

# Campbellsville City Pool opens after two years

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**Ten-year-old Miya Downs (right) was the first customer at the city pool in nearly two years, as she was waiting for the doors to open on Tuesday. She is shown enjoying her time in the pool with her mother, Mary Brower.**

Miya Downs could hardly wait.

As the doors opened at promptly 11:30 a.m. last Tuesday, the 10-year-old Downs eagerly became the first customer at the Campbellsville City Pool in nearly two years.

According to Downs' mother, Mary Brower, the entire family has been excited since they heard the swimming pool was going to be re-opened for the first time since prior to the 4th of July holiday in 2017.

The pair was not disappointed in what they found waiting for them on Tuesday.

"When we got here, the water's just so blue and pretty," Brower said. "It looks brand new almost ... It was devastating when the pool first closed. We were scared it wasn't going to open up again, but we're so happy it's back."

They were not the only ones happy to see the pool's return.

Last year, one of the campaign promises of mayor candidate Brenda Allen was to restore the pool — which was initially closed and remained so due to multiple leaks in the pool's stainless steel pipes — to its former glory.

After being elected as mayor in November and returning in January to the office she had previously held, Allen couldn't help but smile as she welcomed in guests to the pool's opening day only six months after taking office.

"Well, to me, it was really important that

our young people have a place to go in the summertime," she said of seeing a campaign promise fulfilled. "When it gets so hot out and there's no place to go, it really upset me that kids couldn't go to the pool.

"We've had several volunteers and city employees that pitched in and did the work, and it was such a gift for them to do that ... A promise made, a promise kept."

Allen estimated that work on getting the pool back into working condition started in March. The primary fix for the pool was fixing one "big" leak and two smaller leaks in the pool's plumbing, which Allen said was done by a city employee who had experience welding stainless steel pipes.

Nearly all of the work getting the pool's facilities looking nice cosmetically was also done in-house by city employees and work-release inmates, who painted the inside of the pool.

Because they used city employees, Allen said the city was able to

pay less than \$20,000 on labor costs and estimated the total cost of the project would be less than "\$30,000 at the most," a far cry from a \$200,000 estimate that was quoted during a city council meeting last June.

"I know the city is very excited to have the pool open again," new Pool Manager Tim Peterson said after the pool passed its health inspection on Monday. "Everyone has worked really hard to get it open, and it's in great shape. We're excited the community has a pool again that they can embrace and call their own."

This sentiment rang true for Brower, who said her mother would bring her and her siblings to the pool "every summer," and she is glad she will have the opportunity to continue that tradition with her own children.

"Before [Miya] was even 1," Brower said, noting that she had other children who weren't at the pool with her Tuesday, "we brought her here, and now I've got two other little ones, and — well,

I've got to work — but on Sunday, when I'm off, we're coming back, and everybody's going to be here. We're so excited."

The pool will be open each Monday-Saturday from 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and from 1-5 p.m. on Sundays.

The price of admission is \$5 per person, with children ages 3 and under getting in free. There will be no passes sold this summer.

The pool has hired 16 lifeguards for this year, with the final few finishing their certifications this week.

Peterson said the pool will not start taking requests for parties until next Monday, and at least in the short term, reservations should be made by calling Campbellsville City Hall at 270-465-7011.

"We're excited to be able to offer this service to the community once again," Peterson said.

With the pool now open, Allen will be turning her attention to getting the armory ready to open to give children another opportunity to stay ac-

tive this summer.

She said this project should take no more than two weeks and would likely be finished sooner than

that.

"We're very excited to get everything finished and for the kids to have a place to go," Allen said.



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"Dr. Henson brings

a good knowledge of rural community medicine with her and I'm confident that she will be a valuable resource to the residents of Green County. And

Dr. Mohiuddin is proving to be a valuable member of our medical team and is settling

in very well," Tungate said. "We're happy that both have chosen to come to this area and join our staff."

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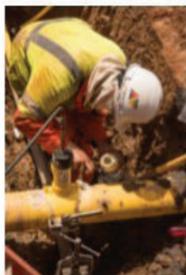


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