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## **Mayor Ortt Announces Re-Opening of Payne Park Memorial Pool Waterslide**

NORTH TONAWANDA - Mayor Robert G. Ortt has announced that the waterslide at Payne Park Memorial Pool will be re-opening on Friday, June 27<sup>th</sup> at 1:15PM. The waterslide was closed during the 2013 summer season due to extensive repairs.

During the summer of 2013, the city awarded a contract to Erie Painting and Maintenance, Inc. for sandblasting and painting the support columns of the waterslide structure. Additional structure improvements were designed by the City Engineer and completed this year in house by personnel in the Department of Public Works with some assistance from the city Parks department. The worn pressure treated wooden railings were removed this spring, and replaced with new galvanized steel fencing and railings. There were various parts of the structure that needed to be fabricated, and this was completed by Liston Manufacturing, a local North Tonawanda business.

Mayor Ortt stated, "Without the hard work and dedication of our employees in the Public Works department and the assistance from our Engineering department, this slide would likely have been torn down. We closed it last year while the repairs were being done for the safety of the thousands of children who enjoy this pool and the slide every summer. I am happy to say that it will be open this summer and will be much safer."

The regular hours for Memorial Pool for "Open Swim" will be held Monday through Saturday from 1:15PM to 4:30PM and 6:30PM to 8:00PM. There is a \$.50 daily resident fee and a \$2 non-resident fee for the "Open Swim" program. "Adult Lap" swim will be held Monday through Saturday from 5:15PM to 6:30PM. Daily fees apply. The regular hours for the Raindrop Pool adjacent to Memorial Pool are Monday through Saturday from 11:30AM to 4:00PM and 6:00PM to 7:30PM. The Raindrop Pool is free of charge. Both the Memorial Pool and Raindrop Pool are closed on Sundays. Swim Lessons are also provided during the summer. Details of the lesson programs can be found on the City of North Tonawanda website [www.northtonawanda.org](http://www.northtonawanda.org) or by calling the Recreation and Parks Department at (716) 695-8520.

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