

Pool opens Saturday, May 24

Our pool opens Saturday, May 24 at noon on Memorial Day weekend. All High Point residents must have a pool pass for each family member to enter the pool facility. Lifeguards are required to collect passes and enforce this policy at all times. Residents have two options (described elsewhere in this newsletter) to obtain their passes. ***Please read the rules and information in this newsletter with family members***, even if you already know the pool rules from previous years. We look forward to an exciting and safe summer. **Use of High Point Pool Pass by residents constitutes full acceptance of ALL RULES published in this newsletter or posted by association trustees at the pool.**

High Point is a private facility open to residents, their family members and guests. Adults, teenagers and children must all share the pool. Metropolitan Pool Services will again provide our lifeguard staff, under contract to the association. These certified lifeguards are charged by the association trustees with the responsibility not only to provide a safe experience for all swimmers, but also an environment where all family members feel safe and comfortable participating together.

Pool Pass distribution information and registration form appear elsewhere in this newsletter.

→ → Association Meeting May 14 ← ←

High Point homeowners are invited to attend an Association Meeting at the clubhouse beginning at 8:00 pm on Wednesday, May 14. Our business meetings are short and to the point. In addition to trustee reports on the agenda, there is a time for questions from the audience. Among the topics to be presented at this meeting by the trustees will be an update on the renovation/expansion of the clubhouse and a homeowner association dues increase effective in the 2004 calendar year.

Before the association meeting on Wednesday, May 14, a "Welcome to High Point" session is held for new residents. This begins at 7:30 pm at the club house. No reservations are needed to attend.

Russell M. McKee

In our January newsletter, association trustees reported that Russ McKee, our clubhouse manager for many years, retired and moved to Dayton to be with his daughter. Unfortunately, Russ passed away suddenly on February 4. Family members knew the many friendships Russ and Ginny had in our community and they returned to Strongsville for the memorial service and funeral. Because Russ and Ginny had many friends in High Point and served our association for many years in the capacity of clubhouse manager, a donation was made on behalf of the association to the Strongsville United Methodist Church Building Fund in his memory. Russ will be missed by the trustees.

Police Bond Issue Information Meeting

Tuesday, April 29 at 7:00 -8:00 pm

Voters are reminded that Primary Election Day for Ohio is Tuesday, May 6. Among the issues on the ballot will be Issue #23. This is a bond issue to build and equip a new police facility for the City of Strongsville. A representative from the Strongsville Police Department will be **at the High Point clubhouse on TUESDAY, APRIL 29** from 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm to answer questions about the Bond Issue and the proposed Police facility. High Point residents are encouraged to stop and get the facts about this ballot issue. Changes were made to the proposal, after it was on the ballot last fall, in response to surveys conducted and City Council decided to move the facility to city-owned land. Get the facts and right information so you can cast an informed vote on Tuesday, May 6.

Pool Rules for Everyone

Pool passes are collected at the podium by lifeguards. Under the authority of association trustees, lifeguards are required to admit only those with valid passes. Pool passes are returned by lifeguards when residents leave the pool. ***Your patience and cooperation are appreciated as you enter and leave the pool facility, especially at the beginning of break periods, when it is very busy.***

ALL DECISIONS BY METROPOLITAN POOL LIFEGUARDS ARE FINAL. Questions or comments regarding Metropolitan Pool lifeguards or pool rules should be directed to association trustees. Please respect the authority of the lifeguards and follow their directions while you are in the pool area. Your cooperation is appreciated. We have retained this professional firm to manage our daily operations due to the complexities and importance of this facility. *Safety is our number one priority.*

Pool passes are issued to individual family members who reside in the High Point home. Names and addresses should be written in ink on each pass. Ages for the categories below are determined as of September 1, 2003. ***Issuance of Adult passes may require verification of age by the trustees.***

ADULT PASS - Issued to persons 16 years and older. *Age as of 09-01-2003*

TEEN PASS - Issued to persons 12 through 15 years of age.

CHILD PASS - 11 years and younger, MUST be accompanied by ADULT.

NO running or horseplay is allowed in the pool or deck area to ensure the safety of everyone at the pool. Behavior or actions which, in the judgment of lifeguards, breaks pool rules or endangers the safety of swimmers will result in the following disciplinary measures: (except as otherwise noted)

1st situation - Lifeguard will give a warning to swimmer.

2nd situation - Individual will be required to sit on deck at lifeguard chair for 15 minutes.

3rd situation - Individual will be sent home without pass and not be allowed to return until a meeting is held with the parent and head lifeguard.

Rest Break - All swimmers (except adults and infants) are required to take a rest break each hour while at the pool. This means young swimmers must completely exit the main pool and zero-entry. Breaks are scheduled the last 15 minutes of each hour. Infants (two and under) are allowed in the water only with adults during the break. There is no rest break the last hour at the end of the day.

Private Parties - Residents may rent the club house for private parties which may begin as early as 5:00 pm and must share the pool until 10:00 pm. **All party guests using the pool must wear provided wrist bands for identification.** Private parties must end by midnight and there is an option offered again this year for non-pool summer rentals for functions such as showers, anniversaries and birthdays. See additional details and club house rental information elsewhere in this newsletter.

Extra Day - Our pool will **open Thursday, June 12**, the last day of school, from 4:30 pm to 10:00 pm. Beginning on June 13, the pool is open daily from noon to 10:00 pm.

Any use of profanity, vulgar, sexually or racially offensive language - witnessed by a lifeguard or reported to a lifeguard by an adult - will result in immediate ejection from the pool for the rest of the day and possible review by the trustees. Verbal or physical abuse of a lifeguard or reckless endangerment of other swimmers will result in immediate ejection from the pool and prohibited re-entry until the matter is reviewed by the trustees. Lifeguards have been directed by the trustees to request assistance from the Strongsville Police when any situation might threaten or compromise the safety of the lifeguard staff, residents or swimmers.

Based on our success in prior years, a **Family Guest Pass** is available to residents who consent to the use of this pass by teenage family members. High Point teenagers may bring up to two guests 12 to 15 years of age. Parents, *who are required to authorize this use*, are responsible for the conduct of the teenagers and their guests. (Trustees reserve the right to revoke this privilege if warranted.)

All valuables, especially purses and wallets, should be left at home. High Point Homeowners Association is not responsible for money or valuables lost in the pool or clubhouse area.

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Pool Rules continued . . .

Lifeguards have a first-aid kit for accidents and injuries. Please report ALL accidents and injuries to lifeguards to ensure proper medical treatment and attention by the trustees to dangerous conditions.

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES are NOT permitted in the area of the pool or the deck during normal pool hours when the facility is open to residents. SMOKING is NOT permitted at any time within the clubhouse, deck or pool area. A designated area is provided outside the front door.

A Guest Pass is issued to each resident family with 30 uses. These are for relatives or friends. Each person equals one use. As cards are used, holes are punched to mark uses. (Four guests would be four uses.) Additional Guest Passes can be purchased for \$10. Adult Guest Passes may be used by adults only. A special Family Guest Pass, with parental consent, may be used by teenagers to admit two guests age 12-15. **High Point residents must be present at all times with invited guests.** Please read special notice in this newsletter regarding UNAUTHORIZED parties for birthday, graduation, soccer or baseball teams, etc. using the guest pass instead of club house rental.

Glass containers or bottles are NOT permitted in the pool area at ANY time. Food and beverages may be brought to the pool, but only on the grass areas. Paper and cans should be thrown in trash containers provided in the deck area. Please pick up your own litter when you are leaving.

Deck chairs and lounges are intended for adults, unless pool is not crowded. Radios and tape players must have earphones. Swimmers must wear swim suits. Cutoffs and shorts are not permitted.

Swimmer safety is the primary concern of lifeguards, who are responsible for deciding what toys or objects are allowed in the pool. LIFEGUARDS WILL MAKE THAT DETERMINATION BASED ON THE NUMBER OF SWIMMERS AND POOL CONDITIONS in order to protect the safety of everyone using the pool. **Rafts, inner-tubes and other floats are NOT permitted at any time.** Noodles are allowed. Squirt guns and other water shooting toys are NOT permitted. A number of water-squirting devices are new on the market (like the Soak-A-Saurus noodles) and are also prohibited at all times. **Only Splash Bombs or similar balls may be thrown. Objects such as tennis or foam balls that absorb water and become heavy, may NOT be used at any time.**

In case of thunder and threatening weather, the lifeguards have complete authority to clear the pool immediately. If the storm passes and weather conditions improve, the pool will reopen 30 minutes after the last thunder. After prolonged storm conditions, the pool will reopen if there is more than 3 hours left in the day. You may call the club house lifeguard station **(440-572-9822)** to check on the pool status. When the temperature is below 60 degrees or in bad weather, the pool will be closed.

Lost Pool Passes can be replaced. Lifeguards have forms to complete at the podium. Leave the form with the lifeguards. Replacement passes will be issued and available at the podium within 3 days.

ATTENTION PARENTS OF TODDLERS: In recent years we have had several incidents of bacterial release from the diapers of toddlers. Even though there are new and improved designs are on the market, NO diaper will work unless parents monitor their youngsters. There is no excuse for a parent who does not accept this responsibility. Trustees worked with Metropolitan over the winter to be prepared in the event of a bacterial release in the pool. At no time is there any danger or risk from exposure to residents, thanks to the chlorination of our water. In the event this summer of any release, the lifeguards will evaluate the situation and make a decision on how to respond. If necessary, the pool may be closed for an hour while a superdose of additional chlorine is added to the water. Should additional steps be necessary, Metropolitan will make the decision in concert with the trustees, observing all required health standards to protect resident safety.

There is a dedicated swim time for toddlers from 10:00 am to noon, Monday through Friday. **This is for toddlers only (defined as youngsters six years and under) in the zero-entry section of the pool** while swim team is practicing in the main pool. Children must be accompanied by a parent. Pool passes are required and only High Point residents are permitted (sorry, no guests). A lifeguard will be on duty in the zero-entry during this time. **Toddler Swim will be June 13 through August 22.**

High Point's pool temperature is a constant 85 degrees. Nice and warm.

Parking for Home Swim Meets

Home swim meets for our High Point Sharks are a challenge for residents and participants. Please use common sense and have patience when High Point hosts a swim meet. It is unfortunate that even with the parking lot expansion many years ago, we still have a severe shortage of parking for big events. **On the other hand, isn't it fantastic that we have over 70 families involved in the swim team so we have congestion pains!** It is a small price to pay for the few home meets we host (only two of them are real challenges). Our association trustees and parents of swimmers appreciate everyone's patience on the days of home meets. Thank you in advance!

If Only Dogs Could Read

Our number one complaint from residents is about dog owners who allow their pets to do their business on lawns and in recreation areas of the association. Why is it people with dogs seem to think they aren't responsible for their pets? If you are walking your dog, please carry a bag to pick up the poop. There are still too many people who ignore this common courtesy and allow their dogs to do their business on other people's property. **Dog owners should not let their pets run loose in the development and should be responsible for cleaning up after their dogs. It is a matter of having some courtesy for your neighbors.** Our club house and recreation grounds are full of dog waste. Have your dog go to the bathroom on your own property or at least clean up your dog's waste deposits from other's lawns.

Next Newsletter in the Fall

Association trustees will send the next newsletter sometime early in the fall. Continuing the process of only sending four newsletters a year, the trustees are holding postage costs down. You can always access our internet site for up to the minute news and information.

<http://community.cleveland.com/cc/highpoint>

Homeowner Hotline 238-1580

Our Homeowner Hotline is available when you need to report problems or concerns around the association, place club house reservations or contact an association trustee. You can call 238-1580 day or night and leave a message. Calls are checked regularly and returned within a few days.

Wooded Common Areas

As part of the ongoing common area maintenance program, each natural wooded greenbelt area is checked on an annual basis for problems. High Point is fortunate to have many acres of wooded greenbelt throughout the association. This common area is generally maintained in a natural state. Dangerous or hazardous conditions, such as partially fallen trees and large dead trees that could potentially cause damage to nearby homes, are addressed by tree service professionals. **Compost piles, created by adjacent homeowners who dump grass and leaves, are not permitted in the common area.** Reports of this activity should be made to the Homeowner Hotline. **Responsible residents will be charged to remove the debris.**

Trustees Elected

Congratulations to David Knowles and Mark Skalak who were elected to two-year trustee positions at the January 29 association meeting. Jack Schneider was appointed by the trustees to an unexpired term. Please remember that family members can take messages for the trustees but are unable to answer questions about concerns or issues in the association. Thank you for your cooperation.

Bob Campobenedetto	18156 Rustic Hollow	238-3013
Ken Evans	18399 Yorktown Oval	572-3292
David Knowles	18435 Yorktown Oval	238-5769
Jack Schneider	18275 North Salem Row	238-8679
Mark Skalak	17716 Plymouth Row	238-5955

Homeowner Reminders

GUEST PASS LIMITATIONS - Guest passes may not be used to host unauthorized parties (such as graduation, birthday, soccer or baseball team, etc.). *This puts a strain on safety considerations that the trustees must insist be our number one priority.* Unauthorized parties of more than 20 in the group compromise the safety of swimmers, especially on weekends and evenings. **Residents who wish to have more than 20 guests for a party (graduation, birthday, soccer/baseball team, etc) MUST rent the club house.** (See rental information elsewhere in newsletter). Guest passes were designed to allow residents to bring relatives or friends to enjoy our facility. Unauthorized parties (evidenced by party supplies and equipment, an excessive number of guests, full meal service or setup, etc.) will be required to leave the pool immediately. Failure to observe this policy will result in a review by association trustees. ***If you have questions about this policy, call a trustee for clarification.***

Mowing & Maintenance - Association covenants and restrictions require that all grass be mowed to a height not exceeding four inches. This means that owners are responsible for doing it themselves or contracting landscape services to maintain their lawns. Our covenants and restrictions also require owners provide reasonable exterior maintenance (including paint, repair of roofs, gutters and downspouts, shrubs, driveways and sidewalks) of their properties. This work can be done by the resident or contracted out as necessary. Poor maintenance hurts the values of all the homes in High Point.

RETENTION LAKE SAFETY: High Point residents are reminded that the two retention lakes within the development are NOT intended for fishing, swimming, boating or other recreational activity. These bodies of water are for the purpose of detaining runoff water from the development and surrounding areas. Parents should not allow children in the area because the banks of the lakes are steep and the water can have debris and contaminants. Lifesaving equipment is not provided at either lake. Our lakes are treated by a professional firm on a regular basis to prevent algae buildup and other chemical problems. Signs are posted prohibiting trespassing and violators will be prosecuted.

Vehicle Storage - Many residents have campers, recreational vehicles, boats and trailers. These must be stored in your garage or remote site, not in your driveway. Owners are required to observe the Covenants and Restrictions which prohibit storage in the driveway and use good judgment when doing summer vehicle or boat cleaning or vacation preparation at their home.

Neighborhood Security - During the summer vacation season, residents should be alert and watch out for neighbor's homes. Replace burned out lamp post lights, as this is an important element of our night security. Light is the best deterrent for criminals. If you have a home security system, the police require you have an automatic reset to prevent false alarms from sounding for hours.

Easter Egg Scramble Eggciting

Bright sunshine greeted almost 200 youngsters who came to the April 13 Easter Egg Scramble. It only took 15 minutes for 2,400 brightly colored eggs to be scooped up. Everyone had a great time!!!

How to receive Pool Passes

MAIL REQUESTS - Complete Pool Pass Registration form in this newsletter, send with a **stamped, self-addressed** envelope to: High Point Pool Passes, P.O. Box 361065, Strongsville, Ohio 44136

- * Requests received by June 6 will be returned by mail to the homeowner.
- * Requests **received after June 6 will be held at Lifeguard podium** for pickup during normal pool operating hours. (Daily operations begin on June 13.)

PICK UP IN PERSON - Homeowners (**no children**, please) may pick up passes at the club house at the following times: (Pool registration form **MUST** be completed for mail or in-person pick-up.)

@ WEDNESDAY, MAY 14	7:00 pm to 8:00 pm	at club house
@ TUESDAY, MAY 20	7:00 pm to 8:00 pm	at club house
@ THURSDAY, MAY 22	7:00 pm to 8:00 pm	at club house

Homeowners may drop off completed registration forms at Lifeguard podium any time after pool is open. Orders are filled by trustees and available for pickup at podium on Tuesdays and Saturdays.

★ ★ Swim Team Schedule ★ ★

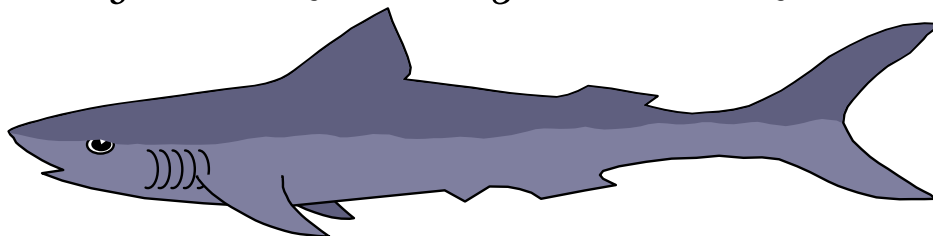
Our High Point Sharks Swim Team will soon practice for another summer in the Strongsville Swim League (SSL). Our association is proud to have so many swimmers and families participating in this excellent activity. Our sharks will be working hard to regain the swim league championship title.

This is a competitive league, but each team is dedicated to working with swimmers to help them learn and develop. Winning is defined as giving the best effort, improving and having fun. Our swim team is open to all young residents who can swim the length of the pool and are under 18 years old as of June 1, 2003. Direct **last minute** calls about swim team to Joan Buynak (238-4086).

There are nine teams in the SSL. **High Point is scheduled to close to host four evening home swim meets (bold below). On those days, the High Point pool will close at 4:30 pm. High Point residents may use the Deerfield Woods pool by presenting their High Point pool passes.** This arrangement is possible because Deerfield Woods swimmers participate on the High Point team. Deerfield Woods pool is on Ridgeline Court, just off Saratoga, immediately South of our association.

Tuesday, June 17	Co-Moor hosts High Point	6:00 pm
Thursday, June 19	High Point hosts Bent Tree/Spyglass	6:00 pm
Tuesday, June 24	High Point hosts RecCenter (city team)	5:30 pm Start
Thursday, June 26	Westwood Farms host High Point	6:00 pm
Tuesday, July 1	High Point hosts Huntington Park	6:00 pm
Tuesday, July 8	Chandler Commons hosts High Point	6:00 pm
Thursday, July 10	High Point hosts LedgePark	6:00 pm
Tuesday, July 15	High Point BYE	No Meet
Saturday, July 19	Championships at Strongsville Rec Complex	

Good Luck to our High Point Sharks !!!



About Fences in High Point

As an owner of property in High Point, each and every homeowner is required to observe the Covenants and Restrictions of the Association. Your trustees are charged with a fiduciary responsibility to uphold and enforce the articles of the Covenants and Restrictions, as serious responsibility in the eyes of the law. As volunteers in the position, trustees do not search for violators, but when situations are reported, they are obligated to investigate the circumstances.

Article VI, Section 2 of the Covenants and Restrictions (amended in 1986) says in part, "... No building, fence, wall or other structure shall be commenced, erected or maintained upon the Properties, except by the developer, or its authorized builder, building company, or other person, firm or entity." This statement has been interpreted by the Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Court to mean that fences in High Point are prohibited. As a Board of Trustees, we are obliged to enforce this restriction in a uniform manner within the association. Homeowners who violate the Covenants and Restrictions, including the above, should expect the trustees to pursue the matter as necessary, including taking legal action against violations. We appreciate the cooperation of High Point residents in observing all of the requirements of the Covenants and Restrictions. Direct questions about this to any trustee.

Association Meeting – Wednesday, MAY 14 at 8:00 pm
Welcome to High Point before meeting at 7:30 pm

Club House Rentals Available

As a homeowner, you may rent our club house for private parties. Due to heavy rental activity this summer, there are few dates available for weekend parties. Rentals can be done on weeknights at the \$100 cost, but parties are from 5:00 pm to 10:00 pm. If you are interested in a particular date, call the High Point Homeowner Hotline, 238-1580, and leave a message. It helps to have several dates in mind when calling, since few dates are left. Your call about a rental will be returned within a few days.

WEEKEND EVENING RENTALS for \$150 which includes the cost of lifeguards, may be booked for Friday, Saturday or Sunday evenings. Weekend rentals may start as early as 5:00 p.m., but must share the pool with residents during homeowner hours. When the pool closes to residents at 10:00 p.m., parties have the pool to themselves. Weekend rentals **MUST** end at midnight with cleanup completed by 1:00 am.

NON-POOL RENTAL for \$100 (**anniversaries, baby or wedding showers, retirements, etc.**). Non-pool rentals can be booked at the clubhouse for any afternoon or evening.

WEEKDAY EVENING RENTALS are available (Monday through Thursday evenings) for \$100 beginning as early as 5:00 pm and **ENDING** at 10:00 pm with cleanup completed by 11:00 pm. Parties share the pool with homeowners during the entire time of the rental.

Call the Homeowner Hotline (238-1580) for information and to make reservations.

Private Party guests using the pool must wear provided wristbands to identify themselves as party guests and must follow all pool rules and safety requirements.

(Non-pool rentals do not need wristbands.) ALL private party guests must comply will lifeguard instructions. Resident hosts must be present at all times and are responsible for guests.

A refundable security deposit of \$200 is required and returned if no damage is done to the club house. Rental dates are confirmed only when separate checks (rental fee and security deposit) are received, a rental contract has been signed by the homeowner, and a "Release From Liability and Agreement to Indemnify" form has been executed. **Residents who rent the club house are responsible for cleaning the facility when they are done, REMOVING ALL trash and debris, taking down decorations and tape, vacuuming the floor, and putting tables and chairs away.**

Club House rentals are a privilege reserved for High Point residents only and not friends, relatives or the general public. Activities are limited to family entertainment and recreation, unless otherwise approved by the trustees prior to a contract being signed. Residents renting the facility must be present at all times and are responsible for the conduct of guests and any damage. Inspections are done before and after each party, with a checklist covering entire facility. ***Fire code capacity is 120 people.***

Club House Parking Lot

With the summer pool season around the corner, residents who live by the club house are reminded that **parking in the club house lot by nearby residents is prohibited.** This is especially important during summer swimming pool hours and club house rentals when we need every space in the lot. Residents in the area of the club house area are asked to park in their own driveways.

Spring Clean Up

Spring is here and it is time to clean up winter debris and make everything pretty. Take a look at your home and see what may need some work. Does your wood trim need to be painted? Are your shrubs and plantings looking old and tired? Is your roof in need of repair? What about those crumbling, tilting and heaving sidewalks? If any of these fit the circumstances, why not get going on the repair work now and help hold the value of homes in our development. Take a look around your street and you will see neighbors who take great pride in keeping their homes neat and clean. High Point has an excellent reputation and it is easier to keep things maintained when you do it regularly. Thank you.

2003 Pool Pass Registration

High Point Homeowners Association

HOMEOWNER LAST NAME (Please PRINT) _____

ADDRESS _____ Home Phone _____

Emergency Contact _____ Phone Number (____) _____

FAMILY MEMBERS: (defined as immediate family members living at the above address)

I have read and understand the High Point pool rules in the May newsletter and agree to abide by these rules as well as any which may be posted at High Point pool by association trustees. Use of High Point Pool Pass constitutes full acceptance of these published and posted rules. I affirm the information on this registration form is accurate and acknowledge that falsification will lead to revocation of passes by the High Point trustees.

HOMEOWNER SIGNATURE _____ Date _____

Special Homeowner Consent for **Family Guest Pass** - I hereby authorize our Guest Pass to be used by Teenage family members to bring up to two guests, 12 to 15 years of age, per teen and to be responsible for this use. Teen pass **MUST** be presented with Guest Pass.

HOMEOWNER SIGNATURE _____ Date _____

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Passes distributed by _____ Date _____ Mail Person Podium

High Point 2000 Project Update

As announced in the January newsletter, association trustees have moved forward on the proposed clubhouse renovation and expansion project. Over the past several months, approvals were obtained from all the city departments, boards and commissions (which is no small task). A bidding process was conducted with 13 general contractors to ensure the best price for the work. Unfortunately, the bids that were received were much higher than the project budget. A re-bid was conducted with the project components broken out and the field of contractors was narrowed to the two lowest bids. Both contractors have excellent histories and records, but the negotiations continue because we are still working to close the gap between the bids and our budget. Association trustees will have a definitive report for the May 14 association meeting that addresses the project status for construction this fall.

Plans developed by our architect were focused on three areas: Renovating the entrance to put the steps and ramp inside the building, renovating the kitchen and building a larger more functional serving counter, and expanding the party room. At this time, the decision has been made to hold off on the entry and kitchen renovation due to cost constraints. Current contractor discussions are targeted at the expansion of the clubhouse party room as was shown in the January newsletter.

Residents should keep in mind that the entry and kitchen renovation work was not part of the original HP 2000 plan, but were added in the design phase. Our capital improvement plan proposed in 1994 included a series of major projects for the association. Our final project is the clubhouse work.

\$ 50,000	Two sublots were purchased from the developer for the new pool expansion in 1995
35,017	Five entrance signs were replaced with brick & precast signs in 1996-97
276,363	Replaced swimming pool and all mechanical equipment with new design in 1997
68,475	Replaced tennis and basketball court surfaces, tennis fence and lights in 1998-99
43,204	Gut renovation of club house restrooms completed in 2000
\$ 473,059	Total improvements completed to date

All of the above work was done with no increase in dues!!! Your trustees consider this to be a major achievement. Our dues have been held at \$270 since 1983. Our final project is the expansion and renovation of the clubhouse and we hope to complete that in 2003. This will involve an addition to our main party room, wall covering and carpet replacement and much more. One of the topics at the May 14 Association Meeting will be the dues increase necessary for the 2004 calendar year. Trustees will report on how our current expenses have reached the level of current annual revenue.

2003 High Point Pool Schedule

Memorial Day Weekend - May 24, 25, 26 @ Noon to 9:00 pm

Pre-season Weekends - May 31, June 1 & June 7, 8 @ Noon to 9:00 pm

Thursday, June 12 only @ 4:30 pm to 10:00 pm

Daily June 13 through August 24 @ 12:00 Noon to 10:00 pm
(note: POOL CLOSSES SUNDAY, AUGUST 24 AT 9:00 PM)

Monday thru Friday - Toddlers Only 10:00 am to Noon in Zero Entry Area
(Toddler Time June 13 through August 22)

Weekdays August 25 through August 29 @ 4:30 pm to 9:00 pm

Labor Day Weekend – August 30, 31, Sept. 1 @ Noon to 9:00 pm

Pool will close for the season at the end of Labor Day Weekend



Detailed Survey Responses



Many surveys asked questions about specific issues. We appreciate people who took time to write.

Conditions in the playground area are terrible. Equipment is broken and glass and cigarette butts are everywhere. What are the trustees doing about this? We did have a broken slide last fall and it took several months for us to get it repaired. This area is secluded and difficult to watch. Because this is a family recreation area and signs are posted about behavior, we ask residents to call police (using cell phones or from home) when there are problems. Our police are committed to respond as quickly as possible, **but only if they are called.**

Vandalism is out of control. What are the trustees doing to solve this problem? We only have five trustees who volunteer their time. Unless residents are willing to call police when they see or hear something going on (and our police do a great job of following up), there is not much that can be done. Five cannot do it alone.

You say fences are not permitted, but there are a bunch. Special rules for special people? Our Covenants and Restrictions prohibited fences unless they were built by the developer. There are exactly six fences in the development that were built years ago by the developer. Those are grandfathered. No new fences can be built.

Debris and trash are everywhere on the walking paths. Trustees should do something. Our landscaper does pick up trash and debris, but it is a never-ending problem. Everyone in our development has to help.

We have safety concerns about dark areas (Admiralty between Saratoga & Heritage), uneven sidewalks, low hanging tree branches and cars parked over sidewalks. A request was made of the city to install three streetlights on Admiralty. Several sporadic ones were done by the developer years ago in the association. We are on a long list of requests from developments in the city. Uneven or crumbling sidewalks are the responsibility of the homeowner. If you know of a particular problem, you can call the City (238-5720) and they can contact the owner. You can call the police about cars parked over sidewalks, as an ordinance prohibits this, and they will advise the owner. Perhaps homeowners with trees over sidewalks will read this and cut low-hanging branches.

Our family has to keep an adult watching kids in the pool because lifeguards cannot be trusted to do their job. Actually the trustees feel every parent at the pool with youngsters should be watching their own kids. While the lifeguards are there to protect all swimmers, they are not babysitters. Parents must be responsible too.

Metropolitan Pool lifeguards need more supervision. Frankly, lifeguarding is a very difficult job. Pay for these kids is low and we ask a lot of them. Our pool is the busiest and largest in Strongsville. Trustees are glad that families use it, but lifeguards don't like to work here because it is hard work compared to other pools. Somewhere homeowners get the idea that their responsibility stops when they enter the pool. It does not. Most of the people who responded to the survey felt Metropolitan guards did a good job. We agree. Always room to improve.

Pool should open before Memorial Day and stay open after Labor Day. This year the pool will close on Labor Day weekend, where we have usually stayed open for two weeks after. Trustees came to the conclusion that the few swimmers who use it after Labor Day do not justify the cost of keeping the pool open. Our highest utility cost is for heating the water. Weather conditions typically allow only a few good days and hardly any swimmers use the pool in August, let alone after Labor Day. Plus we now have a year-round indoor city pool complex.

High Point has lots of guards living in the development. Why don't you use them? Trustees got out of the pool management business years ago (hiring a professional firm). Metro hires lifeguards for the many pools they manage in Strongsville and other communities. Metro would be thrilled to hire residents from our development.

Pool cost is excessive for the number of people who use it. We respectfully disagree. We think it is a plus.

Rust, algae and broken equipment at the pool. Why? Our climate puts a strain on outdoor pools. Acid wash and marcite repair were done this spring to clean and repair the interior surface. Equipment is fixed each year.

Sidewalks in the association are not shoveled. Isn't there a law? Strongsville requires sidewalks be clear of snow 24 hours after snowfall. It would be impossible to enforce. Wouldn't it be great if everyone did shovel?

Don't put the trustee election ballot on the back of financials. Good point. We appreciate people who vote.

Snow plowing of our streets is hit or miss. When your street is accidentally missed, call the city at 238-5720.

AFS Looking for Hosts

Residents Barb and George Ringle (440-238-9344) are interested in telling their neighbors about the benefits of serving as a host family for an exchange student. AFS Intercultural Programs will bring the world into your home for a semester or year. All students have insurance coverage and spending money. Host families provide a room, board, love and guidance. Build friendships that last a lifetime!

Swim Lesson information

Metropolitan Pool Service (our contracted lifeguard provider) teaches American Red Cross certified swim lessons at the High Point pool. These swim lessons are for High Point residents only at a cost of \$35 per session. Classes are two weeks long (10 days), Monday - Friday for 30 minutes each day. Make-up classes are held only for weather or mechanical cancellations the week between sessions. (NO makeups or refunds for classes missed for personal reasons.) **REGISTRATION for session 1 will be handled by mail only and must be received by June 1, so instructors can be scheduled.** Late registrations will be accepted when classes begin only if there is space available. Payment by check to Metropolitan Pools will be due the first day of class. **Do NOT mail check with this form.**

Parent & Tot (ages 6 months – 3 yrs) – Water adjustment class, one tot per parent or adult (18 yrs+). Instructor provides activities and games. Parent works with own child one-on-one in the water.

Level 1/Seahorse (3 yrs & up) - Water exploration. Too old for parent & tot, needs a little more work on water adjustment. Supported floats, fully submerging, blowing underwater bubbles.

Level 2/Starfish – Primary skills. Front/back crawl, explore deep water.

Level 3/Seal – Stroke readiness. Rhythmic breathing, elementary backstroke kick, basic dives.

Level 4/Seal – Stroke development. Full elementary backstroke, breaststroke kick, scissors kick, open turn, deep water bobbing.

Level 5/Sailfish – Stroke refinement. Stride jump, begin dives off deck, full breaststroke and side stroke, dolphin kick, endurance.

Level 6/Barracuda – Skill proficiency. Butterfly, advanced turns, advanced treading, endurance.

Level 7/Barracuda – Advanced skills. Backstroke flip turns, retrieve brick from deep end.

Water safety instructor aide – Students who completed all seven levels. Apprenticeship program. Act as swimming instructor for lessons from 12 pm – 1 pm. Receive instructor aide certification.

Session 1 (Mon-Fri)
(Mon-Fri)
June 17 - June 28
12 noon - 1pm

Session 2 (Mon-Fri)
July 8 - July 19
12 noon - 1pm

Session 3
July 29 - August 9
12 noon - 1pm

Registration for Session 1 must be by mail. Call April at Metropolitan Pools **for questions only** at 216-741-9451. Registration for Sessions 2 & 3 will be done through lifeguards at High Point pool.



Mail to: April, Metropolitan Pools, 3427 Brookpark Road, Parma, Ohio 44129

Parent/Guardian (print) _____ Home phone _____ - _____ - _____

Home address _____ Day phone _____ - _____ - _____

Strongsville, OH 44136 (High Point) (Do NOT send check with registration.)

Swimmer name (print)	Class level	Session #	Day/Evening