



Quick Looks: Swimming Pools by Council District

*The State of City Swimming Pools
in Los Angeles
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Department of Recreation and Parks

Council District 1

Four pools served 175,730 swimmers in 2003.



Lincoln Park Pool—the #1 replacement priority for the Department city-wide

Seasonal Pools:

DOWNEY

Built 1918, Rebuilt 1939

HIGHLAND PARK

Built 1948

LINCOLN PARK

Built 1951

Year Round Pools:

ECHO DEEP (recently closed)

Built 1982

Special Issues

All pools in this Council District have been repaired repeatedly and are in imminent danger of failure. The #1 priority for pool replacement city-wide is Lincoln, the #3 priority is Downey, and the #12 priority is Highland Park. Echo Deep is already closed for major renovation. This District also features MacArthur Park Lake, where boat rental use is supervised by the Aquatics staff.



Closed for Renovation - Echo Deep

Council District 2

Three pools served 65,756 swimmers in 2003.



A water play feature at the newly rebuilt Van Nuys Sherman Oaks pool.

Seasonal Pools:

VALLEY PLAZA
Built 1971

VERDUGO HILLS
Built 1951

Year Round Pools:

VAN NUYS/SHERMAN OAKS
(New year round)
Built 1951, Rebuilt 2004

Special Issues

Although Valley Plaza is in grave need of replacement, Verdugo Hills pool received major refurbishment in 2002, including a new deck, and Van Nuys/Sherman Oaks has reopened this summer as a rebuilt, year-round pool.



Valley Plaza needs to be replaced.

Council District 3

Three pools served 78,487 swimmers in 2003.



Lanark - Closed, but funding is in place to design and built a replacement

Seasonal Pools:

LANARK (Closed)

Built 1959

RESEDA

Built 1930

WOODLAND HILLS

Built 1962

Year Round Pools:

CLEVELAND HIGH SCHOOL

Built 1995

Special Issues

Lanark has been closed since 2002, which has placed more pressure on the other pools in this area of the Valley. Early in June, the Mayor and Council announced funding to design and construct a new pool for Lanark. Meanwhile, Woodland Hills needs renovation, while Reseda is #11 in priority for replacement.



Cleveland is a newer pool, but the bathhouse, HVAC, and electrical room need major renovation.

Council District 4

Two pools served 51,202 swimmers in 2003.



Griffith Plunge—about twice the size of a typical neighborhood pool

Seasonal Pools:

GRIFFITH PARK

Built 1927

NORTH HOLLYWOOD*

Built 1929

PAN PACIFIC

Built 1955

Year Round Pools:

NONE

* Closed Summer 2003

Special Issues

Major repairs and the addition of a splash pad are helping to sustain North Hollywood facility through another season, but the pool needs to be replaced. Although both Griffith Park and Pan Pacific need major renovation, Griffith Park is benefitting from a new equipment room in 2000.



New water play features replaced the failing small pool at North Hollywood

Council District 5

Two pools served 102,584 swimmers in 2003.



Pool concrete particularly needs replacement at Cheviot Hills.

Seasonal Pools:

CHEVIOT HILLS

Built 1949

Year Round Pools:

WESTWOOD

Built 1988

Special Issues

While Westwood is a newer pool in fair condition, needing only minor renovation, Cheviot Hills requires major repair and renovation due to its age. Although there are areas of higher income in this District, additional pools are needed to serve residents with swim lessons and programming.



This newer facility at Westwood offers ADA accessibility.

Council District 6

Two pools served 23,763 swimmers in 2003.



This older pool in Sun Valley, in fairly good condition, is testimony to the longevity in our pools with the experienced care and periodic refurbishment performed by Recreation and Parks Facility Repair staff.

Seasonal Pools:

FERNANGELES

Built 1929

SUN VALLEY

Built 1931

Year Round Pools:

NONE

Special Issues

Additional pools and consideration of adding or remodeling for a year round pool are issues for this District. Also, Fernangeles needs major refurbishment. Sun Valley is in passable condition due to extensive renovations by the Recreation and Parks Facility Repair after the Northridge Earthquake. This District also features Lake Balboa, where boat rentals are supervised by the Aquatics Division.



Much of work needed at the pools is in the bathhouse, as seen in this view of the Fernangeles shower room for boys.

Council District 7

Five pools served 76,758 swimmers in 2003.



Major repairs performed by the Department of Recreation and Parks have kept Hubert Humphrey in fair condition.

Seasonal Pools:

RITCHIE VALENS

Built 1960

SEPULVEDA

Built 1959

SYLMAR

Built 1962

HANSEN DAM SWIM LAKE

Built 1999

Year Round Pools:

HUBERT HUMPHREY

Built 1970

Special Issues

Aggressive repairs and renovations on pools in this district by the Recreation and Parks repair staff have kept most pools in fair shape, needing only moderate refurbishment. Sylmar, however, is at major risk of leaking because the entire pool is tilting.

Hansen Dam operates on an extended season of April to October, but not year round. The Aquatics Division also oversees the fishing lake at Hansen Dam.



Sylmar Pool needs replacement.

Council District 8

Three pools served 69,168 swimmers in 2003.



Algin Sutton has remained in service because of good repair work.

Seasonal Pools:

ALGIN SUTTON

Built 1931

HARVARD (Closed)

Built 1939

VAN NESS

Built 1959

Year Round Pools:

JOHN C. ARGUE SWIM STADIUM (EPPIC)

Built 1932, Rebuilt 2002-3

Special Issues

Algin Sutton has been holding its own; Department repair forces did major renovation work in 2002. Harvard closed in 2001, and the Department received good news early in June, when the Mayor and Council announced funding to construct a new pool. Van Ness, however, is #5 in priority for replacement.



EPPIC Swim Stadium recalls Olympic glory.

Council District 9

Five pools served 131,905 swimmers in 2003.



Central Pool uses valuable open green space, and a new nearby location for a new pool would be an asset to the community.

Seasonal Pools:

CENTRAL
Built 1927

GREEN MEADOWS
Built 1955

ROSS SNYDER
Built 1978

SOUTH PARK
Built 1950

Year Round Pools:

FREMONT HIGH SCHOOL
Built 1978

Special Issues

Two aging pools in this Council District, Green Meadows and Central, are #6 and #9 in priority need of replacement, despite on-going efforts to repair them. South Park received major refurbishment by the Department in 2002, while Ross Snyder still has extensive repair needs. At Fremont, the pool is in good shape but the bathhouse needs



Refurbishment work by Recreation and Parks Facility Repair has kept South Park in good shape.

Council District 10

One pool served 65,259 swimmers in 2003.



A refurbished E.G. Roberts will reopen later in the summer of 2004

Seasonal Pools:

NONE

Year Round Pools:

CELES KING III

Built 1962

E.G. Roberts (closed)

Built 1979

Special Issues

Without the benefit of seasonal pools, this District has also been seriously impacted by the closure in 2002 of E.G. Roberts, which is currently under major renovation and is scheduled to re-open later this summer. Celes King is in need of some repair, but identifying locations for additional pools is also a priority.



Celes King III, the only open pool in the 10th District at the start of the 2004 swim season, is also a year round pool.

Council District 11

Five pools served 120,559 swimmers in 2003.



The new Stoner Family Aquatic Center opened in 2003.

Seasonal Pools:

MAR VISTA

Built 1959

RUSTIC CANYON

Built 1961

STONER PARK

Built 1931, Rebuilt 2003

WESTCHESTER

Built 1961

Year Round Pools:

VENICE HIGH SCHOOL

Built 1961

Special Issues

The year round pool in this District, Venice, is operating on a day-to-day basis because of severely leaking pipes and a leaking roof; it is #4 priority for replacement. Mar Vista and Westchester both require major refurbishment. Stoner, rebuilt as a family aquatic center with slide and other play features in 2003, is an excellent model for a new style of recreation and park aquatic facility.



Leaking pipes at Venice make keeping the pool open a daily challenge.

Council District 12

One pool served 15,657 swimmers in 2003.



Funding has been identified to replace Northridge pool, based on a plan with input from the community

Seasonal Pools:

GRANADA HILLS

Built 1975

NORTHRIDGE (Closed)

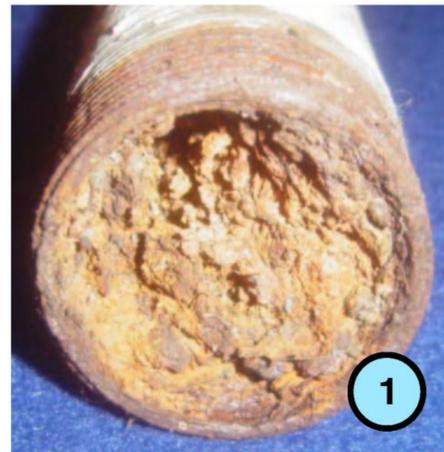
Built 1959

Year Round Pools:

NONE

Special Issues

This Council District has only two pools, and no year round pools. Northridge has been closed since 2000, despite efforts to repair the pool after the earthquake, which kept it operational for several years, however, in June the Mayor and Council announced funding to construct a new pool. Granada Hills is #19 in priority for replacement, with many out-of-service days because of restricted pipe conditions.



Detail of clogged and rusted pipes from the Pool Repair sketch—an example of the problem at Granada Hills

Council District 13

Three pools served 53,610 swimmers in 2003.



Echo Shallow, encircled by a 101 freeway on-ramp, is too "freeway close."

Seasonal Pools:

ECHO SHALLOW

Built 1912, Rebuilt 1956 and 1962

HOLLYWOOD

Built 1950

Year Round Pools:

GLASSELL PARK (temporary)

Built 1930

Special Issues

Glassell, refurbished in 1981, is open year round temporarily as an alternative for Echo Deep patrons, since Echo closed in 2003; Glassell needs a new deck and bathhouse. Echo Shallow should be relocated away from the Freeway, and Hollywood has substantial repair needs. This District also features Echo Park Lake, where boat rentals are supervised by the Aquatics Division



Glassell has been modified for year-round use as an interim substitute for patrons of Echo Deep while that pool and building is rebuilt

Council District 14

Five pools served 180,622 swimmers in 2003.



Named for Lou Costello's son, who died tragically by drowning, in the comedian's hopes that other children could learn to swim and be safe

Seasonal Pools:

COSTELLO

Built 1950

PECAN PARK

Built 1962

YOSEMITE

Built 1923, Rebuilt 2001

Year Round Pools:

RICHARD ALATORRE

Built 1931, Replaced 1999

ROOSEVELT HIGH SCHOOL

Built 1977

Special Issues

Heavily used Costello and Pecan pools are #2 and #10 in priority for replacement, with complete closure imminent. Costello was built by the late comedian Lou Costello in memory of his child who died in a drowning accident, so that other children could learn to swim. Roosevelt has major repair needs. Yosemite is also used by LAUSD, who reimburses the Department for costs.



Richard Alatorre is an award-winning pool building design

Council District 15

Four pools served 66,654 swimmers in 2003.



109th Street is an important resource in the community, but needs to be replaced

Seasonal Pools:

109th STREET
Built 1933

GAFFEY (Closed)
Built 1944

HARBOR
Built 1955

Year Round Pools:

BANNING HIGH SCHOOL
Built 1979

PECK PARK
Built 1962, Rebuilt 2003

Special Issues

The seasonal pools in this Council District are in poor condition, with 109th Street and Harbor the #7 and #8 priority for pool replacement city-wide, and Gaffey closed since 1989 and needing relocation as well as replacement. Peck Park was successfully converted by Recreation and Parks Facility Repair from a seasonal to a year round pool in 2003.



Banning needs major bathhouse work.