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Dear Pass Holder,

Thank you for supporting Willoughby pools over the years. As we prepare for the 2024 season, we regret to inform you that due to safety concerns and the need for essential repairs, the Administration and City Council have made the difficult decision to close the Euclid Avenue pool. This decision was not made lightly, but it is crucial to ensure the safety of our pass members and guests.

The primary reasons for this closure include:

- 1. **Safety Concerns:** Our top priority is the safety of everyone who utilizes our pool facilities. Recent pool inspections have highlighted areas that require immediate attention to meet the highest safety standards. Closing the pool will allow us to address these concerns.
- 2. **Operational Costs/Needed Repairs:** The Euclid Ave. pool was built in 1965 and wear and tear on the pool infrastructure have become evident. To maintain a high-quality facility, essential repairs and upgrades are required. It became evident that we can no longer keep the pool open in a cost-effective manner.
- 3. Future Opportunities. During the closure, a Comprehensive Aquatic Master Plan will be developed to analyze the best use for the current space as well as considering the possibility of expanding the recreational footprint.

We understand the inconvenience this closure may cause and will keep you informed of the progress. In the meantime, we encourage you to enjoy similar amenities at the Osborne Park Pool, including zero-depth entry with play features, swim lessons and swim team.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Parks & Recreation Director Judean Keller at <u>ibanker@willoughbyohio.com</u> or 440.953.7954.

We appreciate your patience and continued support as we work towards creating an even better and safer pool experience.

Sincerely,

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