



Oak Park Club
Outstanding Pool Community

Dear Oak Park Neighbor,

Although it's now the middle of winter, summer will be here shortly, and with it pool season! The Oak Park pool board has been busy planning the upcoming season and it's now time to sign up for 2017 memberships. New or existing members can sign up through the membership form included with this letter, or signing up at our newly redesigned website at www.oakparkpool.com.

The 2017 pool season will see a significant change concerning the management structure at the pool. These past few years the pool was self-managed; meaning that the pool board worked with an individual in the neighborhood to oversee the staffing of guards, facility upkeep and maintaining the proper chemical balance. For the upcoming season, the pool has contracted with Swim Club Management, a professional pool management company with 15 years of experience managing commercial pools in North Carolina and Virginia. We are excited about the change and believe it will provide high level of service for our members and guests.

Last season we undertook an important improvement project by replacing the incoming water lines, ahead of this summer the pool is undergoing another significant project to fix leaks at the back of the pool. This work had been planned since the end of the season and involves excavating a large portion of the decking around the diving boards. In addition to that work, we also have some major unplanned electrical repairs. This scope of this work is substantial, and as a result, the pool requires additional resources.

These electrical repairs are necessary following a tragedy that occurred in Raleigh this past summer over Labor Day weekend. Rachel Rosoff, a student at Enloe High School, died while working as a lifeguard at a community pool in North Raleigh. The cause of her death was drowning as a result of being electrocuted when a broken conductor wire, and improper pool bonding, led the pool water to become charged.

Following this tragedy, as a preventative measure the Oak Park Pool hired an electrician specializing in pool wiring to inspect the electrical at the pool and perform a Continuity Bonding Test. The electrical was found to be seriously deficient and the pool itself was not bonded. These issues require immediate resolution to be able to open the pool this summer.

To properly complete this work, a **one-time** assessment of \$100 will be added to memberships for 2017. Unfortunately, this is the only way to raise the necessary funds in a short period. The pool board did not come to this decision lightly as we strive to keep membership dues as low as possible every year. But the safety of our members, guests and lifeguards is our paramount concern and without these repairs completed the pool cannot open.

In the spirit of absolute transparency and openness, the pool will host an information session at Panera Bread on Glenwood Ave. on February 28th from 6 to 7 PM. There the pool's full financials will be available for review and board members will be on hand to answer any questions. This meeting is open to any households in Oak Park in addition to current members. Those not able to make the information session can email the pool board with any questions at info@oakparkpool.com.

In closing, the current leadership on the pool board is committed to not only ensuring the pool survives, but continues to thrive for years to come by investing in long-overdue repairs and facility improvements. With support and investment from the whole community, we can look forward to a fun and vibrant 2017 pool season.

Sincerely, and with much thanks,

The Oak Park Pool Board

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