

Westchester RAP

Letter From The Board

Aquatic Advisors terminated their service contract for maintaining the pool and providing lifeguard services. Trustee Justin Girard spearheaded a lightning quick effort to interview 4 different pool service vendors and receive written quotes from: Lone Star, Advanced Aquatics, Greater Houston Pools, and A&R. The board reviewed the contracts and has selected **Lone Star** out of the proposals.

We look forward to moving forward with them for the current and future seasons. Special thank you to **Justin** and **Meg Meguire** who helped interview and vet these service providers.

-The WOC 2023 Board of Trustees

The new NHE is almost ready!



Bloom Where You are Planted

These tips are drawn from *Lone Star Gardening* by Neil Sperry and The River Oaks Garden Club's *A Garden Book for Houston and the Texas Gulf Coast*, 5th edition. The latter book advocates organic gardening practices but has a wealth of information specific to our area that is useful to all.

This is beginning to be the best time to buy crape myrtles since it is better to buy them in full bloom to be sure you're getting the colors you want. Be sure to take note of their mature sizes and how well they will fit in the area you want them to fill as they grow to their natural size. Plan to follow the recommendation of gardening professionals by gently shaping and removing unwanted trunks each year rather than an unnecessary early spring "topping" that delays their first blooms.

While adequately watering plants during our hot summer months, avoid over watering plants which prefer dryish soil such as cacti and other succulents, bougainvilleas, geraniums, ixoras, kalanchoes, moonflowers, and morning glories. Some of the most heat tolerant annuals for color for sunny areas include moss rose, penta, angelonia, hybrid purslane, cleome, Dahlberg daisy, and gomphrena for flowers and purple fountain grass, copper plant, ornamental sweet potato, amaranthus, alternanthera, and firebush for foliage.

For shady areas they include wax and Dragon Wing begonia and flowering tobacco for flowers and caladiums and coleus for foliage. For any plants showing iron-deficiency (plants with yellowed leaves but dark green veins which are most prominent on the newest growth at the ends of the branches) apply a combination iron/soil acidifier product. Keep iron products off concrete and other surfaces since the iron content can cause stains.

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2023 Swim Season Schedule

Registration Opens	March 20th
Early Bird Rate Ends	April 17th
Swimsuit fittings @ Westchester pool	April 30th
Practices Begin	May 2nd
Swimsuit order deadline	May 8th
Time Trials/Meet #1 vs. Sharks	May 20th
No Practice	May 25th-May30th
Thornwood Practice Meet	May 31st
Stroke Clinic: Freestyle	June 1st
Meet #2 @ Spring Valley	June 3rd
Swim Team Photos	June 5th
Stroke Clinic: Backstroke	June 8th
Meet #3 vs. BGP	June 10th
Relay Invitational Meet	June 14th
Stroke Clinic: Breaststroke	June 15th
Meet #4 vs. Briar Village	June 17th
Stroke Clinic: Butterfly	June 22nd
Prelims (must attend to make finals)	June 23rd
Finals (must qualify after prelims)	June 24th
End of Season Party	June 24th

westchesterdolphins.swimptopia.com

Westchester Club 2023 Pool & Tennis

The pool and tennis club remain open for registration for the rest of the season. Complete registration instructions are up on the web site:

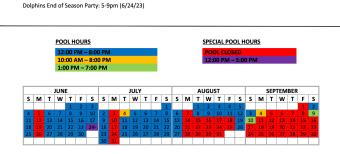
https://www.westchesterhouston.org/pool-and-tennis

When paying registration online please use a Mobile version of the PayPal app to read the QR code. Users have reported problems getting direct payments from the browser to work. Paper checks remain an option as well.

Email us at <u>pool@westchesterhouston.org</u> if you have any questions. Updated pool schedule negotiated with Lone Star is shown here.

2023 WESTCHESTER POOL CALENDAR

Summer Events @ the Pool









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In Our Schools

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Revised Calendar Approved by the Board of Trustees December 9, 2022. Staff development, grading windows, and early release dates set by Administration.