



Colby Lake Swim & Tennis Association
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2023 Member Letter

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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 Summer and look forward to this swimming season. Opening day, pending 68 degrees or warmer, is May 27, 2023.

This is your invitation to our annual meeting on Thursday, May 4, 2023, from 7:00 - 8:30 PM at Colby Lake Pool. At that time, we will offer a full report of pool operations and financial status.

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. Contact Tom at Admin@colbylakepool.com for help requesting a sublease transaction. See Sublease Program section below.

Staffing: Staffing this year will be a combination of lifeguards and attendants, depending on availability. Finding certified lifeguards has proven to be a challenge. All staff, whether lifeguard or attendants, are first aid certified. We will do our best to schedule a lifeguard at all times, with preference given to weekends and historically busier times. Please reach out if you have any questions about staffing.

Dues and Fees: Due to increases in utilities and operating costs (Chemicals, Labor) and the continued need to maintain our reserve fund for major repairs and replacements without special assessments, we need to raise our dues by \$15 this year to \$271. Payment is due by May 1, 2023. Please make every effort to pay by this date. Payments received after May 1, 2023, will result in a 14-day delay in activating your account. *No payment will be accepted at the pool, and you will be unable to use the pool until your account has been activated and you have received your card and/or stickers.*

Major Safety and Operations Expenses Covered from the Reserve Fund. This year we are making more improvements:

- You probably noticed 2 “tents” at the pool. One is over the hot tub where we have removed the entire deck and are installing new pipes and jets. The tent allows us to work during parts of the winter. This is costing us \$16,700.
- There is also a tent over the “pebble” decking in front of the women’s restroom. We removed the old deck and are installing a new, smooth concrete deck with improved drainage, a \$7,350 renovation.

- In the Spring we are planning to replace the old shrubs at the entrance with new shrubs.

We planned for these repairs and have been saving for them in the Reserve Fund.

Insurance Release: Starting this 2023 season, our insurance company is requiring all users to sign a holdharmless agreement. We are building an automated system to accomplish this.

Membership Cards: When you pay your dues, we will send you a receipt and validation stickers for your card. Our Staff / Guards 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. 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 our business office. The tennis court is accessed with a metal key from our Staff / Guard during open pool hours or from Tom at admin@colbylakepool.com.

Swim lessons: The Board is addressing whether there will be swim lessons offered in 2023 based on lifeguard availability and member interest. Please watch for website / social media updates and signage at the pool.

Budget: Most of our pool association funding comes from membership dues. Non-payment of dues by any member increases the obligations of the remaining members and is unfair. As in previous years we will be using late fees, interest, and a structured late dues recovery process to collect our Association's income.

Sublease Program: We have a sublease program. The program allows a member to sublease their pool privileges to a non-member, in exchange for the non-member paying the member's dues (plus our administration fee). This works well for many people. **In 2014, the Association cancelled the recurring sublease program.** If you want the Association to help you find a sublesor, e-mail us at admin@colbylakepool.com. We will find sublesors on a first-come, first-served basis. We cannot promise you we will find someone.

Future of Colby Lake Pool: We are taking this opportunity to ask the membership to join the volunteer Board in looking forward to the future of the Colby Lake Pool Swim and Tennis Association. The pool and tennis court are great assets to our neighborhood with its Mission to be a Safe, Clean and Fun facility to be enjoyed by our members. We look forward to your participation in our Association, through involvement at the Annual meeting and positive improvement suggestions through e-mail to the Board.

Regards,

Colby Lake Swim and Tennis Association Board of Directors

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