

**UPPER BEECHWOOD ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER
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**All this information and more can also be found on our website at
www.upperbeechwood.com**

PLEASE REMEMBER, NEW ANNUAL FEE IS DUE MAY 15, 2018

COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE SATURDAY MAY 26th, 2018

The annual Upper Beechwood garage sale will be Saturday May 26th, 2018. Traditionally Upper Beechwood has attracted many visitors to the area at garage sale time. Don't miss the opportunity to clear out basements, garages and playrooms ready for the summer and make a few dollars in the process. Set up early, as the keen garage sale visitors will be around soon after 8am!

Message from the President

Welcome to another season at the pool. On behalf of the Board of Directors, I am delighted to welcome new neighbours to Upper Beechwood #1. We have many returning Associate members and we also have some new families joining the pool for the first time. We have a great team of guards for the season. Be sure to

introduce yourself to them when you come to the pool. The pool manger has been working diligently on the summer schedule and it promises to be another fun-packed summer at UB1.

Membership information

Please check in with the guard when you are at the pool to update your membership information. We will be registering your family information (children's names etc) so that we have a more accurate and up to date list of our members.

Guests

Members are welcome to bring guests to the pool Just a reminder about bringing guests: A guest can only be at the pool with the member, if the member leaves, so must the guest. Each member can bring up to 2 guests at a time.

The intention is that members can bring family or friends on an occasional basis; the intention is not for families to come to the pool on a regular basis throughout the summer as a guest of a member. Please feel free to speak to the guards if you are unsure about bringing a guest to the pool. All guests must be signed in on the guest sheet at the pool.

We are hoping to see continued activity on the basketball and tennis courts this year. The court is part of the UBHA#1 recreational property and as such is to be used by members (and their guests) only.

We will continue to communicate with our members via electronic means (email, web site and some social media). Newsletters will be posted on the web site (www.upperbeechwood.com) and sent electronically to members.

Website

Our website will be updated with the summer schedule as well as notices regarding pool activities and policies. Please check it regularly for updates.

www.upperbeechwood.com

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a great summer.

Debbie Jones
President, UB1

Message from the Treasurer

2017 Revenues were in line with budget at \$127,627. Operating expenses had a favourable variance to budget of \$13,400 resulting in an annual surplus of \$25,300 compared to a budget of \$11,900. The majority of this variance was due to swimming program savings of approximately \$8,000 from reduced labour costs when the pool opening was delayed.

Capital expenses of \$31,000 tracked to the budget of \$30,000 and focused on major pool repairs. Our capital reserve is at \$81,000. Although no major capital expenditures are planned for 2018 we do anticipate some pool filter and basketball surface replacements in the near future that could see capital costs in the \$55,000 - \$70,000 range.

2018 Fees

In preparing the budget for 2018 we believe that maintenance and operations, tennis program, social program and administrative and other expenses can be maintained at 2017 levels.

The major issue we face is with the swimming program where the majority of costs are wages. The new minimum wage changes that became effective January 1, 2018 will have a dramatic effect on our staffing costs. The number of hours has been reviewed in detail while at the same time ensuring that programming and safety would not be affected. The net affect for 2018 staffing costs is twofold. First the savings compared to budget in 2017 will not repeat itself as they related to one time delays in opening the pool. The second issue is the changes in minimum wage rates. The expected affect of the minimum wage rate change is \$7,800 or \$8,800 after adding HST to our members and associates fees.

The board has approved an increase in fees of \$30.00 per membership to cover the increase staffing costs. This resulted in member fees increasing from \$450 to \$480 and associate from \$610 to \$640 for the 2018 season.

This year's fees will increase to \$480 for Homeowner Members and \$640 for Associate Members (HST included); cheques are payable to "UBHA #1" or "Upper Beechwood Homes Association #1".

Invoices will be sent out once again this year as attachments to e-mail messages from our Accountant – Lynn Johnson (please look for this e-mail in early April - perhaps your junk mail...) – we will be using the e-mail addresses we have on file; please notify the Membership Director – Carolyn Ren c3ren@uwaterloo.ca - if your e-mail address has changed or you wish to provide a new address. If we do not have your e-mail address, the invoice will be send via Canada Post (an unnecessary cost to the Association). We will also be collecting e-mail address changes when you first arrive

at the pool this year.

Just a reminder, membership dues must be received by May 15 to avoid a \$50 late payment penalty. **We are encouraging the use of Post-Dated Cheques again this year – please prepare your cheque now and post-date it for May 15 - drop it off or mail to Carolyn Ren (484 Clair Creek Blvd) and then you can forget about it until next year.**

Enjoy our facilities and have a great summer!
Steve Bienkowski, Treasurer

Selling Your Home?

If you are selling your home, you might be entitled to receive a portion of the Membership Fee you have paid from the purchaser. Please have your lawyer contact the Treasurer so that he can review this matter and make any adjustment on closing. Also, this will be an opportune time for us to get the new owner's names to keep the member database up to date.

Communication

We would like to inform new neighbours and remind others that our website www.upperbeechwood.com will be updated with the finalized summer activities in May. Pool times, lesson schedules, special events and social functions will be listed here. Information on community and school events, garage sale, and neighbourhood watch issues, can also be posted. Please email any inquiries about our website to: justinmbvw@gmail.com

Pool News

Please see the attached letter from UB1 pool management for the finalized details of the pool schedule, including lesson schedule. We will open May 19th (long weekend) weather permitting, i.e. no rain or rain in the forecast, and temperatures above 16 degrees, 12-8 pm.

UB1 Tennis 2018

Soon it will be time to raise the nets again at UB1. We are preparing for a great summer tennis!

I am happy to say that Evi is returning as head instructor this year and she is already working on a play book to ensure the juniors have a full summer of skill learning and game playing fun! In addition to junior lessons, we will be planning for an organized junior evening at least twice a month as well as organized adult tennis play. Here are some highlights...

- Early lessons during the month of June—sign up for 4 weeks (fee for 4 week session) and get a jump on summer

- Summer organized group lessons will run in week sessions Monday—Friday from 9:15 to 2:15 from July-August
- Lessons will again follow the ages of the swim lessons and start 15 minutes after pool classes finish to avoid overlap
- Sessions will be capped at 12 per session as last year so depending on turnout kids may have lessons every other week
- There will be an opening fun day during the first session and a fun tournament day in the second session
- A new approach to skill training and related game play in lessons
- Two evening organized play sessions ie junior, senior will be planned for at least twice a month
- Once a week adult play group facilitation—2, 1.5 hour blocks
- Junior and Adult private (fee for) lessons will be available and arranged directly with Evi.

At this time, we are still looking for an assistant tennis instructor. If you know of anyone who may be interested in this position, please have them forward their resume directly to me at monica.heinrich@rogers.com.

Please keep your eye out for more information on the coming June lessons. In the meantime, I welcome your comments on the junior and adult proposed programs. Your interest and enthusiasm for these events will guide us in our planning.

Looking forward to seeing you on the courts soon!

Monica Heinrich
Tennis Director, UB1
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Get out your calendar and mark these important dates!
Community Garage Sale - Saturday May 26th, 2018
Adult Party – Thursday July 12th, 2018

HAVE A GREAT SUMMER!!!!