

Dear Members,

July is fast approaching and believe it or not, it's been over a month since the swim club opened for the season! In that short span of time, we have welcomed several new members and lots of returning families. Here are some of the highlights:

- Many members have hosted parties to celebrate sports teams, birthdays, graduations, or just to gather their friends and family and enjoy the swim club atmosphere. Marea Kessler has volunteered to be the scheduling coordinator for parties so we don't burden the guards with keeping track of the social calendar. Contact her today to **schedule your next pool party!**
- **Speaking of guards, we have some of the BEST!** Although many are quite young and still learning the ropes of the daily responsibilities around the pool, all of our guards are highly trained and have been extremely vigilant ensuring the safety of every guest and member. Take a moment to thank a guard for their hard work next time you are at the pool. We adults can all help them to be successful in their first place of employment (in several cases).
- Our Killer Whales have been practicing and competing in meets, while parents, coaches and volunteers have been working tirelessly to keep up with the demands of the team/Suburban Swim League. **Go Killer Whales!**
- The End of School Bash had a fantastic turnout of about 40 kids, all of whom seemingly had a wonderful time welcoming summer.
- This season there are two new and exciting programs to take advantage of; **Poolside Yoga and a Diving Clinic**. Both are for all levels of experience and details can be found on our Face Book Page.
- As you may have noticed, there are several local businesses that have agreed to sponsor Maple Valley by purchasing ad space and hanging a banner on our fence. We would love to count on these businesses again next year, so please support those who have supported us, and mention that you saw the banner at the pool! It is **NOT TOO LATE TO SELL AD SPACE!** The banner sales form can be accessed on the homepage of the Maple Valley website, and for every sale made, you will receive a \$50 refund check!
- Mark your calendar for the first ever **Maple Valley Beef and Beer** scheduled for **Saturday, September 8th**. The success of this event depends of our members and will determine the feasibility of getting the new filtration system for the baby pool. We need you all to commit to coming and bringing as many friends and family as you can. Please also consider making a donation to the pool or contact a board member if you would like to be part of the planning committee or have any ideas or experience with raising money. **So far we have raised over \$2000** from the Chipotle fundraiser, Yeti raffle and

End of School Bash. It's a great start, but we have a long way to go if we are going to start the project in the spring.

- **4th OF JULY BBQ:** There's no better place than Maple Valley to spend Independence Day! Join us for delicious grilled chicken, pool games, volleyball, horseshoe tournament and more. Bring a dessert to share and BYO paper products, sides and drinks. A separate email is being sent with more details.
- **VIP parking:** We are auctioning off the perfect parking spot for the month of July! Imagine pulling up to the gate and unloading your cooler and your kids? You'll never worry about having to park in the mud or trying to find a spot at a party or swim meet! If you are interested in supporting the baby pool project and getting the premier parking spot (next to the bike racks), then place your bid by Wednesday 7/4 on Face Book. The winner will be announced on the 4th (winner does not need to be present).

It is wonderful to hear that our new families have felt welcomed into the Maple Valley family. We truly have something special to offer our community, but we need to get the word out. The more guests you invite, parties you host, pictures you post on social media, the better! We have a great secluded location that makes us hard to find. Think about how you became a member and reach out to others whom you know would love to enjoy the rest of the summer living it up at Maple Valley! Mid-summer membership special TBA soon.

Here's to slowing summer down just a bit!
Laurie Campbell
President
Maple Valley Swim Club