



# City of **MARYLAND HEIGHTS**

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## PRESS RELEASE

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### **Aquaport Water Park in Maryland Heights Completes Renovations, Opens May 29**

MARYLAND HEIGHTS, MO. – Aquaport, the City of Maryland Heights' outdoor water park, opens to the public **Saturday, May 29 at 12:00 p.m.** after completing a \$5.7 million renovation earlier this year. Built in 1998, Aquaport had not seen major renovations or changes since the addition of the Extreme Bowl slide in 2006.

Planning for the major overhaul to the facility began in 2019 and the project broke ground with Contra Construction Co. in early 2020. Other companies that made this project a success include architects Hastings+Chivetta, Councillman-Hunsaker and Capri Pools. While delays were experienced due to COVID-19 related issues, construction wrapped up in 2021. Highlights of the project include:

- The addition of the FlowRider feature which incorporates elements of surfing, bodyboarding and wakeboarding.
- Improving water quality throughout the park with separate water filtration and chemical systems for the Family Fun Pool, Lazy River, children's area, and FlowRider. The lazy river also features a weir wall system that functions as a giant skimmer to clean the water surface and improve flow to the filter system.
- Completely renovated family restrooms, food preparation areas and concessions, administration office, equipment rental space, first aid room and entrance with dedicated resident and non-resident queue lines.
- Updated kids' area with St. Louis Cardinals-themed features.
- All pools repainted with high performance epoxy paint to better protect foundations from moisture, chemicals and seasonal temperatures.

Other features of the park include the Extreme Bowl Slide, Family Fun Pool, Lazy River, Flume Slide, Racer Slide, Rapids Slide and the Tube Slide. Parking is always free at Aquaport. Group rates and private rentals are available with the ability to rent the entire facility or just the FlowRider feature.

Aquaport will adhere to all St. Louis County COVID-19 guidelines in its operations. Patrons will be required to wear a mask while entering and exiting the facility, as well as moving to the pool deck, locker rooms and concession stand. Patrons will not be required to wear a mask while swimming or moving between pools, slides or the FlowRider.



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Aquaport is located at 2344 McKelvey Road and is operated by the City of Maryland Heights Parks & Recreation Department. Aquaport will be open 12:00-7:00 p.m. daily with special hours of entry for Maryland Heights' residents with a current Privilege Card and season pass holders. Season Passes are still available and can be purchased at the Maryland Heights Community Center or the welcome kiosk at Aquaport. General admission for adults is \$15, youth/seniors is \$10 and ages 3 and under are free. A pass to ride the FlowRider is an additional \$3.

For more information on Aquaport, please contact Communications Manager Trisha Hall at (314) 738-2497 or [thall@marylandheights.com](mailto:thall@marylandheights.com). Additional resources including videos and photos are available at: [www.marylandheights.com/media](http://www.marylandheights.com/media).

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