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**Indy Parks Pools & Spray Grounds Set to Open Memorial Day Weekend**  
*Affordable passes and quality instructional programs available*

**INDIANAPOLIS** — Splash into parks this summer! Indy Parks and Recreation is pleased to announce opening weekend for the City's 16 outdoor pools and aquatic facilities, Saturday, May 26 - Monday, May 28, weather permitting\*. The regular summer season will run from Saturday, June 2 – Sunday, August 12. All indoor pools will be closed on Memorial Day and Labor Day. Hours of operation will vary by site, and are subject to change throughout the summer in response to weather and attendance.

Each year, Indy Parks hires more than 400 lifeguards and staff to help operate 20 outdoor & indoor aquatic facilities and the beach at Eagle Creek Park. Several pools offer a variety of high-quality Red Cross water safety and swim instruction classes for all ages.

“Summer is always an exciting time of the year,” said Indy Parks and Recreation Director Joseph Wynns. “To ensure a safe swimming season, we remind swimmers to follow posted pool rules and pay attention to trained lifeguards. I also encourage residents of all ages to take advantage of the various instructional and leisure programs at our facilities.”

Several of aquatic facilities feature water slides, spray features, and a zero-depth entry area for young children. Most facilities feature accessible ramps and/or ADA-compliant lifts for swimmers with disabilities.

Admission to Indy Parks pools ranges between \$1- \$3.50 for youth (ages 3-17) and \$2-\$4.50 for adults. Again this year, Indy Parks will offer Gator Passes — special “punch” cards that provide a 20% discount off of the regular pool admission rates. These passes can be purchased at the pools.

*\*Pools may not open if air temperature is at least 68° F or lower. Patrons are encouraged to call their local facility directly to confirm hours of operation.*

**Spray Grounds**

Indy Parks also operates 9 spray grounds, or “spray pools” — a fun and free alternative to cool off on hot summer days. These zero-depth, concrete pads feature water spray and splash features and operate by motion sensors. When activated, a spray feature will run for 3 minutes before turning off. Spray grounds will operate May 26 - September 3. Please note lifeguards are not on duty at spray grounds.

Parks offering spray pools include 61<sup>st</sup> & Broadway, Andrew Ramsey, Arsenal, Bowman, Centennial & Groff, Christian, Haughville, Municipal Gardens, and Windsor Village.

A complete list of spray grounds, pool locations and amenities is available in the 2007 Summer Fun Guide or online at [www.indyparks.org/aquatics](http://www.indyparks.org/aquatics). Patrons can also call Indy Parks Customer Service at (317) 327-PARK.

