2020

Morris Plains
Community Park Pool

Rules and Regulations
March, 2020

To the Community

Welcome to the Morris Plains Community Park Pool!

The Mayor, Council and Recreation Commission are always striving to provide residents and guests with a safe, clean and attractive municipal pool at our complex.

The Community of Caring has a tradition of offering its residents and neighbors a wide assortment of recreational activities and the Community Park Complex is an example of this commitment. In one beautiful setting Morris Plains offers the Community well-maintained baseball fields, tennis and basketball courts, a trout-stocked pond, an enclosed picnic area with barbecue grills, and, of course, one of the finest community pools in the area.

We hope you enjoy the pool and we ask that you follow the rules and regulations set forth in this booklet to ensure that everyone can have a safe, relaxing and fun summer at Community Park Pool.

Sincerely,

Jason C. Karr
Mayor
COMMUNITY PARK POOL

The municipal pool complex is set in a quiet, park surrounding and includes an adult pool (132 feet by 75 feet) with a diving board, a sliding board, a wading pool (36 feet by 25 feet, 18” deep w/two events), snack bar, picnic area and a playground for children. Pool opens daily at 12 Noon and closes at 7:00PM.

The Morris Plains Community Park Pool will open for the season on Saturday, June 20th at 12 Noon. The pool will close for the season on Monday, Labor Day, September 7th at 5 PM.

For those wishing to join the pool the application is available at www.morrisplainsboro.org, www.morrisplainspool.com or at the Community Center. Please complete and bring to the Community Center at 51 Jim Fear Drive, Morris Plains. Pool memberships are awarded on a first-come, first-served basis effective March 2nd, 2020.

HOW TO REGISTER FOR THE POOL

Registration may be done in person at the Community Center, 51 Jim Fear Drive, Morris Plains, after March 2nd, 2020 or by mail. The Community Center is open from 9 AM to 4 PM Monday - Thursday. Applications with full payment may be mailed to the Community Center or deposited in the mail slot to the left of the Community Center vestibule door. Full payment for memberships must be made at the time of application. Cash and personal checks (payable to The Borough of Morris Plains) are accepted.

All pool members must have photo identification cards. New members may email their photo to: kmleahey@gmail.com and will be notified when the ID is ready. Members who have lost their identification cards also may email their photo to kmleahey@gmail.com. There is a $10.00 replacement fee.
Past members, who are renewing their membership, must have their identification cards validated during the times listed below.

PICTURES FOR PHOTO IDENTIFICATION CARDS & IDENTIFICATION CARD VALIDATION

Identification cards can be validated at the Community Center, 9AM to 4PM, Monday - Thursday, beginning March 2nd, 2020. Members requiring photos for their identification cards may email their photo to kmleahey@gmail.com.

Photo IDs and ID validations cannot be fulfilled at the pool. Members who fail to have identification cards validated will not be permitted use of the pool. Please call the Recreation Office at 973-538-3455 for further information.

PHOTO IDENTIFICATION BADGE

Photo identification badges will be issued to all members. These badges must be shown at the pool gate to gain admittance. There is no charge for the initial badge, but replacement badges will be issued for a $10 fee for badges that are lost or damaged. Badges must be re-validated each year.

SWIM LESSONS

Swim lessons are available to pool members ages 5-12. Registration begins at the pool on June 22nd. Hours and days will be determined by the number enlisting. Registration fee: $50 per child. Any questions pertaining to swim lessons or registration should be directed to the Pool Manager.

POOL MEMBERSHIP

1. FAMILY: Includes any two adults living at the same address, a single parent and all unmarried children residing in the same
household not over 18 years of age. Children enrolled as full-time college or vocational school students, not older than 22 years of age, may be included as a family member with proof of their enrollment. Grandparents living at the same address may be included in a family plan. Babysitters and live-in nannies must join with a separate membership listed below.

2. **BABYSITTER:** Used as addendum to a family or couple membership only.

3. **COUPLE:** Any two adults living at the same address, or parent and child, or couple with child less than 1 year.

4. **SINGLE:** Open to all individuals ages 11 to 61.

5. **SENIOR CITIZEN COUPLE:** Open to couples with at least one of the spouses being age 62 or older.

6. **SENIOR CITIZEN SINGLE:** Open to all individuals age 62 or over.

7. **GUEST PASSES:** Guest passes are available at the pool gate at a cost of $10.00 per day per adult, $10.00 per day per child.

**NO EXCEPTIONS:** *a pool member must accompany guests at all times.*

**RULES AND REGULATIONS DEFINITIONS**

**AGE:** Shall be determined by the individual's age as of the official opening date of the pool season.

**RESIDENT:** An individual whose legal residence is in the Borough of Morris Plains. This excludes residents who live in other municipalities but have a Morris Plains mailing address.

**NON-RESIDENT:** All those not residing in the municipality of Morris Plains.

**POOL AREA:** The entire fenced area surrounding the pools.

**POOL DECK:** The area of concrete immediately surrounding the pool.

**PICNIC AREA:** Areas within the pool area where picnic tables are located. Eating is allowed in these areas only.
MEMBERSHIP

- Membership is open to residents of the Borough of Morris Plains and to residents of surrounding communities who have paid the required fees. Proof of residency, age or applicable school enrollment may be required.
- Membership is non-transferable. The transfer of membership identification will result in revocation or suspension of membership.
- All memberships are granted subject to the rules and regulations established by the Borough Council and Recreation Commission. Failure to abide by these rules and regulations may result in revocation or suspension of Membership.

FEES – Effective 2020 Pool Season

- Membership fees are not refunded for any reason after the opening date of the season.
- Membership categories:

1. **FAMILY** (Resident: $400; Non-resident: $420): Includes any two adults living at the same address, widow/widower, single parent and all unmarried children, natural or adopted, living in the same household, not over 18 years of age as of the opening day of the season. Family membership includes children who are residing in the same household, not older than 22 years of age, who are enrolled in college or vocational school.
2. **BABYSITTER** (Resident: $100; Non Resident: $100): Caretakers who belong to the pool via family or couple membership.
3. **COUPLE** (Resident: $275; Non-resident: $335): Any two adults living at the same address or single parent and child, or couple with child less than 1 year.
4. **SINGLE** (Resident: $215; Non-resident: $250): 11 years old to 61 years old.
5. **SENIOR CITIZEN COUPLE** (Resident: $150. Non-resident: $175): Any couple, married or living at the same address, when at least one of the individuals is age 62 or older.

6. **SENIOR CITIZEN SINGLE** (Resident: $100; Non-resident: $125): Any individual age 62 and older.

7. **SWIM TEAM ONLY POOL MEMBERSHIP** ($200) Available to Morris Plains Residents Only. Entitles child to participate in Swim Team Activities and use of the Pool until the end of Swim Team Season. This fee is separate from swim team membership fee and is required by swim team league rules.

8. Full-time or part-time non-resident employees of the Borough of Morris Plains and non-resident volunteer members of the Morris Plains Fire Department or the Morris Minute Men shall be entitled to join the Community Park Pool at the rate for Residents.

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**SWIM TEAM**

Community Park pool offers a competitive swimming program available to children of residents and non-residents ages 5-18. **Registration will be held at the Morris Plains Community Center; please check websites for date and time.** The Morris Plains Swim Team will compete against other teams in the Morris County Area Swim League. The Team will practice Monday through Friday, 8AM to 11AM, depending on age group sessions.

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**HOURS OF OPERATION**

- Community Park Pool will be open every day, weather permitting, from 12 Noon to 7:00 PM. (Please note: the Pool will close early to accommodate home swim meets).
- Community Park Pool will be open daily beginning June 20th, 2020 and will close on Labor Day, September 7th, 2020 at 5 PM.
The Pool Manager and Assistant Pool Manager may close or limit the swimming facilities for the protection of the health and safety of the members and guests. (Example: Extreme weather conditions).

**In case of rain, the pool will close at the Pool Manager’s discretion.**

The Community Park Pool is a smoke free facility

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**CONDITIONS**

- All members will be issued photo identification cards, which must be presented for pool admission.
- Identification cards are non-transferable.
- Illegal transfer of identification cards, giving false information upon application or membership, or the defacing of identification cards will result in revocation or suspension of membership.
- Lost identification cards must be reported to the Pool Manager immediately and must be replaced by the purchase of a replacement card at a cost of $10.00. Replacement cards will be issued through the Recreation Director at the Community Center at Community Park, Monday – Thursday, 9AM – 4PM, 51 Jim Fear Drive, Morris Plains, NJ.
- Persons found in possession of a card that is not registered under their name will be suspended from use of the pool for the remainder of the season. A record of lost cards will be maintained at the pool gate.
- Found identification cards must be reported and given to the Pool Manager immediately.

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**POOL RULES**

- All bathers, including babies, must wear bathing suits in the swimming pool. Cutoffs will not be permitted. Bathing trunks must have hems.
- **INFANTS AND CHILDREN NOT TOILET-TRAINED MUST WEAR SWIM DIAPERS COVERED BY A SWIM SUIT AT ALL TIMES.**
- **No children are permitted in the wading pool without parental supervision.**
- Members are allowed in the pool only when lifeguards are on duty.
- **No artificial floating devices or paraphernalia, including toys, balls, rafts, inner tubes, snorkels, facemasks, fins and the like are allowed in the pool.**
- Any persons having a communicable disease, open blisters or cuts, sore or inflamed eyes, ears, nose or mouth infections, excessive sunburn or any type of skin disease will be excluded from the pool area.
- Shirts may be worn in the pool at the discretion of the Pool Manager.
- **Children 10 years old and under must be accompanied by an adult who must remain with them at all times.**
- Children 11 years old will be admitted to the pool without an adult only upon successful completion of a swimming proficiency test: Two laps of the pool width, using any stroke, and 30 seconds of treading water. It is the responsibility of the parent/guardian to approach the Pool Manager for such given test.
- Adult Swims will be held for 15 minutes before each hour. Diving boards will be closed so adults may swim laps.
- Do not talk to lifeguards except in case of emergency. Climbing on the lifeguard stands is prohibited. In case of an emergency, notify the nearest lifeguard and follow his/her instruction

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**DIVING RULES**

- Diving is permitted in the diving area only.
- Swimming is not permitted in the diving area.
- Excessive bouncing on diving board is prohibited.
- No retrieving of objects from the bottom of the pool.
• Divers are not to congregate on the diving board. Only one diver at a time is allowed on the diving stand.
• Each diver will wait until the previous diver has surfaced and cleared the diving area.
• Diving from the sides of the diving board or from the diving stand is prohibited. Diving is allowed in designated area only.

SLIDING BOARD RULES

• Swimming is not permitted in the slide area.
• Sliders are not to congregate on the sliding board. Only one slider at a time is allowed on the sliding board
• Each slider will wait until the previous slider has surfaced and cleared the slide area.

GENERAL RULES

• All vehicles must proceed slowly through the park and drivers must park in designated parking areas. Handicapped parking is provided.
• Bicycles must be parked in bike racks near the pool gate.
• Street shoes will not be permitted on the pool deck.
• Dressing and undressing will not be permitted in parking areas. Dressing and undressing is permitted only in the dressing rooms.
• No person shall comb his or her hair within the pool deck area. Hair curlers are not permitted in the pool.
• All foods must be consumed in the picnic areas. No food is allowed in the pool deck area.
• Smoking is not permitted in the pool area
• Destruction of property will result in revocation or suspension of membership and may result in criminal charges and penalties.
• Valuables should be left at home. The Borough is not responsible for loss, theft or damage to personal property of members and guests.
• All litter, paper and debris must be placed in trash receptacles.
Paging is done only in case of an emergency. Only announcements regarding the pool or Borough Recreation activities will be made over the P.A. system.

All injuries are to be reported to the Pool Manager immediately.

GENERAL PROHIBITIONS

- No glass, glass containers or metal containers of any type are allowed in the pool area.
- Alcoholic beverages are not permitted in the park or pool area. No one under the influence of alcohol or drugs will be allowed in the pool area or parking lot.
- Baby carriages, playpens, cribs or furniture of any kind are not permitted in the pool deck area. Members are permitted to bring their own beach and lounge chairs.
- Wrestling, running, ball playing or other similar activities are not permitted in the pool area.
- Pets or animals, except Seeing Eye dogs, are not permitted.
- No horn-blowing, loitering or loud music is allowed.
- No smoking on the pool deck areas.
- No spitting, expectorating or spouting water is allowed.
- No roughness, rowdiness, profanity, horsing around or other conduct affecting the safety and comfort of others is permitted.
- **ABSOLUTELY NO SWIMMING DURING ELECTRICAL STORMS.**
- Failure to abide by lifeguard instruction may result in membership suspension or revocation.
- No soliciting is permitted in the pool area.

ENFORCEMENT OF RULES AND REGULATIONS

- Regulations will be posted at the pool and strictly enforced.
- The Pool Manager may temporarily close or clear the pool in an emergency, such as inclement weather or an electrical storm.
➢ The Pool Manager has the authority to prohibit any action in violation of the rules listed above and the authority to expel a member from the pool, and the Recreation Commission has the power of revocation or suspension of pool privileges. The Pool Manager and Recreation Commission have the authority to summon local police for assistance when necessary.

Borough of Morris Plains Website:  www.morrisplainsboro.org
Community Park Pool Website:  www.morrisplainspool.com

Save the Date:

Splash Party!
Saturday,  July 11th

Details to follow at:
www.morrisplainsboro.org
www.morrisplainspool.com

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