

**355 N. Maple, 201  
Burbank, California 91505  
August 29, 1994**

Mayor George Battey, Jr.  
Burbank City Hall  
275 E. Olive Avenue  
Burbank, CA 91502

Dear Mayor Battey,

I am writing to thank you and the City of Burbank for a very good swimming program this summer at Verdugo pool. I am a "lap" swimmer and a resident of Burbank, very close to both the Verdugo pool and my office in the Disney Channel Building. The convenience of the pool's proximity and the good hours set aside for lap swimming have given me the opportunity to do enough swimming in the past two months to let me plan for the Waikiki Rough Water Swim next Monday - I leave for Honolulu tomorrow!

The staff at the pool has been very professional. The pool facilities, while old, are more than sufficient for the programs offered. This is a great facility and Burbank should consider keeping this pool open during the entire year. There seems to have been great interest this summer in the lap, exercise and recreational swimming and I think you could develop a continuous program at Verdugo pool.

When I moved to Burbank in 1990, the direction for swimming in Burbank seemed to be moving towards a year round program, so it's unfortunate that these assets cannot find wider use after the summer months.

Again, thanks for adding to my summer enjoyment.

Sincerely,

Robert G. Schmitt

**355 N. Maple, 201  
Burbank, California 91505  
August 13, 1996**

Mayor Bill Wiggins  
City of Burbank  
275 East Olive Street  
Burbank, CA 91502

Dear Mayor Wiggins,

I've been a frequent user of the Verdugo Pool (and other Burbank pools) for several summers and, as the swimming season comes to an apparent end, would like to express my appreciation for a fine facility. The upgrades and repairs done prior to this season are very good and the entire staff has done a very good job, especially for the adult "lap" swimmers.

I would strongly encourage the City of Burbank to plan to extend the swimming season and use of this facility. All of the programs at the Verdugo Pool seem to have good and enthusiastic participation, which I am sure would continue and increase if developed into a longer season. In my experience, this is certainly the best outdoor pool in the Valley and could offer much more to Burbank residents. Further, I believe coordination with Disney, NBC, Warner Brothers and MCA could also increase daily noon use, as a physical fitness facility, for employees of these companies.

I don't like the idea of an empty pool after Labor Day, but will look forward more months of swimming, whenever that occurs!

Thanks again,

Bob Schmitt

cc: Mary Alvord, Director of Parks & Recreation

**355 N. Maple, 201  
Burbank, California 91505  
May 15, 1997**

Mary Alvord, Director of Parks & Recreation  
City of Burbank  
275 East Olive Street  
Burbank, CA 91502

Dear Ms Alvord,

Last year I wrote to you and the mayor about my interest in your swimming programs at Verdugo pool. I really appreciated the extended season in 1996 and have been looking forward to the pool's reopening this year. I stopped by the pool last week and must compliment you on a well maintained facility. I understand it's now used by school swimming teams, but I certainly request that you consider opening to the public at the earliest possible time.

I've been a frequent user of the Verdugo Pool (and other Burbank pools) for several summers - when the pools in Burbank are closed, Burbank swimmers have limited other choices for lap swimming. Valley College is very crowded and has limited hours. The Rose Bowl Aquatic Center is very nice, but distant and expensive.

As before, I strongly encourage the City of Burbank to consider extending the swimming season and use of this facility. All of the programs at the Verdugo Pool seem to have good and enthusiastic participation, which I am sure would continue and increase if developed into a longer season. Verdugo Pool is certainly the best outdoor pool in the Valley and could offer much more to Burbank residents.

Thanks again,

Bob Schmitt

cc: Mayor Bob Kramer

**355 N. Maple, 201  
Burbank, California 91505  
September 9, 1997**

Mary Alvord, Director of Parks & Recreation  
City of Burbank  
275 East Olive Street  
Burbank, CA 91502

Dear Ms Alvord,

Earlier this year I wrote to you about my interest in the 1997 opening and swimming programs at Verdugo pool. After three months of use of the pool, I'd like to express my appreciation for a great facility and staff - we'll miss Kristen though.

I also appreciate the extended season we are now enjoying. As you may know, the use of the pool has remained very high; as a lap swimmer I can report that the pool remains nearly as crowded as during the summer peaks.

As I've written before, I strongly encourage your department and the City of Burbank to consider extending the swimming season and public use of this facility - I think remaining open throughout the year is not unreasonable. Verdugo Pool certainly has the potential to bring even more recreation to Burbank residents.

Thanks again,

Bob Schmitt

cc: Mayor Bob Kramer