

**UPPER BEECHWOOD ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER**  
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**Facility Director** \*POSITION IS VACANT

\*if you would like to volunteer please contact UB1 President: [monica.heinrich@rogers.com](mailto:monica.heinrich@rogers.com)

All this information and more can also be found on our website at  
[www.upperbeechwood.com](http://www.upperbeechwood.com)

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**\*PLEASE REMEMBER, NEW ANNUAL FEE IS DUE MAY 15, 2019\***

**COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE SATURDAY MAY 25th, 2019**

**The annual Upper Beechwood garage sale will be Saturday May 26th, 2019. 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!**

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## **Message from the UB1 Outgoing President**

**Welcome to another season at the pool. It has been my pleasure to serve on the Board of Directors of UBHA#1 for 18 years. I joined when I was new to the neighbourhood (and to Canada) as I thought it would be a good way to meet people and be involved in the community. I was not wrong. We have an awesome community and I am delighted that I have been able to contribute to it by being an active volunteer Board member. It is time for me to step down from the Board and pursue other activities. I am thrilled that Monica Heinrich has agreed to take over the role, she will be awesome! I would like to thank all of the Board members I have worked with over the past 18 or so years, without their tireless support and efforts we would not have the great facilities that we all enjoy. I will, no doubt, continue to see many of you in the neighbourhood and at the pool and I will stay connected with the Board during the initial transition period. Summer is just around the corner, enjoy!**

**Debbie Jones**

**(outgoing president)**

## **Message from the UB1 Incoming President**

**On behalf of the Upper Beechwood Community I would like to thank Debbie for her amazing commitment to ensuring our recreation facilities were/are a fun and safe extension of home for kids and adults alike each summer. Over the years Debbie has lead the volunteer Board through many facility updates and improvements and overseen the growth of our excellent pool, tennis and social programs. I am sure you will agree we are very lucky to enjoy UB1 from end of May to September each year! We have appreciated your leadership and guidance Debbie and have enjoyed working with you on the Board. We look forward to seeing you enjoy your UB1 retirement 😊.**

**As we look forward to another season at our recreation center, on behalf of the Board of Directors, I am delighted to welcome everyone back 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 are happy to have Abby Saunders back as pool manager along with a great team of guards for the season. Be sure to introduce yourself to them when you come to the pool. Abby has been working diligently with her team on the summer schedule and it promises to be another fun-packed summer at UB1. Please see the Pool Newsletter and the month by month schedule of events attached.**

**Evi Zafiris is also back as lead tennis instructor. Watch for updates on the junior group and private lessons that will again be offered in early June in advance of the pool season.**

### **New Board Members**

**We are happy to welcome Sue and Art Winter to the UB1 Board of Directors. Sue and Art will together take on the role of Tennis Director. I am excited to hand over this role to these Roger Federer fans 😊. With kids in the tennis program Sue is looking forward to working with the instructors to coordinate another great summer of lessons. An active tennis player at UB1, Art will explore developing the adult program and look after the courts. Please keep an eye out for a further update from them soon.**

**We continue to look for a Facility Director. A full description for this position will follow separately for consideration.**

### **Membership information**

**Please check in with the guards 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.**

## **Communications and Website**

**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](http://www.upperbeechwood.com)) and sent electronically to members.**

**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](http://www.upperbeechwood.com)**

**Please email any inquiries about our website to: [justinmbvw@gmail.com](mailto:justinmbvw@gmail.com)**

**I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a great summer. I look forward to seeing you at the Adult Pool Party, Thursday July 18.**

**Monica Heinrich**

**UB1 President**

**[monica.heinrich@rogers.com](mailto:monica.heinrich@rogers.com)**

## Message from the UB1 Treasurer

This year's fees will increase to \$490 for Homeowner Members and \$650 for Associate Members (HST included); cheques are payable to "UBHA #1" or "Upper Beechwood Homes Association #1".

The preferred method of payment of membership fees is via Post-Dated Cheques, however, please send etransfer (see below) if that is more convenient. 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.

**NEW THIS YEAR- Pool fees can be paid by etransfer to:**  
**[bienkowskisteve@gmail.com](mailto:bienkowskisteve@gmail.com)**

**\*Please use password: Poolfees2019**

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](mailto: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.

## **2018 Financial Overview**

Revenues were \$132,272 for the year.

Building and administration costs had a favourable variance of \$3,300 compared to its budget of \$45,600. Swimming and tennis programs costs of \$71,958 tracked closely to its budget of \$72,300.

Our surplus also tracked to budget at \$15,267. This compares to \$25,329 in 2017. This surplus has been kept in operations resulting in an operating reserve of \$25,638 compared to \$10,371 at the end of 2017.

Capital expenditures in 2018 were \$nil compared to \$30,947 in 2017. Our capital reserve remains unchanged from 2017 at \$81,432.

**2019 Fees-** The 2019 budget provides for a stabilization on costs compared to the significant increase experienced in 2018 as a result of labour law changes in Ontario.

Annual fees will raise by \$10.00 to \$490.00 for 2019. This will provide \$8.85 after HST per member for operations or approximately \$2,400.

Swimming and tennis program costs will see an increase of \$5,900. Approximately 50% of this or \$3,000 is the result of adding additional life guards during swimming lessons.

The balance of operating costs is budgeted to remain relatively unchanged.

The budgeted annual surplus for 2019 is \$10,400. This will be used to help offset some capital expenses for the pool expected in 2019.

**Enjoy our facilities and have a great summer!**

**Steve Bienkowski CPA. CA**  
**UB1 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](http://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.

## **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 18<sup>th</sup> (long weekend) weather permitting, i.e. no rain or rain in the forecast, and temperatures above 16 degrees, 12-8 pm.

## **UB1 Tennis 2019**

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. We would also like to welcome Grady Simpson as the assistant tennis instructor. Grady is a grade 10 student at SJAM who has been playing tennis for many years and currently is training at Northfield. A member of the SJAM junior tennis team this year, Grady also has been volunteering as a tennis assistant at a neighboring Beechwood facility. Together the tennis instructing team will be awesome again this summer.

**Here are some of the highlights of things ahead and a review of your court guidelines...**

- 1. Early lessons during the month of June—sign up for 4 weeks (fee for 4 week session) and get a jump on summer**
- 2. Private lessons (junior and adult) available beginning in June – contact Evi directly to arrange and pay for these individual or small group sessions**
- 3. Summer organized group lessons will run in week sessions Monday—Friday from 9:15 to 2:15 from July-August**
- 4. Lessons will again follow the ages of the swim lessons and start 15 minutes after pool classes finish to avoid overlap – Evi, Sue and Abby will work to fine tune the lesson timing**
- 5. Sessions will be capped at 12 per session as last year so depending on turnout kids may have lessons every other week**
- 6. There will be an opening fun day during the first session and a fun tournament day in the second session**
- 7. Adult play groups, lessons and ladders (based on skill level) will be floated for interest**
- 8. Reminder of the tennis court sign up sheet to be used for hourly court bookings. Bookings take priority for play time.**
- 9. Proper court footwear must be worn – no flip flops allowed**
- 10. Tennis etiquette applies at all times, respect your neighbour's court – and the tennis court neighbours' yards**
- 11. No pets allowed on court**
- 12. No wheels allowed on court unless for mobility purposes**
- 13. Please lock the courts if you are the last to leave**
- 14. Please take your garbage with you**
- 15. Guests must be accompanied by a member**

### **NEW Tennis Directors**

**We welcome Sue and Art Winter as your new Tennis Directors. They will be back in touch with a tennis update on the junior and adult programs and**



**looking for your feedback on some proposed programs - so keep an eye out for the email. Thank you in advance for your responses too. Your interest and enthusiasm for these events will guide us in our planning.**

**Looking forward to seeing you on the courts soon!**

**Monica Heinrich  
Out Going Tennis Director, UB1  
[monica.heinrich@rogers.com](mailto:monica.heinrich@rogers.com)**

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**Get out your calendar and mark these important dates!**

**Community Garage Sale - Saturday May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

**Adult Party – Thursday July 18th, 2019**

**HAVE A GREAT SUMMER!!!!**