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Residents Risk Loss of Pool Use

The Oak Hills Association pool is a luxury that most homeowners appreciate. It doesn't take up space in our back yards and someone else has to take care of the chemicals and the liability insurance.

However, with that luxury comes responsibility.

For the last several weeks, the lifeguards report that several teenagers have been swearing, sassing and generally disobeying the rules which are designed to keep everyone safe around the water.

When given time out for bad behavior, some say they don't have to obey the rules or the lifeguards.

For the record, the Oak Hills Homeowners Association hires lifeguards to protect not only swimmers from drowning, but to protect the investment of our pool and equipment from unsafe practices.

Activities, such as chewing gum, are prohibited because gum can get into the filters and other machinery and literally gum up the works.

Other activities, such as using the pool "noodles" and kick boards as weapons to hit each other, are dangerous to the point that people get hurt, such as the young boy who got a bloody nose.

When the lifeguards ask someone to stop doing something, they have reasons for doing so; they also have the authority to mete out appropriate

discipline.

In some cases, parents or other adults have argued with the lifeguards, saying that they, the parent, can overrule the lifeguard or ignore pool rules. This is neither acceptable or true. Everyone, adult or child, resident or guest, must abide by the rules.

If you have a complaint or disagree with the lifeguard, contact a member of the board. Bullying the lifeguard is not appropriate behavior for anyone. Treat them with the respect they deserve. They are trying to keep you safe.

While we certainly allow you to bring guest to the pool, be aware that you are responsible for their behavior and any acts of vandalism that they may cause.

In the coming weeks, the board will start sending letters home to the repeat offenders. If the behavior continues, the entire household risks losing pool and spa privileges.

If you wonder if your child could be one of those causing problems, attend with him/her on the next trip and have a chat with the lifeguard on duty.

The pool is meant for the enjoyment of all residents. It should be a safe and fun activity for adults and children alike. Let's keep the pool an asset to our community.

**See Page 3 for some pool rules.
See page 2 for pool hours, times,
and activities.**

Announcements



Pool Schedule

The pool is currently open daily; swim times are 11-5:45.

Water aerobics are Tuesdays and Thursdays between 6-7 p.m. and are on a drop-in basis.

Pool will go to weekends only after August 16. The pool will remain open weekends as long as the weather permits.

As always, deciding factors for any pool scheduling are weather and availability of qualified life guards.

Change of plans

For those of you who wanted to hear about the road improvements to 156 at the meeting reported in the May Greenbelt, you probably already know that the meeting was canceled. Watch the newspaper for rescheduling.

Spa Vandalized

The spa and pool house have been subjected to crude attacks recently. Someone, or a group of some ones, have defecated in and around the spa, and also in the bathroom area.

Anyone present when these acts occur are equally culpable and will risk not only losing pool/spa privileges, but will be charged for the cleanup.

If this behavior continues, the board will consider restricting the use of the spa room.

Take Key Card to Pool

Remember to bring your key card to the pool. The lifeguards have instructions not to open the pool door for you, so please don't put them in the position to refuse.

No Signs on Common Property

Please, no signs on the common property. You may only put a temporary open house sign or garage sale sign, to be removed before the end of the day. You are welcome to put signs on your own property, however.

Again with the Dog Poop!

Please, please, please, take a bag to collect your doggie deposits when you take your dog for a walk.

Please! As a special favor to me.

I am tired of having to ask every single issue of the Greenbelt.

Pete is also tired of picking it up after your dog when you don't.

Our gardener is tired of having to stop mowing to pick it up.

Other residents are tired of stepping in it.

Other dogs are insulted at having to sniff it.

Enough already!

Adult Swim Scheduled

The board of directors voted to institute an adults-only swim time, on a trial basis, on Tuesdays and Thursdays starting July 12 from 7-8 p.m.. If enough adults avail themselves of this opportunity, it will continue until the pool closes its weekday schedule.

**GOING ON VACATION OR
A WEEKEND GET-AWAY?**

I will:

- walk your dog
- feed your pets
- water your house-plants
- pick up your mail

\$10 per visit

Common Sense Rules and Pool/Spa Etiquette

Below is a partial listing of the pool and spa area rules. It is not meant to represent the complete list, but to let you know the rules that are commonly broken or that need emphasizing. Please go over them with your family and make sure that your children and guest are aware of and follow them.

Swimming Pool Rules

- Non-swimmers must be accompanied by parent or other adult. Do not send your non-swimming child with an older sibling.
- Non-swimmers are restricted to the shallow end of the pool.
- Young children should be accompanied by a parent or other adult, who shares the responsibility for watching the children and making sure they obey pool rules.
- Obey the lifeguard's safety instructions.
- No ball other than a blown-up type beach ball.

Pool and Spa Area Rules

- No glass.
- No running.
- No splashing.
- No fighting.
- No swearing or foul language.

Spa and Restroom/Shower Rules

- Spa is for sitting and soaking.
- No swimming or splashing is allowed.
- No cannonballing.
- No snorkeling (yes, this has happened).
- No toys or floating devices in the spa.
- You must be 16 or older to use the spa without an adult present after the pool has closed.
- No food or drinks.
- Obey the lifeguard's safety instructions.

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Calendar of Events

August Board Meeting—Wednesday, August 3, 7-9 p.m. in the Library of North Monterey County High School.

September Board Meeting—Wednesday, September 7, 7-9 p.m. in the Library of North Monterey County High School.

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Board in Review: June and July 2005

**KEEP YOUR DOG
SAFELY CONFINED IN
YOUR YARD.**

June:

- Bids for landscaping were reviewed by the board. Price was used to narrow down the field and an executive session was set for June 6 to interview six prospective gardening companies.
- Election of officers was held. Michael Trujillo chose not to serve again as president, but will remain on the board as a member at large. Elected were: Sue Jurgens president; Jerry Gifford, vice-president; Barbara Gulley, secretary; Mike Kuntz, treasurer.
- The Job Evaluation Committee reported that they would develop the procedure to be used to evaluate the Administrative Assistant before the end of June.
- The treasurer said that he would research the current legal process for lien procedures.
- Maintenance reported that someone cut a hole in the tennis court fence, which he repaired.

July:

- The management of the Shadow Oaks Road Escrow Fund was discussed with those members who chose to attend. It was decided that the documents showed that the Oak Hills Homeowners Association is responsible for the management of the account and for ordering any repairs, maintenance, etc., regarding these roads and appurtenant common properties. A letter would be mailed to these homeowners informing them of the board's decision.
- The board voted to initiate the creation of a web-site for the Association. The Web-site Committee will discuss what features would be both desirable and cost effective.
- The board voted to get bids to do repairs to the tennis court area. Some items being taken into consideration for pricing are: drainage, converting one half of the area to a basketball court, fencing. No final decision will be made until costs and options are discovered and discussed at a future meeting.
- A homeowner requested that the board investigate eliminating the lifeguards and instituting a "swim at your own risk" policy. After hearing from the lifeguards about incidents of improper and unsafe behavior and from some concerned homeowners, the board voted not to eliminate the lifeguards.



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