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Van Raay and Community Pool – Service Disruption - Summer 2024

Outlook, April 11, 2024: Today, on behalf of Team Outlook we regretfully announce that we will **not be able to open** the Van Raay and Community Pool for the 2024 season.

The Van Raay and Community Pool experienced a pipe burst in our heated mechanical room Saturday, January 20. Water outside the heated building was noticed by a community member and reported immediately to our staff, but not before a large amount of water entered the crawl spaces under and around the pool as well as filled the outdoor pool itself. Town personnel were able to quickly shut off the valve to stop water from escaping and cleanup of the water began immediately. The Town made an insurance claim and the damaged equipment and furnishings as well as the costs of cleanup and repair are fully covered. We have now had time to assess the full extent of the damage after monitoring the area. It is with this monitoring and assessment and the excellent work of our team and technical experts that we have come to this decision to notify the public that the pool will remain closed for the 2024 season.

For now, we continue to monitor and plan for the repairs and construction including excavation work that will need to take place prior to the pool opening for the 2025 season. We will continue to keep the public abreast of any further programming or disruption of services as they develop.

"We continue to make timely decisions based on sound information as we are prepared to pivot as circumstances present themselves, we approach projects, tasks and people openly and with a purpose!"

Mayor Maureen H. Weiterman

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