

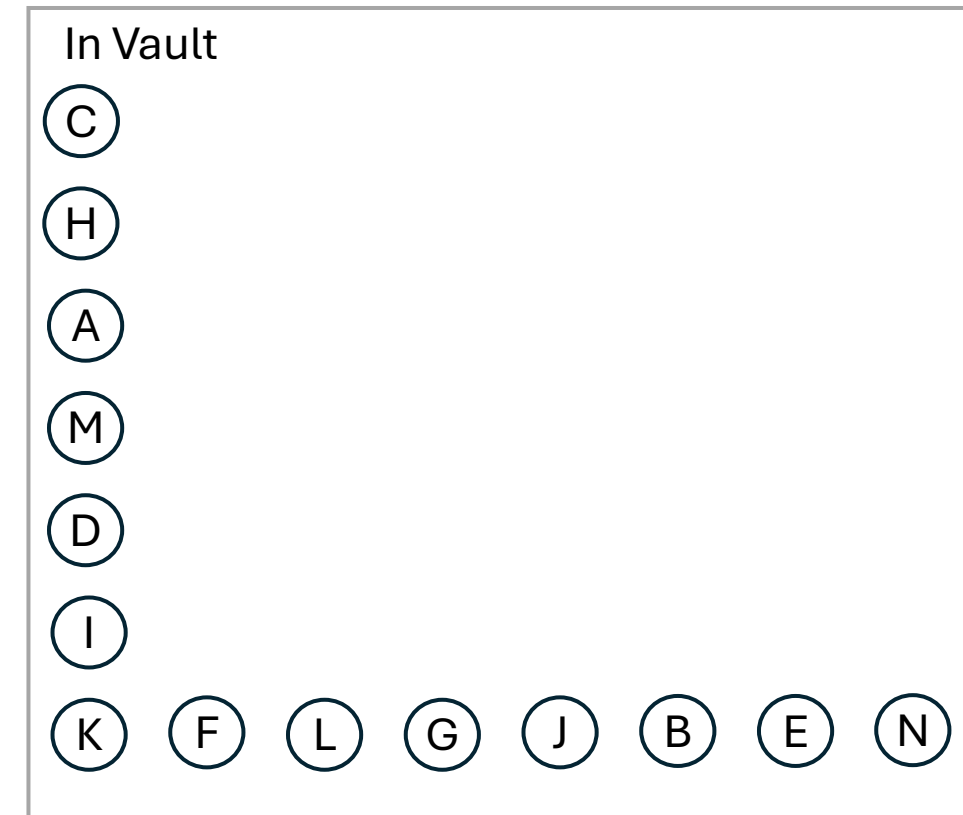
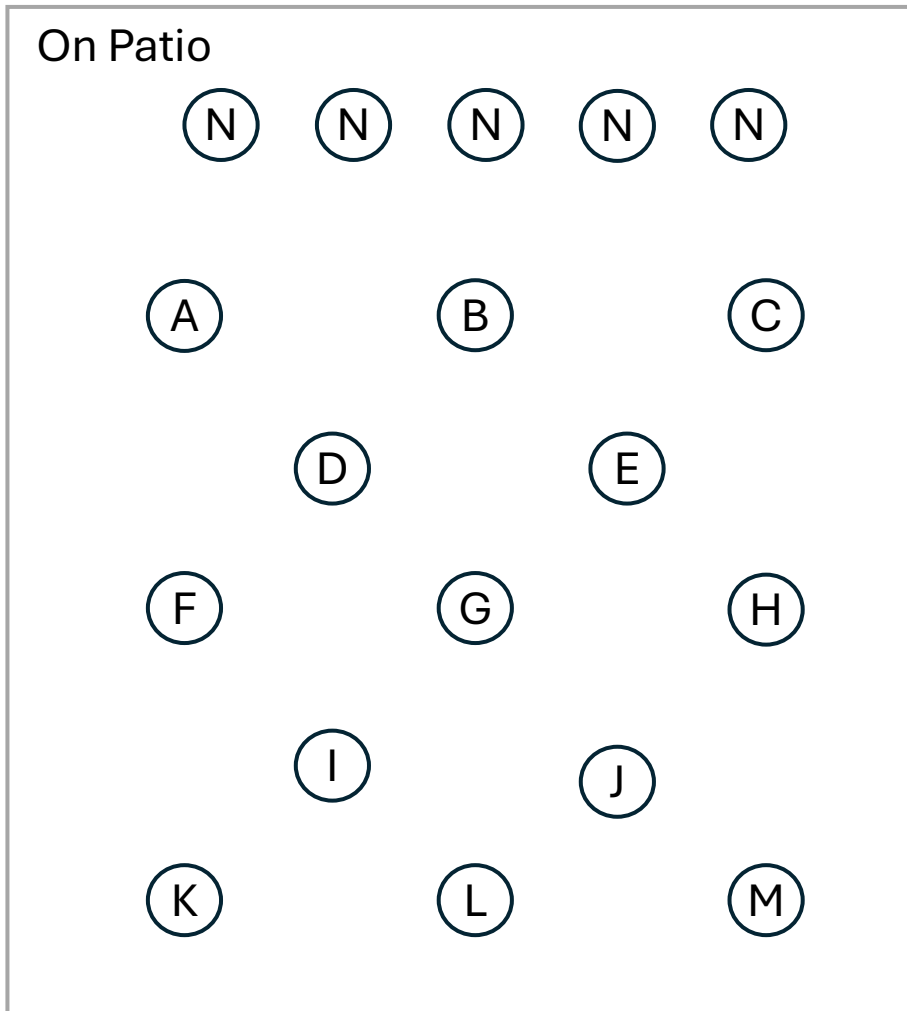
# Splash Pad Controller Notes

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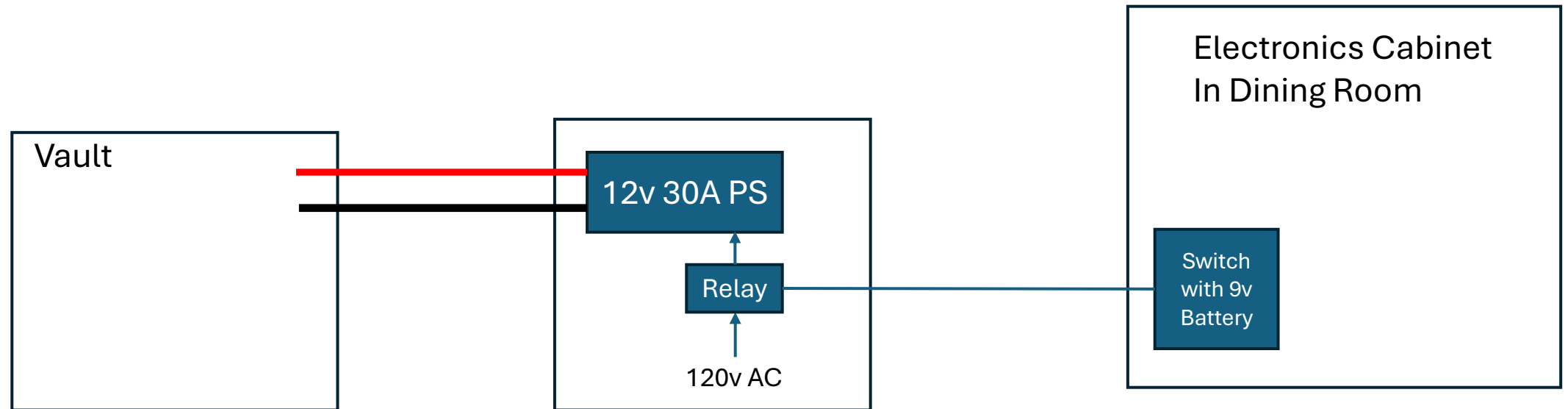
# Rebuilding The Vault Machinery

- Old System based on Raspberry Pi 3 and two relay banks of 8 relays each.
- Decided to completely redo electronics, but keep the design based on relays instead of a custom circuit board with Mosfets.

# Splash Pad Layout



# Power Control

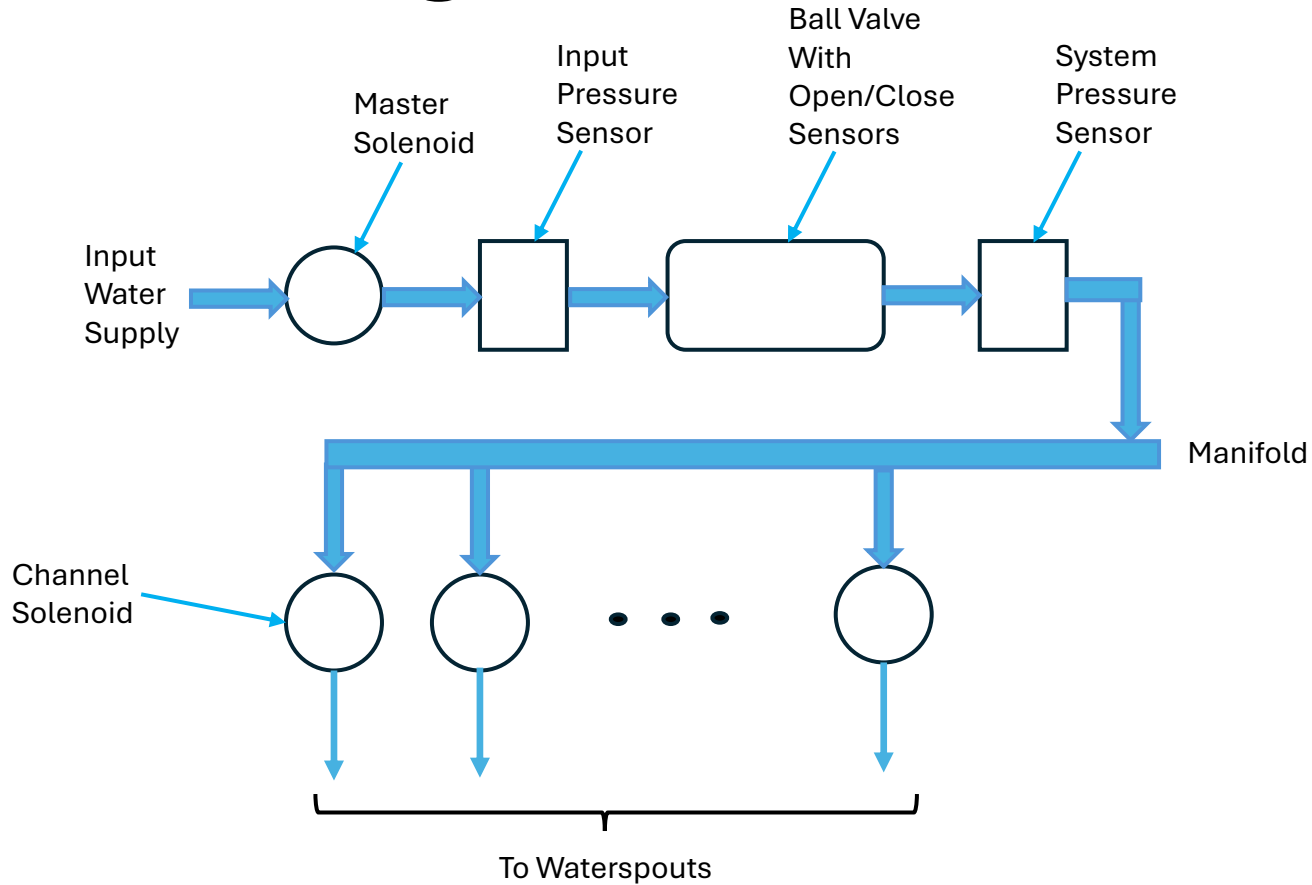


Power Supply in Wall under Window in Dinning Room

# ON / OFF Control

- The toggle switch in the Dining room cabinet controls power to the vault.
- When the splash pad is NOT in use, the switch should be off. This will shut down all power to the vault.
- When the system is off, a master solenoid valve is shut off which shuts down all water into the system.
- When the system is on, a sump pump is activated if there is accumulated water in the vault. Therefore, turn the system on for a few minutes to clear water in the vault.

# System Diagram



## Notes:

- The Master Solenoid is controlled directly by the input power. If the power dies, water is shut off.
- The system pressure is controlled by the Ball Valve. This means all waterspouts are supplied the same pressure at the same time.
- All pipes from the supply to the channel solenoids are 1/2-inch PVC. Tubes are used after the channel solenoids.

# Water Sensor

- If water accumulates (from a leak or rain) in the bottom of the vault, it has no-where to go.
- If accumulated water rises too high, it can destroy the machinery in the vault.
- To mitigate against this, a battery powered water sensor has been installed. If more than about 1 inch of water accumulates, the sensor will emit a loud twerping sound.
- To clear the water, enable the sump pump by turning on the system.

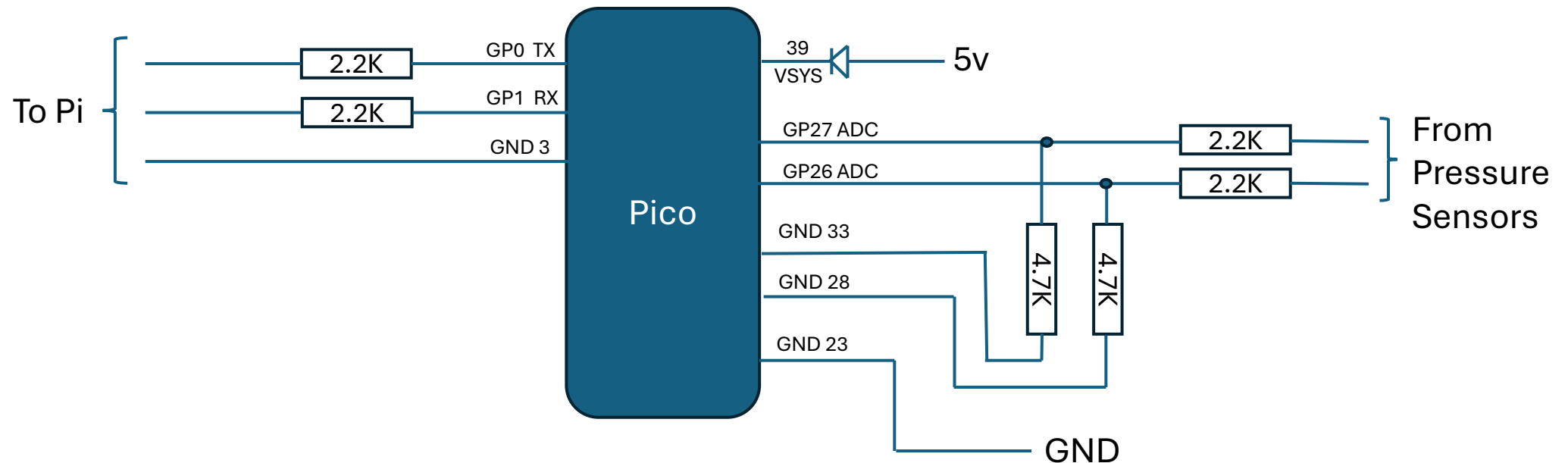
# Raspberry Pi Setup

- Using Raspberry Pi 5
- Installed “Raspberry Pi OS with Desktop” – version 6.6, Debian 12
- Comes with Python 3.11.2
- Added 192.168.3.23 to DHCP Reservations in beach house router.
- Host name of pi is “SplashVault”
- Used “splash” and pw “hockey puck” as main account in Raspberry.
- Enabled SSH. Did this by using ssh-keygen on Windows, and coping the .pub file to authorized\_keys on pi.
- Able to SSH into pi with “ssh [splash@192.168.3.23](mailto:splash@192.168.3.23)”
- Did more configurations, so now able to SSH from my office computer with just:  
ssh splash@SplashVault (no password necessary)



# Using Pi Pico (RP2040) to Read Pressure Sensors

- Using Micro Python. Editor: Thorny.

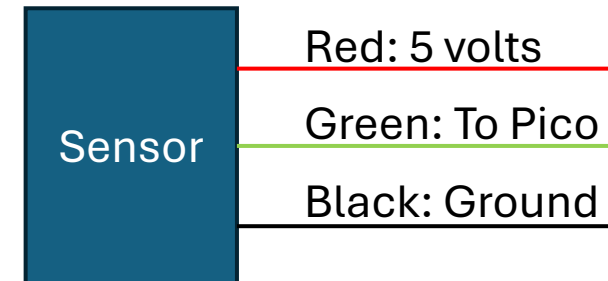


# Pressure Sensor



About \$15 from Amazon

100 psi
Input: 0-100 psi
Output: 0.5V~4.5V linear voltage output. 0 psi outputs 0.5V, 50 psi outputs 2.5V, 100 psi outputs 4.5V.
Accuracy: within 2% of reading (full scale).
Thread: 1/8"-27 NPT
Wiring Connector: Water sealed quick disconnect. Mating connector and wire harness (pigtail) is included.
Wiring: Red for +5V; Black for ground; Blue for signal output.
Specifications:
Material: Stainless steel
Voltage: DC 5V
Thread Type: 1/8" NPT



# Code in Pico for Pressure Sensors

```
# For Reading Pressure in splash pad vault at the Beach House.  
# DLB, Aug 2024
```

```
# The splash pad machine has two pressure sensors. Each sensor  
# reads PSI from 0 to 100, and outputs the reading in volts over  
# the range 0.5 to 4.5 volts, where 0 psi is 0.5 volts, and 100  
# psi is 4.5 volts.
```

```
# The signals from the pressure sensors are routed through a  
# resistor network (2.2K/4.7K) to reduce the maximum voltage  
# to about 3.1 volts, and then presented to GPIO Pins 26 and 27.
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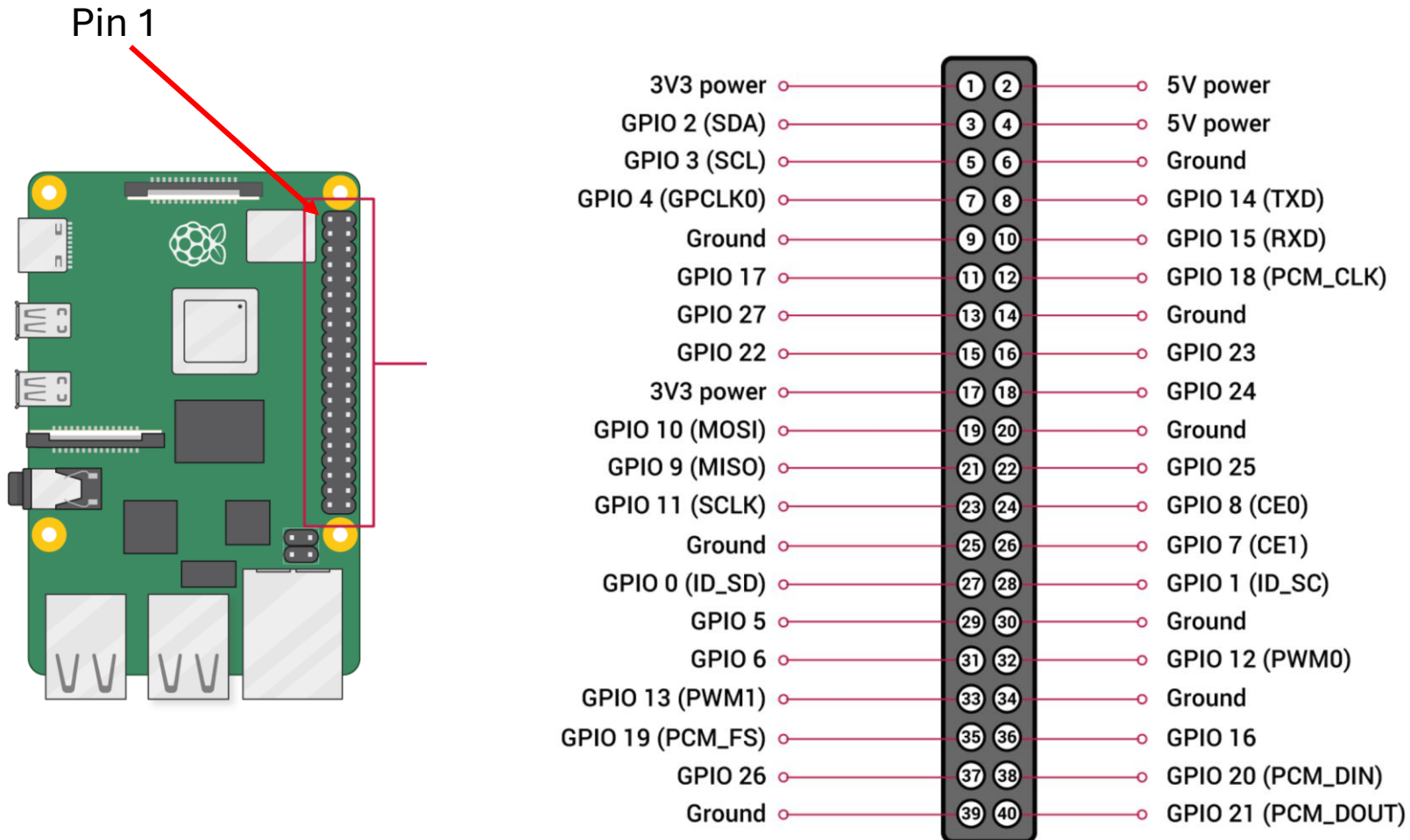
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# The ADC is used to produce 16 bit readings. These readings  
# are encoded as follows: "xxxxx,yyyyy/n" where x and y are  
# digits of the two readings. This string is sent over a  
# 921600 baud link to the host computer, each time the host  
# requests the reading by sending a "?".
```

```
from machine import ADC  
from machine import UART, Pin  
from time import sleep  
vpin1 = ADC(26)  
vpin2 = ADC(27)  
u = UART(0, baudrate=921600, tx=Pin(0), rx=Pin(1))  
buf_input = bytearray(10)
```

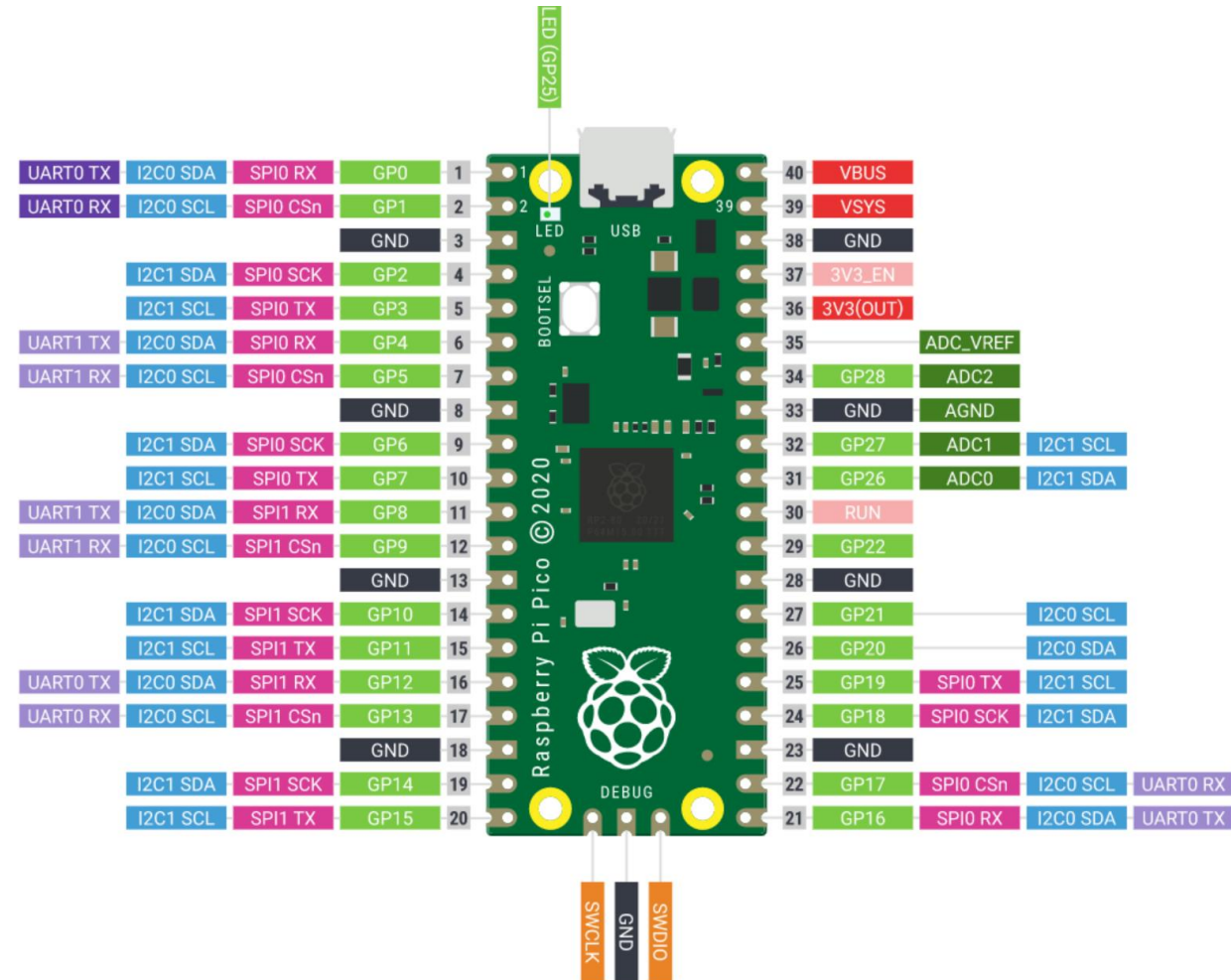
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v1 = 0  
v2 = 0
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```
def run():  
    while True:  
        sendit = False  
        nwaiting = u.any()  
        if nwaiting > 0:  
            u.readinto(buf_input, nwaiting)  
            #print("Received: ", buf_input)  
            for i in range(nwaiting):  
                if buf_input[i] == b'?'[0]:  
                    sendit = True  
                    break  
        if sendit:  
            s = b"%05d,%05d\n" % (v1, v2)  
            u.write(s)  
            #print("Sent: " + str(s))  
            v1 = vpin1.read_u16()  
            v2 = vpin2.read_u16()
```

# Raspberry Pi 5 Pinout Diagram



# Pico Pinout



# Power Connections

Power Connections		
(As routed from DC-DC Convertor)		
Grounds	Terminations at Destination	Number of Wires to Power Supply
Pi, Pin 6	1 Terminal, Force Connection	1
Pi, Pin 9	1 Terminal, Force Connection	1
Pico	Force Plug	1
DB25 - A	9 Terminals, Screw Connections	9
DB25 - B	5 Terminals, Screw Connections	5
Relay Board A	Force Plug	1
Relay Board B	Force Plug	1
<b>5 Volts</b>		
Pi, Pin 2	1 Terminal, Force Connection	1
Pi, Pin 4	1 Terminal, Force Connection	1
Pico	Force Plug	1
DB25-B, Pin 12	1 Terminal, Screw Connection	1
DB25-B, Pin 15	1 Terminal, Screw Connection	1
Relay Board A	Force Plug	1
Relay Board B	Force Plug	1
<b>12 Volts</b>		
Relays	2 Wires Jumped to all 16 Relays	2
DB25-B, Pin 9	1 Terminal, Screw Connection	1
DB25-B, Pin 23	1 Terminal, Screw Connection	1

# DB25 Connections

DB25 Connector A			DB25 Connector B		
1	Ground		1		
2	Ground		2		
3	Ground		3		
4	Ground		4		
5	Ground		5		
6	Ground		6		
7	Ground		7		
8	Ground		8		
9	Relay 1-A	Solenoid A	9	12 Volts for Master Solenoid	
10	Relay 2-A	Solenoid B	10	Ground for Master Solenoid	
11	Relay 3-A	Solenoid C	11		
12	Relay 4-A	Solenoid D	12	5 volts for Pressure Sensor 1	
13	Relay 5-A	Solenoid E	13	Signal for Pressure Sensor 1	
14	Relay 6-A	Solenoid F	14	Ground for Pressure Sensor 1	
15	Relay 7-A	Solenoid G	15	5 volts for Pressure Sensor 2	
16			16	Signal for Pressure Sensor 2	
17	Relay 1-B	Solenoid H	17	Ground for Pressure Sensor 2	
18	Relay 2-B	Solenoid I	18	Open Sensor from Ball Valve	
19	Relay 3-B	Solenoid J	19	Close Sensor from Ball Valve	
20	Relay 4-B	Solenoid K	20	Ground to Ball Valve Sensors	
21	Relay 5-B	Solenoid L	21	Relay 8-A: Ball Valve Open	
22	Relay 6-B	Solenoid M	22	Relay 8-B: Ball Valve Close	
23	Relay 7-B	Solenoid N	23	12 Volts for Sump Pump	
24			24	Ground for Sump Pump	
25	Ground		25		

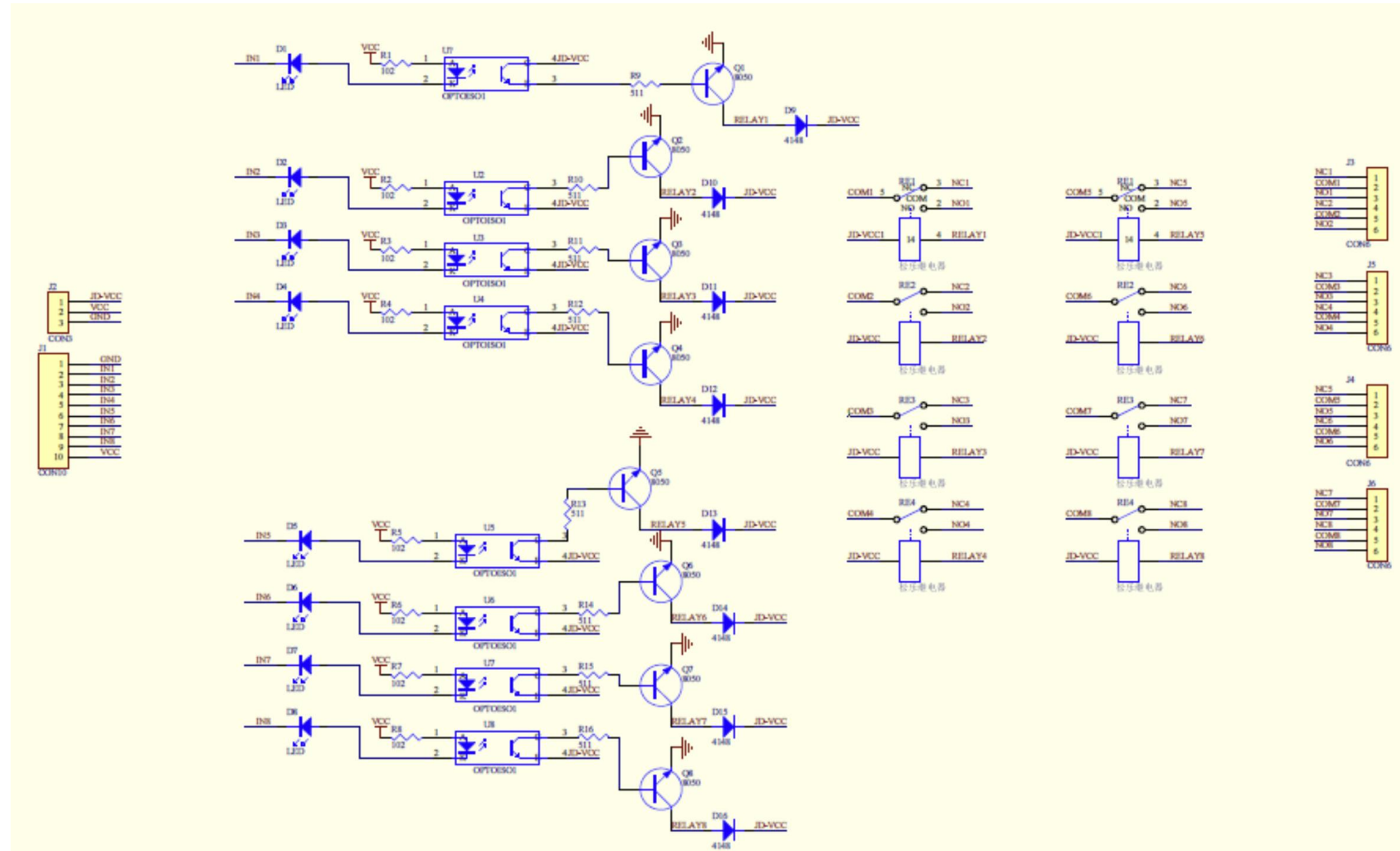
# Raspberry Pi GPIO Connections

**Raspberry Pi GPIO Header**

Header Pin	Pi Function	New Connections	Old Connections
1	3.3v DC	Power for opto-isolators on relay boards	Power for Relay Board
3	GPIO 02 (SDA, I2C1)	Relay 1-A	Relay 1-A
5	GPIO 03 (SCL, I2C1)	Relay 2-A	Relay 2-A
7	GPIO 04 (GPCLK0)	Relay 3-A	Relay 3-A
9	Gnd	Supply Ground #1	
11	GPIO 17 (SPI1, CE1)	Relay 4-A	Relay 4-A
13	GPIO 27	Relay 5-A	Relay 5-A
15	GPIO 22	Relay 6-A	Relay 6-A
17	3.3v DC	To LED, Red on LED1. Always On with Power.	
19	GPIO 10 (SPI0 MOSI)	Relay 7-A	Relay 7-A
21	GPIO 09 (SPI0 MISO)	Relay 8-A	Relay 8-A
23	GPIO11 (SPI0 SCLK)		
25	Gnd	Gnd for Relay Logic, Bank B	
27	GPIO 00 (SCA0, I2C)	Ball Valve Open Switch	
29	GPIO 05	Ball Valve Close Switch	
31	GPIO 06		
33	GPIO 13 (PWM1)	LED, Green on LED1. High =On.	
35	GPIO 19 (SPI1 MISO)	LED, Red on LED2. High=On	
37	GPIO 26	LED, Green on LED2. High=On	
39	Gnd	Gnd for LED2	
2	5.0 v DC	Input 5 volts to power Pi	
4	5.0 v DC	Input 5 volts to power Pi	
6	Gnd	Supply Ground #2	
8	GPIO 14 (TXD)	To Pico for Serial Com	Relay 1-B
10	GPIO 15 (RXD)	To Pico for Serial Com	Relay 2-B
12	GPIO 18 (SPI1 CE0)	Relay 1-B	Relay 3-B
14	Gnd	To Pico for Serial Gnd	
16	GPIO 23	Relay 2-B	Relay 4-B
18	GPIO 24	Relay 3-B	Relay 5-B
20	Gnd	Supply Ground #3	
22	GPIO 25	Relay 4-B	Relay 6-B
24	GPIO 08 (SPI0 CE0)	Relay 5-B	Relay 7-B
26	GPIO 07 (SPI0 CE1)	Relay 6-B	Relay 8-B
28	GPIO 01 (SCL0, I2C)	Relay 7-B	
30	Gnd	Gnd for LED1	
32	GPIO 12 (PWM0)	Relay 8-B	
34	Gnd	Gnd for Relay Logic, Bank A	
36	GPIO 16 (SPI1, CE2)		
38	GPIO 20 (SPI1 MOSI)		
40	GPIO 21 (SPI1 CLK)		

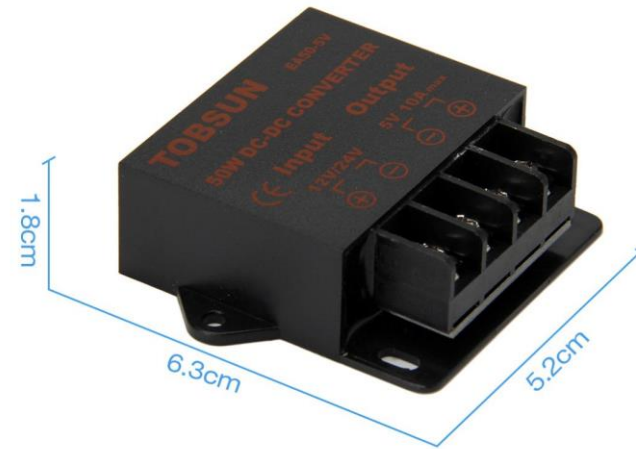


# Relay Module Schematic



# Power Conversion in Splash Controller Box

- Power Input is 12 volts at up to 30 Amps
- 12 Volts used for all Solenoids
- 5 Volts used for Pi, Pico, Relay Boards and Pressure Sensors
- 3.3 Volts (Produced by Pi) used for Logic side of Relay Boards
- Almost all current carrying wire used in the controller box is 20 AWG Silicon wire.
- 20 AWG wire is rated to 5 Amps.
- 20 AWG silicon wire has a resistance of 62.50 ohms per km, or about 0.01 ohms in a foot. At 30 Amps, Voltage drop would be 0.3 volts. Wire would need to dissipate 9 Watts. (Not good)



DC-DC convertor. Input: 12-24 volts.  
Output: 5 Volts at 10 Amps

# Splash Pad Control Website

Access this website at:  
192.168.3.23:5000

Stops a running program

Runs the program indicated  
by the pulldown below.

Program selection pulldown

Note: the flow, cadence and duration controls do not work with all programs. That is, some programs take over control of these parameters.

Note: The status numbers only update on a page refresh.

Reset completely closes the flow control valve.

} Controls the overall water Flow.

} Controls the cadence of the program.

} Controls the duration of each squirt

Norm sets up the flow, cadence and duration for typical operation.

Wet sets up the flow, cadence and duration for wetter operation.

} Allows individual control of each spout. (Shuts off any running program.)