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Howard Hopkins Memorial Pool to Remain Open for 2019 Season

The Leavenworth City Council voted at the February 12, 2019 Council meeting to support continued improvements necessary to keep the Leavenworth City Pool open and operational in 2019. While funding for the improvements was voted down last August by the residents of the Upper Valley Park and Recreation Service Area (PRSA); the City Council found it necessary to assist in funding the improvement costs of \$183,000 to resurface and maintain equipment for the City Pool for this year and for many years to come. The City Council authorized use of fund reserves with 1/3 coming from Lodging Tax Funds, 1/3 from the City's General Fund, and 1/3 to be provided from a 3-year loan to the PRSA. In addition to this funding, the City of Leavenworth provides approximately \$20,000 annually in staff resources to oversee the operations and maintenance of the community pool; in recent years the PRSA has been responsible for covering capital related improvement costs for the pool.

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