

# NEWS



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## **REFURBISHED TUALATIN HILLS AQUATIC CENTER SET TO REOPEN JAN. 16**

The Tualatin Hills Aquatic Center will reopen for regular programming on Jan. 16 following a major renovation that will provide multiple improvements for the public.

Contractors have replaced the concrete pool deck and gutters at the facility, which has served the Beaverton-area community for nearly 40 years. In addition, the plaster pool tank has been resurfaced, as have the dressing room floors, and the diving tower and platforms have been refinished.



**One of the top priorities of the improvement project was to resurface the plaster pool tank. The Olympic-size pool measures 50 meters long and 25 yards wide.**

Among several other upgrades, the underwater light fixtures were replaced and overhead lights were relamped with energy-efficient LED bulbs, the interior walls were repainted, and the west side berm was redesigned to create additional storage space.

“We’re really pleased with all the improvements, and now we’re looking forward to welcoming our swimmers back into the pool,” said Sharon Hoffmeister, THPRD’s superintendent of Aquatics. “We think they’re going to like what they see.”

The Aquatic Center is located at the district’s Howard M. Terpenning Recreation Complex, 158<sup>th</sup> and Walker Road, Beaverton. Its Olympic-size pool is 50 meters long

and 25 yards wide and is the only one of THPRD's six indoor pools to feature diving platforms of 5, 7.5 and 10 meters.

Each year, about 300,000 patrons use the facility for a variety of programs, including more than 5,000 for swim lessons. The center is used by five affiliated sports groups (Tualatin Hills Swim Club, Tualatin Hills Dive Club, Tualatin Hills Water Polo Club, Tualatin Hills Synchro and Tualatin Hills Barracudas) and hosts competitions that draw local, state, regional and even international athletes.

The renovation represents the first time the pool deck has been replaced since the center opened in 1978.

Group fitness classes, open swims, swim lessons and organized club activities will resume once the pool is open. Visit <http://www.thprd.org/facilities/aquatics/aquatic-center> for the schedule.

To accommodate displaced swimmers during the closure, THPRD has kept its outdoor pools at Somerset West Park and Raleigh Park open. Those pools will close Jan. 12 and reopen in June for regular summer use.

### **About THPRD**

Formed in 1955, THPRD is the largest special park district in Oregon, spanning 50 square miles and serving about 240,000 residents in the greater Beaverton area. The district provides year-round recreational opportunities for people of all ages and abilities. Offerings include thousands of widely diverse classes, 95 park sites with active recreational amenities, nearly 70 miles of trails, eight swim centers, six recreation centers, and about 1,500 acres of natural areas. For more information, visit <http://www.thprd.org/> or call 503-645-6433.

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