

## Telephone Town Hall – Thursday, July 27, 2023

### Questions:

- When will they open the emergency clinic on 112th and Sheridan?
  - A. The North Suburban NW ER location at 11230 Benton St is closed due to staffing shortages. A resident also inquired about construction adjacent to the property which is unrelated to the medical facility. It is slated to be an animal hospital.
- For the condition of the pond over by the Westin Hotel, is the smell common for a pond/lake? Also, there is a lot of algae, is that normal?
  - A. Unfortunately, the answer is yes to both questions. Depending on many factors, mainly related to weather and natural processes, man-made water bodies may have a particular smell depending on the time of the year. The city has a contractor who manages our city-owned water bodies from May-October. Characteristics of the water can change rapidly due to rainfall, urban run-off, and other contributors such as waterfowl waste. Water testing is conducted monthly and various treatment plans, including chemicals, may be used to mitigate algae or improve water clarity. Unfortunately, the proposed treatment will sometimes have varying effectiveness if the weather conditions change. As we approach the cooler months, some of the challenges you identified will naturally disappear.
- Hard to find a swimming lap lane at City Park Recreation Center and Swim and Fitness Center, what are the alternatives and when should I try to go to the pool in order to lap swim?
  - A. Lap lanes will be available at City Park beginning in late August after students have

returned to school. Lap swim is available from MWF until 10 am and T/Th until 9 a.m.

Lap swim is available at Swim and Fitness Center (SFC) all day, but our busy time in the fall/winter/spring begins at 4 pm through 8 pm. Two lanes are generally available for the public unless aqua fitness is in session. The schedule is updated and is located here:

<https://www.cityofwestminster.us/ParksRecreation/ProgramsClasses/Aquatics/PoolSchedules>