



Dear Woodland Club Members,

This season marks the 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the opening of the Woodland Club. This club has been a special place to the Woodland community for many years; hosting summer fun, swim team, and tennis. Therefore, as members of the Board of Directors we are obligated to inform our membership of the state of the club as of June 2018, and what the future holds. We have enclosed copies of our financial spreadsheets for your review.

Over the past decade membership has been declining and our facility rapidly aging. For the past few years including this one, we have received a little over 100 family memberships, which does not cover the costs to maintain our pool financially. Because of this, board members have *personally* paid thousands of dollars towards maintaining the club – from financing concrete work, paying utility costs, taxes, and insurance – let alone the daunting task of fixing and opening the pool. Without the services of these board members the Woodland Club would have shut down years ago and they are owed a debt of gratitude for all they have contributed. While trying to provide a suitable environment for families our accounts have been drained paying for a facility that requires constant upkeep, repairs, and regulatory compliances with the Health Department. We as board members cannot continue to personally pay for these expenses.

The Woodland Club's 2018 fiscal year began in September 2017, paying bills from the 2017 season with 2018 season's finances. In order to keep our pool open until Labor Day, we will need to raise \$30,000; otherwise the club will be forced to close on July 23rd, 2018. This would be due to the inability to pay operating expenses for lifeguards, chemicals and management. Even if we are able to achieve this amount, the board wants the membership to understand the pool is *beyond its life expectancy* and would not be able to continue operating in its current condition. A new pool would cost upwards of \$300,000+.

Seeing the Woodland Club shut its doors is not what our board looks forward to. The majority of us spent our summers here during our youth, swam on swim team and played tennis. Watching our children carry on this torch has been gratifying and we have vested emotional interest in the Woodland Club. We realize this will affect the GMAC's due to lack of participating pools and create a vacant lot in the community. Our board has made contact with the City of Mansfield and we welcome input from membership and involvement on the future possibilities of what to do with the club area.

Our goal is to end the season on Labor Day and we will stay open as long as possible given we receive further memberships and donations. Weekly updates will be provided online through our Facebook page. Please visit online <https://www.gofundme.com/woodland-club>. Your contributions will allow us to end our final season as scheduled. If we do not hit our targets, the board is currently working with Walnut Hills and Clearfork swim clubs in Lexington to hopefully transfer your membership to their facilities for the remainder of the 2018 season. We will provide updates regarding your memberships online. The Woodland Club is a private, unincorporated association; Therefore, we have no other options but to inform and thank our membership, staff and board members for the past 70 years of wonderful memories.

Sincerely,

The Woodland Club Board:

Josh Taylor, Brad Gray, Jeni Stewart, Erin Anderson, Annette Mangan, John Shaffer, Jason Moritz, and Susie Brokaw