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Councilman Bob Mollette
3rd Ward Council Person
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Re: Correspondence 08-024

Dear Councilman:

In your memo you state "...citizens expressed frustration with the delay opening of the McKinley Pool as result of a renovation project." First of all, according to council minutes, only one resident spoke on McKinley Pool and two others briefly mentioned the pool not being opened, giving the appearance of just echoing someone else's complaint.

You further state... "Due to the lack of communication the citizens identify this delay as poor planning and just not caring about our most valuable resource, our children." I explained to Mr. Smith at either a March or April Council Meeting what the plan was for the pool. I again explained to Mr. Smith what was going on with the pool when he visited the Public Service Department a few weeks ago. I further communicated my intent through the "*Portsmouth Daily Times*" in a front page article titled "McKinley Pool Renovation to Begin, Opening is Delayed"; dated 3 June 2008; written by T.W. Allen; Staff Writer. In that article the plan, process, and projected timeline was very well communicated. Just because the timeline is not favorable with a few residents does not make it a "poor plan". Furthermore, as an advocate for *Playful City USA*, I am offended by the insinuation that we don't care about our children.

If you desire a timeline of the plan with a projected opening I recommend you read the above article where the information was "communicated."

Sincerely,

Christopher L. Murphy
Director of Public Service
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Mayor Kalb