



Upper Valley Parks & Recreation Service Area (PRSA)

2012 Levy Information for the City of Leavenworth PRSA Pool

Let's go for a swim! The Wenatchee River is always flowing and free, but the water is cold and the current often can be too strong to be safe even for good swimmers. What else can you do? Visit the Community Pool in Leavenworth. The water is always clean and heated! The lifeguards are friendly and well trained. Classes are available for swimming lessons, water aerobics, and kayak practice. Special times are available for exercise with lap swims and Senior swims, and the facility may be rented for parties as well. And then there's the award-winning Upper Valley Swim Team that calls the Leavenworth Pool its home. Safety is always our first concern so you can relax and enjoy a fun time for the entire family.

Twelve years ago, the citizens of the Upper Valley Recreation Area (PRSA) had the foresight and dedication to the members of the community, and their visitors, to build the Community Pool. Construction was paid for by funds financed by a municipal bond that the residents are paying off over 20 years. In 2011, the Board of Directors refinanced that bond while interest rates were at all-time lows, which will save the taxpayers about \$7,000 annually and hopefully retire the debt earlier than the original 20-year term. Use fees are charged for operations and maintenance of the pool but don't cover nearly all the expenses. There is also a property tax levy, which is renewed every six years, and adjusted to match budgeted expenses. The original levy was for 10¢ per thousand dollars of an assessed property value, which sets an actual dollar amount to be collected in the first year. Over the previous years as property values increased, the levy collected dropped to approximately 6¢ per thousand. As per Washington State Law, in each successive year, the dollar amount collected could not rise more than one percent. At this time, due to expected maintenance costs to repair and replace an aging filtration system, the Parks & Recreation Service Area (PRSA) Board of Directors is asking residents to approve an increase of the levy amount to restore the full request with a slight increase to a total of 11¢ per thousand for the next six years. The current cost to taxpayers is \$14.80 per year for a \$100,000 home. This equates to a total levy cost for the construction bond at \$9.20 and the maintenance and operations levy at \$5.60 per \$100,000 home. If the Maintenance and Operations Levy passes, the cost would increase to \$18.30, an increase of \$3.50 per year.

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