

NEW NORTHRIDGE POOL!

Sunday, June 8, 2008

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LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCILMAN GREIG SMITH

Grand Opening of the New Northridge Pool!

Hundreds of happy young swimmers from the community joined us as we cut the ribbon and dove into the new Northridge Pool at our free swim day and grand opening celebration, Sunday, June 8 at Northridge Park.

There was free entry for all, swimming, and free snacks provided by Northridge East Neighborhood Council. Megan Hawkinds, a 16 year-old Granada Hills resident and champion swimmer who is trying out for the 2008 Olympics, was the first to go down the amazing two-story high waterslide, breaking the ribbon as she plunged into the pool.

Thanks to the hard work of Chief of Staff Mitchell Englander and Chief Legislative Deputy John Lee, we were able to secure funding to bring a new pool to Northridge. This fulfilled a pledge from our first days in office to replace the old Northridge Pool.

The old pool was heavily damaged in the 1994 Northridge Earthquake and had been closed for years. Re-opening the pool is part of our ongoing commitment to the community of the San Fernando Valley.

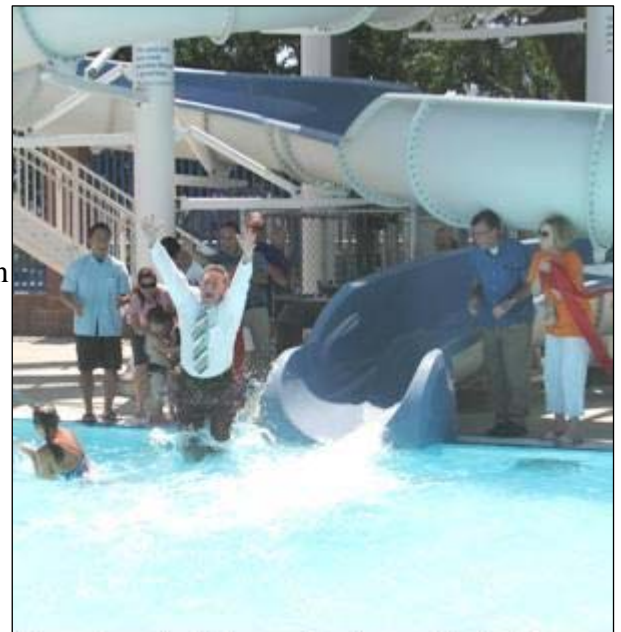
The new pool features a large lap pool, and a shallow wading pool equipped for young children and people with disabilities. There is a splash pad, and all -new lifeguard offices, first aid station, showers and changing rooms. Best of all, there is an amazing two-story high waterslide. The pool opens for the regular swim season June 21.

Public swimming at City pools costs \$2.50 for adults, \$2.00 with an L.A. Library Card, and FREE for children under 17 years old.

For more information, please visit

<http://www.laparks.org/dos/aquatic/facility/northridgePool.htm>

or call the Department of Recreation and Parks' Aquatics Division at (323) 906-7953.



Councilman Smith jumps into the new Northridge Pool at the grand opening.



The shallow pool with special equipment for children and people with disabilities, and the amazing two story high waterslide donated by Kaiser Permanente.



Councilman Greig Smith with a representative of Kaiser Permanente, which donated \$300,000 for the Northridge Pool's waterslide as part of Kaiser's Operation Splash.

