

Forest Knolls Pool, Inc.

11105 Foxglove Lane
P.O. Box 838, Woodmoor Station
Silver Spring, MD 20918-0838
301-593-9883

"In the Heart of Your Neighborhood"

Summer 2016

Dear Pool Member:

Dues for the 2016 season are payable in full by May 15 (afterwards a \$25 late fee will apply). Payment can be made by PayPal (details at website and last page of this document) or by check. **Renew early (must receive payment by March 15) and receive 10 free guest passes** (\$30 value, available at front desk for use as needed).

Please fill out the online renewal form at: [Member Renewal Form](#)

After submitting your names, address, phone and email, pay via PayPal or mail a check to:

Forest Knolls Pool, P.O. Box 838, Woodmoor Station, Silver Spring, MD 20918-0838

Membership information event invitations and general membership meeting notices will be posted on the pool website (www.forestknollspool.com) and transmitted primarily by email. You are also encourage to join the Forest Knolls FaceBook group.

If any questions, please contact Leah Ossi or Mike Amitay at 301-593-4466.

GENERAL INFORMATION - SUMMER 2015 SEASON

Operating Schedule: Pool open seven days a week from Memorial Day Weekend through Labor Day. Hours of operation are:

	<u>May 28-June 17</u>	<u>June 18-Aug. 29</u>	<u>Aug. 30-Sept. 5</u>
Weekdays	3:30pm - 7:30pm	11:00am - 9:00pm	3:30pm - 7:30pm
Weekends - Fri. (eve), Sat., Sun.) (*10pm close Fri/Sat only)	11:00am - 9:00pm	11:00am - 10:00pm*	11:00am - 9:00pm

The pool closes for swim team competitions at following times:

Wed. June 15 and 22, and July 20 - closing early at 5:00 pm; Sat., June 11, 18 and July 2 and 9 - opening late at 12:30 pm.

Members are asked to exit water 15 minutes prior to closing times above and are expected to exit pool grounds at closing times.

Beginning Tuesday, June 21, there will be **early-bird lap swimming and fitness activity each Tuesday and Thursday mornings (6:30-8:00am) throughout the Summer.** We hope to schedule a water aerobics or other such class one or both mornings.

Every Sunday from 4:00-7:00 pm is "Raft Day" – inflatable devices are allowed in pool at this time only. We try to have Food Trucks on hand to encourage poolside dining.

The schedule is subject to change in event of inclement weather, unforeseen operating issues or changes in the swim team schedule. Notification of unanticipated schedule changes and other important information will be provided by email, posted on the pool website and posted at the pool with as much advance notice as possible.

Swim Team: Seahawk information and calendar are found at: [Forest Knolls Seahawks Swimtopia](#) – #GOFO!

Pool Staff: The staff of Forest Knolls Pool consists of employees trained and supervised by Lighthouse Pools, Inc., which manages pool operations, daily administration, and safety requirements. If you or someone you know might be interested in seeking a pool staff position, please contact Bruce Schaper at bschaper@lighthouse-pools.com.

Admittance to the Pool: **Members must sign-in at the front desk when entering the pool.** A staff member will verify membership information. A responsible person 14 years or older must accompany and care for any child under the age of 10. (If responsible person not a member, guest fee applies). Members between the ages of 10 and 17 may enter the pool without an adult member if completed Parent/Guardian Consent Forms is on file. **Guests under 14 must be accompanied by an adult 18 or over.**

Water Safety: At its discretion, pool staff may require any member or guest between the ages of 10 and 17 unaccompanied by an adult, to pass a basic water safety test. To pass, the individual must swim one length of the pool, tread water for one minute and float for one minute. **A parent or guardian must be in the water at all times with any child using a flotation device, regardless of age.**

Guests: Members must register all guests at the front desk and provide a guest pass or pay \$5 daily guest fee for each guest. The member must be present as long as registered guests remain on pool property. Guest fees and Guest Pass Cards (10 passes for \$30) can be purchased at the front desk. Each pass may be used for any one guest for one day. Children under 2-years-old admitted free. **The guest fee applies to all guests on the pool deck, whether or not they swim or enter the pool.**

Party Rentals: Members are encouraged to host private parties/events. The three covered areas (each including a picnic table) can be rented for birthday parties or other gatherings for a \$25 fee (due at start of event). Please register your event at the pool office at least one week in advance (first come, first serve). Non-members in attendance must register at front desk and regular guest fees apply.

Volunteers: Forest Knolls Pool depends on volunteers to upkeep the pool and its grounds. Substantial volunteer effort is required all year around to avoid added maintenance costs and operating expenses. There are many ways members can contribute to upkeep and beautification of the pool property or otherwise help to keeping the pool running.

Building & Grounds Committee: We need members to help with the spring and fall clean-ups, landscaping, painting, and other activities. Cleanup activities and other important projects will begin in March. For more details, or to volunteer in this area, please contact Chris Namovicz 301-592-1653.

Community Outreach and Membership Committee: The more membership increases, the more improvements we can make. While membership has increased over the past several years, turnover remains fairly high, so the Board still prioritizes enlisting new members and we need your help. If interested in sharing ideas, supporting efforts to familiarize people with the pool (Open House, Spring and Fall events, Potlucks, Chili Cook-Off, etc.) or otherwise wanting to help generate membership, please contact Mike Amitay.

Social Events Committee: The Board needs help arranging social activities, such as Springapalooza!!, Memorial Day Party, Open House Weekend (June 4/5), July 4th Extravaganza, Movie Night, Labor Day Party, Oktoberfest, etc. This includes shopping for supplies, set-up and clean-up at events, and other help organizing activities. To volunteer, please contact Mike Amitay or Laurie Forte.

Swim Team – The Seahawks: Children between the ages of 4 and 18 are encouraged to join the Forest Knolls Seahawks Swim Team, a Division “J” competitor in the Montgomery County Swim League (MCSL). At the time of registration, swimmers must be associated with an active pool membership. For schedules, information and registration details, please visit pool website at: <http://forestknollspool.com/seahawks/> If interest in joining or supporting the team or questions, please contact Team Rep **Gabe Ossi** at: team_rep@forestknollspool.com

Swim Lessons: Swim lessons are available at Forest Knolls Pool for all age groups, and membership is not required to register. More information will be posted at the front desk after the season opening. If you are interested in registering or have specific questions, please contact **Nanci Schaefer at 301-593-1907.**

Use of Pool by Outside Groups: The pool earns substantial income by allowing one youth camp use our facilities. While we minimize overlap of these camps with operating hours, there will be periods in the morning when the main pool area is shared (usually before noon on Tue./Thurs mid-June to early Aug.) However, the baby pool area is reserved for use by pool members when camps are present. We will post camp schedules on website and bulletin board when available and apologize for any inconvenience

Board of Directors: A Board of Directors manages Forest Knolls Pool as a non-profit membership association. The Board and its management company (Lighthouse Pools, Inc) oversee pool operation and administration and strive to improve your pool experience. We welcome feedback and your support. If you are interested in serving on the board or any of its Committees please contact any current Board Member, who this season are:

President	Mike Amitay	president@forestknollspool.com 301-593-4466
Vice President	Chris Namovicz	vicepresident@forestknollspool.com 301-592-1653
Secretary	Alan Simon	secretary@forestknollspool.com
Treasurer	Leah Ossi	treasurer@forestknollspool.com
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Board Member	Laurie Forte	robin_nicholson@forestknollspool.com
Board Member	Nick Boboshko	boboshko@forestknollspool.com
Board Member	Hilary Boboshko	boboshko@forestknollspool.com
Board Member	Jen Ritchotte	jen_ritchotte@forestknollspool.com
Board Member (Swim Team Rep)	Gabe Ossi	team_rep@forestknollspool.com

Discipline Policy

A. Inappropriate Behavior

- Distracting lifeguards.
- Running on the deck.
- “Overzealous” splashing of others.
- Using swim noodles or other objects to hit others or pool property, including the water.
- Yelling and screaming.

Consequences

First offense - warning from guard.

Second offense - 15 minutes sitting out.

Third offense - another 15 minutes sitting out and a **CALL TO PARENT**

B. Unacceptable (Dangerous/Disrespectful) Behavior

- Roughhousing - i.e., dunking a swimmer, jumping on other swimmers.
- Using profanity or other verbal abuse.
- Refusing to comply with directions of pool staff.
- Defacing pool property.

Consequences

First offense - 30 minute “time out”, child not allowed to swim - **NO WARNING!**

Second offense - child will not be allowed to swim for remainder of the day; and parent/caretaker will be notified (at work or home).

Third offense - child will not be allowed in the pool the day following the offense including swim team practice. The head lifeguard or a Board Member will notify the parent/caretaker of the action. (*This also applies to any intentional introduction of contaminants into the pool.*)

If problems or questions arise and mediation is needed, please contact a Board Member.

THE LIFEGUARD STAFF IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR MAKING AN UNACCOMPANIED CHILD STAY ON POOL PROPERTY. FOREST KNOLLS POOL IS NOT RESPONSIBLE WHEN A CHILD LEAVES POOL PROPERTY.

I have read and discussed the guidelines stated in the policy with my child(ren) and we understand these rules must be obeyed to ensure the safety and comfort of everyone using the facilities at Forest Knolls Pool.

PAYPAL INSTRUCTIONS

Forest Knolls Pool membership and renewal fees can be paid by using PayPal, an on-line company that processes credit and debit card payments over the Internet. For a fee (3.0% of total transaction), you may use PayPal to pay membership dues and related fees.

With PayPal, you can debit your checking account, or use a credit card. The transaction is secure and PayPal transfers funds directly to the pool account. Please review the following information regarding how to make these payments.

- If you already have a PayPal account.
 - Go to the Forest Knolls Pool website: <http://www.forestknollspool.com>
 - Once on the website, locate the following headline: Renewal and Membership Forms.
 - Click on the statement "CLICK HERE" and you will go to the page with a number of options to choose from. Click on any one of the option buttons to choose from and Forest Knolls Pool and PayPal will take care of the rest.
- If you don't have a PayPal account.
 - You will need to go to the PayPal website: <http://www.paypal.com>
 - From there, you can register and transmit your information. You can setup PayPal to debit your checking account, and/or any of your major credit cards. Once you've setup your PayPal account, you will then need to go to the Forest Knolls Pool website: <http://www.forestknollspool.com>
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Paying by PayPal, while slightly more expensive (3.0% added to your total), allows you to more easily spread the cost of pool membership/renewal over an extended period and provides much needed income before the beginning of the season.

Please note that the Renewal and Consent forms must still be completed and mailed in before your membership renewal will be deemed complete. Please make sure you read through all instructions and sign where needed. Thank you.