VW Newsletter: May 2023





President's Message

Vienna Woods Members,

A very mild winter (with no snow and the kids will tell you that!) has given way to a cooler than normal spring. As a member of Vienna Woods since 1977, I love this time of year in anticipation of our beloved pool (tennis and snack bar) re-opening for the season. We are blessed to have a pool that holds up quite well despite its age and we are equally lucky to have a membership that understands what it takes to maintain our large facility.

The board of directors, as valiant volunteers, have remained mindful stewards of the financials and we have had some expected and unexpected expenses during this winter. Please review our treasurer's, Dave Miller, note on the details of what we were facing in this winter. We are financially strong and prudent in our forecasts and want to be transparent in our attempts to ensure we have a safe, fun environment for all of our Vienna Woods families.

Lastly, I want to commend all of our staff in their efforts to make Vienna Woods a fantastic environment to enjoy, whether you are raising a family or have been a member since day one. We thank you. Now, let's have an amazing summer and make more great memories for all!

Regards, AJ Oskuje

Message from the Treasurer of the Board of Directors

So where did my dues increase go?

As you walk through the front door of the clubhouse in a couple of weeks, you might be asking yourself... so where did my dues increase go, there is still a cover on the baby pool. The answer is a list of items... and here it is...

- 1. **We increased staff pay rates.** We have not given any of our staff a pay increase in 5 years and we were starting to have trouble retaining our older and more experienced staff. These are the folks we rely on the most as they have great relationships with our members and they know how things are supposed to work and train the younger staff. We skewed our increases giving this cohort a greater percentage increase than our first year employees.
- 2. We fixed things you can't see. 1. Sand Filters: Last fall, we replaced the sand in our pool sand filters. You may have noticed towards the end of last season, sand started to appear in the bottom of the pool. This was a sign that our sand filter system had reached the end of its useful life and needed to be replaced 2. Trees: Between midlife Oak blight and trees that have died as a function of a new homes being built on our perimeter, we have had to remove quite a few mature trees. In an effort to try and keep costs manageable, you will notice we have left "tall stumps" 3. Water Line: This spring we determined the main water line into the clubhouse (which comes from Kingsley!) was leaking about 2 gallons a minute. Just a couple weeks ago, we completed replacing the water line.

3. We made several safety repairs. You will notice there is a new fence on the bridge across the creek and a new gate on the dirt road. These items needed our attention as a life safety matters

We continue to have a list of needs and continue to manage the list with cash available...and yes, we appreciate that we need to come up with a solution for the baby pool...and the office needs renovating and the parking lot needs paving and a new shed and ice maker for the snack bar and a.......

One thing we are certain of - that the pool will be open on Memorial Day and the water will be ultra clean and our grounds will be safe! I love this time of the year, so I'm counting down till the pool opens. See you in line at the snack bar!!!

Thanks
Dave Miller

Pool Manager Updates

We have three new assistant managers this summer, and they are looking forward to another great summer in the woods!



My name is Alya and this is my fourth year working at Vienna Woods! I love the environment that Vienna Woods provides, and I can't wait to be working in a new role this summer. I love working with kids during swim lessons and watching them grow in confidence and swim skills. Crab Feast is always an evening to remember, and it's fun to see everyone having a great time. I can't wait to be back this summer and work at such a great place!



Hi! My name is Lauren Kish and I am a rising 3rd year at the UVA, majoring in Commerce. I've worked at Vienna Woods since I was 14. when I was finally old enough to start legally working! Beginning as an employee at the snack bar, and then becoming a lifeguard after two years, my time at Vienna Woods has been nothing short of amazing. My favorite part about working at VW has been all the friends I've made and the various parties that VW hosts. Spending my summers at VW has been one of my favorite memories growing up, and I'm so excited to become even more involved as an assistant manager this year.



Hi, I'm Kevin! This is my first year managing, and I'm excited to work in this new position! This summer will be my third year working at the pool, and I'm grateful to have this opportunity. My favorite memory working at VW is the Crab Feast, and I can't wait for it this year too! I look forward to seeing everyone again soon, and I know it will be another great summer!

Swim Team News

Registration for Vienna Woods Swim and Dive Teams for 2023 is still open! There is a \$10 discount for additional family athletes registered in the same online registration session, however there will be a \$10 late fee added to each registration after June 3rd.

If you'd like to register for swim team, register here

<u>Kick-off Meeting</u> - The kickoff meeting for the Swim Team is Monday, May 22 from 6:00-7:00 pm at the pool . We will talk about the upcoming season, meet the coaches and the kids will enjoy some "getting to know you" games with the team.

<u>Mini Star Q&A</u> - We will be arranging a Q&A specifically about Mini Stars for some time in May. Please check back on TeamUnify for a date and time for that meeting, which will be added to the calendar once scheduled.

If you are unable to attend these meetings, feel free to email Tom/Jason at vwswimanddive@gmail.com or Megan Rourke at vwministars@gmail.com

Spirit Wear. In addition to the t-shirt and latex cap that all registered swimmers receive automatically with registration, we are pleased to offer a variety of spirit wear items that parents and athletes can purchase to show their team pride! Shop directly via this link: https://sportfairusa.tuosystems.com/stores/vw23

Here are some key upcoming dates for early season events:

- May 22 Spirit Wear orders due
- May 22 Swim Team Parent Kickoff Meeting, and kids meet the Coaches, 6 7pm (as noted above)
- May 23 and 25 Dryland Sessions at the Pool
 - 11 & over: 5:00 pm 6:00 pm
 - 10 & Under: 6:00 pm 7:00 pm
- May 27 Pool Opens
- May 30 First Day of Afternoon Practice in the Pool
- June 8 VW Suit Sales at the Pool (during afternoon practice)
- June 10 Time Trials (entire team)
- June 14 VW Suit Sales at the Pool (during afternoon practice)

We look forward to an awesome summer!!

Tom Peterson – Team Rep Jason Somensatto & Jamie Teufel – A Meet Reps Nancy & Joel Cline – B Meet Reps Dan Jacobs – VW Head Swim Coach

Tennis (and Pickle Ball) at Vienna Woods!

The tennis program at VW has some fun social activities planned for the season. Below is a list of socials. Please RSVP to Tom Herman ther222@aol.com or Gretchen gretcheneh@aol.com for all socials.

- May 21: Women's social, 5-7pm. Please RSVP, and bring your favorite dish to share.
- May 25: Women's beginner round robin, 6:30-9pm. Bring a snack or drink to share.
- June 2: (Hopefully) Annual Summer Kickoff Mixed Doubles Social. DJ, pizza, a game of cats and dogs, and prizes; 6:30-9pm. Bring a snack or drinks to share. Please RSVP. You don't need a partner to participate!
- June 25: Women's social, 6:30-9pm. Bring a snack or drink to share.
- June 30: Mixed Doubles social, 6:30-9pm. Theme to be announced. Bring drinks or food to share.
- July 28: Junior Tennis Social, 12-2pm.
- July 28: Mixed Doubles Social, 6:30-9pm. Please RSVP, and bring drinks or food to share.
- August 25: Mixed Doubles social, 6:30-9pm. RSVP, and bring drinks or food to share.
- September 22: Mixed Doubles social, 6:30-9. Please RSVP. Bring drinks or food to share.

TBA: Men's doubles round robin

TBA: Pickleball clinic

We look forward to seeing you on the courts this Summer!

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2023 Summer Special Events

JUNE EVENTS

Tennis Kick Off Party: Friday, June 2nd, 6:30 - 9pm

Chris DeVine: Saturday June 3rd

Special Event "Decades": Saturday June 17th, 5pm - 10pm

Middle School Night: Wednesday June 21st, 6pm - 8:45pm

JULY EVENTS

Special Event "Caribbean Nights": Saturday July 1st, 5pm-10pm

Patch Party: Wednesday July 12th, 6pm-8:45pm

Crab Feast: Saturday July 15th, 6pm - Midnight (Tickets sold at the Front Desk - Adults Only)

Check out our new Vienna Woods website - it's live!

Vienna Woods Swim and Tennis Club!!!

On the new site you can:

Book swim lessons online (group)
Buy Guest Pass Books
Reserve space in the Grove for parties
Check VW Calendars for:
General Pool Info (raft day, adult swim times, etc.)
Tennis courts (when courts will be in use for camps, tournaments, etc.)
Social Calendar

Opening Day - Saturday, May 27, 2023!

Club Administrative phone & email: 703-938-0005 | gwomack@viennawoods.org Pool: 123 Harmony Drive, SW Vienna, VA 22180 | 703-938-4218 (seasonal) Tennis: 950 DeSale Street Vienna, VA 22180 | 703-281-0458 (seasonal)

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