

I hope everyone is excited for Country Glen's opening day this Saturday, May 21.

Please excuse the length of this email but I would like to take this opportunity right before opening to update you on new developments at Country Glen and to introduce myself and the Board of Directors.

The Board and our pool management company, Pool Personnel, have been busy during the off season making improvements to benefit our community. Some improvements include:

- exterior lights have been retrofitted with LED bulbs
- WiFi speed and service area have been improved with a repeater
- retaining walls have been fortified and replaced
- the locker room and office have been painted
- all of the tile areas have been steam cleaned, treated and re-sealed
- the baby pool has a fresh white coat
- there is new landscaping and planting around the property
- some worn deck furniture has been replaced

Hopefully you enjoyed a much easier registration and payment process this year - our new website and back office process was re-engineered and developed by John Mackey who dedicated countless hours to make this process better.

In addition to the important cosmetic improvements, we are excited to be adding a full program from Bethesda Tennis Academy (BTA) this year. Lessons have already started and be sure to check out their open house on Saturday (May 21 – rain date May 22) afternoon. Also, Nitin Deodhar, who owns BTA, has joined Country Glen this year and his children have joined the swim team.

As some of you may know, our long time pool manager, Susan Boyd, has decided to retire from summer duty. Susan did an amazing job for years for Country Glen and we wish her the best in her quest for a quieter, more relaxing summer. You may see Susan around the pool this summer but hopefully she will be lounging around in a beach chair or cheering on the Sun Devils in a swim or dive meet.

Succeeding Susan will be Doug Katz. Doug is a long time Pool Personnel employee and is coming back into the fold this summer after taking several summers off from pool management work. Most recently, Doug managed Rockshire. He has some big shoes to fill but I am sure he will be up to the task.

Water aerobics will be back this summer. Look for more information in our weekly newsletter and on the calendar function on countryglen.org. Days and time are likely to be the same as last year.

Morning swim will start in a few weeks and details will follow.

Dive team will be led by Tim Faerber with assistance from Semira Kehnemouyi and Robert Rizzo. Tim returns to Country Glen after a year away and he brings a wealth of experience from his days diving at the University of Michigan. Our dive team reps this year are Lelia True, Rob Howard and Robin Berlin.

On the swim team front, most of our coaches from last year have returned for the 2016 season. Coach Geoff will be back for his 18th year and will once again work with CG lifer, Drew Fisher. Kyle Hartman, Lucy Srour and Colin Mackey will be assistant coaches. Carrie Begin and Marcy Kreindler are returning as our swim reps and are joined by Jill Gross.

Happy Hours are returning to the pool starting Friday, May 27. For those of you that are new to our community (welcome), each Friday in May, June, July and September the pool sponsors a happy hour which runs from 6pm - close. A theme will be provided each week (thanks to Connie Karageorgis) and the pool provides beer and wine and members bring a dish for the adults to enjoy. The Happy Hours are a great way to catch up with friends and to meet some new folks.

We are very fortunate to have Lorrie and her crew back again this summer to manage our extremely popular snack bar. The Sun Devil Grill will open for business on Sunday, May 22. If you are planning a party

this summer at the pool and need some help with food, please feel free to ask Lorrie for pricing and food options. Lorrie is planning for Taco Tuesdays, Sundae Sundays, a rib night and other surprises along the way.

Look for more information soon about two upcoming movie nights, a crab feast and of course, our epic Memorial Day and July 4th parties.

In closing, the Board spends a lot of time each year working to make Country Glen the best possible place for all of our families to spend their summers but your input is valued and wanted. We are always looking for new ideas and suggestions from all corners - we want your input!

The 2016 Board is comprised of the following members:

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In closing, together, let's make this another fantastic summer at Country Glen. Please feel to contact me if you have any ideas, questions or concerns.

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