

LIVONIA

### **City defends pool staff after teen dies**

Livonia Parks and Recreation officials Monday defended the lifeguards who were on duty Sunday at a city pool where a 15-year-old Texas boy died. Ronald Reinke, superintendent of Parks and Recreation, disputed television reports that lifeguards at the Clements Circle Pool did not respond appropriately to the accident.

"Livonia lifeguards removed him while he was breathing," Reinke said. "After a short time, he stopped breathing and CPR was initiated by guards at the pool."

Reinke said all lifeguards hired by the city are certified in life-saving techniques and certified in performing cardiopulmonary resuscitation. The pool was to reopen today.