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City's Parks and Recreation Department to Temporarily Close Westside Natatorium Closure Needed to Upgrade Indoor Lighting System

EL PASO, Texas— The Parks and Recreation Department is closing the Westside Natatorium, 650 Wallenberg Dr. starting August 26 to September 6 for maintenance upgrades.

The closure is necessary to allow work crews to safely replace the lighting system inside the facility, including the installation of 76 overhead light fixtures. The temporary closure is expected to last two weeks, and the work schedule may be modified to accommodate any unforeseen conditions or events.

The work will also improve the swimming pool environment for users through the installation of new lighting.

The improvements are part of the Parks Recreation and Parks ongoing efforts to provide quality facilities for the community and enhance the quality of life for businesses, residents and visitors.

Updates on the work will be made available on the Parks and Recreation social media channels.

While the Westside Natatorium is closed, residents can use the nearby Pat O'Rourke Aquatic Center at 901 N. Virginia, the Memorial Aquatic Center at 3251 Copper or of the other City operated Aquatic Centers.

A list of indoor aquatic facilities is posted on the Parks and Recreation Department website www.ElPasoTexas.gov/parks.

About the Parks and Recreation Department

The El Paso Parks & Recreation Department provides indoor and outdoor leisure services to persons of all ages so they can develop skills, socialize, experience nature, relax, and live a healthier lifestyle.

The department oversees more than 300 parks, 23 Recreation and Sports Centers, 11 Aquatic Centers, and 10 Senior Centers. The department joins the ranks of elite park and recreation organizations by earning accreditation through the Commission for Accreditation of Park and Recreation Agencies (CAPRA) and the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA).

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