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SAVING SUMMER SWIM!
Swimming Facilities in Washington County to Remain Open
Discounted Admission Coupons Available to Select Swimming Locations

West Bend, WI – Washington County Executive Josh Schoemann announced a bold initiative to keep swimming facilities open this summer in Washington County. Learning that swimming facilities in Hartford, Kewaskum and West Bend were at risk for closing for the summer because of lifeguard shortages, Schoemann approached the elected officials in those communities in search of a solution.

Those discussions led to additional and discounted swimming opportunities for Washington County residents at the City of Hartford Veterans Memorial Aquatic Center and at the West Bend YMCA Family Adventure Pool.

Schoemann was joined at a news conference today by Rob Johnson, President of the YMCA; Mike Hermann, Parks and Recreation Director for the City of Hartford, and Hartford Mayor Tim Michalak.

“Our Great Community has come together once again, this time to ensure our families have access to beach and swimming amenities that define summer,” said Schoemann.

Schoemann proposed to use federal ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) funds, provided to counties because of the pandemic, to supplement lifeguard pay or other financial assistance to ensure swimming facilities opened this summer. These discussions resulted in the following discounted swimming options for Washington County residents using a special **Discount Summer Swim Pass coupon***:

- **Discounted access/extended hours at Veterans Memorial Aquatic Center in the City of Hartford.** Every household in the county can receive ‘resident’ admission, which equates to 50% off for non-residents of the City of Hartford.
- **Discounted access/extended hours at West Bend YMCA Family Adventure Pool in West Bend.**
- **Discounted resident access for Washington County Parks swimming and beaches.** County residents can purchase daily admission [online](https://www.washcoparks.com/parks/passes/daily_swim_pass/purchase/) to the county’s three swimming facilities for \$2.50, a 50% discount for:
 - Sandy Knoll County Park
 - Ackerman’s Grove County Park
 - Leonard J. Yahr County Park

https://www.washcoparks.com/parks/passes/daily_swim_pass/purchase/

*coupons available at these locations beginning Monday, June 20th.

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Washington County residents will receive a coupon in their July county newsletter. Coupons will also be immediately available at these locations:

- Washington County Parks and Planning Department, 333 E. Washington St., West Bend
- Washington County Golf Course, 6439 Clover Road, Hartford
- West Bend YMCA Family Adventure Pool, 1111 W. Washington St., West Bend

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