

AQUATICS UPDATE

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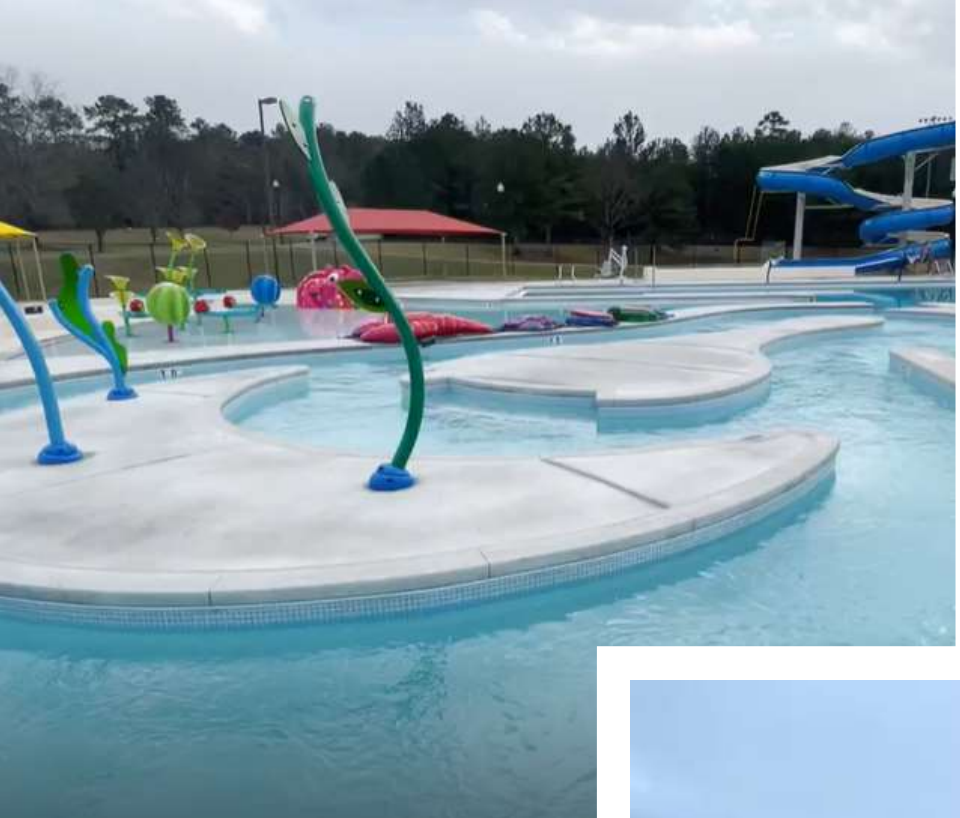




Outdoor Pools Opening May 28, 2025

RIGDON PARK POOL





SHIRLEY WINSTON PARK POOL





PSALMOND ROAD PARK POOL



CITY SERVICES SPLASH PAD



All 3D renders show textures and finishes.

CARVER PARK SPLASH PAD

COLUMBUS PARKS & RECREATION

SUMMER LIFEGUARD

HIRING NOW!

WHY YOU SHOULD BE A LIFEGUARD:

COMPETITIVE PAY \$14.00 X AVERAGE HOURS 35= **\$490/WEEK**

FREE SWIM TRAINING & LIFEGUARD CERTIFICATION

STAY ACTIVE & ENJOY THE OUTDOORS A GREAT TAN
LEARN VALUABLE SKILLS (RED CROSS LIFEGUARD) FOR **FREE**
MAKE NEW FRIENDS & GAIN LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

WHAT WE'RE LOOKING FOR:

AGE: **15+ YEARS OLD**

ENERGETIC, RESPONSIBLE, AND READY TO TAKE ON A CHALLENGE
COMMITTED TO WATER SAFETY
TEAM PLAYER WITH GREAT COMMUNICATION SKILLS

APPLY NOW!



Lifeguard Recruiting Job Fairs and Locations Visited

- ▶ January 16 Goodwill Hiring event
- ▶ February 12 Hardaway School Job Fair
- ▶ February 25 CSU Spring College Job Fair
- ▶ March 7 Central High School On-site during all of lunch
- ▶ March 8 Fort Moore Middle School & Teen Center College and Career Fair
- ▶ March 19 Goodwill Career Center
- ▶ MCSD councilors
- ▶ Radio and tv
- ▶ Billboard going up to advertise.

Lifeguard Certification Process



The poster features the Columbus Parks Recreation Department logo at the top left, with a sun and colorful inflatables. The main text reads 'HIRING FOR SUMMER NOW!' in large, bold letters. Below this, it lists 'SEASONAL OUTDOOR POSITIONS' including Managers, Assistant Managers, Lifeguards, and Concessionaires. It also states 'ALL TRAINING INCLUDED WE WILL CERTIFY YOU!' and lists 'OUTDOOR POOL LOCATIONS' as Shirley Winston Rigdon Rd, Double Churches, and Psalmont Rd. The bottom left shows an illustration of a pool with a slide and people, with the text 'PAY STARTING AT \$14.00'. The bottom right provides the application website: <https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/columbusga> and instructions to search for 'Lifeguard' and apply online.

Columbus PARKS RECREATION DEPARTMENT

HIRING FOR SUMMER NOW!

SEASONAL OUTDOOR POSITIONS

- MANAGERS
- ASSISTANT MANAGERS
- LIGEGUARDS
- CONCESSIONAIRES

ALL TRAINING INCLUDED WE WILL CERTIFY YOU!

OUTDOOR POOL LOCATIONS

- SHIRLEY WINSTON RIGDON RD
- DOUBLE CHURCHES
- PSALMOND RD

TO APPLY GO TO:
<https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/columbusga>

SEARCH
Lifeguard

THEN APPLY ONLINE

PAY STARTING AT \$14.00

- ▶ Candidates that pass their initial swim test move forward and are enrolled in a Red Cross Lifeguard Certification Class (We cover the cost.)
- ▶ Candidates who do not pass the swim pre-req test are offered free swim lessons focused on the skills needed to pass the test. Once skills are mastered in the free lessons, we attempt the pre-req swim test again.
- ▶ For applicants who do not want to enroll in the free swim lessons, we are offering the concessionaire position as a good alternative, which has been well received by people in this situation so far.

20 of 25 Lifeguards
inside for summer at
CAC now.

18/100 Lifeguards for
summer at outside
pools

- Last summer we needed 25
for DC and 25 for CAC.
- We had 37 total.

3 of 4 Pool Managers
for outside pools

1 of 8 Assistant Pool
Managers

3 of 16 Concessionaires

WHERE WE ARE NOW

Benchmarking Lifeguard Wages

Lifeguard Wages	3/22/2022	2/2/2025
Agency	Hourly Rate	Hourly Rate
Columbus	\$9.18	\$14.00
Cherokee	\$14.00	\$16.00
Carrollton	\$9.00	\$11.50
Great Wolf Lodge	\$14.00	\$16.00
Atlanta	\$14.50	\$16.62
Green Island Country Club	\$12.00-14.00	\$12.00-14.00
Ft. Benning	\$16.00	\$16.00
Columbus YMCA	\$9.25	\$10.50
Gwinnett	\$16.50	\$16.50
Auburn		\$13.19
Phenix City		\$11.23
Harris County		\$11.93
LaGrange		\$12.00
Alpharetta		\$17.62
Woodstock		\$17.36
Liberty Bell		\$15.00
Douglasville		\$21.00

Recommendations for Aquatic Wages

- Lifeguards go from \$14/hr. to \$16/hr.
- Assistant Pool Managers from \$15/hr. to \$17/hr.
- Pool Managers from \$16/hr. to \$18/hr.
- Concessionaires from \$12/hr. to \$14/hr.

	Current Rate	Proposed Rate	Max # of Employees	Weeks	Additional Budget Impact
Outdoor Lifeguard	\$14	\$16	100	12	\$74,924.00
Indoor Lifeguard	\$14	\$16	25	52	\$81,168.25
Asst. Pool Manager	\$15	\$17	8	12	\$5,993.92
Pool Manager	\$16	\$18	4	12	\$2,996.96
Concessionaires	\$12	\$14	16	12	\$11,987.84
				TOTAL	\$177,070.97

BUDGET IMPACT