

Pool Members:

After the largest recorded snowfall in our region, old man winter is giving up and the weather is finally getting warmer. I hope you all are as excited as I am to relax by the pool soon. We have a number of updates for you in this email.

New Management Company

First, I am happy to inform you that we will have a new pool management company in 2010: Mt Vernon Pool Services, led by Mr Mark Murray. Mark is a Mt Vernon native and has strong references from his local pool management experience. Mark has coached at Virginia Commonwealth University, Old Dominion University, University of Richmond, Salem College, and University of Maryland. He ran the aquatic centers while coaching at these universities. Please see a description of his firm below.

Next Membership Meeting

Our next General Membership meeting will take place at 7pm on Monday April 12 at the Stratford Landing Elementary School cafeteria. You will have an opportunity to meet Mark Murray, our new pool manager. The main topic will be to approve the 2010 budget. If you cannot attend, please sign a proxy for another Pool Member who will be attending or any board member will be glad to pick up your proxy form.

Poolhouse renovation

Per previous communications we finally received our Commercial Construction Permit from Fairfax County but ran out of time over the winter to be assured of poolhouse completion before Opening Day. We cannot move forward in stages and do a piecemeal approach before May 29, as the County requires site inspection approval for each stage of the renovation. For example, our general contractor would have to install a silt fence and get a site inspector's approval just to start the work, which would have to be taken down before May 29. It does not make sense to proceed with the renovation in stages. I anticipate September 7 as the start date.

Tree Damage

Board Members Gary Schiffres, Art Gauthier, Tom Swinson and I walked through the pool grounds recently to survey Mother Nature's damage from the blizzards. There are quite a few trees that experienced significant damage: the cedars adjacent to the tennis court bleachers, older growth trees in the corner by the sandbox, and others on the perimeter of the grounds. We are very lucky none fell into our neighbors' property.

Many of the treetops, upwards of a dozen, have simply broken off from the weight and volume of snow. Some pose a danger from the tops and heavy branches falling down. We need to hire a tree service to take down the most dangerous trees. We considered gathering a platoon of RGSTC men with chainsaws to tackle this problem. However, the reality is that the great bulk of the work must be done high above ground by professionals.

Grounds Manager Gary Schiffres has received several bids from tree service companies. As many homeowners know, it is an expensive proposition. The best value bid states the pool requires 3 days of work, which is \$7500, but we are asking for two days of work for \$5k. It is unexpected expenses such as this that require us to manage the pool's finances carefully.

Refrigerator Donation

Big thanks to Jennifer and Steve Ours who graciously donated their refrigerator for the pool house. This is an extremely generous gift, and the pool membership thanks you!

Cleanup Day

May 15 and May 16 will be the days for our annual pre-opening cleanup. Per tradition, if you volunteer 4 hours you will receive a \$50 rebate from your annual dues. We have lots to accomplish, so please mark this on your calendars.

Respectfully,
Sean Todd
President
RGSTC
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About Mt Vernon Pool Services LLC:

Mt. Vernon Pool Services, LLC is a new full service pool management firm to the Alexandria south region of Fairfax County. While it is a new company the owner, Mark Murray brings a wealth of experience to the business. Mark has

been managing pools for over 20 years and began his own venture with Mt. Vernon Pool Services, LLC this year. Mark has been managing Stratford Recreation Association for 6 years and is currently involved with Hollin Hills Pool with his company. Mark was born and raised in the Mt. Vernon area and after having been a collegiate swimming coach for 15 years moved back to Alexandria to take over the Ft. Belvoir Swim Team and begin his new pool management firm.

Riverside Gardens Swim and Tennis Club General Membership Meeting Proxy form (for the April 12, 2010 membership meeting)

Proxy

I (we), _____ delegate our voting privileges at the 12 April 2010
General Membership meeting of the Riverside Gardens Swim and Tennis Club to:

(please print name of member you are assigning your voting rights to)

I (we) give total voting rights to the above named person. My (our) membership
number is: _____.

(member signature)

(member signature)