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City of Hurst Taking Extra Steps to Ensure Safe Pools

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HURST, TX MAY 15 – The City of Hurst is taking extra steps this summer to ensure patrons are safer than ever at our aquatics centers. The city is pleased to announce that new, state-of-the-art, ultra-violet (UV) lighting systems were recently installed at both the Chisholm and Central Aquatics Centers. The UV systems will further enhance the safety of the facilities, as UV technology disinfects and deactivates pathogenic micro-organisms, including the cryptosporidium virus, bacteria, and parasites which may cause waterborne illness in swimmers.

Additionally, Hurst has installed new drain covers in all swimming pools at both of its Aquatics Centers. These new drain covers meet all requirements of the 2007 Pool and Spa Safety Act, also known as the "Virginia Graeme Baker (VGB) Act", which was passed by the federal government. The VGB Act requires that all public swimming pools and spas in the United States have drain covers that preclude suction entrapment of swimmers, thus improving the overall safety of the pools for the public.

The UV systems and VGB-compliant drain covers were installed earlier this spring at the Central and Chisholm Aquatics Centers in Hurst. Both Hurst aquatics centers open May 23.

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