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2011 Member Letter - Long Version

NOTE: A modified, shorter version of this letter is mailed to each home with their 2011 invoice.

Welcome to another swim season of the Colby Lake Pool! We hope you and your family were able to use and enjoy the pool last year, and look forward to this year.

This letter serves as our official announcement and your invitation to our annual meeting on Thursday, May 12th, 2011 from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. at Central Park in Woodbury, Valley Creek Room A, in the lower level. At that time, we will offer a full report of pool operations and financial status. This year we will have 3 seats open on the Board of Directors. We welcome all parties interested in serving on the board to attend the annual meeting.

Your membership is a permanent part of the covenants that are recorded with your deed and was assigned at the time your house was built. It is not a membership that you can take with you if you sell your home, nor is it one you may choose to drop out of. You may elect to not use the facilities with your membership or sublease your membership, but it is still your responsibility to pay the annual dues. Sublease forms are available on the Website. If you don't have web access, contact our business office for help obtaining a form.

Below is a summary and update of information regarding the pool and the Association. It is not intended to be a substitute for our annual meeting.

Pool rules, Sublease Forms and Swim Lesson schedules along with more detailed information are available on our website. You can call the pool business office if you do not have web site access.

We have created a Twitter account for the pool. We will use it as a way to provide late-breaking information about pool closings and pool capacity. To follow us on twitter, use the link on our web site or go to twitter.com and search for @colbylakepool.

Dues and Fees: The Board has been able to maintain the annual dues at \$160 for the 7th year in a row. Sublease fees are raising from \$50 to \$75. This is the fee the sublease pays to lease your membership. **All invoices for 2011 not paid by May 15, 2011 will incur a \$25.00 late fee per month.** You can sublease your membership if you don't want to use the facility. Refer to Sublease information on our website.

Membership Cards: All paid members received 2 new cards in 2009. Cards are permanent and only new members and sublease members will receive new cards this year. Members with existing cards will receive new stickers when their dues are current. Replacement cards are \$20. Our lifeguards are instructed to verify your membership. Please be prepared to show your card, as well as a picture ID with matching address each time you enter the pool to a Lifeguard on duty. Everyone 14 and over will be required to have a picture ID. Younger children can use a copy of their parent's ID or a school id. We have a procedure in place for card checking and those without cards may be asked to leave and contact the business office. The tennis court will still be accessed with your current metal key. Visit our website for up to date information.

Swim lessons: A form for on-line enrollment and payment will be posted on the website starting April 1st. Member accounts must be paid up/current to sign up for swim lessons and payment must be made online at the time of the request. Or you may sign up in-person at the pool on May 28th between 10-11 am and also during break time. Visit our website for sign-up information and schedules. We offer multiple levels taught by our certified lifeguards and we follow the Red Cross curriculum but are not going to have Red Cross certification this season. This is a cost effective measure and we are following the same guidelines as the school district does. The cost of lessons remains at \$30.00 per student, per session. Sublease member will pay the same amount as members.

Non-Members will pay a fee of \$50.00. Email questions to swimlessons@colbylakepool.com or call the business office.

Budget: Our entire pool association funding comes from membership dues.

Non-payment of dues by any member increases the obligations of the remaining members and is unfair. Any household that is in arrears will have their account turned over to an agency for collections. If you are thinking of selling your home and have not paid your dues, you will need to pay your back dues in order for title of your home to be transferred. Therefore, to avoid costly delays, and the costs associated with collections, we recommend you contact the business office and settle your account.

Future of Colby Lake Pool: One last thing. We are taking this opportunity to ask the membership to join the Board in looking forward to the future of the Colby Lake Pool Swim and Tennis Association. The pool is running well, and dues continue to be low. The long-serving core leadership remains in place. So the good news is that there is no immediate crisis. As we look forward, however, we have a responsibility to think about the long-term functioning of the Association. It is clear to the board that this would be best assured if there were more membership involvement, and also some new blood on the board--at a minimum, to fill vacant positions, as they come up. If we fail to develop the "next generation" of leadership, there is the risk that when the incumbent board members choose to leave, there will be nobody to fill their place, necessitating paid management, and higher dues.

Therefore, the Board will be reaching out more purposefully this year, to try to get additional member involvement.

Regards,

Colby Lake Swim and Tennis Association
Board of Directors