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## Fall 2024 Update

# NEWS FROM THE CHARLEVOIX AREA COMMUNITY POOL

The Charlevoix Area Community Pool (CACP) has been busy since January 2024 serving our communities.

On June 27, 2024, we hosted our annual fundraiser titled AquaRitaVille at the Historic Train Depot in Charlevoix. We received wonderful donations for the auction from 60 individuals and businesses. The event, enjoyed by 75 patrons, helped raise \$25,000 to support our swim team, swim lesson scholarships, and operating expenses.

Thanks to a grant from the Charlevoix County Community Foundation we brought back Sunday hours at the pool. Patrons enjoyed lap swim, open swim and individual adult fitness (IAF) times.

We continue to host fun events for families including the Aqua Egg Hunt, Beach Bash, and Spooky Swim.

Megan Smithburg was hired as the new Stingray Swim Team Head Coach and is building the team of 5 to 18 year olds. She hosted off-season training in August and September.

### Swim Programs See Expanded Attendance

All of our programs saw increased attendance over the last 12 months. Popular activities such as lap swim and Aqua Ex classes saw the highest increases.

Keeping children safe around water is an important focus at the pool. Water safety classes and swim lessons include busing children to the pool during the school day. Students attended classes from Boyne City, Charlevoix, and Ellsworth. Over the last 12 months, 468 children took swim lessons or water safety instruction. Thanks to the generosity of donors, we offer group swim lesson scholarships for students who qualify.



The AquaRitaVille fundraiser in June 2024, was at the Historic Train Depot.



Megan Smithburg joined our crew as the Stingray Swim Team Head Coach.



Swim Camp in July 2024, was a big hit with 40 students attending.



Pool swag (shirts, jackets, hats and more) are now available to order online:  
[www.screenmaster.net/chxpool/shop/home](http://www.screenmaster.net/chxpool/shop/home)



# HIGHLIGHTS FROM 2024

The Charlevoix Area Community Pool had a great 2024 with many improvements including new computers. The new system included three new computers, a tag scanner and software. This purchase was made possible thanks to grants from several organizations.

## Millage Passed in all Districts

In August 2024, the pool millage renewal was voted on and passed in the City of Charlevoix, Hayes Township and Charlevoix Township. In 2023, 47% of annual revenue came from tax millages which are from \$25 to about \$75 a year for homeowners in the three municipalities. Residents from these municipalities receive 20% off pool services. A special thank you goes out to our community members for their wonderful support!

## Continuing Support from our Communities

Many organizations and individuals continue to support the pool financially so we can keep our user fees low and avoid charging an annual membership fee. Donations, grants and endowments, which represent 36% of our annual funding, have been received from: Charlevoix County Community Foundation, Leo S. Guthman Fund, Ethel W. Coeling Fund, Great Lakes Energy People Fund, Oleson's Foundation, Chicago Club Fund, and the Bruce and Barbara MacArthur Fund (from January 1 to October 1, 2024.)

We also want to thank these businesses for their year-long pool sponsorships: Harris Law PC, Bergmann Marine, Fernelius Auto Group, The Manthei Group, My Grandmother's Table, Fletch's GMC/Buick/Audi, Petoskey Plastics, and Haggards Plumbing and Heating.



Keep up-to-date on pool news on our website or Instagram and Facebook pages.

## CHARLEVOIX POOL STAFF

- Kathy Klimas, Pool Manager
- Chelsea Biddick, Program Coordinator
- Janet Chambers, Manager of Marketing & Development
- Megan Smithburg, Head Swim Team Coach

The CACP is overseen by an all volunteer Board of Directors from our community.

## CONSIDER SUPPORTING THE POOL

To donate to the CACP, mail a check, call the pool and pay by credit card, or make a donation on our website.



New computers were installed thanks to several grants.

Patrons enjoyed Aqua Ex classes.



In 2024, we opened the pool on Sundays. Open swim is a great time for family fun.

*The mission of the Charlevoix Area Community Pool is to provide a wide range of aquatic programs promoting health, fitness, recreation and water safety.*

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CACP is a 501 c (3) non-profit organization.

All financials are audited annually.

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