

## Donations for Liberty Bell Pool



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The Georgia Parks System says they are closing the Liberty Bell Pool for the summer, but folks in Pine Mountain are determined to keep it open.

A new federal law says all public pools must have child safe drains. Steve Earles is the contractor in charge of the property and he says the Park system pulled the plug, because they couldn't afford the renovation.

Earles says the 68 year old pool is a landmark that needs to be preserved, "We think it needs more attention. We think it deserves more attention and the local citizens, including myself, do not think the Park's system is devoting enough attention to this case."

Earles is spearheading a campaign to collect donations to replace the drains. He says people are taking notice, "I get 100's of e-mails from people whose grandparents helped build this pool. They've been coming here for four generations. Now they have to explain to their grand kids what this means in history."

The Liberty Bell Pool is the only season spring fed public pool in the state.

Earles say he is hoping to work with the area Chamber of Commerce to establish an Advisory Board for the pool.

You can make a donation to help put in the new federally approved drains at the First People's Bank in Pine Mountain or you can contact them online at <http://www.libertybellpool.com>