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Public asked to practice sun safety at Aquatic Center

Storms destroyed multiple sunshades at Russ McEwen Aquatic Center

(BIG SPRING, TEXAS)- The City of Big Spring’s Russ McEwen Aquatic Center in Comanche Trail Park will open May 31 at 1 p.m. as scheduled for the season. Due to severe weather the night of May 29 however, multiple sunshades were destroyed and had to be removed the morning of May 30.

“We just want people to be aware that we won’t have all the sunshades available this season as we have in the past,” said Terri Telchik, Community Service’s Facilities Supervisor for the City of Big Spring. “We want to remind people to have sunblock, hats and UV-protectant clothing with them to prevent sunburn.”

Multiple sunshades were already replaced earlier in the year in the pavilion and slide areas; it will take a few months to receive the new custom-made shades to replace the damaged ones.

The center charges a \$5 entry fee for guests 3 years of age and older and is open from noon to 8 p.m. on Tuesdays through Saturdays and 1-8 p.m. on Sundays. No children under 5 are allowed without constant adult supervision, and anyone under 11 must be always accompanied by someone at least 16 years of age.

Water shoes, goggles and U.S. Coast Guard-approved life vests are allowed. Full face masks, snorkels, swim fins, water wings and large floats are not allowed. No coolers, ice chests, personal cups or large chairs may be brought in, and no outside food or drink is allowed.

Telchik also reminded the public to read the complete list of rules posted at the center. These include no drugs, vaping, tobacco, alcohol, firearms or weapons. Appropriate swimwear is required; no denim or cut-off shorts are allowed in the pool. As a family-friendly facility, no foul language, offensive tattoos, offensive language on clothing or thong-style or revealing swimwear is permitted.

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