



ROLAND PARK SWIMMING POOL, Inc.

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REPLY TO: P.O. BOX 5608

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Dear Pool Members:

It is that time again. Swim season will be here before we know it. Opening Day 2018 will be Memorial Day weekend, Saturday May 26th. I hope you will notice that we have launched a new pool website. In addition to important information on membership and renewal, pool hours and pool rules, it will be the place to learn about swim team, food-truck nights, weather-related closures, and other social events. We welcome your input, thoughts and comments as we endeavor to make the pool a fun, comfortable, safe community for all our members and their guests.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

This season, returning pool members are encouraged to renew membership online through the Roland Park Pool website <http://rolandparkpool.org/membership/renew/>. Members interested in renewing via more traditional methods should contact Caroline Mapp at rpspmembership@gmail.com who will be happy to mail the appropriate forms.

The Board voted for a modest increase to raise pool dues for the 2018 swim season. Family memberships will increase from \$495 to \$525. Single member and evening memberships will both go up by \$5, and the guest fee will increase to \$5 on weekdays and \$7 on weekends. The charge for nannies, au pairs or full-time babysitters will remain at \$100. Roland Park residents are asked to be current with their Civic League dues when joining or renewing pool membership.

We don't take your membership for granted, and we want to assure you that the Board works hard to keep costs low in our efforts to maintain a safe and clean pool. The increases--the first in almost five seasons--are necessitated by increased mandatory maintenance fees, and necessary equipment replacement costs (including the new water fountain, hot water heater replacement, fencing repairs, etc.). This year we will also replace the baby pool pump and water heater shed, which was damaged when the pool area flooded two seasons ago, and we will be installing a new security system.

Families will not be required to submit a family photo this year, as members will have their photos taken during their first pool visit of the summer with the electronic card sign in system that was instituted last season. We will have gate attendants dedicated to assisting members when signing in and with registering guests.

Please remember as you make your membership decision that if a member moves from the Roland Park area, they can maintain their membership if they continue to pay their dues. However, if a family no longer living within the pool boundaries allows their membership to lapse, they cannot rejoin the pool. In addition, any family that allows their membership to lapse will be charged the current initiation fee if they re-apply for membership. Please contact the Board if you need to make arrangements to keep your membership active during an absence for one or more seasons.

POOL HOURS AND PARTIES

Pool hours will remain unchanged in 2018. The pool will open with reduced hours during late May, and will maintain regular hours by early June. For changes to hours during these periods, check the pool website <http://rolandparkpool.org> and sign boards at the pool. Members will have access to the main pool every day during posted hours, and access to the lap pool from 6:00pm until closing on weekdays and all day on weekends.

As in previous years, we will maintain a **morning lap swim** hour for adults. Initially, the morning lap swim will take place from 8am – 9am on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Look for an announcement at the pool or the website for the start date.

Rules for parties will also remain unchanged this year. To review the rules for parties, please visit the website and click on the “Events” tab, or contact Ms. Mudge with questions.

POOL MANAGEMENT

Kim Mudge will return this summer as the Roland Park Pool Manager, assisted again by Lee Kennedy. Their return assures us of the best management for a successful season. Please remember that the Board establishes the rules and regulations and Kim and her staff are at the pool to enforce them. Please respect their efforts to enforce the rules. Please review the pool rules and regulations at the following link <http://rolandparkpool.org/rules/> before your first visit to the pool this year:

Staffing is always a challenge during the beginning and ending weeks of the season, but pool staff will strive to maintain regular hours at the beginning of June and at the end of August.

The present Board members are: Angela Simmons, *President*, Christine Thomas, Don McPherson, Jim Smith, Marisa Schollaert (Social Coordinator), David Kehoe, Craig Bedford, Catherine Wahl, Erica Meadows, Sara Fidler, Hugh Smallwood and Karen Coughlin (swim team). Caroline Macsherry Mapp, *Executive Secretary*, handles all business and membership inquiries for the pool. If you are interested in serving on the Board, please email me through the link on the pool website.

We look forward to the 2018 season and providing you with a safe and relaxing place to enjoy the summer months!

Respectfully,

Angela Simmons, Board President