

February 16, 2026

Dear SHSC Members,

Summer is around the corner, and the pool will be ready for all to enjoy. Like you and your family, the pool board can not wait for summer to arrive and for the pool to open.

Opening pool day will be May 23.

This year we have one Pool Beautification Day planned. Duties will include planting, weeding, and landscape trimming. Free guest passes will be handed out to members who come and help on Pool Beautification Day! Feel free to come and go! All materials needed for the Pool Beautification Day will be at the pool, including flowers!

Pool Beautification Day - Saturday, May 16 from 11am - 3pm.

Live Music & Events:

The last few years we enjoyed afternoons and evenings of live music at the pool, and we will continue to host live music again this year. We booked Missy and Jimmy Rea to perform their great poolside music several times over the course of the summer. We will also bring back movie nights and a variety of special events for family fun at the pool.

Guests:

This year, the guest fee has been raised to \$10 per guest (making beautification day participation even more valuable). Members are permitted to bring up to 5 guests at a time. However, for the first two weekends of the season, Memorial Day, the 4th of July, and Labor Day we will limit the number of guests to two per family. The limit is to make sure there is enough room at the pool for us to enjoy it safely. These are the times we have seen the most overcrowding in the past few years.

Pool Improvements:

The pool board is in the process of replacing the retaining wall between the pool and tennis courts with a stone wall. The current wall is thirty years old and the railroad ties that comprise the wall and the steps leading to the tennis courts are rotting creating a safety hazard. The board appreciates hearing from members about ways we can enhance your family's pool experience.

The Southern Hills Pool Board prefers to work with local companies, especially when the local company has ties to the pool. Drop us a note on social media if you or a family member owns or works for a business the pool may want to ask for a bid for future work. Whether it is painting, landscaping, construction, or another business we would love to hear from you.

Dues:

As we discussed at the end of season meeting, one of the primary roles of the SHSC board is to make decisions in the best interest of the pool and membership. As part of those decisions the financial stability of the pool is crucial to keeping the pool safe and fun for current and future families. Each season the board

evaluates the financial landscape and makes what is one of the most difficult decisions of the year. Dues this year will need to account for continued inflation, the minimum wage increase and pool chemicals costs. We have decided for returning families who pay by April 1st, the dues will remain at \$675. Families who pay between April 2nd and 25th will see a moderate increase in dues to \$700. All returning members must pay by April 25th or they will be placed on the waitlist for the following year as a new member.

If you are 65 or older with 2 or less people on your membership, your dues will remain at \$650.

Annual Dues: 2026 season by April 1st \$675, by April 25th \$700.

Annual Dues 65 or older: Season \$650

Membership Renewal Deadline: April 25, 2026.

Payments can be submitted in three ways:

- On the website (there will be a 3% convenience fee added to the total to pay for the processing)
- By mail: PO Box 4462 GS, Springfield, MO 65808
- Dropped off at Alan's office: 2838 S Ingram Mill Rd, Springfield, MO 65804

Pool Hours:

Sunday - Thursday: 11:00am - 9:00pm

Friday - Saturday: 10:00am - 10:00pm

Hours Anytime SPS is in session excluding summer school:

Sunday: 11:00am - 8:00pm

Monday through Thursday: 4:00pm - 8:00pm

Friday: 4:00pm - 10:00pm

Saturday: 10:00am - 10:00pm

Dana Nippes will return as the Pool Manager; Steve Boyce will return as Swim Team Coach; Heather Hill will return as tennis coach. Look for more information in your next letter about the swim team and tennis lessons.

We are looking forward to a great summer! Cannot wait to see you at the pool!

Robert Ferguson

President, SHSC

