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The proposed closures of the Olinger and Walker Pools are an embarrassment to the citizens of Salem! Go to McMinnville, Corvallis, Albany or Dallas and you find pools capable of hosting swim meets in Olympic size swimming pools. My son swam for Sprague High School Swim Team and we were so impressed with the facilities in towns much smaller than Salem!

Salem is supposedly a good town in which to raise a family, but the loss of these pools would make Salem a much less inviting place. What can kids do for fun in the summer if there are no public swimming pools? Probably get into trouble! The idea of closing the swimming pools shows that our city government does not value children or quality of life.

Please reconsider your thinking on this matter!

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