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**RESIDENTS' OPINION SOUGHT REGARDING OUTDOOR AQUATICS OPERATIONS
West Hartford Leisure Services Launches Brief Survey**

November 3, 2017 (West Hartford, CT) — The Department of Leisure Services will examine programs and operations at West Hartford's outdoor pools, and seeks community input through an online questionnaire and community meeting. "We want to examine how well we are meeting the needs of the community," said Marc Blanchard, Leisure Services Manager. "Community input will help us consider ways to maximize use and to improve the efficiency of our four outdoor aquatic centers."

Residents are encouraged to answer the brief, seven-question survey to get feedback. A link to the survey may be found on the department's website, www.westhartfordct.gov/leisureservices/. The survey period ends November 12.

A community outreach meeting will follow on Wednesday, November 15 at 7 PM at Elmwood Community Center to review the survey results and receive additional comments from residents about the town's pools and splash pads. The center is located at 1106 New Britain Avenue in West Hartford.

West Hartford operates pools and spray pads at Beachland Park, Eisenhower Park, Fernridge Park and Kennedy Park. The pools are heavily used during the eight-week summer operations, including for public recreational swim sessions, American Red Cross Learn To Swim lessons, lap swims and swim teams. In addition, the department's summer camps utilize the outdoor aquatics facilities. The department also maintains a spray pad at Wolcott Park.

For questions about the survey or the community outreach meeting, please contact Marc Blanchard at mblanchard@westhartfordct.gov or call 860-561-7510.

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