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Local Updates – City Budget Woes

Following the announcement of the proposed closure of Idlewild and Traner Pools, the aquatic community has been charged with the task of coming up with a solution to assist the City of Reno in finding the funding necessary to open the pools for the summer.

Sierra Nevada Community Aquatics worked alongside the primary aquatic user groups to provide several ideas to the City to assist in narrowing the funding gap faced by the Parks and Recreation department to open pool space for the summer season. Initially, aquatic user groups met with City Parks and Recreation Staff to discuss the funding shortfalls related to the opening of the pools.

The following groups held a second meeting in which we collectively came up with the proposed savings model that was presented to the City Council and Parks and Recreation Department: Lakeridge Swim Team, Northern Nevada Aquatics, Reno Aquatic Club, Reno Area Triathletes, Sierra Nevada Community Aquatics, Sierra Nevada Masters, and Sierra Nevada Water Polo.

Given the very short timeframe in which we had to act, the proposal only relates to keeping the pools open this summer at this time. As a group we are committed to working with staff in looking at longer term solutions that will be required given the high likelihood of further cuts in the next fiscal year.

As of press time for this monthly newsletter, we have just attended a City Council meeting in which the numerous budget cuts were discussed. The Council directed Staff that they would like to see the pools opened and instructed them to find the funds necessary to do so within the budget and bring the proposal back to them for approval. While it will be extremely difficult to find these funds within already cut budgets we are hopeful the pools will be open for public use this summer.

Legislative Session 2011

As the City of Reno works through their budget shortfalls, the State is attempting to do the same. With many issues on the table, the primary focus has been hearing budget outlooks presented by various state and local agencies and turning those projections into a balanced, functioning budget.



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While there are still many negotiations to come, we are hopeful compromise will be found between the Republicans and the Democrats, the Legislature and the Governor. SNCA continues to follow the Legislature for issues directly affecting our mission, as it completes its first month. We encourage you check out the issues and find your Legislators at: www.leg.state.nv.us.

Interview with a SNCA Board Member

New SNCA Board Member Mindi Brenner



One of our newest board members, Brenner was born in Florida, where she says she was afraid of the shallow end of the pool. She soon got over this fear, finding a lifelong passion in aquatics that she now hopes to pass onto others.

After moving to Northern California as a child, she began swimming competitively around the age of 13 and went on to swim throughout high school. Brenner went on to get her undergraduate degree from UC Santa Barbara in psychology and sociology and received her Masters in Organizational Psychology from the School of Professional Psychiatrists. She is now in Human Resources Consulting, a field she has been involved in for 25 years.

After taking a break from swimming through her college years, Brenner began again in the Masters swim program after moving to Reno to raise her family. Though she says she has "no speed, just endurance," she competes in several events, including long distance lake swims. Her family is extremely supportive for her love of the water.

"My husband, Kenny and my two children, Sarah (18) and Harrison (14) come to my events and root for me," said Brenner. "It's a great feeling to have them there."

Brenner got involved with SNCA after hearing about it through the Masters swim program and through advertising and PR pieces done by SNCA.

"I saw the plans SNCA had and though it was exciting and would be great to be a part of," said Brenner. "It would be my dream job to help run a new aquatics facility."



Brenner says she is hopeful that SNCA will achieve its objective and wants to contribute her own professional experience to help achieve the goal of new aquatic opportunities for our area. Brenner would love to see multiple facilities up and running in the future, saying she believes in the importance of aquatics and what it can provide to a community.

"It can have so much value," said Brenner. "Aquatics is a welcoming sport. It doesn't matter your shape or size, your ability or disability. It teaches you that anyone can do anything and that you can do whatever you put your mind to."