

Owned & Operated by The Community Association of the Highlands

The Highlands Natural Pool On-Line Newsletter

OUR POOL SEASON ♦ (973) 835-4299

The pool is open Memorial Day Weekend through the end of September

♦ POOL HOURS ♦

We're open weekends only in May, June & September:*

11am to 7pm*

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We're open **Daily** from June 29th to August 30th & Labor Day Weekend:

Weekdays from 11am to 8pm

Weekends from 10am to 8pm

**In late September closing time may be adjusted – please call ahead to check*

DEAR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF THE POOL,

Welcome to our 1st online newsletter. We intend to create the next one via Publisher and it should look a little snazzier.

So, we hope you all had a good winter - it was certainly a snowy one - and we're looking forward to seeing everyone in the upcoming pool season. Hope you can join us on **opening day, Saturday, May 23rd** as we kick-off and "plunge" into our 14th season! (see details below)

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

We are attaching our **2009 application**, which we hope you use to renew your membership. As you may notice, we have raised our membership rates. We know that many of you are probably feeling a bit pinched with the economy being what it is - we certainly are - which is why we have felt the necessity (reluctantly) to raise our rates for only the second time since we acquired the pool. (And our membership rates are still very reasonable!) We hope the raise will not keep anyone away. We could use a few more members so, spread the word and let your friends and neighbors know about the hidden gem of the Highlands!

WORK WEEKEND – Saturday, May 9th

We have a work weekend coming up - Saturday, May 9th from 10am - 4pm. In exchange for only 3 hours of work, you will receive \$25 off this year's membership. Various tasks: painting, gardening, cleaning, etc. If you're planning on coming, please call the pool and leave your name & phone number in case we have to cancel due to the weather.

STAFFING NEWS

Good News! Michelle Kraetschmer, a long time member, will be our pool manager this year. Linda, who managed the pool last year, will be returning on Michelle's days off. We are still putting together our Gatekeeper coverage and, most of our lifeguards (yeah!) will be returning again this year.

WEEKEND GAMES

Heads Up! Peter Seminara, a member, has volunteered to organize a fun family game on the field on weekends - kickball, softball, volleyball, etc. - watch for details listed at the pool and join us!

BAKE SALES

Starting in July on alternate Sundays how about a bake sale to raise some money for the pool and sweeten our palates? (Then get in the pool and swim off the goodies!) Details to follow.

HOW ABOUT A... HIGHLANDS POOL COOK BOOK (AS A FUNDRAISER)

At the potluck's we've held over the years we've talked about gathering our delicious dishes and making a cook book. Well, we're finally doing it! So, beginning with this year's potluck let's start sampling the goodies brought by members with this in mind. We'll put together a form (we'll have it available at the gate as well as on the website). Let's also personalize the recipes by including a story either connecting them with the camp/pool or your family/your life - makes it much more interesting. So rolling pins & measuring cups to the forefront - ready, set, GO!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

We'll keep you posted with additional details, as our plans firm up. Check newsletters, the gate at the pool or our website for updates and additions to this list.



Saturday, May 23rd • OPENING DAY • Around Noon



Join members, friends & neighbors as we celebrate our 14th year with an **ETHNIC POTLUCK** (remember our cookbook!). We open at noon with the **ringing of the bell, words of welcome** & our **annual pool jump-in!** Catch up with old friends & new as we partake of our delicious potluck dishes* from different lands (or bring a favorite dish from your family). Bring yourself, a dish to share, any recipes for the cookbook & (if you'd like), your bathing suit! ***(Rain date 5/24)***

**Please label your dish & if possible, add a list of ingredients - thanks!*

Saturday, July 4th - **It's Grilled Hotdogs and Apple Pie Time!** Celebrate the 4th with us. Leave your lunch basket at home and fill up on delicious ball-park hotdogs, homemade hamburgers and Mom's Apple Pie in our mini-fundraising event. And don't forget to pack your swimsuit! *Time: 1pm - 3pm (or until all the dogs are gone!)*

Tuesday, July 7th - Start of Session I Swimming Lessons Tuesday & Thursdays 9am -12 noon • All levels • 8 classes over 4 weeks • members \$65/guests \$90 • To sign or for further details, call the pool and leave your name, phone number, child's name & age & we'll call you back.

Saturday, July 25th (rain = 7/26) **Camp Midvale Reunion** Details will follow

Saturday, August 8th (rain = 8/9) Make sure to mark your calendars as you round up them doggies and head'em out to the **Highlands Hickory Hoedown**, this year's annual candlelight gala fundraising dinner extravaganza (with a western theme!). Great eats, kick'n music and dancing under the stars from 6 - 10pm. Tickets: Adults \$30; Seniors \$20; Kids 5 & under \$5; 6-15 \$10. *(Tickets will be available on opening day - make sure to get'em early, we sold out last year!)*

Monday, August 10th - Thursday, August 13th - Art & Nature Workshop for Kids. (Ages 5 & up) \$30 members/\$45 guests Our highly successful 4 day workshop creating art from nature - making books, drawing, & painting, as well as hiking to collect objects, and more. Bring a lunch & a bathing suit. Cost includes a swim after lunch. Limited space, sign-up early at the gate. *Time: 10:30-2:30pm*

Saturday, Sept. 26th - Becky's End-of-Season Campfire from 6 to 9:30pm at the Weis campfire ring. Our annual last-night-of-the-pool-season gathering. Last year we expanded our menu to include veggies, hotdogs and other fun things to grill over the open fire as well as our usual campfire fare of marshmallows and s'mores. Join family, friends & neighbors. Bring a chair or sit on a log. All welcome.

Still in the Planning Stages:

Friday night Pizza Party • Sketching Class • A Nature Program for Kids (in July) • Life Guard Appreciation Day • August Swim Lessons, Session II • Annual Membership Meeting • Labor Day Potluck

ONGOING: YogaMoves

NEW TIME!!! Sundays • 7-8am • \$10

Now in its 7th year, lead by our good friend of the pool, Dr. Joe Nies. An early morning gentle stretch class uniquely designed for men & women of all ages and all fitness levels. Stretch & strengthen your body in a relaxed, friendly environment in a beautiful outdoor setting. Starting Sunday, May 24th at the pool. *All proceeds benefit the pool.*

Make sure to check out the gate at the pool, our upcoming newsletters or our website for additional programming details and information. Here's to a great 14th season!