

2007 Pool Rules for Everyone

Pool passes are collected at the podium by lifeguards. Under the authority of association trustees, lifeguards are authorized to refuse entry to anyone without 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 break periods, when it is very busy.***

ALL DECISIONS BY METROPOLITAN POOL LIFEGUARDS ARE FINAL. Questions/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, 2006. ***Issuance of Adult passes may require verification of age by the trustees.***

ADULT PASS - Issued to persons 16 years and older. *Age as of 09-01-2007*

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 that, 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 Metropolitan Pool Manager.

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

Extra Day - Our pool will **open Thursday, June 7**, the last day of school, from 4:30 pm to 10:00 pm. Beginning on June 8, 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 prior year success, 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 is not responsible for money or valuables lost in the pool or clubhouse area. *continued . . .*

Lifeguards have first-aid kits for accidents and injuries. Please report ALL accidents and injuries to lifeguards to ensure proper medical treatment and trustee attention to dangerous conditions.

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES are NOT permitted in the pool or the deck area during normal pool hours when the facility is open to residents. SMOKING is **NOT** permitted within the clubhouse, deck or pool area. A designated smoking area is available outside the clubhouse entrance.

A Guest Pass is issued to each resident family with 30 uses. These are to bring relatives or friends. Each person equals one use. As cards are used, holes are punched to mark uses. (Four guests would be four punches.) Additional Guest Passes can be requested. 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, sport teams, etc. using the guest pass instead of clubhouse 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 CD players must have earphones. Swimmers must wear swim suits. No Cutoffs or shorts 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 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 or 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 by trustees. Lifeguards have forms at the podium. Leave the form with the lifeguards. Replacement passes will be available at the podium on Saturdays.

ATTENTION TODDLER PARENTS: 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 works unless parents monitor their youngsters. There is no excuse for a parent who does not accept this responsibility. Metropolitan is prepared to respond 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 regular chlorine level of our water. Should there be an accidental bacterial release, lifeguards will evaluate the situation and make a decision on how to respond. If necessary, the pool may be closed for a period while 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. Parents must accompany children. 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 8 through August 24.**

High Point's pool temperature is a constant 82 degrees. Nice and warm.