

## The Pools Will Open May 16th

Both of the Longwood Pools will open on May 16<sup>th</sup>. They will be open weekends through June 3<sup>rd</sup>, and both pools will also be open on May 25<sup>th</sup>—Memorial Day. The Pool Hours and the Pool Rules may also be found on this website.

Greater Houston Pool Management, Inc., (GHPMI), will manage our pools again this year. GHPMI offer a variety of programs at the pools. For a detailed list of these programs please visit GHPMI at [www.takeaswimlesson.com](http://www.takeaswimlesson.com) for classes, and [www.haveapoolparty.com](http://www.haveapoolparty.com) for pool parties. Additionally, GHPMI may be reached at 713.771.7665 or visit them online at [www.greaterhoustonpool.com](http://www.greaterhoustonpool.com).

Additionally, the Pool Committee welcomes your comments and concerns and can be reached at [carolyn\\_gandy@sbcglobal.net](mailto:carolyn_gandy@sbcglobal.net) or by calling Carolyn Gandy at 281-373-9781.

Finally, GHPMI has some excellent safety reminders to start the swim season off on a positive note. The goal of both the HOA and GHPMI is for the 2009 swim season to be a safe and positive experience for all.

- Parents must closely supervise their children at all times. Remember, it only takes seconds for a child to drown.
- Do not dive in areas marked “NO DIVING”. Nearly 90 percent of all spinal injuries occur in the shallow end of the pool.
- Breath holding games can be very dangerous and may cause cardiac arrhythmia or seizures. Games like who can hold their breath the longest, and swimming the longest distance underwater should be avoided at all times.
- Don’t allow children to play with or around the main drain. The main drain suction can be very powerful, and has been known to cause severe injuries, and in some cases death.
- The safety of the children in the baby pool and spray park are the parents or guardians responsibility. The lifeguards will always enforce the pool rules throughout the facility, but children who cannot swim must have an adult within arms reach at all times. The same rule applies even if the child is wearing a floatation device.
- Define a safe zone for your children where they can always touch the bottom. One of the most common saves a lifeguard must make is when a swimmer strays to an area that is too deep for them to stand.
- Access rules to the facility will be strongly enforced and is the responsibility of each member to understand and follow. It is a very awkward and uncomfortable situation for everyone, when a lifeguard must ask a member to go back home to get the appropriate access tag.
- Remember that there are several different types of people who like to use the pool throughout the summer. Both young and old, everyone wants to have a good time.
- If you should ever have a question about the pool rules, ask a lifeguard or manager. It is better to be safe then sorry!
- Help educate you community members and their guests on water safety. A team approach towards safety will offer a safer swimming environment.