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Supervisor Logsdon Issues Statement Advocating for Creative Solutions to Reopen Hales Corners Pool in 2026

MILWAUKEE – Milwaukee County Supervisor Patti Logsdon announced her commitment to work with community partners, local organizations, and County leadership to reopen the Hales Corners Pool in 2026. After five summers of closure due to staffing, budget, and facility-maintenance challenges, Logsdon is determined to find a sustainable solution so area families can once again enjoy their neighborhood pool.

"Residents have told me for years how much they miss the Hales Corners Pool," said Supervisor Logsdon. "It's unacceptable that our community has been without this vital resource for so long. I've heard from people who are ready to contribute their time and resources—including the Hales Corners Lions Club and other local groups—and I intend to turn that goodwill into action."

Supervisor Logsdon plans to model the Hales Corners effort on the recent transformation of Hoyt Park Pool, where a nonprofit partnership – the Friends of Hoyt Park & Pool – took on operations, maintenance, and fundraising without additional taxpayer support.

"The Friends of Hoyt Park have shown us what's possible," Logsdon noted. "If a volunteer-led nonprofit can manage and sustain a busy pool facility, so can our community. I understand Milwaukee County must balance budgets and staffing across dozens of parks and pools, but our residents deserve access to recreation, and they're willing to step up. I'm convening meetings with County Parks, the Hales Corners Lions Club, neighborhood associations, and potential nonprofit operators to draft a plan that would reopen Hales Corners Pool part-time in summer 2026, then expand operations as funding and staff become available."

"I was told Hales Corners Pool could reopen once we completed a test-fill, verified the water-filtration system, and secured adequate staffing. Unfortunately, that initial test-fill never occurred—reportedly due to staff capacity concerns. While Milwaukee County Parks must balance its resources, a brief pool fill could have pinpointed critical maintenance needs and moved reopening plans forward. I look forward to working collaboratively with Parks leadership to streamline inspections and staffing so Hales Corners Pool can welcome swimmers in the future."

Over the coming weeks, Supervisor Logsdon will:

- Partner with the Hales Corners Lions Club and other civic organizations to assess fundraising and operational feasibility.
- Work with Milwaukee County Parks leadership to identify necessary repairs and staffing requirements.
- Explore the creation of a Friends-of-Hales Corners Pool nonprofit to manage day-to-day operations, based on the Hoyt Park model.

"Milwaukee County levies taxes to provide amenities that build strong, healthy communities," Logsdon concluded. "If the County can't or won't reopen Hales Corners Pool on its own, the people of Hales Corners will find a way to make it happen. While we may still lack the seed funding Hoyt received and face added challenges from operating a pool nearly three times the size, we also have unmatched determination—when our neighbors put their minds to something, we get it done."

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