

Valley Brook



Swim and Tennis Club

Fellow Valley Brook Swim and Tennis Club Members,

Winter will end! We promise! Let's start looking forward to another great summer at Valley Brook.

The board is really excited about 2018, and sincerely thanks our volunteers who helped open and close the pool, and who stepped in to help on special projects last year, including painting a good portion of the pool. Your help is critical in maintain our club as a special place for North Hills families. Last year we renovated the ladies room, and this year you will see a renovated men's room when the pool opens. We also repaired another section of the pool, patching the area in front of the basketball hoop. And thanks to Kevin Lovasik and his Eagle Scout project, we replanted the hillside below the basketball court and added a new play area next to the baby pool. And most importantly, we replaced the heater, so we will have warm water when the pool opens!

Based on consultations with members over the last year, the board has identified a number of future projects that we plan to take on this year. First, due to repeated flooding, court two has been in a state of disrepair for several years, despite our efforts to patch it. The court will be removed this spring and replaced with a grass play area that can be used for overflow parking during busy times. Second, we have contracted to have the remaining five courts repaired and sealed as necessary. Third, we will continue the tree management project, removing the dead trees along the fence line. Finally, we plan to replace the old umbrellas, and add new sun protection options on the hillside above the pool. We still have work to do, but thanks to the support of the membership Valley Brook is becoming the hot spot of Ross Township!.

This is the second year that we are using online membership to renew your dues and to sign up for the swim and tennis teams. You should have already received an email with online registration information. It's easy and will greatly improve our efficiency and record keeping.

To register, please go to **www.valley-brook.com** and click on the "**Member Renewal**" box. From there you will be directed to the registration site.

The main reason the pool has become such a great place to spend the summer is the growth in membership we have seen the past few years. Encouraging new friends and neighbors to join will help ensure the future of the club, and we urge all members to tell their friends what a great place Valley Brook is for families. If you know of anybody who may want to be a member, please have them contact: Andrea Korade at 412-219-3188 or e-mail at ValleyBrookPool@gmail.com

Please visit our updated website, Facebook page, Twitter, and Instagram accounts for revised dates, updates, club information, forms, reports, and schedules. And be sure to give us your email so we can share our newsletter with you. Or you can sign up for our email newsletter on our website!



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Welcome Back! The pool opens this year on Saturday, May 26th at 11:00am.

Spring Cleanup days are tentatively scheduled for Saturday May 12 and Sunday May 20, 2018 (9:00-2:00). *For questions about cleanup days, contact Dan Andrews at (412) 996-6985. See our website, Facebook page as dates get closer.*

Please go online at valley-brook.org, register and make your payment for dues by May 1, 2018 (You should have already received an email with online Dues/Tennis registration information). Family membership is \$485, individual senior membership for those 55 and older as of opening day is \$295 and for individuals who only plan to use the pool after 4:00pm is \$145 per person. Bond and other fees are the same for all memberships.

A late fee of \$25.00 will be assessed to dues paid late. All existing member registration after May 1 are considered late. No partial payments will be accepted. **DO NOT SEND CASH.** Dues are not refundable. Membership dues, fees and other gifts to Valley Brook Swim & Tennis Club cannot be deducted as charitable contributions for Federal income tax purposes. *For questions about dues, call Bill Johnston at (412) 345-1464 or email ValleyBrookPool@gmail.com.*

Membership cards must be presented each time you utilize the pool and/or tennis courts. This will be strictly enforced this year. You will need to have your card(s) validated for the 2018 season. You may do this starting opening day. There is a **\$5.00** charge for replacement cards. Each household member may be required to provide proof of residency (i.e., driver's license, utility bill).

Guest ticket books, each containing 10 tickets, are \$30.00 if purchased with your online dues payment. Guest ticket books can also be purchased at the front desk for \$40.00. Without a guest ticket, guest admission is \$5.00 on weekdays and \$6.00 on weekends and holidays. Guest tickets books **will not** be mailed. Please pick up and sign for your guest ticket books at the front desk when you first visit the pool. *For questions about guest tickets, call Bill Johnston at (412) 345-1464 or email ValleyBrookPool@gmail.com.*

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Tennis instruction is provided by our new tennis pros Sydney Sterner and Gabie Eaborn. *Yes, Dan Print has retired after 26 years at Valley Brook!* Group clinics are conducted for children under the age of 18 and cost \$100.00 per child. The group clinics are 30-45 minutes 3 times/week (Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday with matches on Friday) for approximately 7 weeks. **Please go online at valley-brook.com, register and make your payment for the clinic by May 1, 2018.**

Private lessons are also available for \$30 per hour. *For questions about tennis instruction, call Melanie Mayer at 412-897-3291 or contact the new pros directly:*

Sydney – email: sydneysterner2@gmail.com or call: 412-498-5004

Gabie – email: Geaborn17@gmail.com or call: 412-719-0609



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SPONSOR A NEW MEMBER!!

Introduce a friend or neighbor to the fun at Valley Brook and receive a \$50 rebate on your membership!

Our target membership at Valley Brook is between 325 and 350 families but our membership is currently at 307 which impacts our ability to make major improvements and unexpected repairs. We believe our members truly understand the benefits of belonging to Valley Brook and are best ones to help us solve this problem while benefiting themselves and the family they sponsor.

The process is simple - tell your friends how much you enjoy the activities at Valley Brook. Direct them to our website www.valley-brook.org for information / application and tell them to submit an application showing your name and Bond # as sponsor. Once they join and their payment clears, a refund will be sent to you at the address we have on file. Only one sponsor per new member and sponsor's name must be on the application at the time it is submitted. No after-the-fact claims of sponsor ship accepted. Program is valid for only the 2018 season.