



A. M. RISHER CITY POOL

Public meeting
11 September 2025
6:30pm Roy Clark building



THE POOL CONTINUES
TO BE A VALUABLE
ASSET TO THE
COMMUNITY

AGENDA:

- ☐ Background
- ☐ Volunteer efforts
- ☐ Committee reports
- ☐ Strategic
- ☐ Fundraising
- ☐ Grant
- ☐ 2025 Season wrap-up
- ☐ Public reaction/comments
- ☐ Call to action



BACKGROUND:



Pool opened
July 4, 1965



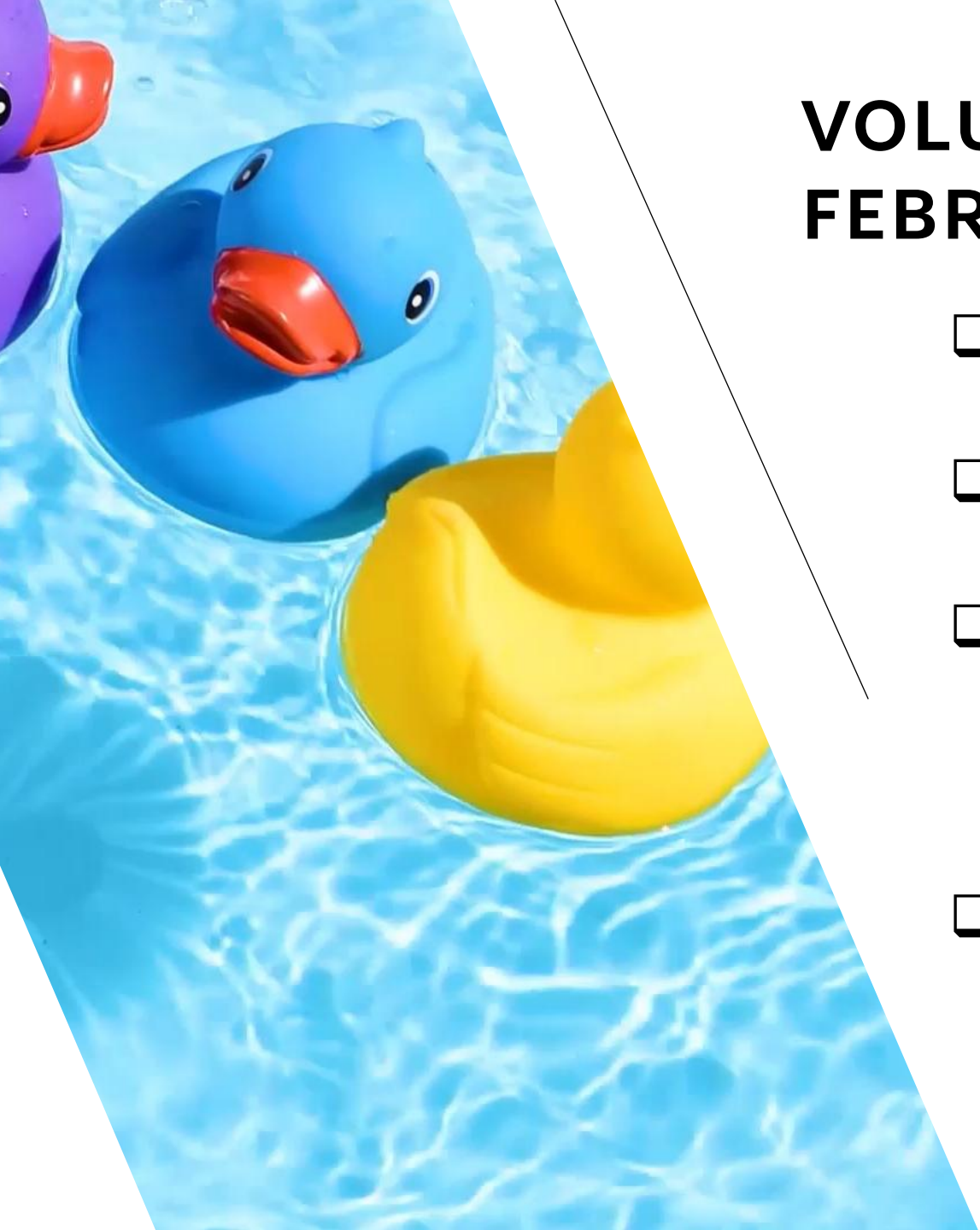
Funds
provided by
private/
public
donations



Community
engagement
major
support



Configuration
basically
same today

A decorative graphic on the left side of the slide shows three rubber ducks (one purple, one blue, and one yellow) floating in clear blue water. The ducks are arranged diagonally from the top left towards the bottom right.

VOLUNTEER EFFORTS SINCE FEBRUARY MEETING

- ☐ Public meeting 11 February
 - ☐ 29 Volunteers signed up
- ☐ First meeting 26 February
 - ☐ 23 attended
- ☐ Three committees
 - ☐ Strategic planning
 - ☐ Fundraising
 - ☐ Grant
- ☐ Monthly meetings since Feb

A.M. Risher Pool Revitalization & Future Community Aquatic Center Initiative

Preserving Today, Building Tomorrow
For a Stronger, Healthier Community

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Our Mission

- Preserve and revitalize A.M. Risher Public Pool (8-10 year extension)
- Develop comprehensive plan for a state-of-the-art indoor fitness and aquatic center
- Support the health and well-being of all community members
- Ensure continuous community access to vital aquatic facilities

Two-Phase Strategic Approach

- Phase 1: Immediate preservation and enhancement (Years 1-5)
- Phase 2: Future development planning of modern facility (Years 3-8)

WHY THIS PROJECT MATTERS

Purpose & Justification

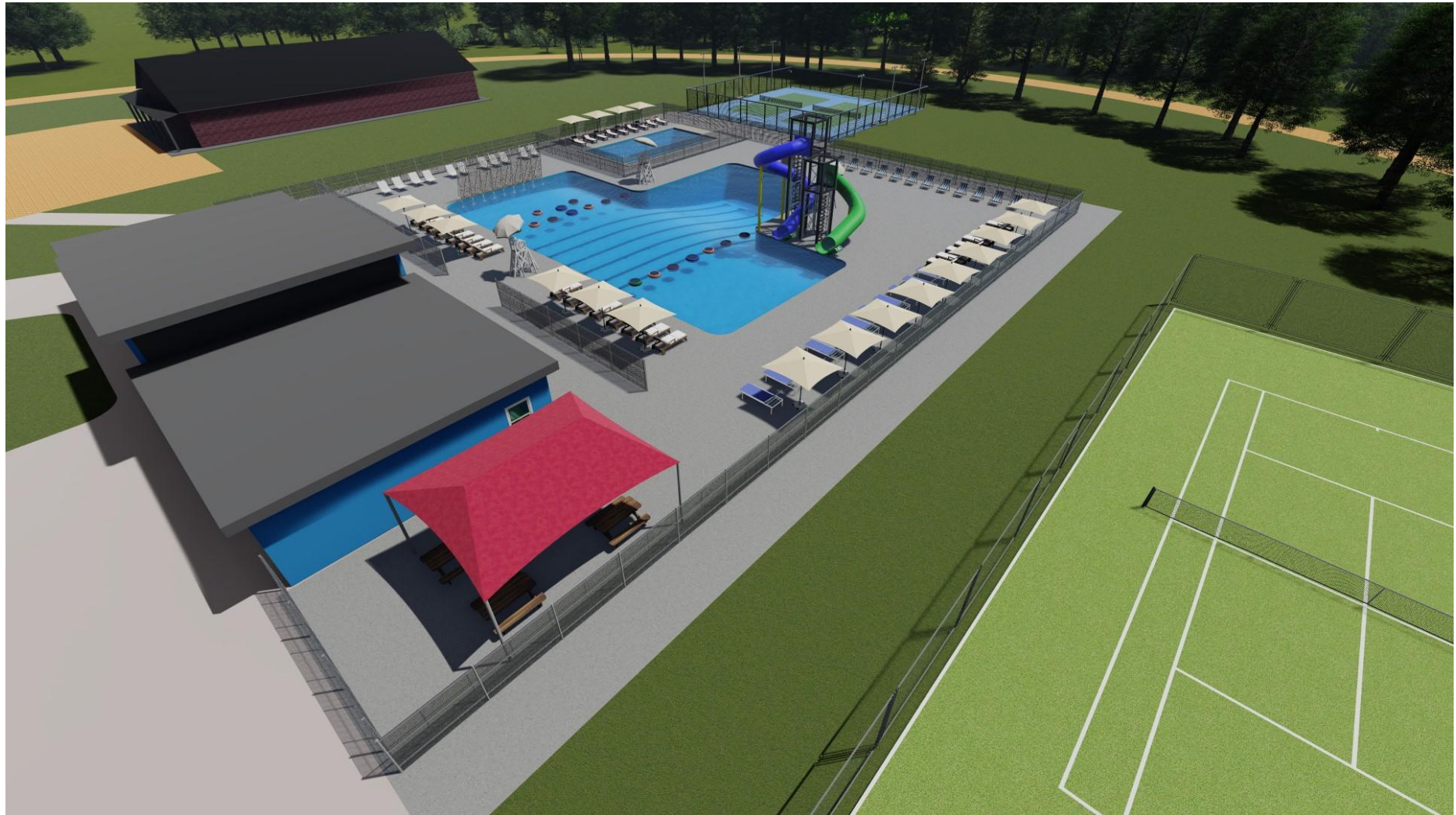
- A.M. Risher Public Pool requires immediate intervention to remain operational
- Community needs continuous aquatic services
- Growing community demands enhanced health and wellness facilities
- Strategic investment in multi-generational infrastructure

PHASE 1 OBJECTIVES (YEARS 1-5)

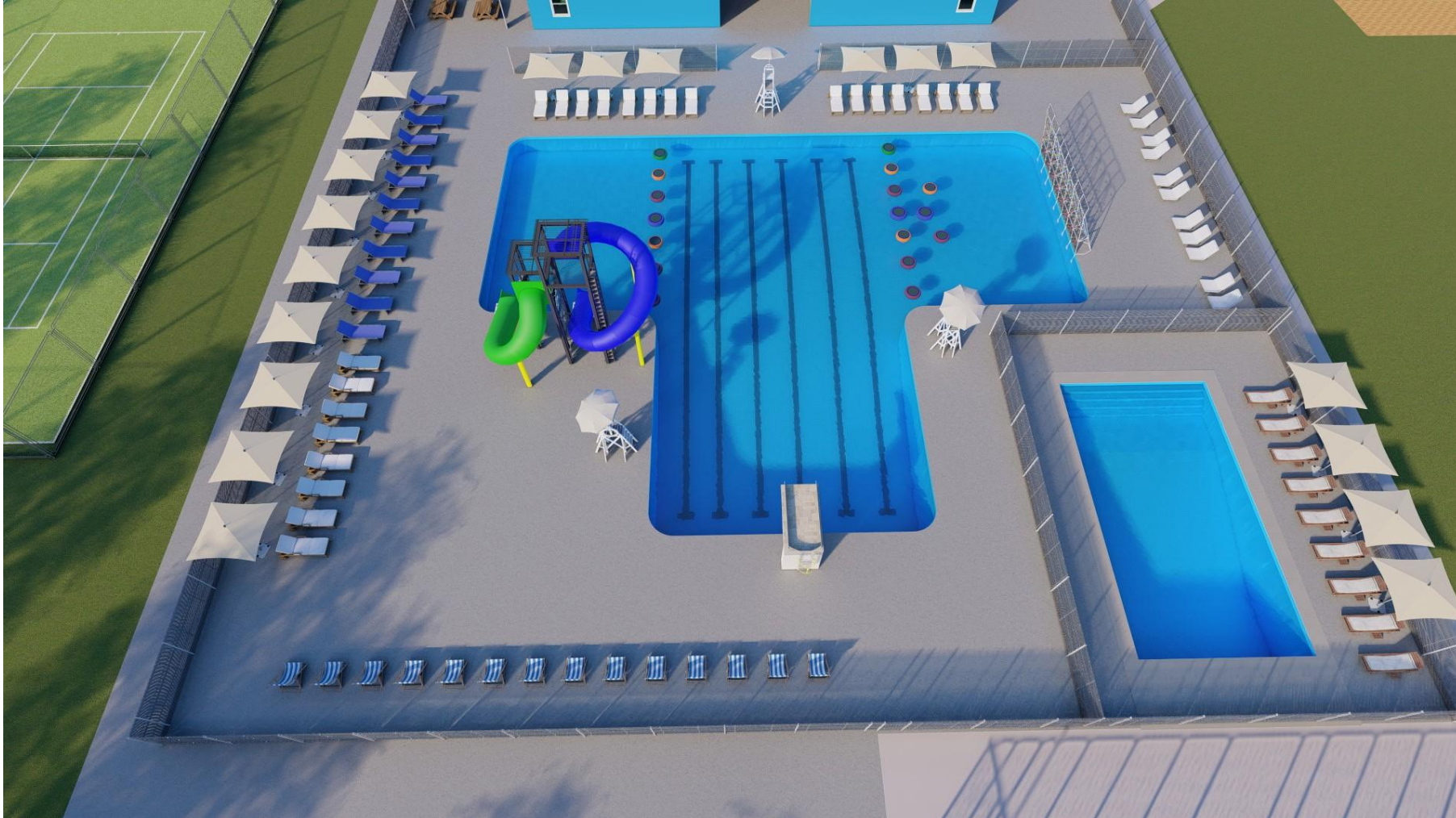
Immediate Preservation & Enhancement

- Replace existing pool liner (10 year life expectancy)
- Install new inclusive pool feature for all ages/abilities
- Complete essential infrastructure and safety upgrades
- Maintain uninterrupted community access
- Establish sustainable maintenance protocols

PHASE 1 Vision



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PHASE 2 OBJECTIVES (YEARS 3-8)

Future Development

- Secure funding and approvals for indoor fitness and aquatic center
- Complete architectural planning with community input
- Construct modern facility with year-round capabilities
- Transition services from renovated pool to new center
- Establish long-term operational sustainability

PHASE 2 VISION

Modern Indoor Fitness & Aquatic Center

- **Year-Round Access:** Climate-controlled indoor facilities
- **Expanded Programming:** Fitness classes, therapeutic pools, competitive swimming
- **Enhanced Services:** Meeting spaces and wellness programs
- **Sustainable Operations:** Long-term financial viability

OUR VALUES

Guiding Principles

- **Strategic Planning:** Balance immediate needs with long-term vision
- **Community Investment:** Build facilities serving multiple generations
- **Continuity of Service:** Ensure uninterrupted aquatic access
- **Fiscal Responsibility:** Cost-effective and sustainable solutions
- **Inclusive Design:** Welcome all ages, abilities, and backgrounds

A.M. RISHER POOL REVITALIZATION PROJECT

Community Fundraising Update

Ashley Dyer, President and Committee Chair

Katrina LeCocq, Treasurer and Committee Member

STEP 1: ESTABLISHING OUR 501(C)(3) NONPROFIT

Gives us official nonprofit status recognized by the IRS

Allows donations to be tax-deductible (encourages more giving)

Builds trust and transparency with the community

Requires financial reports to the IRS ensuring that funds are managed properly

Opens doors to grants, sponsorships, and matching gifts that require 501(c)(3) status

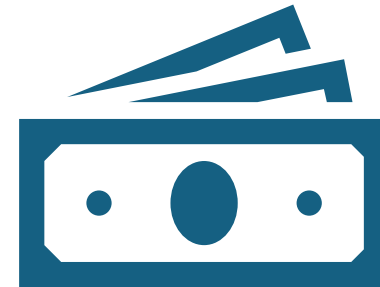


“Rome
was not
built in a
day...”

Our Fundraising Goal for 2025



Goal = \$100,000



Purpose = Matching Funds for
Grant Applications

Fundraising Progress



Over \$31,000.00

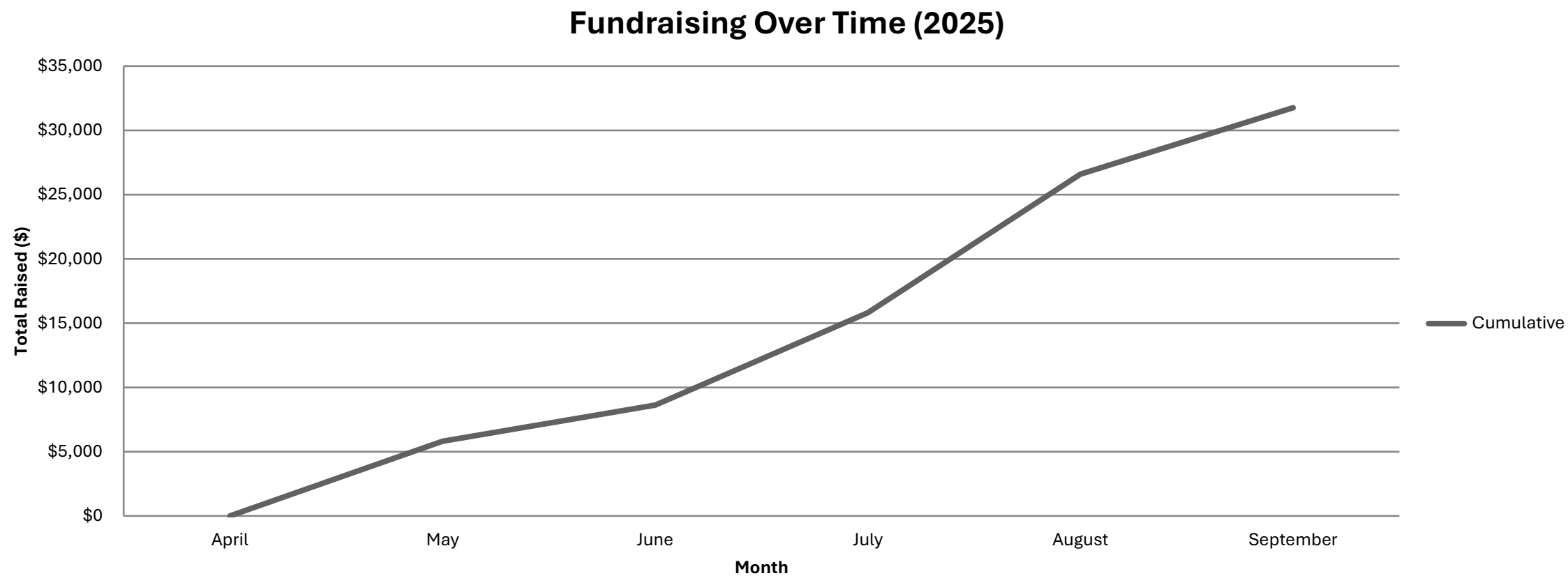


Does not include the value of non-monetary contributions, such as donated goods and volunteer hours



Nearly 1/3rd of our goal in 4.5 months

Month-by-Month Progress



Fundraisers To-Date

School Change
War

Mondays on Main
(sold cotton
candy, popcorn,
coloring books)

Parade

Food Stand at
Graber Auction

VFW Smash
Burger Dinner

Softball
Tournament

Double Dog
Coney Event

Soccer
Concession

Crowdfunding
Campaign

What's Next

Continued Fundraising Efforts

- ✓ 7 more weekends at soccer fields
- ✓ Invitation to Smokin' and Jokin'
- ✓ Softball tournament 10/25/25
- ✓ Meeting, planning, and executing more fundraisers
 - ❑ Fall Arts Festival
 - ❑ Chili Cook-Off
 - ❑ VFW hosting bar crawl
 - ❑ Gambling Night
 - ❑ Golf Scramble

Grants and sponsorship
outreach

Finalizing Plans for
Revitalization

How You Can Help

Volunteer

Attend Fundraising Events

Spread the Word

Share Facebook Posts

Donate (cash, check, PayPal, or Venmo)

CASH OR CHECK DONATIONS

- Make payable to A.M. Risher Pool Project
- Drop-off at City Hall
- Donation bucket at Southside gas station
- Contact any of the following:
 - Ashley Dyer, President
 - Linda Bedwell, Vice President
 - Katrina LeCocq, Treasurer

risherpoolproject@gmail.com

QR CODES FOR DONATIONS

PayPal



Venmo



venmo

A.M. Risher Pool Revitalization Budget Committee Information

Submitted to: A.M. Risher Revitalization Committee

By: Ann Gainey

Title: Grant Committee Chair

Contact Information: awrightgainey@gmail.com

Grant Committee Report

Date: Thursday, September 11, 2025

Grant Committee Report

- ▶ **1. Purpose of the Report**
- ▶ This report outlines the recent efforts, progress, and future plans of the Grant Committee in securing funding to improve the experience of swimmers at the A.M. Risher Pool. The committee has worked collaboratively to identify grant opportunities, develop proposals, and position the A.M. Risher Pool as a valuable community resource in need of revitalization and investment.
- ▶ This report also summarizes the current efforts of the Grant Committee to secure funding that supports the revitalization of the A.M. Risher Pool, with a focus on improving swimmer experience through targeted facility upgrades and community-oriented enhancements.

Grant Committee Report

- ▶ 2. Committee Objectives
 - ▶ • Identify and pursue grant opportunities aligned with community recreation, public health, and youth enrichment.
 - ▶ • Collaborate on high-quality, competitive grant applications.
 - ▶ • Secure funding to implement short-term and long-term improvements at the pool.
 - ▶ • Enhance the swimmer experience through facility upgrades, safety enhancements, and program development.
 - ▶ • Build partnerships with local government, nonprofits, and philanthropic organizations to leverage additional funding and support.

Grant Committee Report



- ▶ **3. Short-Term Plans (Next 12 Months)**
- ▶ Our immediate revitalization priorities are designed to enhance both **safety** and **comfort** for pool users. The following items are targeted for grant funding and community support:
- ▶ ☒ **Replace the pool liner** to ensure water retention, safety, and cleanliness.
- ▶ ☒ **Secure a new slide** to increase engagement and enjoyment for children and families.
- ▶ ☒ **Add chairs and lounge chairs** to improve seating capacity and visitor comfort.
- ▶ ☒ **Purchase sun shades** to provide relief from heat and reduce sun exposure risks for swimmers and spectators.
- ▶ These upgrades address direct community feedback and are essential for making the A.M. Risher Pool a more welcoming, functional, and family-friendly environment.

Budget Committee Report

- ▶ 4. • Upcoming Application - Patronicity [Deadline based on proposed timeline]
- ▶ Targeted Uses: Slide replacement and accessibility enhancements
- ▶ Partnering With: Crowd Source Funding and Patronicity

- ▶ • Upcoming Application - Greene County Foundation [Deadline March 2026]
- ▶ Targeted Uses: Upgraded Enhancements for Pool
- ▶ Partnering With: Greene County Foundation

- ▶ • Upcoming Application - Indiana Department of Natural Resources [Deadline August 1, 2026]
- ▶ Targeted Uses: Upgrades to Pool Infrastructure
- ▶ Partnering With: Indiana State Parks Grant Team

Grant Committee Report

- ▶ 5. Community Partnerships & Support
- ▶ We are actively seeking letters of support from:
 - ▶ • Local residents and swimmers
 - ▶ • Community and Commercial based organizations
 - ▶ • Local businesses willing to contribute matching funds or in-kind donations (e.g., lounge chairs, umbrellas)
- ▶ These letters strengthen our applications and demonstrate wide community backing for the project.



▶ 6. Challenges & Opportunities

▶ Challenges:

- ▶ • Limited timeline to complete applications before seasonal deadlines
- ▶ • 501c3 status pending
- ▶ • Need for matching funds on many grant opportunities

▶ Opportunities:

- ▶ • Growing interest from community stakeholders
- ▶ • Eligibility for multiple grant categories (infrastructure, health & safety, youth programs)
- ▶ • Potential media and public attention to successful improvements

Grant Committee Report

- ▶ 7. Next Steps
 - ▶ • Finalize budget estimates for upgrades
 - ▶ • Submit at least two more applications by March 2026
 - ▶ • Continue tracking and reporting outcomes of funded projects for future proposals



Grant Committee Report

- ▶ 8. Conclusion
- ▶ The A.M. Risher Pool is more than a recreational facility—it is a vital gathering space for youth, families, and the greater community. Our short-term improvement plan focuses on high-impact upgrades that will immediately elevate the pool experience. With continued grant efforts and community collaboration, we are confident that the pool will once again become a vibrant summer destination for all.
- ▶ The Grant Committee remains committed to revitalizing the A.M. Risher Pool as a cornerstone of community recreation, health, and youth development. Through strategic grant writing, collaboration, and community support, we are taking tangible steps toward ensuring the pool remains safe, accessible, and enriching for all.

❑ Season of only 8 – 10 weeks

- ❑ 2021 June 4th – August 7th Closed 6 days
- ❑ 2022 May 29th – August 7th Closed 8 days
- ❑ 2023 May 29th – August 8th Closed 9 days
- ❑ 2024 May 27th – August 9th Closed 10 days
- ❑ 2025 May 25th – August 8th Closed 10 days

POOL REVENUE BY SEASON:

Season	April	May	June	July	August	Total	Transfer
2019	\$125.00	\$7,135.16	\$16,107.95	\$12,863.35	\$2,202.01	\$38,433.47	\$15,500.00
2020				COVID			
2021			\$22,556.89	\$11,401.20	\$2,261.70	\$36,219.79	\$7,500.00
2022		\$5,437.00	\$20,722.80	\$7,558.06	\$2,311.80	\$36,029.66	\$23,000.00
2023		\$1,336.77	\$23,829.15	\$11,081.78	\$3,041.50	\$39,289.20	\$12,000.00
2024		\$7,897.19	\$17,192.08	\$8,344.29	\$2,091.38	\$35,524.94	\$15,000.00
2025		\$5,988.50	\$20,600.43	\$9,495.69	\$1,852.97	\$37,937.59	

Totals include: Gate receipts, concessions, season passes, pool parties, fitness, misc

NOTE: \$15,164.85 insurance received in March. Transfer yet to be determined

PUBLIC REACTION/COMMENTS

- ☐ Strong support to maintain pool
- ☐ Pool needs better marketing
- ☐ Need for community fitness center
- ☐ Invest in limited pool improvements

CALL TO ACTION

Help Us Preserve Today & Build Tomorrow

- **Contact Information:**

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- Ann Gainey – awrightgainey@gmail.com
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Questions?

THANK YOU!