

Update on Betty Clark Pool Renovation

We are very close. Very close to reopening.

Inspections by the city are underway. These inspections determine that all work has been done to code, and there is nothing in the work that has the potential to cause harm to those who use the pool. These inspections have and will occur this week and next, and any remediating work done immediately. The goal is to have the pool certified for use prior to the start of the JCC camp, which is July 1.

We have tested the systems and they are all operational. The initial tests of the pool revealed that the pool's two pumps, one that brings water from the pool to the filter room and the other that pushes the water through the filter and back to the pool, were non-operational. One pump came back on its own and the other was rebuilt. Both are circulating the water very well.

Leaks were found at the filter that cleans the water, and at the Dectron unit that heats the water. All the leaks were repaired, and we achieved the goal of a completely sealed and recirculating system.

Work around the pumps, the filter and the Dectron unit were not the subject of this phase of repair. Our regular HVAC mechanical contractor BPI made those repairs. The concern was that when the new systems were connected to the older systems, there might be problems. There were, but as stated, they've been addressed and taken care of.

Of the new work, there's no longer water from the main deck dripping into the crawl space that surrounds the pool. The returns that bring the water from the pool to be cleaned and heated are all done and sealed and operating well. The pool deck has been strengthened by the replacement on two sides with new support brackets that keep it attached to the wall. Spaces between the pool deck and the walls of the overall pool room have been sealed, preventing chlorinated water from dripping onto those support brackets. The old, side wall main drain that is no longer permitted for use has been replaced by two new in-floor main drains with a recirculation rate that safely turns over the pool water according to regulation.

Aesthetically, the pool area now enjoys a bright new coat of paint throughout. New tiling on each of the long sides of the pool remind swimmers where they are – white letters of J C C sit in a black background.

A ribbon cutting for the reopening is being organized through the Chamber of Commerce, with a final date determined by the date we're sure the pool is reopened for use. You may only receive a few days notice of when that is, but we hope you attend.

Because we are close. Very, very close.