



ROLAND PARK SWIMMING POOL, INC.

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Dear Roland Park Swimming Pool Members,

As this new year welcomes you, so does your neighborhood pool with its mission to build intergenerational fellowship and youth development in the surrounding community via an inclusive and relaxing outdoor setting by promoting safe and healthy activity.

Opening Day 2023 will be Memorial Day weekend, Saturday May 27th (see below for info about the late fee applied for renewals after **April 30th**); and with the new season comes a few changes to staffing, snacking, and dues.

Please join us in welcoming Ken Benjes as RPSP's new General Manager. Not to worry, as both Jen Silva and Meghan Fennessy are returning but will be supporting the pool in a part-time capacity. Ken, also a full-time teacher during the non-summer months, brings years of experience as a previous pool manager and excitement for supporting our community.

Regarding the changes to snacking, you'll notice a renovated snack-shack which now allows room to provide a greater selection. Please be kind as we get started with the selection and operations. This small renovation was NOT part of our master plan, but an easy and cost-effective lift to ensure RPSP continues to improve and respond to your feedback.

To see the master plan again, you can visit: [\[click here to view\]](#). Of course, funding is needed to realize this plan, so consider making a donation in addition to your dues. Those donations will be set aside and assigned to the next phase of the master plan. The board has made donations to the improvements, and we hope you will, too. Member feedback was overwhelming positive on the new website and integrated membership software, along with the changes to the fencing on the grounds which were put in place over the past two years. Thank you again for all the feedback you provided in the September Membership zoom meeting and the surveys before the start of the season to identify/validate these important improvements. We do hope to continue with the Master plan once fundraising strategies are in place.

Speaking of dues, you will notice a marginal increase in the dues this year. This increase is required to cover the rising costs of labor, services, and inventory. The increase is not intended to cover any of the master plan improvements.



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Below find information about membership renewal, pool hours, pool rules, staffing and the board. Please remember to visit the Roland Park Pool website for all updated summer happenings at the pool and to learn more about announcements and weather-related closures.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Returning pool members are encouraged to renew membership online through the Roland Park Pool website <http://rolandparkpool.org/membership/renew/>. Because we have a waitlist, please renew timely; there is a late fee after April 30th to encourage renewal before the start of the season. Members interested in renewing via more traditional methods should contact Caroline Mapp at rpspmembership@gmail.com, who will be happy to mail the appropriate forms. Roland Park residents are asked to be current with their Civic League dues when joining or renewing pool membership.

POOL MANAGEMENT

Please remember that the Board establishes the rules and regulations, and Ken and his staff are at the pool to enforce them. **Your help is needed!** Please respect and support their efforts to enforce the rules. Please review the standard pool rules and regulations at the following link [Roland Park Pool | Rules & Regulations](#) and share with your household before your first visit to the pool this year.

STAFFING

RPSP is accepting applications now via the website. Of course, staffing is always a challenge during the beginning and ending weeks of the season due to competing school commitments. This means hours will be limited at the beginning of season and at the end of August. View the website for specifics.

BOARD



It is with a heavy heart that we announce the passing of our good friend, Don McPherson, in November, 2022. Don has been an active RPSP volunteer board member for **over 50 years**. There aren't words to honor his contributions and dedication. He will be forever valued by our community. We thank the Civic League for dedicating part of their meeting to celebrate Don's life, and we intend to memorialize Don's memory with a plaque at the pool. For more information visit:

https://www.gettyburgtimes.com/obituaries/article_a1b94708-a0e3-589b-863e-e872cfb70b0f.html

The RPSP board is expanding this year with a number of new volunteer members: Ian Craig, Emmanuel Opati, Matt Stanley, Pete Stine, and Hannah Whitman. Returning volunteer board members are Craig Bedford, Katherine Engelke, Gauri Johnston, Chris Kao (Secretary), Chris Marshall (President), Marisa Schollaert, Hugh Smallwood (Vice President), Terri McBride, Todd Wade. Caroline Macsherry Mapp (Treasurer/Executive Secretary), handles all business and membership inquiries for the pool. Please share your suggestions and thoughts with our team via email, through the link on the pool website.



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Thank you for engaging in our community through the fellowship that the Roland Park Swimming Pool offers. We look forward to the 2023 season and providing you with a safe and relaxing place to enjoy the summer months!

Respectfully,

Chris Marshall, Board President