



Fellow Valley Brook Swim and Tennis Club Members,

In the midst of COVID-19 and the changing landscape of cancellations and social distancing, we are looking forward to warmer weather, more opportunities to be outside, and another amazing season at Valley Brook. We have worked diligently in the off-season to make more improvements to the pool, and we are planning to open the pool on May 23rd. In the meantime, we will be monitoring updates from the local jurisdictions and health organizations, and working to ensure that the pool is a safe and healthy environment for our members and guests. If there are changes or updates to our schedule, we will keep you updated via email and social media.

In response to your comments from the Annual Meeting and Membership Survey, our ongoing major upgrades include:

- Replacement of the baby pool pump and return lines.
- New automated baby pool chlorination system.
- Removal of the pine tree near the baby pool (and several other trees along the property perimeter).
- Renovation of the baby pool play area, including new equipment and adding an expanded section of artificial turf instead of mulch.
- Resurfacing and painting of the basketball court.
- New umbrellas and tables.
- Added a 2nd handicap parking space and sealing the asphalt on the lower lot.
- Replacing large areas of concrete in the pool and deck.
- Re-grading the upper tennis court drive way and surrounding area to prevent flooding of the lower tennis/parking area.
- Dredging the lower culvert and clearing debris.

Note; we are also setting money aside to replace the pavilion roof and lower tennis court in the future.

As you hopefully have noticed, in addition to routine maintenance, the board is continuing to stretch our membership dollars and make major improvements to the club, and we thank our volunteers who have helped make Valley Brook such a success. We look forward to your support as we continue to make Valley Brook **“the place to be”** again this summer.

This is the fourth year that we are using online membership to renew your dues and to sign up for the swim and tennis teams. It's easy and will greatly improve our efficiency and record keeping. *For those of you still holding out, pretty please give it a try!*

To register:

1. Go to www.valley-brook.com.
2. Click on the "**Member Renewal**" button.
3. To login, enter your email address and your password.
4. If you have forgotten your password, please click "forgot password" and follow the recovery instructions.

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: Troy Fritz at 412-219-3188 or ValleyBrookPool@gmail.com

Please visit our 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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Valley Brook



Swim and Tennis Club

Welcome Back! The pool opens this year on **Saturday, May 23 at 11:00am.**

Spring Cleanup days are tentatively scheduled for Saturday May 9 and Sunday May 17, 2020 (9:00-2:00). *For questions about cleanup days, contact Doug Crowley at (412) 443-8485 or dougcrowl@gmail.com.* See our website, Facebook page as dates get closer. **NOTE:** If you can't make these dates, please contact Doug to set up a time you can help! **We need everyone's support!** Remember, this is a member owned club.

To Register your Membership, please go online at valley-brook.com, update your family profile and make dues payments by May 4th, 2020. Dues have not changed (again)! 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 4th 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. You will need to have your card(s) validated for the 2020 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 registration only. Guest ticket books are \$40.00 and individual passes are \$5.00 if purchased after registration at the front desk. **A member must accompany, and is responsible for their guests.** 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.*



Valley Brook Barracudas Registration (\$65.00 per child)

Valley Brook Barracudas: The swim team is for children under the age of 18 who can swim one length of the pool without holding onto the lane rope or the side of the pool. Our season is approximately 7 weeks long and begins June 1st. The kids practice Monday through Friday 10AM-11:30 with swim meets Tues/Thur evenings. Please note, swimmers must register through <https://vbbarracudas.swimtopia.com/>. For questions about the swim team, contact Haylan Fazio at ValleyBrookBarracudas@gmail.com.



Valley Brook Tennis Registration (\$100.00 per child)

Tennis Clinic: Tennis instruction is provided by our returning tennis pros Sydney Sterner and Gabie Eaborn. The Valley Brook Tennis Clinic is Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday with matches on either Tuesday or Friday. The clinic begins June 8th and runs for 7 weeks. **Time slots will be determined based on the number of participants and skill levels.** The general schedule is as follows:

Grades 9-12

From 11:00 am – 12:00 pm M-W-Th

Grades 1-4

From 12:00 - 1:00pm M-W-Th

Grades 5-8 (Session 1)

From 1:00-2:00pm M-W-Th

Grades 5-8 (Session 2 –ONLY IF NEEDED)

From 2:00-3:00pm M-W-Th

Please go online at valley-brook.com, register and make your payment for the clinic by May 4th, 2020.

Private lessons are also available for \$30 per hour. For questions about tennis instruction, call the new pros directly.

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

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