

Pool receives facelift, June 6 opening date

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Youngsters and adults looking forward to swimming in the city pool will have to wait a bit longer.

Usually, the Gothenburg city pool opens sometime over Memorial Day weekend.

However because of paint chipping off the pool basin, city officials decided the basin needed an upgrade.

Last Friday, the owner and a helper from Central Valley Sandblasting began sandblasting the floor and walls of the pool to remove about seven layers of rubberized coating.

On Wednesday or Thursday, they are expected to start application of an epoxy paint that is supposed to last four times longer than the coating that was removed.

Once the painting job is finished, the basin must cure for 10 days.

A Central Valley Sandblasting employee said it's important to re-coat the pool to prevent moisture from seeping into the concrete, which causes cracks.

City services director Shane Gruber said they plan to fill the pool on June 4 and allow the water to heat for a couple of days.

When the pool opens, hours will be 1-9 p.m. Lap swimming is scheduled every day from noon-1

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p.m. with family and adult swimming from 5-7 p.m.

Admission is \$2.

An individual season ticket is \$50 for the summer while family tickets cost \$75.

Children aged 5 and under can swim in the baby pool for free but must be accompanied by an adult wearing swim attire.

Alexa Ostergard is pool manager. Assistant managers manager are Alyx Koch and Ashlee Bruntz.

Lifeguards for the summer are Siera Schwanz, Kelsey Wahlgren, Ali Clark, Lucas Foster, Payton Prall, Mallory McCoy, Mckenzi Hiebner, Shelbi Mannel and Stephen Ostergard.

Sign up for swimming lessons is Thursday, May 23, and Friday, May 25, from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the pool.

The first sessions of swimming lessons are June 11-15 and 18-22.

Lessons for the second session are July 9-13 and 16-20.

The cost is \$15 per session.