

Lee-A-Gram

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We are looking forward to Summer 2017! Please check our website www.lgpool.org for the latest information. When you visit the website, be sure to register your email address to receive the most up-to-date news!

The website includes membership information, the application for summer employment, tennis information, swim and dive team calendars, want to sell information, dues information, the rental contract for the community room use and much more. The website is updated continuously with current information.

If you wish to sell your membership, termination forms must be received by May 1. Please go to the Membership link on the website and click on "Instructions for Buying or Selling A Membership."

Please note that buyers must come from the wait list that Lee Graham maintains.
Contact the administrators to start the process.

To keep your membership current, please complete both sides of the entrance card you receive by mail and return the card along with your dues payment. If you use an online check writing service, you still need to return your card.



Please join us for the **Spring Cleanup** on April 15th from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm to have your maintenance fee of \$50 waived for 2018.

Picture day will be held on April 15th from 1:00 – 3:00 pm. Lee Graham requires that all family members have a photo in the system.

Please see page 4 for more details on the Spring Cleanup.

2017 Dues Information

Guest Passes are available at the front desk - \$6 each or 5/\$25

Anyone not registered as part of a membership must have a guest pass.

Dues information is included in the mailing. **Payment is due upon receipt. Envelopes with dues checks must be postmarked by May 1 to avoid a late payment fee.**

Payments postmarked May 2 - May 27 should include a \$40 late fee.

Payments postmarked May 28 or later, please add the late fee of \$80.

Memberships with dues unpaid as of May 28 will be delinquent for the 2017 season. Delinquent

memberships may not be used, sold or transferred until the dues are brought current.

There is a \$12 fee for returned checks.

To terminate your membership, please contact the administrators at mgr@lgpool.org to start the process. For more info please see the website under "Membership."

Please note that termination forms must be received by May 1st or you will be responsible for 2017 dues.

Can't remember your membership number?

It's on the address label of the mailing.



A Message from Our Board: Summer 2017

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Coming Soon, LG Summer 2017

With temperatures reaching 80 degrees on March 1st, it must be getting closer to summer at Lee Graham. The Board is busy getting ready to start another great summer while our competitive teams are gearing up for the new season of swimming, diving, tennis and water polo. It won't be long before we are cooking out and enjoying the endless days of summer at Lee Graham.

The Board has been busy during the winter trying to make things perfect for this season. As always, we have been fortunate to have Mike Cook's invaluable assistance with several projects during the off-season. There are some changes that will be obvious on your first visit to the pool such as the work at the end of the competition pool. The roots from the pine trees had pushed up some of the concrete slabs creating a tripping hazard. Mike worked with our regular pool contractor and replaced the concrete while also building a knee wall complete with lights. It is a great addition to the pool area and helps save the pine trees.

We also continue to work on and around the clubhouse as it ages. Twenty years ago, we were able to build the clubhouse at a cost of over \$750,000 without charge to our members by selling the property adjacent to the pool. In the years since we built the clubhouse, we have struggled to establish and fund a capital account. We believe \$500,000 is necessary for the long-term financial stability of the Corporation. Without a long-term

account in that range, we remain vulnerable if we have major infrastructure costs. Our pools are now 62 and 50 years old and we need to be prepared in the event of a major issue. At this point, we cannot fund any major improvements to the facility as that could wipe out the capital account. In a normal year, we spend almost \$90,000 just on maintaining the facility and equipment.

A few years ago, the Board instituted a new requirement for member transfers, requiring new members to make a \$500 capital contribution when they joined. That results in about \$25,000 annually and has allowed the capital account to grow somewhat faster than before. While new members contribute directly to the capital account, contributions from existing members has been limited to small surpluses on the annual budget. That is not sound financial planning. A dues increase is necessary so that we can continue to build the capital account and achieve our goal. With that in mind, the Board has set dues for the 2017 season at \$525 for regular memberships and \$425 for senior memberships.

For at least the last 30 years, the Corporation has paid for all improvements and renovations without any special assessment of members. In our view, asking members to contribute \$25 more annually is a far better way to manage our long-term finances than by budgeting only to meet current operational requirements and making special assessments whenever major repair is needed or a new project is proposed. We

hope that you will feel free to attend our monthly Board meetings if you have comments or questions about this or any other issues. The dates and times of Board meetings are posted on the home page of our website.

We are looking forward to the annual pig roast and other events like movie nights, splash dances or anything that we can get folks to help organize. We will have more information about these events in the May newsletter. If you have ideas or just want to help out, please reach out and we'll get things on the calendar.

Please consider helping out at our clean-up day on April 15th. Our facilities at Lee Graham continue to be some of the finest in the area in large part because of your contributions of time and effort to get the facility looking great for opening day. More information on the type of work to be done and how to volunteer is on page 4 of this newsletter.

You can also drop by the pool on April 15th from 1:00pm-3:00pm to have your picture taken for our entry system. New members and those who want to update their pictures are welcome.

Please reach out to our corporate administrators, Ann Cook and Melissa Marr, if you have any questions about your membership or reserving the clubhouse or pine tree area. They can be reached at mgr@lgpool.org.

Looking forward to a great season!

The Lee Graham Board

www.lgpool.org

Swim Team News

Welcome Back Dolphins!

Summer 2017 is right around the corner, so start getting excited about swim team! This year the Lee-Graham

Dolphins will compete in Division 4 of the NVSL. Coach Mike Cook will return as our head coach, along with Isaac Marr as assistant coach. Mini Dolphins will recognize many friendly faces in their coaching staff, who will put our young swimmers at ease as they build their swimming prowess. Our first A meet will occur on Saturday, June 24, and the season will wrap up with All Stars on Saturday, August 5. Packed in between

those days we will have A meets, relays, B meets, movie days, Fun Fridays, pasta dinners, ice cream socials, and much more fun!

The LG swim team is open to all pool members age 18 and under and provides an excellent opportunity to strengthen swimming skills, learn good sportsmanship, take part of a team, make new friends, volunteer, and have a ton of fun. We have a Mini-Dolphin developmental group for our youngest members, who also participate in all team activities.



Once again, we'll rely on the LG Team Unify website to offer the ease of online registration, as well as a place for you to find the calendar and all the information you wanted to know about the team.

<https://www.teamunify.com/Home.jsp?team=reclgst>

Swim Team Contacts:

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Dive Team News



Dive Season is Finally Here!

Registration

Dive Team registration will be available via an online registration form:

<http://goo.gl/forms/BxbbLDEaap>

Watch your email or the LG website for more information. If you would like to be included on the Dive Team email list, please contact Scott Friedman at lgdivedolphins@gmail.com

Tennis News

Lee Graham is excited once again to have C.O.R.E. Tennis and our head pro, Christian Canepa, back for another year. What a success our 2016 season turned out to be. We will have a spring after school program for kids and a morning clinic schedule for ladies. Our summer will be packed with activities such as camps, clinics, tournaments, socials, a junior team and more.

To learn more about tennis at Lee Graham and register for the team, please contact Christian at clctennispro@msn.com or call him at 703-946-5256. The schedules can be located on the tennis page of the LG website or at clctennis.com. Absolutely something for everyone. Let's make 2017 our best year yet! We send out regular emails about the Lee Graham tennis schedules and events; to get on the list, please email us.

Practice Begins May 30

Divers can start perfecting their technique at Dive Team practices beginning on Tuesday, May 30. While school is still in session, there will be three one-hour afternoon practices each day starting at 3:30, 4:30, and 5:30. Please pick just one of the practice slots. You may come to a different time slot each day if you choose. Whatever time fits your schedule the best! Remember, divers must be registered and fees paid to be eligible to attend practice! *Summer a.m. practices will begin on Monday, June 26.*

Dive Team Social Activities

Every year we have fun activities for team members and their families both at the pool and at other fun venues. Our annual events include the kickoff BBQ, ice cream social, and end-of-season extravaganza. Other events may include mini-golf, bowling, a trip to the ropes course, or the Flight trampoline park. Our social coordinator is lining up some exciting activities, so stay tuned for more information.

Dive Team Contact Info:

<http://leegrahampool.org/dive>

lgdivedolphins@gmail.com



Water Polo News

The Lee Graham Water Polo team will be returning this year to defend the NVSL league championship (LOL). The format for the team is similar to last year with practices on Thursday and Sunday evenings starting at 7:45pm. It is such a fun sport. Come out and join your friends! The team is open to all Lee Graham members ages 9-19. Coach Patrick will again be coaching this year. For questions, he can be reached at pfry@rocketmail.com.

Employment Opportunities

If you're interested in working at the Front Desk, Snack Bar or as a lifeguard, please fill out the application found on the website and email it to mcpoolsinc2@aol.com. You must be a member of the pool and 14 years old to work at the front desk or snack bar and 15 years old to be a lifeguard. If you are under the age of 16, you must have a work permit. Spots are VERY LIMITED, so please send in your application as early as possible.

Community Room Use

The Lin Lemon Community Room is available for a small rental fee. Please check the website for more information, and contact the corporate administrator to reserve the room. Please note that swim team and dive team activities take priority and that the room is not for children's parties.

Information regarding pool hours, lessons and special activities will be included in the May newsletter.

Spring Cleanup – April 15, 2017

This year's spring cleanup will be managed by Bill Kilgallin and Bill Potts. It will be held on April 15th, 2017 from 9:00 am until 1:00 pm. **You must sign up to be one of the 40 families who attend to obtain a waiver of maintenance fees for 2018.** Waiver of maintenance fees will be given only for those who sign up and are on the final roster sent to the corporate manager.

We have a lot of projects to work through for this workday. Please choose 2 of the committees listed below that you would like to serve on and email Bill Potts at billpotts@outlook.com. Please provide your membership number with your reply.

Indoor / Clubhouse Teams: 8 volunteers. Lobby Area/Guard Room & Locker Rooms / Upstairs / Ceiling Fans/Air Vents/Light Covers

Front Clubhouse and Parking Lot Team: 6 volunteers. Please bring shovels/rakes/wheelbarrows/work gloves/chain saws (and strong backs!)

Pool Deck Area: 8 volunteers. Clean tables, chairs, and chaise lounges; please bring buckets, sponges and scrub brushes.

Misc. brush/debris Cleanup: 6 Volunteers. Please bring tree/branch trimmer/clippers, chain saws, wheelbarrow, work gloves, hand saws.

Tennis Court Parking Lot: 4 volunteers. Raking/weeding/lot clean up/mulching. Please bring flat shovels, garden rakes, pitch forks, wheelbarrows, etc.

Tennis Court: 2 volunteers. Please bring a push broom and a leaf blower.

Pump Room and wading pool fence line: 4 volunteers. Raking/debris removal/cleanup. Please bring work gloves, rakes, wheelbarrow, brooms, etc.

Baby Pool Pump house: 2 Volunteers – Competent painters! Wear clothes you can throw away – paint/prime the newly rebuilt baby pool pump house.

Your elbow grease and enthusiasm are appreciated! Lunch & beverages will be provided around 1 pm.

Picture Day – April 15, 2017

We are having a "Picture Day" from 1 pm - 3 pm on Saturday, April 15th for those members who do not have a photo in the system or would like to update their photo. Please note that it is required that all family members have a photo in the system, or they will be required to present a photo ID when entering the facilities. Lee Graham is for the sole use of its members and their guests. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.