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What Would Waukee Want in an Aquatic Center?

City of Waukee seeks public input for an Aquatic Center Feasibility Study

Waukee, Iowa – With a growing population and a commitment to offering quality recreational opportunities, the City of Waukee is exploring potential development of a new outdoor aquatic center.

“City Council and I receive requests from residents to have an outdoor swimming facility here in Waukee,” said Mayor Courtney Clarke. “This initiative will help us determine if there is enough public support to move forward and what the scope of the project would be.”

Residents of all ages can join an interactive public input meeting at Waukee City Hall (230 W. Hickman Road) on Thursday, November 9. Children are welcome, and attendees can come at any time between 5:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. No registration is necessary.

Community members can provide feedback through an [online survey](#) through November 30 at [Waukee.org](#). Survey results will gather information on how community members currently use outdoor aquatic facilities in the area and what types of features they desire in a potential facility for Waukee.

Public input gathered through these forums will be used in a [feasibility study](#) that Waters Edge Aquatic Design will provide to the City of Waukee. The study is assessing market demand, community support and estimated costs of development. Key objectives for an aquatics plan include a facility that can meet community needs into the future and maximize operational and financial sustainability. The resulting report will help the City determine if an aquatic center is feasible for Waukee or not.

“This assessment will give us a good understanding of what an outdoor aquatic center project would look like from design concept to cost estimate,” said Matt Jermier, Parks and Recreation Director.

An aquatic center is not guaranteed. If the project moves forward, a referendum would be put on the ballot for voter approval. Waukee residents last voted on an aquatic center referendum in 2010.

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The City of Waukee is recognized as the fastest growing (large) city in Iowa and is located in Dallas County—one of the fastest growing counties in the U.S. Waukee is home to 29,167 residents and offers a welcoming atmosphere, high quality schools, excellent municipal services and robust public amenities. The City is also dedicated to economic development and expanding business opportunities, including the creation of the mixed-use development, [Kettlestone](#). For more information, visit [Waukee.org](#).