



August 2002

# Splash!

# Pool Update

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It looks like this year will hit the record for number of Summer days above 90°F, so it comes as no surprise that we're seeing a record number of OFL faces at the pool this year too!

Many of you have dropped off your comments in our *Suggestion Box* or contacted members of the Pool Committee directly with your thoughts. Here are some of the things your neighbors are saying:

- ◆ 14 requested we install a pool heater. *Based on the results of the attached survey, we will again place this item before the Board of Directors for reconsideration.*
- ◆ 7 requested diving be permitted at the deep end of the pool. *Our pool is only a maximum of five feet deep at the far end. This just isn't deep enough to safely permit diving.*
- ◆ 6 suggested a snack bar and / or pool store. *Last year we added a drink vending machine to the clubhouse deck. This year an ice cream truck has been making regular stops in our Clubhouse parking lot at 4p.m. Both have been successful additions thus far.*
- ◆ 2 requested installation of a heated kiddie pool. *OFL 'old timers tell us that a kiddie pool did exist at one time. It was removed due to hygienic reasons as well as needing additional lifeguard coverage.*
- ◆ 3 requested that the Association add amenities to the locker rooms such as hair dryers, scales and tanning oil. *Since the pool is so close to home for all of us we think these items are best brought with you.*
- ◆ 2 requested we add a water slide. *It sounds fun but due to space, safety and insurance costs it just wouldn't be practical.*
- ◆ 2 suggested opening the pool at 8 a.m. *The pool currently opens at 10 a.m. on weekends and 11 a.m. during the week. While we have been open to experimenting with pool hours, we generally do not see appreciable use of the pool until the early afternoon.*

Miscellaneous comments made include:

- ◆ Fixing the latch to the pool gate. *Although we agree it's awkward, the gate latching mechanism actually works fine. Just remember "Up and Out". Lift up the handle and pull the other side of the gate out in order to enter. "Up and Out."*
- ◆ Leveling out the ground surface around the pool. *Much of Old Farm Lake was built on a marshy surface. As a result, this has created some uneven settling. The Board of Directors is aware of the need to explore resurfacing options around the swimming pool.*
- ◆ Queries about our new policy for minor guests (non-residents.) *Residents 10 years of age and older are still permitted to use the pool unaccompanied. However, if they are bringing a non-resident, minor guest to the pool an adult resident must accompany them. The same logic is being applied here as with those parents that will not permit their children to have friends over to their home unless a responsible adult is also present.*
- ◆ Feedback on our lifeguard staff. *Thank you! It is helpful!*
- ◆ Desire for additional seating. *The Board of Directors is exploring options for the replacement of broken and worn pool furniture.*

- ◆ Request to keep the gate open between the pool and playground. *We already implemented this last year during regular pool hours. It also permits easy access to our vending machine and clubhouse deck seating. Residents and their guests must still sign-in at the front table when entering the pool area.*
- ◆ Additional key cards to the Clubhouse bathrooms. *Additional cards have been provided to the lifeguards for those residents that forget to bring their own.*
- ◆ Request for “drop-in” evening or Saturday morning water aerobics class. *We tried! Our aerobics instructor would have to have his or her own insurance coverage in order for us to pull this off.*
- ◆ Request to add a shallow water rope to keep those children who have not passed the deep-water test in the safest and shallowest water. *We’re hoping to have this in for next season.*

Although the 2002 pool season is nearing a close, we’re already beginning to plan for 2003. Please help us by responding to the attached POOL SURVEY and placing it in the mailbox in front of the Clubhouse on Rambling Brook Road no later than Friday, September 6, 2002. Please note that suggestions submitted which were unrelated to the pool, have been passed along to the Board of Directors.

Thanks and regards from the Pool Committee!

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# Old Farm Lake Swimming Pool Survey

Please place your responses in the mailbox on Rambling Brook Road just outside of the clubhouse, by Friday September 6, 2002. Thank-you!

Do you use the pool facilities?

Yes       No

Would you be more likely to use the pool if it were heated?

Yes       No

Would you be likely to participate in an OFL pool side BBQ or a Community Day Tag Sale and BBQ?

Yes       No

Would you be willing to volunteer to help make this event a reality?

Yes       No

Additional Comments:

Name and contact information (*optional*):

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