



## Legislation Text

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**FROM:**

Community Services

**SUBJECT:**

2021 Aquatics Summer Recap

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Review, Accept, and File Staff Report

**DISCUSSION:**

The 2021 summer aquatics daily programming began on June 7<sup>th</sup> and concluded on September 6<sup>th</sup> at all five City of Fontana aquatic facilities, with weekend programming extending into the months of September and October.

- Don Day Community Pool
- Fontana Park Aquatic Center
- Heritage Community Pool
- Miller Community Pool
- Martin Tudor Splash Park - Private Rentals Only

The usual goal of the City's aquatic programming is to enhance the educational and recreational experience of the community within a safe aquatic environment. That goal still stood as the standard; however, the 2021 season posed many challenges heading into the summer. The COVID-19 landscape presented planning obstacles due to protocol transitions and most the impactful issue was that of recruiting, processing, and training qualified aquatics staff which proved to be the catalyst of determining the number of services the Aquatics Division would be able to offer effectively and safely as an aquatics program. Upon reaching a satisfactory staffing level the Aquatics Division put the plan into place. Limited swim lessons, varied, limited recreational swim, and fitness classes were made available to a very appreciative audience.

**The following is a recap of the Aquatic Summer:**

Total Aquatics Programming Attendance - **33,265**

Total Recreation Swim Attendance - **12,120**

Total Swim Lesson Registration - **2,172**

Total Fitness Program Participation - **3,710**

**RECREATION SWIM**

This summer, the Aquatics Division was able to operate recreation swim at 4 pool sites: Fontana Park Aquatic Center, Heritage Pool, Miller Pool, and Don Day Pool in a limited fashion. The Aquatics Division offered a varied schedule based on the limited staffing levels this year. The Aquatics Division created a staggered recreation swim schedule to ensure recreational swim opportunities were available for residents all over the City of Fontana. The Fontana Park Aquatic Center did not skip a beat as the favorite and played host to **8,456** visitors this summer season while exclusively operating on weekends. Heritage Pool also did well, operating only once a week hosting the DIVE- IN movies every other week. Miller Pool and Don Day Pool saw similar attendance based on the facility size and days offering recreation swim.

All four sites experienced a steady flow of business this summer season with an overall **attendance of 12,120**.

### SWIM LESSONS

Swim lessons are an educational component of the aquatics program, teaching children and adults the lifelong skills of floating, treading, and navigating in the water. Morning and evening lessons were offered at the Fontana Park Aquatic Center, while only morning lessons were offered at Miller Pool and Don Day. The overall count of **2,172 registered participants** were seen throughout the summer at the three swim lesson locations.

Challenges also present opportunities, this summer season saw swim lesson registration go completely digital, to appreciative patrons. No more early morning, in person lines or the last-minute errands to the neighborhood community center to register.

### FITNESS PROGRAMS

Fitness programs consisted of Aqua Aerobics, Lap Swim, and Water Walking - which were offered at Fontana Park Aquatic Center, and Miller Pool that totaled to **3,710**. A new reservation process was introduced (within the registration software system) this season for all programs. The process allowed the Aquatics Division to ensure reduced capacities were met daily. This included daily drop-in programs, Lap Swim and Water Walking. This new online reservation system allowed patrons to make reservations for their favorite drop-in class up to one week in advance, from the comfort of their own home.

### SPECIAL EVENTS

Dive-in Movies were held at Heritage Pool every other Thursday night between June 7th thru July 29th. Family movies such as "Remember the Titans", "Sonic", and "Raya and The Last Dragon" were just a few of the movies that were featured on the inflatable screen for the entire family to enjoy. Overall, Heritage Pool welcomed **1,202 fun-loving patrons** at these Dive-In movies.

### RENTALS

Pool facility rentals were limited this summer season. This year, the Aquatics Division was still able to offer private rentals at two sites, Heritage Pool, and the Martin Tudor Splash Park. Rentals were only held Friday, Saturday, and Sunday between 5:00-9:00pm for a cost of \$100 per hour. There were **30** rentals at Heritage Pool as well as **5** at Martin Tudor Splash Park.

### OVERALL.

The 2021 summer Aquatics Season drew over **33,000 patrons**. Although the Aquatics department was only able to offer a fraction of the programs that are traditionally offered, a wide variety of programs for participants of all ages, swimming abilities, and interests were available to the community this summer.

The programs offered this season were Recreation Swim, Lap Swim and Water Walking, Aqua Aerobics, Swim Lessons, Special needs programming, Jr Guard/Jr.Guard Volunteer program, TigerSharks, Teams, and Private Rentals.

### Fall & Winter Season - Fontana Park Aquatics Center

Though the summer season has come to an end, the Fontana Park Aquatic Center will continue to operate with its year-round programming. The transition into fall programming began with adjustments in programming hours in both September and October 2021:

5:30am-9:30am	Lap Swim/ Water Walking
7:45am-9:30am	Aqua Aerobics (2 offerings)
7:30am-9:30pm	Lap Swim/ Water Walking
12:00pm-2:00pm	Chaffey Team Practice

2:00pm-4:00pm	Summit High School Practice
5:30pm-7:00pm	Swim Lessons
4:30pm-7:00pm	FAC Swim Team Practice
7:00pm-9:00pm	Tsunami Team Practice
7:00pm-9:00pm	Lap Swim and Water Walking

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

None

**MOTION:**

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