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Greenwood Pool opens after repairs



ABOVE: The Greenwood Memorial Pool in Gardner has officially opened for the summer. INSET: Blake Egan, 10, of Gardner, enjoyed some time in the water at the Greenwood Memorial Pool in Gardner on July 8. PHOTOS BY STEPHEN LANDRY/THE GARDNER NEWS

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The Greenwood Memorial Pool in Gardner is open for the summer.

The pool officially opened to the public on Monday, July 6. On Wednesday, over 50 people took advantage of the warm temperatures and sunny weather to enjoy some time in the water.

The pool is open every day from noon to 5 p.m., except for Thursdays when remains open until 7 p.m. and Fridays when it opens at 11 a.m. and closes at 5 p.m. The pool is open for lap swim-only hours on Fridays from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

All swimmers, regardless of age or ability, must pass a swim test to enter

the pool's deep end or use the diving board. The test requires swimmers to swim a total of 50 yards under the watchful eye of a lifeguard.

Sadly, the pool's spray park was not expected to open this summer, according to officials.

The cost to use the pool is \$5 for adults; \$4 for kids; and \$3 for seniors and veterans. The pool is free for babies and toddlers under 2. Passes can be purchased at the pool or the Human Resources Department in Room 226 at Gardner City Hall.

The pool is 'cash only' for now, but pool officials hope to implement cashless payments in the future.

In the event of inclement weather, residents can confirm whether the pool is open by calling 978-632-0678 or visiting the city's website.

The pool is available to rent for special events. For pool rental inquiries, contact Brandon Hughey at bhughey@gardner-ma.gov. Rental availability is scheduled around public swim times and swimming lessons.

This year marks the first summer swimmers would not be able to look up from the water and see the pool's indoor facility, which was built next door in 1915. The building was closed in 2012 and demolished in October 2025.

The site will be revitalized with the construction of a functional pavilion to complement the outdoor pool and Park Street Park.

The pavilion will use aspects of the original building to honor the memory of the Greenwood family, who donated the facility to the city.

REAL ESTATE

Inventory rises, but area still sellers' market

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The real estate market in the greater Gardner area remains a seller's market despite a slight increase in inventory compared to last year.

Rick Healy, owner of Foster-Healey Real Estate, said there is still some uncertainty due to fluctuating interest rates, which have slowed activity, but demand persists across housing types and price ranges because more and more people want to buy homes in central and western Massachusetts.

"While there's uncertainty in the economy due to many factors like the

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Iran says it struck U.S. military targets

Erin Mansfield and Michael Loria
USA TODAY

Iran struck U.S. military infrastructure targets in other countries in the region, state media reported July 9, the latest in a fresh back-and-forth as President Donald Trump declared the cease-fire between the nations "over."

Attacks were reported across the region. Iran's army said on state media that it made drone strikes on U.S. Patriot missile defense systems in Kuwait, satellite antenna in Qatar and fuel storage in Bahrain. USA TODAY reached out to the Pentagon for confirmation.

According to the U.S. military's Central Command, American forces struck 90 targets in Iran on July 8, including air defense systems, missile and drone storage sites, and naval assets.

Trump said July 8 the U.S. strikes were "retribution for yesterday's bombing of ships by Iran" and warned, "If it

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