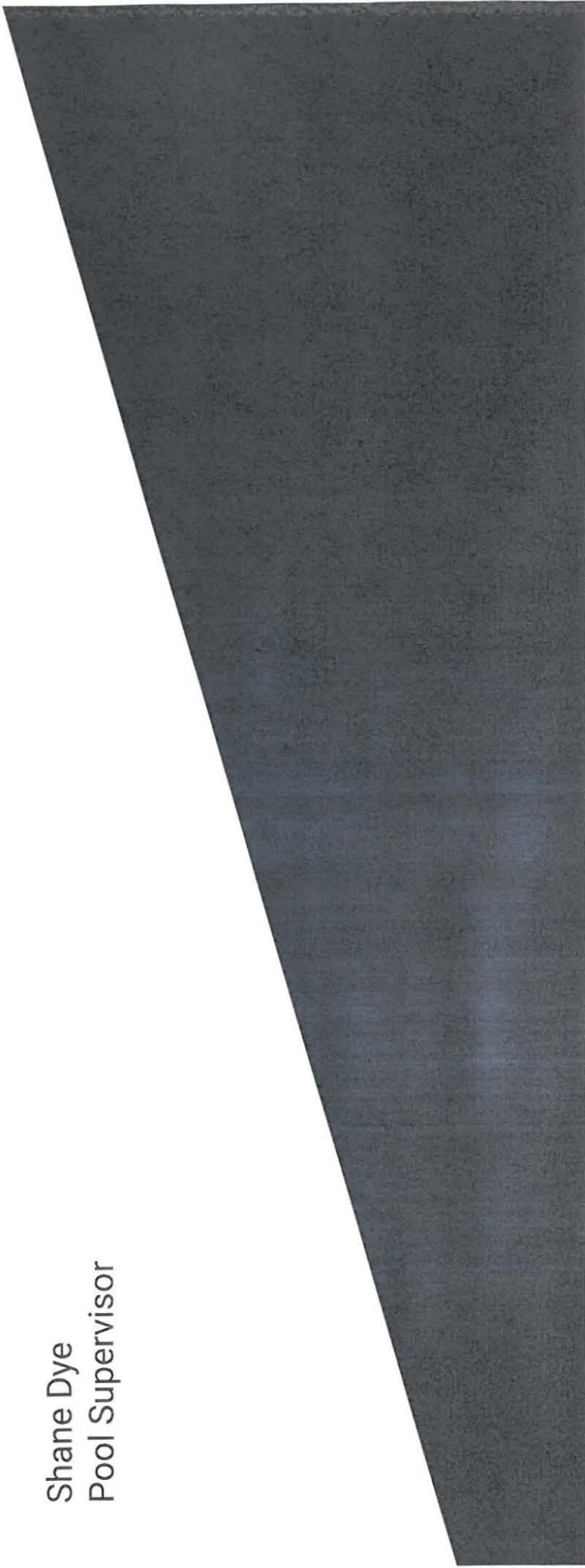
No cost.



Mike Sauerwein, City Manager

Warren H. Daugherty Aquatic Center Presentation

Shane Dye
Pool Supervisor



Who am I-

My Background:

- I am a graduate of Cottage Grove HS 82
- 20 year Navy veteran
- Navy Swim instructor during my Navy years
- It has been my life work teaching people to swim and eliminate drowning.
- Certified Pool Operator

As the Aquatic Center Supervisor.

- Manage and Operate the Center
- Coach the varsity water polo and swim team
- Evaluate all of the employees and programs

I have a lot of help doing all of these things from our pool staff made up with students and members of the community. They do a good job.

Community programs at the pool.

- ★ Lap Swim
- ★ Independent work out
- ★ Ai Chi and quiet Ai Chi
- ★ Aquasizers
- ★ Movers and shakers
- ★ Mermaids
- ★ Water Babies
- ★ Walk and Strength
- ★ Recreation Swim
- ★ Community Swim Lessons
- ★ Aqua Aerobics

Community Pool Use

The pool is open to the Community for a total of **47.75 hours** each week.

M-5:30 AM-12:00 PM, 5:30-8:30PM

Tu-7:30 AM-12:00 PM, 3-4PM, 6-8:00PM

Wed-5:30AM-1PM, 3-4 PM, 5:30-8:30PM

Th-7:30 AM-12:00 PM, 3-4PM, 6-8 PM

Fr-5:30AM-12:00PM, 6:45-8:30PM

Sat-8:30AM-12:00PM

Pool is available for pool rental Saturday afternoon and some Sundays.

How Many people from the community use the pool every month?

July 2023 - 2,103

August 2023 - 2,037

September 2023 - 1,472

October 2023 - 1,465

November 2023 - 1,571

December 2023 - 2,071

January 2024 - 1,602

February 2024 - 2,023

March 2024 - 2,599

For a grand total of 16, 943 with **3 months to go** in the fiscal year.

For the fiscal year ended 2023 16,671 community members utilized the pool.

Who uses the pool the most every month?

Of our Community members, Seniors utilize the pool by a wide margin-

January 2024- 844 (52% of total for January)

February 2024- 1,129 (55% of total for February)

March 2024- 1,076 (41% of total for March)

Costs – Community Members

For the 2022-2023 Fiscal Year

- The cost per person using the pool is **\$21.58** per visit.
- The City currently funds each person that uses the pool for a community program at a cost of \$4.49 per visit per person.
- The School District funds **\$13.08** for every person that uses the pool.
- The fees charged to individuals at the pool are \$4.00 per visit.
- Without City support, community members would have paid \$8.49 per visit.

Projected costs for 2023-2024

- Increase in personnel costs (minimum wage increase, benefits)
- Chemical and other supply cost increases
- Increased costs in regular maintenance
- Costs to repair/replace physical/mechanical plant

To maintain current rates for Community members, the City will need to increase their support by 17% (\$90,000).

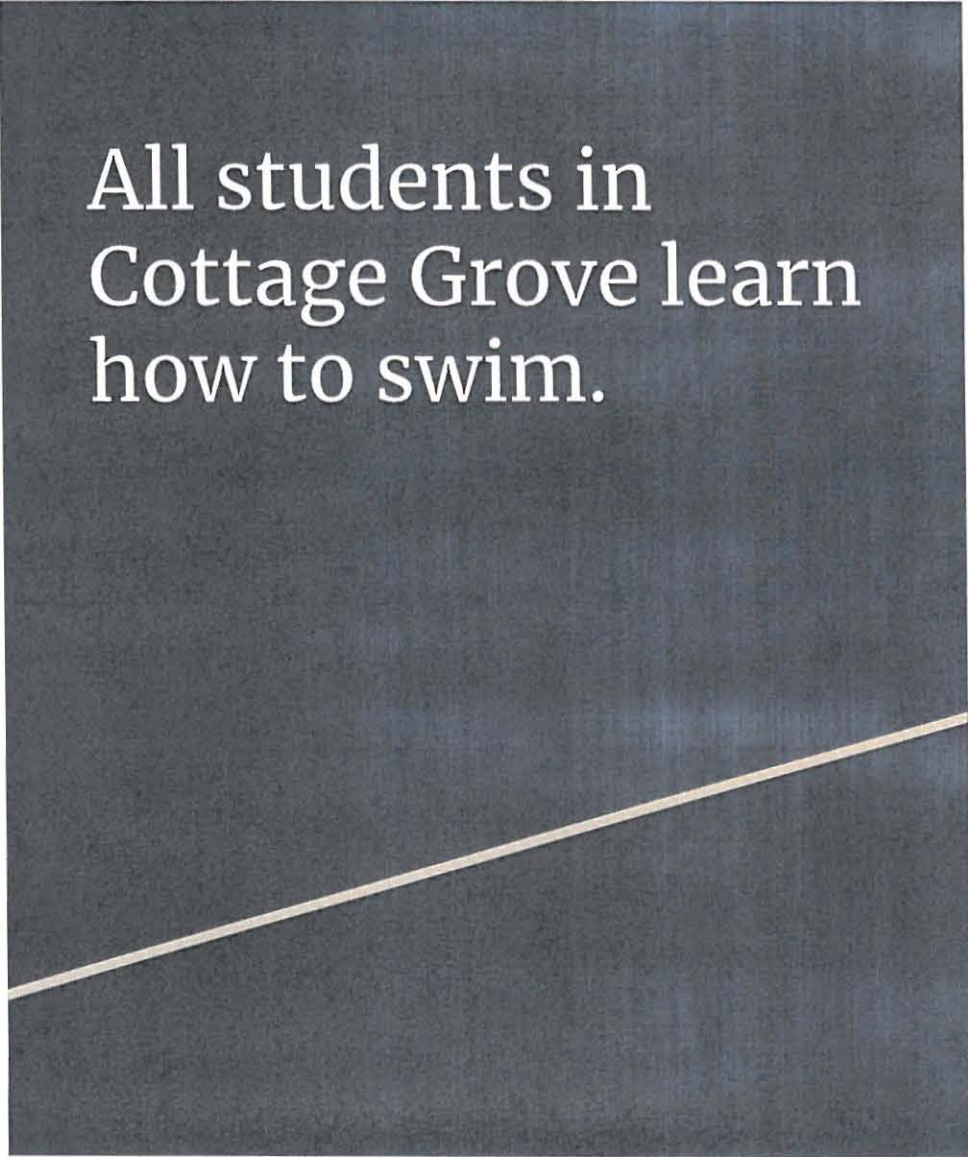
This year we hosted
14 High School
swimming
competitions as well
as the State YMCA
meet

The pool brings people to Cottage Grove.

When teams come to compete they go to local businesses and buy food, fuel or stay overnight.

At the state YMCA meet, 165 swimmers and their families competed in our pool January 27-28.

I went to Pinocchio's after the relay meet December 1, and two full teams were eating and having fun.



All students in
Cottage Grove learn
how to swim.

The number 1 Water Safety rule is learn how to swim. It is the most important Water Safety Rule.

So far this year fiscal year 1,210 children have taken swimming lessons at the pool. The students have learned quickly!

Swimming helps behavior in young people.

Swimming gives young people in Cottage Grove an opportunity for recreation, fun, and enjoyment in a safe environment.

If we don't give our young people that opportunity, trust me, they will find other things to do. Sometimes not always the right thing.

Benefits of swimming in the pool.

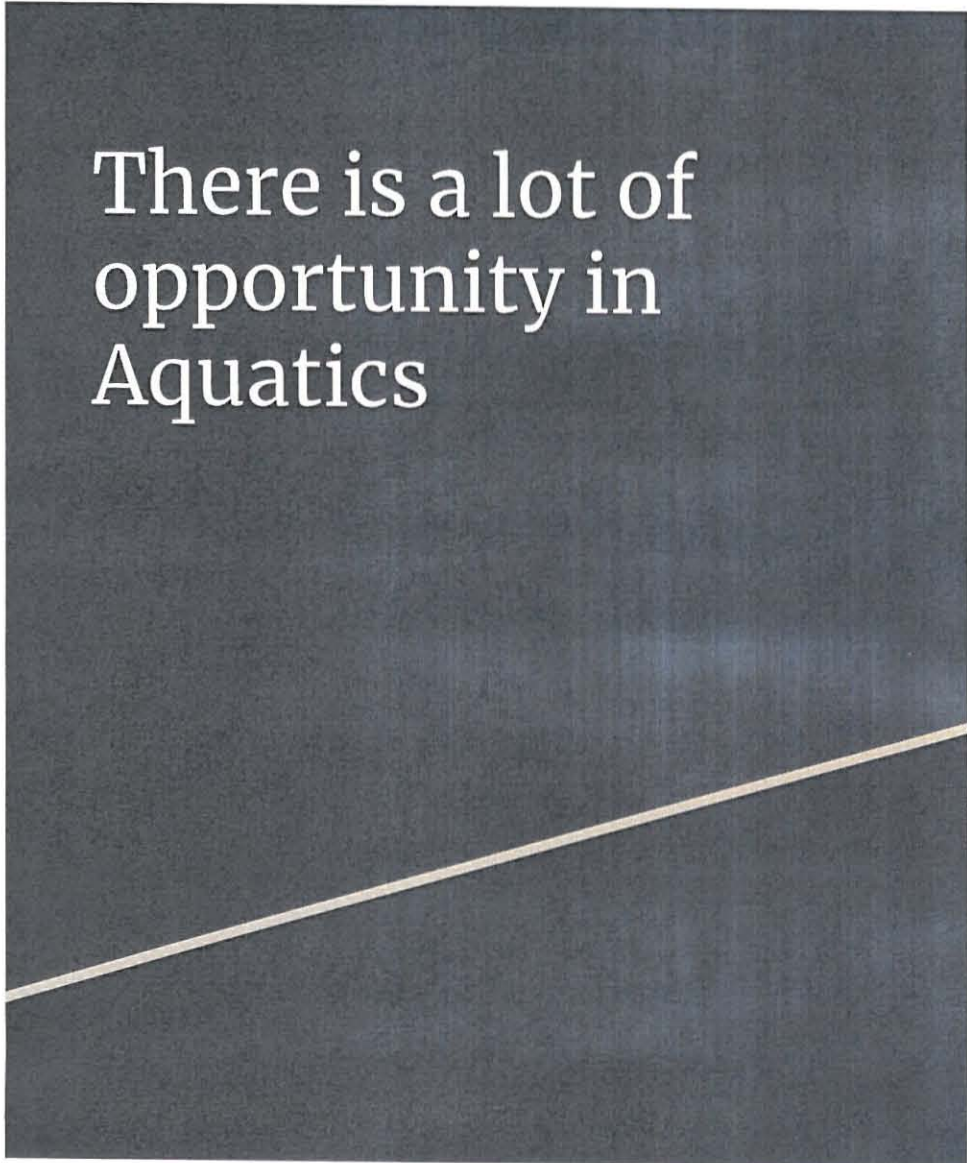
How do you feel after swimming?

It feels the same after taking a shower or a bath. It makes you feel good.

Swimming helps keep a your heart and lungs healthy because it works the entire body. Swimming enhances balance and posture, improves strength and boosts stamina.

Swimming releases endorphins, improves sleep patterns and enhances appetite and coordination.

Mental benefits of swimming include improving mood, lowering depression, and boosts self esteem.



There is a lot of opportunity in Aquatics

- ★ Lifeguard certification
- ★ Water safety instructor
- ★ Military opportunity
- ★ Swimming instruction
- ★ Certified pool operator
- ★ Aquatic Management

Our country is at an all time low for certified trained aquatic people.

Thank you!



Thank you for your time.