



Ives Pool Newsletter, Summer 2011, Volume 1, Issue 1

You're invited to Ives Splash Bash!

Ives will be hosting a party on October 15th from 3-6pm. The party is for all pool users. Activities include family & public swim, fun relays, class demos, food, an awards ceremony for notable staff and members, plus there will also be a pie contest. Anyone is free to bring a homemade pie and the winner takes home a prize. Don't forget to mark your calendar for the Splash Bash on October 15. We look forward to seeing you there!

Ives Pool Development Plans for 2011

Ives pool has several upcoming development goals for 2011. These are immediate plans which are underway or in the process of completion. The following lists current project which you can look out for over the next few months.

- The locker room benches have been in need of restoration for some time now. Look forward to new maple wood benches in the men's and women's locker rooms this fall.
- New bleachers have been purchased and are ready for installation.
- Look out for a new sign in the garden area on the street out front. The sign will be low to the ground, yet visible from the road.

"Like" Ives on Facebook!

Whether you want to check the pool schedule, look at photos or click the "like" button, Ives is up and running on Facebook. Along with our website, this is a great interactive resource for swimmers and fans. Pool manager Ricardo Freitas frequently posts photos

encouraging swimmers to drop by and updates users on Pool news and events. Don't forget to become a fan!

Kilowatt Update

As of August 20th Ives Pool had generated 185,000 kilowatt hours of energy. This means that thousands of hours of clean energy have been generated from the pool's solar panels. Most electricity is generated from fossil fuels, creating air pollution which has countless harmful effects on people and the environment. 185,000 kilowatt hours are the equivalent to 106 barrels of oil.

Garden Area Thriving and Irrigation System Running

The pool garden is flourishing thanks to our longtime volunteer gardener, Brian Shears. Brian has singlehandedly developed and maintained the garden areas surrounding the pool for over five years. Though the garden is already bursting with vibrant color, Brian continues to make room for more flowering plants. Up until now, the garden has always been watered by hand. This spring, the City of Sebastopol brought water to the garden area so that a drip irrigation system could be installed. Many thanks to Brian Shears and his years of hard work, making Ives Pool one of the loveliest additions to downtown Sebastopol.

Vamos a Nadar Program: Educating to Save Lives

On June 18 Vamos a Nadar in Sebastopol had its most successful year yet with 62 students enrolled. In its eighth year, this county-wide program sponsored by American Red Cross, aims to teach Latino children and

adults how to swim. The program is free, bilingual and designed to teach new swimmers water safety and lifesaving skills. Upon completion of the class, students will receive a voucher for two weeks of swim lessons for fifteen dollars, as opposed to the regular 40-50 dollar rate. Since its inception, Vamos a Nadar has been saving lives and helping Sonoma County reduce its high number of annual drownings.

Come Try a New Class at Ives!

Ives offers several healthy and fun classes daily. Whether you are looking for a hard workout or a way to relax after a long day, the pool schedule abounds with many options. Along with lap and family swim, classes offered include: Gentle Water Fitness, Aqua Aerobics, Masters Swimming, Water Dancing and Underwater Hockey. Check the Ives Pool website or ask a staff member for more information.

Ives Launches 100 mile club

Want to keep track of your mileage in the pool without crunching numbers at home? Join the 100 Mile Club! In order to encourage swimmers attain their goals and keep track of their distance, Ives Pool is launching a user friendly system for swimmers and aqua aerobicisers . Look on the desk by the lockers rooms for a small plastic box and a laminated sheet with directions describing how to submit your daily distance. The benefit of the 100 Mile Club is not only to track your distance, but to achieve benchmark goals in which you'll receive a free gift from the pool. For more information, contact board member Emily Scott at emily3scott@hotmail.com.

2011 Ives Pool Board Elections

Interested in voting in this year's board member elections? Become a member of Ives pool and you can vote in this upcoming election. Two board members will be up for election. There are two ways to be nominated in a board election. Candidates can be nominated by current board members or individuals can attend the meeting on September 26th wherein they can self-nominate from the floor. All pool members are always invited and encouraged to attend monthly board meetings. Attending meetings gives pool users a chance to see what the board is up to and more importantly, to vocalize their valued thoughts and concerns.

Don't Forget to Become a Member!

The Ives Pool membership fee is a yearly donation of at least ten dollars. Membership provides patrons with the

ability to vote or run in yearly pool board elections. Updating your membership is a great way to continually support your local pool.

But Aren't All Pools Public?

Many people don't know that most pools are not public. They may have been public at one time but could not afford the expensive fees required for maintenance and eventually sold the pools to the private sector. Ives Pool is one of the few public, nonprofit pools in Sonoma and Mendocino counties. Nationwide, many pools are facing imminent closure due to the economic crisis, which is why donations are essential to keeping them in operation. As one of the last public pools in the area, Ives strives to keep the water optimal, programs running and the area safe and welcoming for all patrons. As a nonprofit, Ives cannot run without your generosity so please remember to donate and be an Ives Pool member!

Become a Pool Sponsor

There are many ways to support Ives Pool. Along with membership fees and donations, pool sponsors are always a welcome addition. If you or someone you know works for a business, you can help support Ives Pool as a sponsor. No contribution is too little. Your sponsorship can support the pool in a multitude of different ways and in turn, Ives will post the sponsoring company's sign above the bleachers. Ives Pool also matches funds, so what your company contributes, Ives will match! Please contact a board member for more information.

Current Board Members and Contact

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