# Vienna Woods Newsletter - Winter 2025



### **President's Message**

It's hard to believe that we're just 4 months away from opening day at Vienna Woods, especially after the cold weather we've had these past couple of weeks. Thankfully, the chill is starting to ease, but hurry up, spring!

I'd like to extend a warm welcome to Jason Somensatto, who is joining the Vienna Woods board as the new swim team rep, stepping in for Tom Peterson. Jason has been deeply involved in the Northern Virginia Swim League for decades—as a swimmer, coach, and, most recently, as Vienna Woods' A Meet Rep. His experience and passion are a tremendous asset to the team.

A big thank you to Tom Peterson for his incredible dedication and leadership while on the board. He played a pivotal role in taking our program to the next level, and we're grateful for all of his contributions.

Enjoy the winter while it lasts, folks. It won't be long before we're all back at the pool!

AJ Oskuie



# **Pool Manager Update**

#### It's almost time to start planning for summer 2025 and that means......we're hiring!

Looking for a fun and rewarding summer job? Now's the time to apply to become a lifeguard at Vienna Woods! We're hiring lifeguards (ages 15+) and are particularly looking for college-aged lifeguards who are available early in the season. The spring season kicks

off in mid-April with a few hours on Saturdays, leading up to opening day in May.

Lifeguards must be at least 15 years old by opening day (or early in the summer) and will need to obtain their American Red Cross lifeguard certification. No membership is required to work at Vienna Woods, and being a lifeguard here is a great opportunity to gain valuable skills, make new friends, and create lasting memories. If you're interested or need more information about how to get certified, please email poolmanager@viennawoods.org

Our hiring cuts off in early April, so don't delay!

# **Tennis and Pickleball**

As the days grow longer and the sun begins to shine a little brighter, we're excited to announce that spring tennis season is right around the corner.

Tom & Gretchen have crafted another fantastic spring lineup. Check out the <u>Vienna</u> <u>Woods Tennis site</u> for more information about our spring 2025 programs, including clinics for Juniors, Ladies (day and night), and Mens.

Enrollment is limited, so register early!

#### Congratulations to our champions from last summer and fall!

A huge congratulations to everyone who participated in our Junior Program last year! We are incredibly proud to share that our Junior Program has been honored as the top program in the Northern Virginia Tennis League, earning the prestigious Junior Excellence Trophy for the 6th time in the last 7 years!

In addition, our Ladies Daytime (Summer and Fall) and mixed doubles teams were crowned league Champions—what an outstanding accomplishment!

And a special thank you to our dedicated team captains and coaches for their unwavering commitment throughout the season. Your hard work and leadership made all the difference.

Here's to another fantastic season of growth, teamwork, and success!

# **Membership Updates**

At the September 2024 annual shareholder meeting, we received a great question about how the number of Vienna Woods memberships compares before and after the recent temporary dues increase. To shed light on this, we've provided a breakdown of the 750 memberships by decade in the table below.

Membership Retention	2023	2024
Pre-1980s	20	17
1980s	34	26
1990s	115	94
2000-2009	145	117
2010-2019	301	249
2020 to present	135	247
Total	750	750

Our membership lengths range from an impressive 65 years to just 1 month, with an average length of 13 years. Demand for memberships remains strong, and our waitlist continues to include well over 900 names.

As you see, we have a fantastic and loyal membership base that spans generations. It's clear that Vienna Woods holds a special place in the hearts of our members!

If you're considering selling your Vienna Woods share or have any questions about your membership, please don't hesitate to reach out to Gina Womack at gwomack@viennawoods.org

# Helping our own

As many of you know, we have lost a beloved member of our community, Cammie Knicely.

Our hearts go out to the Knicely family during this difficult time. For those who have not already, please consider supporting the Knicely family via this **<u>Go Fund Me</u>** page if you are able.

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