



Spring greetings everyone! If you do not know me, my name is Greg Henderson, and along with my wife Sally we ran the pool for five years. The last two years Rob Wheelhouse and Dave Mokry took over the duty and I think we owe them a big thank you for all of the work they have done. It is not an easy task running the pool, and it brings out the best and worst of all that is TV. The best, however, far outweighs the worst, and with my recent military retirement I find myself with a bit more time that I can give back to the Valley and run the pool

There are going to be a lot of issues to address as we go forward, but I thought it was most important for me to catch up and to get your feedback on what you like, dislike, and want to change about the pool. I think this can best be accomplished by first letting me share my pool philosophy, pool to-do list, and FAQs asked in the past.

The pool means different things to all of us: pool, day-care, neighborhood bar, retreat, gym etc... It is not the pool committee's job to steer or favor one of these over the other, but to provide an environment where all can be accommodated:

- The one thing we all want is **clean water**. Rob and Dave had to deal with a new pool chlorinator, that was fickle at best, and whose value will have to be determined
- The pool **committee** will be formed consisting of a head, vice, financial, maintenance, guard, social/communication, and board member
- The **appearance** of the pool is as important as its function. We will increase the value of all our properties by enhancing the curb appeal of the pool
- A serious **incident** or loss of life cannot be tolerated. A safe, supervised environment is #1 goal

Pool to-do list:

- Have both **pumps** professionally bench tested and repaired or replaced
- Have the **automatic** pool vacuum repaired
- Have the **manual** pool vacuum repaired and purchase a new hose
- The pool **cover** is a money and environmental savings venture, but a pain-in-the-butt to remove. We will repair or secure a new storage device and improve our removal procedures
- Inspect and spot-repair the pool **bottom**
- Determine the viability of the automatic pool **chlorinator**
- Kill weeds, plant grass, and install black "wrought iron" **fence** along River road

- Inspect and repair rock **wall** and kill weeds and plants growing within
- Replace damaged main pool **filters** and refill with sand
- Repair pool **deck**
- Unclog and repair **gutter/skimmer** system
- Don't give up on pool maintenance when **fall** comes!!

The following are a sampling of the most frequent questions/complaints/complements we received when running the pool. Peruse the following FAQs before sending a question off to us:

- **Can we pay-as-we-go vs. annual membership**
 - o The short answer is no. We do not have the funds or personnel to operate and ensure that this would be a viable option and fair to our regular members
- **What is the status of Swim-at-Your-Own-Risk (SOAR)**
 - o As a committee we will revisit the concept of SOAR, with respect to safety, convenience, and insurance. It was only meant to cover the times when lightening or storms are not a factor, but the weather is cold or damp and the chance of any swimmers is very low. It tends to help the empty nesters who may only have the grandkids for a week and the weather is poor.
- **How many lifeguards will be on duty at one time?**
 - o Another sensitive issue. We have to balance between no guards and 2 guards on duty at all times. The answer will probably fall in between based on time of day, day of week, insurance, and weather conditions. If the pool is open (not SOAR) there will be a licensed guard on duty
- **What should we do if we see a guard not performing their duties properly?**
 - o The guards know we are all their bosses. Please correct them on scene, but if you are not comfortable, contact the guard coordinator whose number and email will be posted. Safety is #1
- **Discipline Policy**
 - o This will be sent out and signed by all pool members, along with the rest of the pool rules. Basically first time warning, second time call parents, third time suspension of pool rights
- **Empty Nest**
 - o Our seniors who do not use the pool but want to have privileges when their relatives visit, will be eligible for a reduced fee
- **Annual Dues**
 - o These will be determined after in-depth research of capital expenditures and operating costs. Remember, your association fees pay for approximately ½ of the pool budget so we must remain vigilant in controlling costs, and realistic in setting a fee that covers your entire family. It will still cost less for the year than a family with two children going to Six Flags for the day!
- **Communication**
 - o We will communicate via signs, email, Twitter, Facebook, TV website, phone etc.. The committee will have a communications director who will coordinate

As I said earlier, this is not a comprehensive list and I want everyone to ask/comment away at tvpool@comcast.net. Don't forget, we like to have proposed solutions with your comments! We plan on filling the pool about two weeks before Memorial Day this year, so the time crunch is on. Please let me know if you would like to volunteer and what special talents you might have that could help us out (we are still looking for an electrician and fencers!). We love our "old lady", and want to take great care of her as she approaches 100 years, and continues to be the focal point of TV social life!

Greg