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## City Council Report – March 2024

February 2025 included 20 party rentals and the Dover Middle School students who participated in their reading rewards field trip (rentals totaled \$5,450). We facilitated 3 Swim and Dive Meets. Clarksville Swim Team hosted a swim meet at the Aquatic Center due to lighting issues at the Clarksville Aquatic Center. The Russellville Cyclones hosted the 5A and 4A/1A West Conference meet, and the AAA 5A and 4A/1A State Championship Meets. The State Championship meet which took place on Friday 2/28 and all day Saturday, 3/1/25 brought in nearly 1,000 swimmers, spectators, volunteers and officials. As always, guest comments included how clean our facility is, great lifeguards, the lack of chlorine smell and good air flow. Which all of these tend to be issues at other facilities. So shout out to our custodian, lifeguard staff, Parks and Rec crew and the facility maintenance guys who worked hard to get our facility in order. NCI Lawn and Windows cleaned the windows inside and out as well.

### Special Practices and Programs last month:

- 4H Underwater Robotics Team used one lane on Wednesday evenings to test their robots as they gear up for the big underwater robotics competition hosted at UALR in early April
- ATU ROTC cadets have been practicing their water skills in preparation for their survival test in late April. There are 20 cadets participating in 8 training sessions this semester. They practice from 6:00am to 7:00am
- Pope and Yell County Search and Rescue teams each held their semi-annual dive and equipment testing
- Back on the roster for us are evening water aerobics classes. We offered classes on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays, with Tuesdays being the most popular. We had about 20 participants overall.
- 2025's first lifeguard recertification course took place on 2/22/25 and we will offer full certification classes monthly through June

Membership fees for the month totaled \$6,245 which includes our 3 insurance reimbursement programs; regular classes and programming grossed \$4,140, daily admissions brought in \$2,142. We will begin our Learn to Swim sponsorship drive in March. Last but certainly not least, we hired a new assistant aquatics manager, Hannah Pate. More about Ms. Pate to come in March, as her first day is March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025.