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Aquaport Closed To Public For Cleanup After Vandalism

Aquaport, the City of Maryland Heights' outdoor municipal water park, has been closed to the public until further notice by the City and the St. Louis County Department of Health so that pool staff and the City's pool management contractor can clean up broken glass caused by a recent act of vandalism. Pieces of clear broken glass have been found in the large swimming pool after an overnight break-in, and a cleaning and removal effort has been underway since then.

"Our pool management contractor has encountered continued difficulties in identifying the extent of the problem and completing the cleanup during this time," said Tracey Anderson, the City's Director of Parks and Recreation. "Closing the pool is now considered the appropriate step to take while the cleanup continues. We regret that this has happened, and we are looking into steps we can take to prevent future acts of vandalism. We take the safety of our residents and patrons very seriously, and we look forward to reopening Aquaport once we can verify that all glass has been removed."

The City will issue a public notice on its website and social media channels when Aquaport reopens to the public.

Anyone with information about the recent vandalism at Aquaport is asked to contact the Maryland Heights Police Department's Tips Hotline at (314) 209-TIPS (8477) or www.marylandheights.com/PoliceTips.

The additional security measures being considered by the City include the installation of taller fences, more surveillance cameras and improved nighttime lighting, plus increased police patrols.

For more information about Aquaport or recreation programming, please visit <http://www.marylandheights.com/departments/parks-and-recreation/facilities/aquaport> or contact the Department of Parks and Recreation at (314) 738-2599.

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