

LAUREL RUN SWIMMING ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER 2024



Greetings Members!

We hope you will join us in looking forward to the 2024 season at Laurel Run Pool!

Last season started out on a high note, having realized the hard work and repairs that were completed. We had a fun time at our annual Fourth of July Celebration. We tried something new last year. Members donated items for a raffle on Fourth of July as a new fundraiser. The response was great and we plan to continue that this year.

And then...the flood. It devastated our pool and forced us to shut down for three weeks. Several board members, the lifeguards and member volunteers scrubbed, raked, shoveled and power washed the pool and the grounds. Unfortunately, when we turned the pumps back on, there was more damage than anticipated. We needed to replace our sand filters and amassed a large bill in the process. It was a happy day for all when the pool was able to reopen.

We then spent the rest of the summer dealing with a pretty substantial leak in our expansion joints which required almost 20 hours of filling and monitoring each day. You can imagine that our water bill was substantial. We will need to have those joints repaired before opening day. The plan is to open on Saturday, May 25th.

Our fundraising committee has been busy raising funds to help with the maintenance and upkeep of Laurel Run Pool. Our pool is aging and we need to keep up with its maintenance. Your participation in the fundraisers is much appreciated. Our Labor Day Weekend Raffle has proven to be a hit with members and a fun way to raise money. We are investigating sponsorship via advertising signs for our fence.

In the off season, Laurel Run completed the sale of the adjacent property to the township. They have been using this parcel of land for many years. The sale will save us tax dollars and enable us to pay off last year's repairs to the tile and coping. Additionally, we were able to purchase a CD that will earn us a bit of interest.

The Board of Directors works hard to keep things running smoothly at Laurel Run. We have been discussing several maintenance projects and upgrades for the pool this year. There is always plenty of work to be done. Perhaps you have a skill you can share with us, or perhaps you are able to donate some time in service to our organization. The pool belongs to all of us and many hands make for lighter work. The following are some areas of need: painting, stump grinding, weed control, electric, fundraising, mechanical, landscaping, mowing, plumbing, roofing. Please let us know via our email if you can help. laurelrunpool@gmail.com,

We welcome your feedback and input with ideas or concerns. Check the website and Facebook for the latest updates. Thank you for being a member of Laurel Run Swimming Association and we look forward to another fun summer season.

Membership Membership dues for the 2024 season will remain the same as last year. A reminder that the ongoing success of Laurel Run Pool depends on our ability to maintain and grow our membership. The Board encourages members to take advantage of our **Referral Program** and invite family and friends to join Laurel Run Pool. We are fortunate to have access to this beautiful pool in a time when many neighborhood pools are struggling.

Board Members Needed It takes a dedicated team to run our pool. The Board of Directors is actively looking for board members willing to lend their talents to make Laurel Run Pool even better. This is a great way to give back to the pool where you have had fun memories with your family and friends. Email us at laurelrunpool@gmail.com.

Thank you to our current board members for their dedication and time in making Laurel Run the best it can be.

2024 Board of Directors

President: TBD

Vice-President: Katie Evans

Secretary: Karen Dietrich-Schwartz

Treasurer: Jennifer Seiders

Gary Fick, Sue Polytika, Ty Simmon, Lyndell Shipe, Jeff Steinfurth, Bob Strause.

The Board would like to thank out-going Vice President, Mike Sharer, for his dedication and many years of service to the pool.

Snack Bar Update This year our former snack bar operator, Ramiro's family will be taking over the operation of our snack bar. We look forward to a smooth transition.

Pavilion Rental Laurel Run Pool is a great place to have a party! We can handle both large and small groups. Schedule your birthday party or event **early** by contacting us at LaurelRunPool@gmail.com.

Blue Streaks Laurel Run is the home of the Blue Streaks Swim Team! Swim team also needs volunteers to help make

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the season a success.. For more information and sign-up dates, visit the swim team page at www.laurelrunpool.com.

2024 Important Dates

Please join us for our Annual Meeting - Sunday, April 28, 1:00 PM. Spring Clean Up to follow. We sure could use your help.

Spring Clean Up Days - Sunday, April 28, 1:00 - 5:00 PM and Saturday, May 11, 9:00 PM - 2:00PM

Swim Team Signups - TBD

Opening Day - Saturday, May 25

Swim Team Parent Meeting - TBA (check website)

Membership Meeting – September 2, 3:00pm

Closing Day - September 2

****Please Note: ****

Dues and applications may be dropped off at the pool during the above-listed clean-up days.

2024 Season Membership Dues

- **Family Membership:** \$395 Family Membership includes up to eight permanent members of a household (including the Class "A" shareholder(s)). An additional fee of \$25.00 applies to each member beyond the limit of eight.

- **Individual Membership:** Over age 18. \$225

- **Member over 60:** The annual membership fee for members over the age of 60 is \$150 for an individual Class "A" membership and \$225.00 for a senior citizen couple if both are over the age of 60. This is not available where there are more than two individuals on the membership. Those families must pay the family rate.

- **Additional Classifications:** \$50.00 per person for individuals over the age of 25 who are permanent members of a Class "A" Member's household. (This does not include a joint Class "A" member.) Add \$50.00 to your membership dues for each person.

- **Babysitter:** \$75.00. The babysitter must be (1) over the age of 15 who babysits a member's child under age 12 or (2) a member may add a child under age 12 that a member babysits. The babysitter or child a member babysits can use the pool facilities only when babysitting a member's child or the child is with the member and at no other time. Add \$75.00 per child or babysitter to your dues.

You must also fill out and return the enclosed Existing Member Application.

Please make sure you add all appropriate charges (over age 25, babysitter fees, late fee).

Please note: This year there will be a \$75 late fee added to any dues that are not paid in full by June 1st. This fee will be strictly enforced.

If you were a trial member last year, you will need to purchase stock this year. Doing it in a payment before your dues is a great way to get started.

Your cards from last year will be what you use, once again for pool access. There will be a \$5 fee per card to replace lost cards. Cards will be activated once dues are paid in full. Kindly indicate on your application if you will be needing new cards.

If this is your last summer as a pool member, you can use the \$225.00 value of your stock toward this season's dues, however, you must notify us in writing and return your dues notice with a check for the \$170.00 difference (plus any fee for an over age 25 member or babysitter) with your application. (Membership Dues Policy)

All members are obligated under the bylaws to pay yearly dues which are necessary to protect your investment in the pool so the pool can pay for the utilities, taxes, insurance and maintenance of the pool, as well as other expenses that come up. Members who do not pay their yearly dues do not bear their burden of the costs and expenses to run the pool and do not fulfill their obligations as a member and shareholder. It is Laurel Run's policy that any member who fails to pay dues for three consecutive summers will automatically have his or her membership revoked at the end of the third summer and the value of the member's stock will be applied to the member's deficient dues. The value of the member's stock will be reduced to zero and the membership canceled on the books of Laurel Run.

Members may request, in writing on a form available on the website or in the office, to be placed on a stock sell list for three summers without having to pay the yearly dues. The stock sell list is maintained by Laurel Run as a courtesy to the members. This request notifies us that you are trying to sell your stock. Laurel Run is under no obligation to sell your stock. Members should try to sell their stock on their own. Members can remain on the stock sell list for three consecutive summers. If the stock is not sold after the third summer, the value of the stock will be applied to the member's deficient dues at the end of the third summer. The value of the member's stock will be reduced to zero and the membership canceled on the books of Laurel Run.

Membership Meeting

We will hold the annual membership meeting on **Saturday, April 20th, 2024 at 2:00 pm at the pool pavilion**. This meeting follows our first pool clean-up day. Members are encouraged to participate in both events. Stockholders are welcome to attend the meeting. This newsletter serves as notice to members of the meeting in accordance with the by-laws.