

# IndyParks Pool Repair

## (Wes Montgomery Park Swimming Pool)

### Fact Sheet

Did you know that in a roughly one to one and a half mile radius of Wes Montgomery Park and its pool there were **(2000 Census)** – 25,147 total population. 7,083 kids under 18 of which 5,984 were Black.

Indy Parks plans to break ground on a **new \$2.1 million aquatic facility** for Bethel Park in April. Dillahunt said the design includes a **25-yard, six-lane lap pool, a spray pool** "in a play area with features unlike any other in the city," a "first-of-its-kind" speed slide a stage area and a deck for parties. A Lilly Endowment grant is covering the cost of the new pool.

Two other pools have undergone major repairs over the last year. The Thatcher Park Aquatic Facility, which is indoors, reopened Feb. 6th. Indy Parks plans a grand opening celebration March 6th.

Information obtained from “**Changes coming for Indy pools,**” *Posted: Feb 18, 2010 6:05 PM EST Updated: Feb 18, 2010 6:08 PM EST* [Mary Milz](#)/Eyewitness News

The pool at Bethel Park, where Mayor Greg Ballard and his staff hosted a public meeting Saturday about investing in Indy Parks pools, leaks 8 million gallons in a summer. **Wes Montgomery**, the other outdoor pool we are addressing this summer, leaks about 3.4 million gallons of water per season.

We made decisions on closing pools not based just on leakage numbers, but also on proximity to other pools and how best to minimize disruption to summer activities. We are engaged in conversation with all 200 organizations that use our pools for recreation in the summer as a component of day camps or field trips. ***We are working with IndyGo Public Transportation Co. on options for Indy Parks customers whose pools will undergo repairs this summer.***

Information obtained from “**The challenges of funding Indy Parks pool repairs,**” March 26, 2009 by [indystar](#) | Staff

While it’s great that the Lilly Endowment rose to the occasion and gave our parks \$7.3 million to make needed repairs, I’ve got great concerns.

***The cash will fully restore the Bethel Park swimming pool and bring Riverside Park’s Aquatic Center up to speed. While the cash will also be used to restore tennis facilities to assist National Junior Tennis League programs and put restroom facilities in 15 parks, other parks’ broken pools remain in limbo. Including the pool at Wes***

*Montgomery Park on the eastside.*

*Asked why Wes Montgomery's pool wasn't included in the request, Indy Parks spokeswoman Paula Freund sounded ominous in an e-mail.*

*"Regarding Wes Montgomery," said Freund, "We are currently in the phase of looking at how this park and facility is used and what amenities will best fit the community's needs."*

Information obtained from "**New idea, let's convert catholic schools to charters,**" By AMOS BROWN, Published: Thursday, December 17, 2009 5:04 PM EST

Mayor Ballard officially announced Wednesday the city is selling the utilities to Citizens for \$1.9 billion.

The mayor also continues to tout another advantage of the deal -- the city will receive more than \$425 million that it can use to improve roads and build sidewalks and for other improvements.

Information obtained from **Ballard: Separate politics, utilities - Mayor says deal to sell water and sewer systems would free rate increases from polit** **"** By Francesca Jarosz,  
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