



# **Garrett Park Swimming Pool Association**

Member meeting  
May 6, 2021



# Plans for 2021 Season



# **GPSPA Opens Memorial Day Saturday, May 29th! Getting Closer to “Normal”!**

The County continues to update Covid guidance daily.  
Last year was a success due to your cooperation with safety procedures.

Here's what we know today.

Thank you for continuing to follow County Covid regulations!



# MOCO Regs on Pools-New & Still Required

## New

Capacity - Increased!

Showers and baby pool open!

Lap pool-more swimmers per lane!

Furniture & picnic tables!

Changes to chaperone policy!

Masters Swim is back!

## Same

Reservations still required

Masks at check in (distance in Club when not w/family)

Drinking fountains closed

No individual (child) swim lessons



## What's Changed Since Last Year?

Food delivery OK! Meet driver at gate (eat in grassy areas, not on deck)

Enjoy furniture on the deck!

Soft beach balls are allowed!

- Continue to bring your own kickboard
- No noodles/other toys
- Personal personal flotation devices (PFDs) remain allowed.



## What Else is Open in 2021?

- Showers!
- Volleyball court
- Sand pit
- Tetherball court
- Lost and found - but please remember to take your belongings!



## Additional Activities - More than 2020!

Masters Swim is back! Contact [Tollefson Swimming](#) to reserve. Only GPSPA members may participate

Moonlight (adult ) swim **will start on Tuesday, June 22**

Garrett Park Ladybugs Swim team - Stay tuned for more information from the swim reps. County has approved a swim season!



## **Goal: Repeat 2020 Success/Continue to Provide a Safe and Enjoyable Pool Season**

Safety for our members and staff continues to be our top priority.

Staff will work hard to make your swim enjoyable. You can help by:

- Being patient w/new desk attendants (guided by experienced guards)
- Updating registration-e-signing waivers, uploading photos for ALL members
- Being courteous to fellow swimmers. Issues? See manager-on-duty
- Leaving promptly at end of session. Don't put staff in awkward position of asking you to leave



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**Reservations Still Required for  
Both Pools**

**Process will be emailed this  
month**



## Reservations -

Process will be similar to 2020.

*NEW! Children 10 & under must be accompanied by member 16 and over!*

*Doesn't have to be a family member!  
Coordinate reservations w/friends!*

**No guests at this time. Dependent on County restrictions changing.**

*Time slots vary:*

*1 hour - Memorial Day Saturday-end of school (Wednesday, 6/16)*

*Longer swim sessions after school is out!*

More information coming closer to opening day.



## You Are at the Pool - Now What?

Line up along the sidewalk by the front gate on the designated spots

Wear a mask at check-in . Maintain distance please

Tell desk attendant the name of each member - **# entering = # reserved**

County guideline-take a soap shower

Desk attendants will check in each member based on their picture.

**No picture, no entry!**

Walk through the bath house to the pools

Exit via the side gate **ONLY- NO re-entry** during sessions



## Entry, Exit, and Breaks

You may enter at any time during your session through the front gate. Please be patient with new desk attendants.

You can exit at any time during your session through the side gate.

At the end of the session, you must leave and take everything with you.

**Exit - through side gate. No exceptions! Even if you have a reservation the following session, please exit and check back in at desk.**



## **Stay Home if You or Any Family Member Has**

- Fever/chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath/difficulty breathing
- Headache/muscle/body aches
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea

**If a family member tests positive for  
COVID, please email  
[membership@garrettparkpool.org](mailto:membership@garrettparkpool.org)**

**Your name will NOT be shared**

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# Ground Rules



## Remember...

Distancing is YOUR responsibility, not the staff. **Maintain distance if you're not comfortable.**

We continue to receive County updates about masks. Stay tuned for more information but at this time, please wear masks at check in/exit and when you can't maintain distance from people outside your family.






**No glass allowed on premises**

**No smoking, vaping, or possession/use of illegal drugs**

**No use of any device containing recording equipment of any kind in/around the bathhouses**

**No one under the age of 21 may consume alcohol**


**No diving in the shallow end of either pool**



Any child relying on water wings, a life jacket, or other such “floatie” must have an adult within arms’ reach at all times. **This means the adult must be IN THE POOL with the child.**

**Children under age 8 must take the GPSPA swim test** in order to swim without a parent/guardian within arms’ reach.

Non-toilet trained children must **wear tight-fitting rubber pants over a disposable or cloth diaper.**



Distracting staff from their duties, talking back, and/or arguing with GPSPA staff are serious infractions and may be grounds for immediate suspension of pool privileges at the discretion of the Manager on Duty.

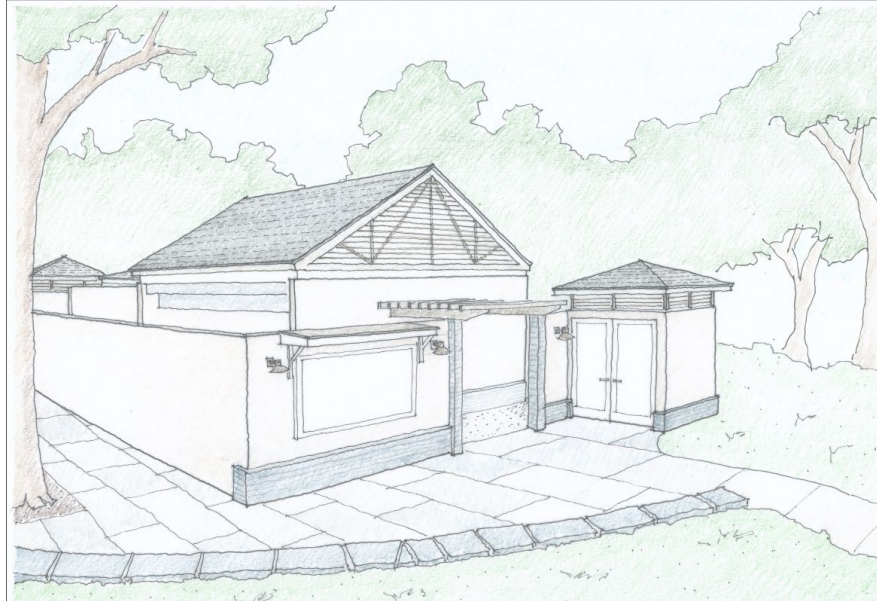
Serious or repeat infractions may result in suspension for longer than one day or termination of membership. Such decisions are made by the Manager and the GPSPA Board of Directors.



# Looking Ahead




# NEW BATHHOUSE ON THE WAY



# Updates as of May 5th

- ❖ About the money
  - \$100,000 provided by organization
  - Approaching \$100,000 raised from ~115 members and friends - this is only 1/8 of membership - **please give!**
  - \$100,000 to go
  - exploring bank loan for additional funds
- ❖ Finalizing detailed plan with architect
- ❖ Expect to break ground in September 2021!





The GPSPA BOD and management will review operations and capacity regularly.

Rules may be adjusted by management or by changes to the guidance from the Montgomery County Health Department.



Ivan Youtz, Manager

**GPSPA Management Team**



Ryan Mayhew, Assistant Manager





## Member Questions During Meeting

**Q. Will members who have received Covid vaccine receive priority to swim?**

A. No. All members will receive an equal opportunity to reserve swim time.

**Q. County regulations are different than those of the Pool. Why?**

A. MOCO has specific rules for outdoor pools/private clubs. We're not sure why.

**Q. Will private swim lessons be allowed?**

A. Not at this time. This may change later in the season.



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