



Dear Riverside Swim Club Members:

As we approach the end of this RSC summer season, please take some time to reflect on the significance of the Riverside Swim Club to you, your family and the Riverside community. What an exceptional summer season it has been at the club! With record high temperatures, the pool kept us and our families cool during the long hot days and evenings, our swim team won conference for the first time since 2003, we started a water polo club, and enjoyed a fun ‘tween night and wonderful luau party.

In order to preserve the wonderful activities the swim club has to offer, several RSC members came together as a group after learning that the future of the pool is at risk. We would like to introduce ourselves and let you know what we are doing.

Who is the RSC Long Range Planning Committee (LRPC)?

We are a committee comprised of volunteer RSC members who are concerned with the state of our current pool and the future of the Riverside Swim Club. The committee is evaluating cost effective options for retrofitting or rebuilding our club. The current LRPC volunteer members are:

Jamie Brand	Danny Jisa	Dorie Skiest
Mary Rob Clarke	Melissa Jurgens	Tracy Sloan
Andy Daun	Terry Keating	Brent Vaia
Erin Durkin	Ana Maria McCarthy	Ann Marie Vietti
Mike Foley	Amy Regan	Becky Wood
Mollie Grant	Christine Schafer	Mark Wunderlich

Riverside Swim Club Structure:

Over the past several years, extensive evaluations the pool have been completed, and some are still under way. The purpose of these evaluations is to fully understand the structural state of the club and help inform our recommendations as we look at options for the future. Our findings are summarized below. They come from a number of sources including RSC Board Members and swimming pool construction and restoration companies (i.e., Myrtha Pools and Williams Architects.).

Here is what we know:

1. Our pool is more than 50 years old and at the end of its life. The pool was built in 1962 with a life expectancy of 40 years.
2. How do we know the pool is at the end of its life?
 - The pool uses 2.3 million gallons of water annually due to water leakage. This is 10x the amount it takes to fill the pool.
 - The pump system is old and therefore expensive and difficult to maintain. If the pump system breaks down, the pool may need to be closed several days for repairs.
 - The pool mechanicals, deck, plumbing, drainage and heating systems all need to be reconstructed or replaced.

3. Athletic facilities.

- Our swim lanes do not meet depth codes for swim meets, so swimmers are unable to use swim blocks.
- The west end of the pool is too shallow for flip turns.
- Our diving boards are not adequate for a competitive dive team.

The current state of the pool has deteriorated to the point where any number of issues could arise and render the pool inoperable for an entire swim season. Repairs continue to escalate with diminishing levels of success upon repair. There are no small solutions that will fix the challenges we face and it is time to make decisions about the future of the RSC.

LRPC activity to date:

Our committee was formed in April of 2012. Since then, we have spent time learning about the current state of our pool, investigating and learning from other pool renovations in the area and attending the USA Swimming Pool Conference. We are divided into subcommittees in the areas of Finance, Fundraising, Membership, Construction and Communications. Here is an outline of our plan for the coming months:

1. Phase I: Assess current state of the club.
 - Continue to compile data and facts to determine the current state of the RSC facilities, finances, programming, membership and competitive position.
 - Identify and begin to prioritize the major issues facing the RSC.
2. Phase II: Develop options for the future.
 - Establish baseline requirements to maintain current facilities into the future.
 - Evaluate membership satisfaction with current facilities and programming
 - Identify and prioritize any unmet needs
 - Develop options and alternatives for the future, explore trade-offs
3. Phase III: Decision-making.
 - Membership determines actions to be taken

RSC for the next 24 months:

We want the Riverside Swim Club to be around for another 50 years for families to enjoy. We want swim lessons, swim team, sun bathing and a place for Riverside area families and friends to congregate. We want to create another generation full of fond memories at RSC.

The LRPC has set a goal to make a final recommendation to the Riverside Swim Club membership by Spring of 2013. This will put us in the position to implement our future plan for Riverside Swim Club for the 2014 swimming season.

In advance of that time, we will be providing a survey to the members so that we can capture all of your ideas and thoughts as it relates to the future of RSC. Your feedback will be critical as we evaluate options for the future.

We will also offer informational sessions throughout the winter months for interested members. In these sessions we will share more details about the current state of the pool and progress on developing options available for the future.

When the recommendation is presented in Spring 2013, it will be followed by a vote of approval or disapproval by the membership. The members will ultimately decide the future of the pool.

What we need the RSC members to do:

We need to know what is important to our members as we consider the future of the Riverside Swim Club. Therefore we are asking every family to participate in the RSC survey before October 15, 2012.

The survey will be emailed to members at the end of August.

If we do not have your email address, or you do not receive a link to the survey, you can:

- Email Mary Rob Clark at maryrrob@aol.com and request a link to the survey via email.
- Download a copy of the survey from the Riverside Swim Club website <http://riversideswimclub.net/longrangeplanning.html> and send survey responses in the mail.
- Call Erin Durkin at: 708-447-9477 who can mail you a copy of the survey to your home.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact any LRPC member.

Thank you,

The Riverside Swim Club Long Range Planning Committee

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