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Ulster County Pool Reopens June 14!

KINGSTON, NY - Ulster County is pleased to announce the reopening of the Ulster County Pool at 241 Libertyville Road in New Paltz on Saturday, June 14. Following last summer's closure due to underground piping failures, the pool has undergone repairs and is ready to welcome swimmers this summer. To ensure the pool could reopen for the community this summer, full-scale renovations funded by a \$3.92 million grant from Governor Kathy Hochul's NY SWIMS initiative will begin after this pool season.

County Executive Jen Metzger is also happy to announce that this year, for the first time, Ulster County seniors and families who receive Medicaid and Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) can enjoy free access to the pool. To qualify for a free season pass, applicants must present their Medicaid or SNAP benefit card, along with photo identification verifying Ulster County residency. Passes will be issued at the pool when it opens.

"We're excited to re-open the County pool, which was greatly missed last year while repairs were being made," **said County Executive Jen Metzger.** "It is a safe, affordable, and fun way to beat the heat of summer, get some exercise, and spend time with friends and family, and I look forward to seeing lots of happy faces in the pool!"

The New Paltz Pool Complex will be open from June 14 through September 1. After the pool closes for the season, work will begin on major upgrades, including a new filtration system, pool deck, and gutter system, as well as zero-depth entry ramps and a modern spray ground. The upgrades are made possible through a \$3.92 million NY SWIMS grant secured by the County. The County also helped secure a NY SWIMS grant for major renovations to the Ellenville/Wawarsing community pool.

For more information on hours, admission, and eligibility for free access, visit <u>ulstercountyny.gov/public-works/ulster-county-pool-complex</u>, or call (845) 340-7368.

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