

Northville Swim Club March Newsletter

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NSC Members Vote Down Parking Lot Paving Proposal

Thank you to all the members who attended the September 28, 2009 NSC Annual Meeting. In addition to board member reports and member comments, the meeting offered members the opportunity to vote on a proposal for a special assessment to pay for the paving of the Swim Club parking lot.

The proposal was overwhelmingly rejected by the members in attendance by a vote of 69 against and 14 in favor.

The NSC Board of Directors meets monthly throughout the year on the second Tuesday of each month. Between October and May the meetings take place at 7 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church of Northville, 777 West Eight Mile Road. Meetings take place at the Northville

PRESIDENTIAL GREETINGS

Although we are still experiencing the hardships of winter, preparations for the 2010 summer season are being made. The Northville Swim Club will soon be filled with happy families, and children beginning their relationship with the water.

Beyond the club's usual pre-season agenda, Northville is readying to host this season's League Meet. Chairpersons have been assigned to specific leadership roles, but chances to volunteer are countless. The board is confident that members will contribute to help the season be productive and enjoyable. Helping out can range from our pre-season workdays, to Float Night volunteering, and any event in between. Ideas are sprouting to improve our club, as maintaining quality is an ongoing process. Along with League Meet prep, the board is taking its standard steps to ensure the safety and convenience of our members.

To ensure that our club remains cost effective, the board will be continuing to monitor the budget. The economy demands responsible spending to maintain the comfortable atmosphere, at a reasonable price.

As excitement builds for the upcoming season, let us take the time to thank those who have completed their service to the board. We hope to see these members in their rightful place this summer, on a lawn chair relaxing in the shade. Thanks to Dave Wagner, Bill Schaumann, Sue Egan, and Gretchen McClymont for such positive work in our community. Their efforts are greatly appreciated.

Looking to the future once again, we would like to officially welcome our in-coming board members. A warm welcome to Amy Knoth, Jay Moore, Janet Naughton, and Chris Willerer. Our new additions will surely be put to good use.

Enjoy the rest of the winter season, but keep the summer in mind. Welcome all of our new club members, and their guests. With your help, we can make this summer one to remember.

Go Penguins!

Bill Young

NSC President

Swim Club from June through September. Members are welcome to attend any of the board meetings.

A Big Thanks to Outgoing Board Members

Not enough thank yous can go to swim club members Dave Wagner, Bill Schaumann, Sue Egan, and Gretchen McClymont who finished their board terms this fall.

Dave Wagner ended 6 years of service on the board. While on the board, Dave wrote the newsletter, assisted in the launch of the new club website, served in Building and Grounds, and as President.

Sue Egan ended 8 years of service. Sue spent many years as the Social Chair hosting many fun events and then moved on to serve as Secretary. We can thank Sue for getting all of the club signs redone and updated last year.

Bill Schaumann spent 9 years on the board. He also penned this newsletter, served in building and grounds, and finished his services as Vice President. Bill was instrumental in implementing a new check in system that has helped almost eliminate non-members using our club.



LEAGUE MEET 2010 - "SWIMMING WITH THE STARS"



"Swimming with the Stars" will be the theme when the Northville Swim Club hosts the 2010 League Meet on Sunday, August 1, 2010.

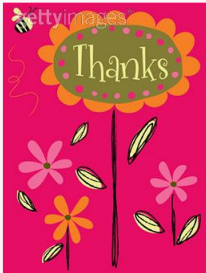
And swimmers from all five of the Summer Independent Swim League (SISL) teams (Northville, Newburgh, Colony, Fairway Farms and Burton Hollow) will feel like stars with their names up in lights - on a real scoreboard - when they get the opportunity to compete in the state-of-the-art pool facility at the Livonia Community Recreation Center (LCRC).

Yes, you heard right. In an exciting move, the Northville Swim Club will host the League Meet this year at the LCRC, located at Five Mile and Hubbard just east of Farmington Road. And, in order to accommodate this incredible opportunity, the date of League Meet has been moved by one day to Sunday, August 1. (The SISL League Meet is traditionally held on the last Saturday of July, which this year is July 31. No need to worry about a rain date this year!)

The new venue will build on the excitement and specialness of the day by giving swimmers the opportunity to compete in the same pool where numerous high school and club team invitationals and competitions take place each year. One of the only 25-meter competition pools in the area, the LCRC pool boasts eight lanes; permanent starting blocks at both ends; a large, lighted score board where swimmer names, times and places finishes will flash for all to see; and a professional scoring and sound system.

The large pool deck also will be arranged with bleachers designated for each team that can be decorated with signs and posters and where swimmers can hang out and cheer on their teammates. Family members and spectators can cheer from the large spectators area overlooking the pool. With the voices of 400 swimmers and 1,000 spectators echoing off the walls, the place will be rocking!

Gretchen McClymount spent 3 years on the board. While in service, she planned many fun social activities for both adults and kids.



Fall Clean Up Thank You

Many thanks to the more than 30 volunteers who helped close down the club after a very successful 2009 season. All volunteers earned guest passes for the 2010 season.

It takes many helping hands to close down the club including storing the lawn chairs in the locker rooms; taking down the umbrellas, volleyball nets and signs; cleaning the grills; washing the refrigerators and freezers; closing down the office; trimming lilies and bushes; and covering the diving boards.

It is a ton of work to close down the club, but we also managed to have a lot of fun too. All these volunteers saved the club thousands of dollars.

While the move to the LCRC will offer a new and exciting swimming experience, the expansive, modern facility will also enable us to keep in place the many traditions and celebrations that are such a big part of the SISL League Meet experience. A large gymnasium adjacent to the pool - flooded with natural light - will offer ample room for teams to set up areas where swimmers and families can relax and visit. Bring your lawn chairs, tables, coolers and pop-up tents. Also, feel free to decorate your area with signs, posters and banners. There also will be a concession area just outside the gym to purchase snacks and drinks. The traditional parade of teams will begin in the gym, wind through the LCRC grounds just outside the gym, and onto the pool deck where the five teams will circle the pool, all the while cheering!

Although there is still snow on the ground, excitement is already building for this year's [Penguin swim season](#) and the League Meet. The League Meet Planning Committee is busy at work and looking for volunteers to help with planning and on the day of the meet. The following article provides a listing of the volunteer opportunities available and sign up today!

2010 LEAGUE MEET NEEDS YOU!

It will take many volunteers to make the 2010 League Meet a big success. Volunteers are needed to help with planning and organization before the meet, and many more will be needed to time, marshal, announce, hand-out awards and sell food, t-shirts and programs on the day of the meet.

Please review the volunteer opportunities below and sign up to help today by e-mailing Janet Naughton at secretary@northvilleswimclub.com. Be sure to include what committee or area you would like to work on, as well as the e-mail address and phone number where you can be reached.

Families with swimmers on the Penguin Swim Team are strongly encouraged to volunteer...might as well, you'll be there anyways! But, even if you don't have a swimmer on the team, we welcome your help. It is a fun and exciting day, and there is no experience necessary. Volunteers are needed for Timing, Marshalling, Logistics/Hospitality, Awards, T-Shirts, Concessions, and Decorations.

Two areas where we are still in need of committee chairs are:

- Announcing
- First-Aid (must be a medical professional)

Please e-mail Janet as soon as possible if you are willing to lead one of these critical areas.

WELCOME NEW BOARD MEMBERS

Amy Knoth (Social) - Amy and her husband, Mark, grew up in Northville and have childhood memories of visiting Northville Swim Club with friends. The Knoths have been members for five years and their three children swim for the Penguins and also have taken swim lessons each year. Amy and her family can be found at nearly every activity at the Northville Swim Club, as they consider the club their summer vacation spot.

Thanks again to all those who helped.

**Mark Your
Calendar for the
NSC Spring Work
Days**

**Saturday, May 1st
8 a.m.-3 p.m.**

**Saturday, May 8th
8 a.m.-3 p.m.**

**Hope to see you
there!**

Jay Moore (Treasurer) - Jay has lived in Northville for 35 years and grew up spending his summers at the Northville Swim Club. His children swim for the Penguins and the entire family enjoys Coney Nights and the club's other social activities.

Janet Naughton (Secretary) - Members of the Northville Swim Club for 11 summers, Janet and her family enjoy the sun and fun at NSC each summer. Her three children (now 18, 16 and 12) learned to swim taking lessons at the club and all three have been long-time members of the Swim Team.

Chris Willerer (Grounds) - Chris was a part of the Northville Swim Club growing up in Northville and now enjoys sharing the experience with his children. His family enjoys being part of the Swim Team and taking part in Coney Night and other social activities.

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