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Good morning:

Lawn Aqua Club in Oak Lawn is taking applications for membership for our 2018 season, and we would like to extend a SPECIAL INVITATION to your school families.

Our Club is undergoing significant renovations which our architect captured and compiled in this "drone video": <https://youtu.be/KRjCzVpa-Js>

The response to our renovations has been overwhelming - we picked up 150 NEW member households in the last 2 weeks – and we are currently around 450 households, with our membership capped at 500 households.

Could you kindly distribute this information to your school families and ask them to review the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) below, and if they are interested in joining, have them contact me?

Thank You!

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# Lawn Aqua Club Frequently Asked Questions (“FAQs”)

**FAQ: Is it true that Lawn Aqua Club is undergoing significant renovations?**

ANS: Yes, in addition to making sure our pumps, plumbing and filtration systems are functioning and reliable, we’re also installing a NEW Splash Pad (replacing the Kiddie Pool), renovating our Clubhouse, and completely redoing our picnic area by adding an outdoor bar, new basketball courts, a grass area with a stage, and a sand volleyball court. Here is a “drone video” of our planned exterior improvements: <https://youtu.be/KRjCzVpa-Js>

**FAQ: When will the renovations be complete?**

ANS: It depends on a few factors, the Primary one being how many member families we have this year. We are trying to do it all this year, but it may take 2-3 years.

**FAQ: Is there a risk to waiting until the renovations are done, and then joining?**

ANS: Yes, there is a good chance we will reach our 500-member household maximum, and then there will be a waiting list.

**FAQ: A waiting list? Seriously?**

ANS: Yes, there actually were waiting lists in the past, and in some cases, people were on them for a couple years.

**FAQ: Is Lawn Aqua Club open to the Public?**

ANS: No, we are a private, member-owned Club.

**FAQ: How do people join?**

ANS: There are 4 steps to the process:

1. Complete an Application
2. Get recommendations from three (3) current member households
3. Get approval from the Lawn Aqua Club Board of Directors
4. Pay your Dues and Fees

**FAQ: What are the Dues & Fees?**

ANS: Dues & Fees for 2018 are as follows:

- \* **\$150 Base Dues** per household, PLUS...
- \* **\$50 Fee** per adult aged 18 and older, PLUS...
- \* **\$100 Fee** per child aged 4-17, PLUS...
- \* **\$25 Fee** per child 3 and under.

Or you can take advantage of our “Family Package” which costs \$575 and covers the base dues plus every member of your household, and one (1) nanny/babysitter (if needed).

**FAQ: When does Lawn Aqua Club’s season start and end?**

ANS: Traditionally the Saturday after Memorial Day until Labor Day Monday. But this year Opening Day may be postponed until Friday, June 15th, to allow for the safe conclusion of the renovations.

**FAQ: What are the Lawn Aqua Club’s hours of operation?**

ANS:

Day	Open	Close
Sunday - Wednesday	12:00 PM	10:00 PM
Thursday	12:00 PM	10:30 PM
Friday	12:00 PM	11:00 PM
Saturday	11:00 AM	11:30 PM

**FAQ: Are the Pools' hours the same as the Club's hours?**

ANS: No. ALL of the Club's aquatic features (i.e. Senior pool, Junior pool, and Splash Pad) will close at 10 PM EVERY NIGHT, 7 nights a week. The extended hours on Thursday, Friday and Saturday apply only to the Club's Picnic Area and Clubhouse. All persons will vacate the pools and decks at 10 PM and either exit the premises or move to the Picnic or Clubhouse areas.

**FAQ: Then why keep the Club open until 11 pm Friday and 11:30 pm Saturday?**

ANS: For our many planned events in the Picnic Area and Clubhouse, like live music, DJs, movies, theme parties, etc.

**FAQ: What happens during bad weather?**

ANS: The Club's board and management have discretion to close the Club due to inclement weather. These closings may be temporary or permanent (i.e. for the rest of that day/night) and the Club will communicate the status via email and social networks, so members are encouraged to monitor these for updates.

**FAQ: Are there any special/designated times for only Adults to use the pool(s)?**

ANS: Yes, there are 15-minute Adult Swims for those 18 and older at every quarter-to-the-hour, i.e. 11:45 am, 12:45 pm, 1:45 pm, etc. Adults will have exclusive use of the Senior and Junior pools during these times. However, the Splash-Pad area will remain open to children during Adult Swims.

**FAQ: Can I buy memberships just for my children?**

ANS: No. There must be at least one adult paid-member in each household.

**FAQ: OK, I'll buy a membership, too. Can I just drop off my children at the Club?**

ANS: It depends. All persons entering the Club, regardless of age, are presumed to be able to swim and act in a responsible and respectable manner. It is the responsibility of every parent, guardian, and or nanny/babysitter, and NOT the Club's employees, to determine what level of supervision is necessary for each child and guest they bring or allow into the Club.

**FAQ: Does the Club offer swim lessons?**

ANS: Some of our lifeguards did offer swim lessons in the past and we expect them too again this year.

**FAQ: Can members buy guest passes?**

ANS: Guest Passes will be available for \$10 each and must be purchased by members. And guests can only enter the Club accompanied by a Club member(s). Guest passes are valid for only one session (i.e., day and evening). And there may be restrictions on usage, e.g. on nights when the Club has live music.

**FAQ: Can I host a children's party at the Club?**

ANS: Yes, members can host children's parties in the Club's picnic area from Monday through Friday, between 12 noon and 3 pm. One (1) chaperone will be required for every six (6) children and each guest will be charged an \$8 entry fee, regardless of age. Children's parties need to be scheduled with the Manager's office at least a week in advance and will be taken on a first-come, first-serve basis, with no more than two (2) birthdays allowed per day.

**FAQ: Does the Club have a concession stand?**

ANS: For 2018 we plan to use the outside "bar" for limited concessions and are looking at alternative approaches to concessions in future years. That said, we plan to have several events that will feature food, like BBQs, Taco Cart, Hot Dog Cart, etc. And there will be vending machines that sell soda, candy, and snacks.

**FAQ: You mentioned BBQs? Does the Club have a grilling area?**

ANS: The current BBQ "pit" will be removed during the Picnic Area renovations. We are looking at alternatives to replace it.

**FAQ: What do members do for food?**

ANS: Most bring appetizers and snacks and, for heavier fare, have food delivered.

**FAQ: What about beverages? Adult and otherwise?**

ANS: Members are free to bring coolers into the Club packed with the food and drink of their choice, provided they abide by the 21-year old age for alcoholic beverages AND there are NO GLASS containers.

**FAQ: Can we bring beverages into the Pools?**

ANS: No, members must keep drinks (and food) out of the Club's pools. Drinks (and food) are also prohibited along edges of the pools and on the pool decks.

**FAQ: Can we bring beverages onto the sun-deck area?**

ANS: Yes, provided there are NO GLASS containers. But no food. Food must remain in the picnic area.

**FAQ: Does Lawn Aqua have Bylaws or Rules?**

ANS: Yes, both. And members will be provided copies of each and are expected to abide by them.

**FAQ: What are some of the Rules?**

ANS: Each year the Club's board of directors establishes Rules for the upcoming season. Below is a list of some general guidelines from past years that may be amended, deleted, or supplemented for 2018:

Conduct

- All persons using the Club's facilities must conduct themselves in a proper manner so as not to spoil the enjoyment nor jeopardize the safety of themselves or others.
- Extreme intoxication, menacing or erratic behavior, and obscenity are prohibited in the Club.
- Running on pool decks and boisterous or rough play is also prohibited, except when supervised and part of a Club activity or event.
- Glass containers of any kind are strictly prohibited from the Club's premises.
- Food and beverages (other than water) are prohibited outside the Club's picnic area and Clubhouse.
- All members are required to clean-up any mess they or their guests create as a result of their visit and place garbage in proper refuse receptacles.
- Smoking is strictly prohibited in all of the Club's facilities except for the designated smoking section in the Club's picnic area.

Safety

- Directions given by the Club's staff must be followed under all circumstances.
- The Club's managers and lifeguards have FULL DISCRETION over which pools and facilities a person can use, and can and will restrict a person's use if and when necessary, especially as it pertains to swimming ability.
- All persons using the Club must exercise the utmost caution to ensure the safety of all.
- Swimming is prohibited in the Club's pools unless a lifeguard(s) is on duty.
- No one should swim alone.
- Swimming is prohibited when lightning is present, including for a period of 15 minutes after the last lightning is observed.
- Children must exit the pool decks during Adult Swim.
- Children in the Splash-Pad must be accompanied by a non-employee adult at all times. The Splash-Pad is intended for children under the age of 7.
- Caution shall be exercised when diving. Diving in water less than 5-feet deep is not permitted.
- Swimmers should exit the pools using ladders or steps. The blue-painted areas around the pool decks can be slippery.
- Users of the slides and climbing wall must wait until the previous user exits the pool area before proceeding. Sliding head-first or backward on the Club's slides is prohibited. Hanging and/or diving from the top of the climbing wall is prohibited.

- Horseplay in all its forms (running, tag, pushing, dunking, fighting, etc.) is strictly forbidden on the Club's premises.
- Persons using the pools should refrain from extended conversations with lifeguards to prevent distracting them.
- Personal swim-aids (e.g. life-jackets, wings, etc) are prohibited in the Junior and Senior pools.
- Floating objects of ANY kind are prohibited in the Senior Pool.
- Strollers, playpens, personal lawn chairs, and any similar items are prohibited on the pool decks and should be limited to the Club's picnic area.
- Lifeguards observing unsafe behavior can remove people from the pool(s). If these behaviors persist, offending parties may be asked to leave the Club's premises.
- The lifeguard room and pool office are "Employee Only" areas designated only for employees and Club board members.

#### Health, Sanitation, and Attire

- The Club retains the right to prohibit persons from entering the Club or its facilities if not properly attired. Proper and traditional swimwear is required to swim in the pools. Street clothes, long pants, cut-offs, etc. will not be permitted in any of the pools.
- Admission to the Club shall be refused to any person having any contagious disease; any infectious conditions such as colds, fever, ringworm, foot infections, skin lesions, carbuncles, boils, diarrhea, vomiting, inflamed eyes, ear discharges; or any other condition that has the appearance of being infectious.
- Persons with excessive sunburn, abrasions that have not healed, corn plasters, bunion pads, adhesive tape, rubber bandages or other bandages of any kind also may be refused admittance.
- All persons who intend to use the Club's pool facilities are encouraged to take a shower before entering the pool area.
- The water in the Club's pools is not suitable for drinking. Spitting, spouting of water, blowing the nose or otherwise introducing contaminants into the pool is not permitted.
- Footwear and attire should be clean and appropriate for the family-oriented setting of the Club and its facilities. Dirty, obscene, or overly revealing attire is prohibited.
- All children who are not toilet-trained shall wear tight-fitting rubber or plastic pants and are prohibited from using the Junior or Senior Pools.

#### **FAQ: Does Lawn Aqua Club have a website?**

ANS: Yes, [LawnAqua.Club](http://LawnAqua.Club), but it's currently under construction; we hope to have it functional in a few weeks.

#### **FAQ: Who are the Club's Board of Directors?**

ANS: **Madeline O'Malley**, President; **John Campbell**, Vice President & Recording Secretary; **Mike Larmon**, Treasurer; **Jeff Buczko**, Vice President – Operations; **Tom Phelan**, Vice President – Membership; **Tim Desmond**, Director; **John Roche**, Director; **Tom DeMatteo**, Director; **Greg Heidorn**, Director; **Erin Taylor**, Director; **Tony Lantz**, Director; **Mark Plaehn**, Director.

#### **FAQ: This is great stuff! I am interested in joining. What should I do?**

ANS: Send an email to [membership@lawnaquacub.com](mailto:membership@lawnaquacub.com) and ask to be added to our newsletter list. And watch for updates in the coming weeks.