



## Press Release

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### **Willard City Pool to close on Monday, August 10**

The Willard City Pool's last day of the season will be Monday, August 10. Many factors are considered when deciding the closing day of the pool. The most important is the safety of the patrons and having adequate lifeguard coverage. Many of our lifeguards are going back to their respective colleges, which drastically reduces our staff this time of the year. Secondly is the pool budget. At the Willard City Pool, we try to be good stewards of the money that is given to us by the taxpayers to operate during the season. We attempt to stretch the pool budget as far as we can. For example, closing on bad weather days, or closing early when attendance does not meet the required amount to stay open. The last consideration is attendance. Pool attendance has not been good this year in general but it has been drastically down recently.

The staff and I would like to personally thank everyone who came out and supported the pool as we operated under the Responsible Restart Guidelines enacted by the State of Ohio. We thank you for your cooperation and ability to adjust with us as we worked through this unique season. Hopefully, you will take advantage of the remaining days and visit us one more time before the season comes to an end; if not, stay safe and we look forward to seeing you in 2021 - hopefully under normal operating procedures.

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