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PRESS RELEASE

New water slide names announced Pools open this weekend

LAFAYETTE, IN – May 21, 2019 – The votes are in, and the names of the two new water slides currently being built at Tropicanae Cove have been selected. After a process of brainstorming by the staff at Lafayette Parks and Recreation and by the Mayor’s Youth Council, and a week-long public survey, the results are in. The six-lane Mat Racer slide will be called the “Riptide Racer” and the bright green Aqua Loop slide will be called the “Tiki Twist”.

The team from Aqua Tech Solutions is still on site and hoping to wrap up construction in the next week. After completion, the slides will undergo testing and our aquatics staff will be trained on operations and safety. We hope to have the slides open to the public in mid-June.

The Riptide Racer is 44’ tall, and features parallel lanes that allow Cove patrons to “race” one another down the slide on body-sized water mats, reaching expected maximum speeds of 25-27 miles per hour. The Tiki Twist is 54’ feet tall and features a single translucent tube that is approximately 320’ in length. This slide allows the rider to drop through a “trap door” and attain a speed of up to 35mph as they travel through a single loop flume.

Tropicanae Cove opened in 1999 and will celebrate its 20th anniversary as “Lafayette’s Hottest Place to Cool Off.” This family aquatic center features several slides, including the 299’ long Banana Peel tube slide, a 168,000 gallon zero-depth entry leisure pool, an interactive water playground for younger children, a lazy river, and a concessions area. On average, over 66,000 guests attend Tropicanae Cove on an annual basis with over 1.3 million visitors having passed through its gates since opening day.

Tropicanae Cove will open for the season on Saturday, May 25. Tropicanae Cove will be open daily from 11:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. except on Wednesdays when hours are extended to 8:00 p.m. for Family Night, and Sundays when the Cove opens at 12:00 p.m. Admission rates are \$7.00 per person over 48” tall and \$6.00 per person under 48” tall. Children under 2 years of age are free. Discounted admissions are offered during Family Nights and after 4:00 p.m. daily. The Cove offers a variety of additional activities and includes Water Walking, Aqua Zumba, private

rentals, etc. For additional information about rates and programs, please visit the Tropicanoe Cove website at <http://www.lafayette.in.gov/tropicanoe-cove>.

Castaway Bay and Vinton Pool will open for the season on Monday, May 27. Castaway Bay will be open daily from 12:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. except on Tuesdays when hours are extended to 8:00 p.m. for Family Night. Admission rates at Castaway Bay are \$5.00 per person ages three years and older. Discounted admissions are offered during Family Nights and after 4:00 p.m. daily. Vinton Pool will be open daily from 12:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. except on Thursdays when hours are extended to 8:00 p.m. for Family Night. Admission rates at Vinton Pool are \$3.00 per person ages three years and older. Discounted admissions are offered during Family Nights and after 4:00 p.m. daily. More information about Castaway Bay can be found at: <http://lafayette.in.gov/1598/Castaway-Bay> and about Vinton Pool at: <http://lafayette.in.gov/1599/Vinton-Pool>

For more information about the pools or new water slides, please contact Lafayette Parks Director of Operations, Jon Miner, at (765) 807-1500 or jminer@lafayette.in.gov.

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