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Larkin Aquatics is pleased to announce the following 2009 pool openings:

- ◆ Higginsville Aquatic Center, Higginsville, Missouri
- ◆ Willard Municipal Pool, Willard, Missouri
- ◆ Keokuk Aquatic Center, Keokuk Iowa

Through the combined efforts, dedication and an overall goal of promoting and benefiting their cities, the design and construction of these pools was possible. Each community was striving for a safe, fun and relaxing environment for all citizens to enjoy and that is what has been delivered at each pool opening.

Higginsville, Missouri

The Higginsville Aquatic Center dream became a reality through several public meetings and the completion of a Community Needs Analysis by the designers at Larkin Aquatics. The project needs included recreational features such as waterslides, interactive play features and deep-water for 1 and 3-meter diving. A public vote resulted in the passage of a ¼ cent sales tax for funding. The construction began in late April with the facility being substantially complete before the coldest of winter months of January and February. Once the warm air chased away the bitter cold the City went to work on the finishing touches such as painting the pool basin.



The facility opened on May 23rd with a cost of \$1,801,271, close to \$200,000 lower than the engineers' estimate of \$2 million.

Willard, Missouri

The Willard Municipal pool was a design/build effort between Larkin Aquatics and Carrothers Construction. Larkin Aquatics was chosen early in the project to provide conceptual design and planning services. During the 3 weeks of Larkin's planning process, public forums were offered to educate the citizens on features and their input. While concepts were being created and revised during the accelerated schedule, contractors were

interviewed and Carrothers was chosen.

The Willard Municipal pool was completed with approximately \$100,000 returned to the City unused. This under budget portion allowed the City to purchase an additional slide.



The facility opened May 23rd at a cost of \$2,336,672.

Keokuk, Iowa

The Keokuk aquatic center was a very special project for Larkin Aquatics. Our founder, Kenneth Larkin, designed the original pool back in 1955. The City rehired Larkin to design the new aquatic center - - a repeat customer!

The aquatic center was created through a few meetings with City staff and feedback from a community survey completed by the City and tabulated by Larkin staff.



The facility was completed and opened on June 6th at a cost of \$2,415,626.

Larkin Aquatics has specialized in the planning and designing of municipal aquatic facilities since 1948. With over 500 aquatic projects throughout the United States, Larkin has helped communities plan, design, and construct successful swimming pools and aquatic park facilities. Larkin prides itself on delivering project after project on or ahead of time and within budget. We have always considered ourselves as an extension of each cities staff, making every project as important to us as it is to the community that it will be serving. Intricate details go into every design in order to give each pool its own unique feeling. Let us help your community's dream come true.

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