

Cultural and Recreational Facilities

South Portland Community Center

Therapy Spa Contribution

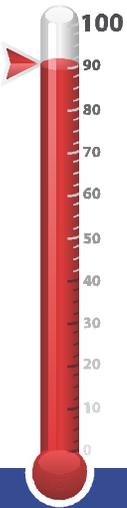
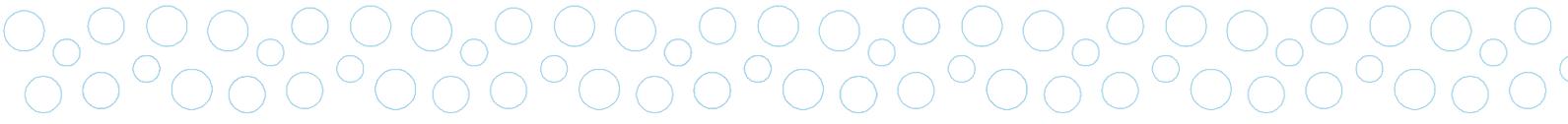
The Community Center's original Therapy Spa was made possible by a generous donation from the South Portland/Cape Elizabeth Kiwanis in 1979. Upon becoming nonoperational in 2001, the spa remained idle until eventually its maintenance and repair precluded its design. An ad hoc committee of volunteers and City of South Portland representatives has been formed and is in the beginning stages of raising funds for a new spa at the South Portland Community Center. The SP Hot Tub Committee is seeking donations from businesses, private citizens, and grants sources as approximately \$100,000 will be needed. Grants for this type of facility are rare and highly competitive making raising these funds very difficult. Currently, over \$25,000 has been raised by the group towards this effort with a goal of installing the tub in August of 2014.

Several private citizens have made significant donations, businesses have found this item to be worthy of donations upwards of \$5,000, and grants have been procured upwards of \$10,000 to support this project to date. The funding being sought in this case would be from City Fund Balance towards the project for the following reasons:

- In most cases a grant would require at least at 20% match which is what this would basically end up being towards the project.
- Seniors use the aquatics facility more than any other group and this item is one requested by them repeatedly to our staff. Our community has a large senior population whom promote wellness to each day.
- Therapeutic recreation for those with ADA or other disabilities is a safe, healthy, and consistent method of recreation that can't be offered in a non aquatic environment.
- Several families in our community pay local hotels currently to access their because of ADA needs since our facility has been closed due to mechanical failure creating a financial burden on them.
- Local use of the facility for diving teams, school swim teams, and adult training has increased over the past several years making this part of a necessary training facility.

The Department recommends that the item be approved to help continue support of our thriving aquatics program our City has been proud of for decades. Attached for your convenience are schematics and pictures of the unit to be installed once the project funding is secured in total.

Project Cost:	\$20,000
Funding Source:	Fund Balance
Source of Cost Estimate:	Sebago Technics/CWS Consultants
Projected Useful Life:	25+ years



South Portland Hot Waters

WE'RE ON A QUEST TO BRING A NEW HOT TUB TO SOUTH PORTLAND IN 2014—AND WE NEED YOUR HELP!

PLEASE MAKE A DONATION TO THIS EFFORT TODAY!

SEND A CHECK BY MAIL

City of South Portland
Hot Tub Fund
25 Cottage Road
South Portland, ME 04106

DONATE IN PERSON

South Portland City Hall
or Community Center

DONATE ONLINE

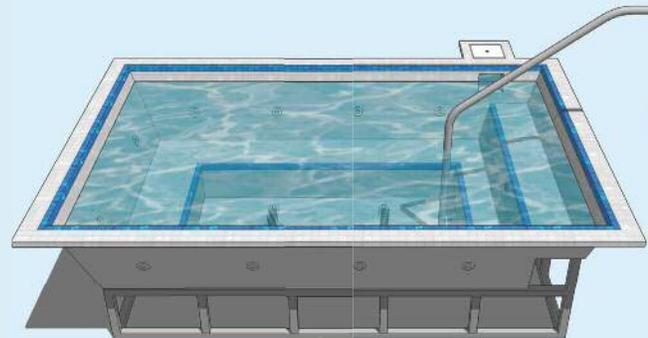
Southportland.org
(click "online program registration")

WE NEED YOUR HELP TO RAISE THE TEMPERATURE!

The City of South Portland is providing in-kind services for all building modifications required for installation. But we need the help of individuals and companies to make the new, state-of-the-art, stainless steel hot tub a reality in the coming months.

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