



Upper Valley Parks & Recreation Service Area (PRSA)

2018 Levy Information for the City of Leavenworth PRSA Pool

In August of 2018 the Upper Valley Parks & Recreation Service Area (PRSA) Board of Directors will be asking voters of the area to approve a six-year Operation & Maintenance property tax levy of 14 cents per thousand dollars of property value (per Chelan County assessor valuation in 2019). The levy is for a six-year time frame and the funds go toward the operation of the outdoor pool and the resurfacing of the entire pool. The previous O&M Levy was for 11 cents per thousand. If the replacement O&M Levy is approved, the change that most property owners will see on their property tax bill for the PRSA is a 62-cent increase per One Hundred Thousand on their tax bill in 2019.

The table below includes a breakdown of what property owners have been paying, per Hundred Thousand dollars of home value, in 2018 versus the new payment in 2019 if approved:

	2018	2019	Increase (Decrease)
Maintenance Levy	\$9.56	\$14.00	\$4.44
Construction Bond	\$6.82	\$3.00	(\$3.82)
Total	\$16.38	\$17.00	\$0.62

The request for the additional funding of the O&M Levy is to address the ongoing maintenance issues at the pool due to the age and wear. A portion of the funds collected will be used to cover the costs of resurfacing the pool. The estimated cost for this project in 2019 dollars is \$140,000. Over the past several years, the PRSA in conjunction with the City of Leavenworth have rebuilt the filter at the pool, replaced the pool heater, replaced the circulation pumps and repainted the pool buildings. While the pool is nearly twenty years old, there is a plan in place to extend the life of the pool for a long time with funding from this levy.

Eighteen years ago, the citizens of the Upper Valley Parks & Recreation Service Area (PRSA) had the foresight and dedication to the members of the community, and their visitors, to build the Leavenworth Community Pool. Construction was paid for by funds financed by a municipal bond that the residents are paying off over 20 years. In 2011, the Board of Directors refinanced that bond while interest rates were at all-time lows, which saved the taxpayers about \$7,000 annually and allowed for the payoff of the debt earlier than the original 20-year term.

The funding for the operation and maintenance of the pool is financed through the O&M Levy and user fees. The average annual operating budget is \$183,115. The revenue provided through the O&M Levy is \$120,415; user fees provide the remaining revenues. These costs do not include the staffing resources provided by the City of Leavenworth to cover pool maintenance, administrative services, or human resources services involved with hiring 20 – 25 pool employees on an annual basis.

One of the primary reasons for the building of the Community Pool was to offer a safe alternative to swimming in the Wenatchee River. The PRSA Board recognizes this, and works to keep user fees affordable across the community. The O&M Levy is the source of revenue that allows the user fees to remain affordable, whether a daily pass or a season pass for an individual or family.

Let's go for a swim! The Wenatchee River is always flowing and free, but the water is cold and the current can often be too strong to be safe even for good swimmers. What else can you do? Visit the Community Pool in Leavenworth. The water is always clean and heated! The lifeguards are friendly and well trained. Classes are available for swimming lessons, and water aerobics. Special times are available for exercise with lap swims and Senior swims, and the facility may be rented for parties as well. And then there's the award-winning Leavenworth Swim Team that calls the Leavenworth Pool its home. Safety is always our first concern, so you can relax and enjoy a fun time for the entire family.

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