



Howard County
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COVID-19 Newsletter

Hello Forest Hill Members,

First and foremost, we hope everyone has been staying healthy and keeping sane!

In our first communication, we were taking steps to prepare the pool and grounds for opening as soon as permitted by the State. Since then, we have been able to reopen the tennis courts, and are continuing to work with American Pools and the Health Department on opening the pools for the summertime. Our goal is to be able to open our pool and grounds as soon as we are given the green light from the State or County.

Current Status

Following Governor Hogan’s May 6th announcement allowing for outdoor recreation, we were able to reopen the tennis courts. We posted guidelines for using the courts and emailed all members so that everyone can use the facilities safely. Guidelines can be found on the tennis page of the website. At this time,



ONLY the courts are open, the playground equipment should not be used. We are hopeful that lessons and clinics can resume during Phase 1.

CMDL announced on May 11th that the 2020 dive season is canceled. CMSL has not made any announcements regarding the season at this time; though we expect them to take a similar stance.

Communication is crucial and as soon as we know when we can open, in what capacity we can open, and how our resources will be allocated, we will communicate our plans to you.

Financial Impact

We know this has been an extremely difficult time for everyone on many levels. As with all organizations across industry sectors, Forest Hill is attempting to navigate these uncharted waters. We are reviewing our finances – operating expenses and capital spending – to develop a viable plan for the present and foreseeable future. As you know, we are a

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non-profit, member-owned, organization and our goal is to keep Forest Hill healthy and fiscally sound for current and future generations. We have the best interest of our membership in mind, and we truly appreciate your patience as we deal with this uncertainty.

Next Steps

The Board met to discuss how the Club can best navigate this situation. Some things to keep in mind about your membership is that all members are bond holders and have a vested and equity interest in Forest Hill Swim & Tennis Club. We want you to know how your dues have already been allocated, and what the Board is taking into consideration:



- First and foremost, we cannot make any decisions that go against the State mandates.
- The 2020 Pool Season has 10 extra days due to an early Memorial Day (5/23) and late Labor Day (9/7)
- Dues are collected by March 1st to give the Board time to prepare and allocate funds for the season. Annual dues cover loan payments, taxes, managers, water, landscaping, court and pool maintenance, capital expenses, permits, insurance, and more.
- If we have a delayed opening, we will do our best to reallocate hours to compensate for any delay. We are considering earlier opening times, later closing time and adding a weekend in September, weather and staffing permitting.
- We will likely need to have more staff time spent on cleaning and disinfecting common areas.

We will continue to communicate information via email, and as applicable, send individual emails along with the registration links for activities. Please read all emails to stay informed, and remember to check your spam folder.

We are also posting all updates to our website, www.fhstc.com which now has a COVID-19 update page, where all pertinent information will be located.

We are looking forward to being together at Forest Hill this summer!

Samantha Norris
President, FHSTC