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I have been swimming regularly and have been dependent on Osborn aquatic center since 2021 after I injured my knee during skiing. I found swimming as my perfect exercise, a full body workout and yet low-impact. For pretty much all other exercises, my knee would bother me but not swimming. It actually has a therapeutic effect and my ortho surgeon says my knee is improving. I also get this swimming high and feel great afterwards every time and it helps me relieve daily stress. I'm very grateful that we have such an excellent aquatic facility in our community. But when Osborn closed down, I was extremely disappointed because it had become an integral part of my life. There are alternatives in the area including private swimming pools but they are limited and small. Moreover, I really enjoy meeting people from all walks of life in Osborn. Seeing smiles on fellow swimmers, swim teammates, little kids and encouraging parents, you know this facility is wonderful in fostering fitness, training, family upbringing, physical and mental health. I really hope Osborn roof can be repaired as soon as possible and the City makes the aquatic center fully open to the public. Of course this will take money but if you could help raise all of it or a part of it, we as Corvallis residents would be very thankful and I'm sure it will help strengthen our community, especially in terms of physical fitness, as well as family activities and mental well-being.

P.S. My kids both took swimming classes in Osborn and passed the levels. Their certificates are still on the walls inside! It's amazing every time I pass by and see all the smiles on the walls!