

February 21, 2016

Dear Members,

The 2016 swim season will be here before you know it. With the bitter cold temperatures and the blizzard this winter, I know we are all looking forward to warmer weather. It could be 30 degrees or 65 when you receive this, but we know that winter will be over soon.

Dues Increase for 2016 Operating Season

The Board of Directors voted to increase dues this year by \$50 to \$550. The Board did not take this decision lightly and the issue was discussed at several meetings before voting to raise dues. While we understand this may be a hardship for some families, the board determined the pool needed to increase revenue to address a few – potentially major – structural and water issues in the parking lot and the area behind the pool pump house.

For the past ten years, the Board has kept dues at \$500 per membership. The Board's primary goal has been to keep dues at a level without compromising our financial responsibilities. Salary increases, primarily to keep pace with pay for lifeguards at other pools, and a rise in pool maintenance costs, including replacing pool lights and pumps have all led to increased costs. In addition, many members have been asking for other upgrades, such as a shade to cover the baby pool. An increase in our revenue stream will allow the Board to address some of these requests.

The biggest issue facing the pool at this time is deterioration and erosion of the parking lot. Members may recall a sinkhole that developed in the parking lot last season and may be pointing to larger underground issues. Unfortunately, we cannot identify the exact costs of this repair. It is likely the entire parking lot may need to be overhauled and the problem may be linked to the erosion taking place in the back corner of the pool grounds. We are currently working with engineering and contracting firms to determine the scope and costs of these issues. It is also likely that even with the increase in dues this year, we may need to collect an additional assessment mid-season to cover these major and urgent issues.

We will send out a separate bill with a return envelope during the second week of March. The discount information and deadline dates will be included with your bill but as a reminder. Dues must be postmarked no later than Saturday, April 30, 2016 to avoid late fees. You may also begin to pay your dues online through PayPal beginning on March 1.

The Board would like to express its deep appreciation for the payment of your dues on a timely basis. The majority of our expenses occur each year prior to the pool opening its doors, something that may not immediately come to mind when you are writing your dues check.

Thank you for making sure we have money in the bank to continue smooth operations every year.

Elections

The annual Board elections were held in November. Jennifer Daniels and John LeGloahec were re-elected. We welcome new board members Lisa Olson and Megan Daly. The Board expresses its thanks to Paul Jochum and Debbie Yates for their service to the Board.

The 2016 Executive Board is as follows:

President	Sherry Taylor
Vice President	Gail Scott
Secretary	Patty Gardner
Treasurer	John LeGloahec

The following Committee Chairs have been named for the 2016 season:

Activities	Rachel Dabney Rice
Engineering	Chico Donelson
Grounds/Work Program	Lisa Olson
Membership	Jennifer Daniels
Operations	Megan Daly
Swim Team	Ann Caldwell
Snack Bar	Jeanne Robinson
Technology	Tom Smith
Tennis	Gail Scott

Grounds Work Program

Lisa Olson will be organizing the work program this year and there's plenty to be done for us to be ready to open at the end of May. You can earn an \$80 rebate towards your dues for eight (8) hours of work; any additional hours may also be compensated with prior approval. To sign up, please send the enclosed form to Lisa at the pool address or contact her at <http://cheverlypool/contact-us> with your member name, telephone number, address, email address, and the area(s) in which you are interested in working. Lisa will contact you to let you know when you will be helping out. Please **do not** deduct any anticipated refund of \$80 from your dues payment. Refunds are available at the front desk in late June.

Employment

Cheverly Pool is hiring for summer 2016! Applicants must be 14 years or older for the tennis court or snack bar positions. Lifeguard applicants must be at least 16 years old. If you or someone you know is interested in summer employment at the Club, please apply on the employment webpage, available at <http://cheverlypool.come/about-us/employment> or submit a letter to the Board of Directors at the pool address as soon as possible. At this time positions

in all areas – pool and snack bar managers, lifeguards, tennis coaches, and/or assistants, swim instructors, front desk personnel, grounds/landscaping personnel, managers and assistant managers, etc. – are available. Please remember to put contact information on your application (phone numbers, email address, etc.). Please specify job preference and any qualifications for that position. Interviews are usually held during spring break in late March/early April, with employee preference given to Club members and their families. Preference for positions will be given to members.

Swim Team

We are already looking forward to a great season this summer. Head Coach Shannon is returning for her fifth year as coach. Assistant Coaches Alex and Evelyn will be returning as well. We are looking to hire a few developmental and guppy coaches. Applicants must be proficient swimmers and a minimum of 16 years old. Please email your letter of intent to Ann Caldwell at csrfroglegs@gmail.com.

Again this year, we will be running an 8-week “spring training” session at PGCC Natatorium starting in March. More information will be coming soon.

Stroke and Turn Clinics will start June 13th and run for two weeks (M-F). The Guppy team will start June 27th and run for three weeks (M-TH). Swim Team, Stroke and Turn, and Guppy registrations are all available on our website.

Membership

Our membership continues to be filled to capacity with a waiting list of approximately three years. But we continue to actively recruit potential new members using our online application. Please let any friends who may be interested in becoming members know that they should turn in applications as soon as possible, since the wait is a couple of years. Memberships are assigned in the order that they are received. One must get in line in order to get to the top of the list. If anyone has questions about membership please contact Jennifer Daniels at Jennifer@cheverlypool.com.

End Notes

- Cheverly Gift Cards will be available again this year. Gift cards may be used to pay for guest fees, front desk purchases, and food at the snack bar. Gift cards are available for \$5 and may be loaded with any amount. Replenishments may be made at the Front Desk. If you have your card from last year, you may add money to it once the pool opens. Please consider them this season as a great alternative to cash.
- Our Swim Lesson Program has become a very popular part of our morning activities. Check opening weekend for sign up information. Also, check the website closer to opening for updated information. If you have never received an email from csrpool@gmail.com, then you are not on our mailing list. Visit our website to sign up for these important emails.

- For even more connectivity to the pool, join our Facebook group, or follow us on Twitter. Links for these options are on the homepage of our website.
- Please remember that between the hours of 6:30 AM and 11:00 AM, the grounds are off limits to ALL MEMBERS unless you are a morning adult swimmer, a swim team member, or a member taking swim lessons. This means that everyone else MUST stay on the upper deck or snack bar patio.
- The minimum age for leaving your child unattended at the pool is 10 years of age.

Mark your calendars for opening day, Saturday, May 28th, 2016 at 11am!! Looking forward to seeing you at the pool!

Sincerely,

Sherry Taylor

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President

WORK PROGRAM 2016

We intend to work eight (8) authorized hours readying facilities for operation in return for a rebate of \$80.00. We understand we do not deduct this amount from our dues, rather that a refund check will be available in late June. We would be interested in working in any of the following capacities:

- () Grounds Clean-up
- () Heavy-Duty Gardening
- () Tennis Court Preparation
- () Cleaning/Washing Tables, Benches, Chairs, etc.
- () Painting
- () Other _____
- () Special Skills _____

Member Name: _____

Telephone No: _____

Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Please print or type all requested information and mail to:

Lisa Olson
Cheverly Swim & Racquet
5600 Euclid Street
Cheverly, MD 20785

OR

Go to <http://cheverlypool.com/contact-us/> and complete the "Contact Us" information with the information listed above (contact information and areas you are interested in working on).