



City of Detroit

CITY COUNCIL

MARY SHEFFIELD
CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT
DISTRICT 5

MEMORANDUM

TO: Crystal Perkins, Director, General Services Department
FROM: Mary Sheffield, President, Detroit City Council
DATE: July 18, 2025
RE: Request to Extend Summer Recreation Center Hours

I would like to explore the possibility of keeping recreation centers open until 11:00pm in the summer. I believe this change would benefit all Detroiters by giving youth and community members more safe and accessible spaces in the evening. I am requesting information on the current operating hours for all open recreation centers in Detroit, as well as the staffing and cost requirements to extend those hours during the summer months.

Please include the following in your response:

- The current summer hours of operation for each active recreation center.
- Any centers that already operate past 8:00pm.
- The estimated staffing and budgetary needs required to keep recreation centers open until 11:00pm during the summer, including both weeknights and weekends.
- Any operational or safety considerations we should be aware of while considering this potential change.
- Any other comparable cities that have made this change, and the notable impacts.

I believe that extended summer hours would increase youth engagement and public safety here in the city. Thank you for your assistance in identifying what would be needed to make this possible. Please contact Yvonne Ragland from my office at yvonne.ragland@detroitmi.gov if you have any questions.

Cc: Honorable Colleagues
City Clerk