

## HCRA President's Message

Board@HCRAFairfax.org

Dear HCRA Members,

Happy New Year!

We wanted to thank our membership for a great year last year and wonderful swim season. We had a new pool management company, High Sierra Pools, join us last year and we were very appreciative of all the hard work performed by the lifeguards during the season. Look for information regarding lifeguard recruitment in the coming months for those who are interested. Also, there were so many great events happening at the clubhouse last year, and we are looking forward to a packed season this year again. And the annual end of season dog swim was one of our favorites – even if you don't have a dog, come and watch the antics of all the pooches splashing everywhere!

In addition, as some of you may know, our sister community board (the HFHOA) has elected to discontinue its use of Cardinal Management as its community management company. Questions regarding that change should be directed to the HFHOA Board. For clarification, the HCRA **will** continue to use Cardinal Management for the foreseeable future. Moreover, HFHOA's decision will not impact our current relationship with Cardinal, since Cardinal has a separate management contract with the HCRA. We are confident that Cardinal will continue to perform its services in the professional manner we have come to expect.

The Board has been very active over the fall, and retained a contractor to perform overdue renovations to the main pool. As many of you know, the Board has been working over the last few years to replace many of the original items / features around the pool and clubhouse. This fall we tackled our largest project yet, the complete renovation of the main pool. Our contractors removed all the layers of white-coating that has built up over the last 25+ years and dug down to the original foundation of the pool floor. We were lucky to see that the majority of the pool walls have held well over the years, but some repairs were necessary to maintain the integrity of the structure for the future. We have also installed new tiles in the pool and are working to start repairing/replacing the concrete slabs around the pool decking. Unfortunately, the weather this fall/winter has not cooperated and the completion of the pool renovations will be completed in the spring. Thank you to all the homeowners in the surrounding area for their understanding while the construction was taking place.

We are also excited to announce that some new technology will be implemented at the pool this year. A new phone system will be installed, with a second line being available for calling the pool, which will be separate and apart from our dedicated emergency line. Also, we just signed a new service provider to implement an electronic pool pass system at the pool. With this new system, your cell phone will become your pool pass. The system will also allow you to log in at the guard desk with phone and name verification (and coincide with a picture of each family member in the system), and an app that will allow you to determine if the pool is open or closed in real time. Because of our new system, the pool rules have been updated appropriately, and will be available for review once approved by the Board at their next meeting. Please look for emails and mailings regarding access to this new system, which will be implemented on a rolling basis this spring.

Last, the clubhouse is available by reservation during the off season for parties and get-togethers. Please contact Cardinal Management to get on the calendar and complete the rental agreement. For all HCRA news and information, please visit us at [www.HCRAFairfax.org](http://www.HCRAFairfax.org).

The next meeting of the Hampton Chase Recreation Association will be held at the clubhouse on January 17, 2019 at 7:00 pm. All members of HCRA are welcome to attend the meeting. If there are any questions, concerns or accolades that you wish the Board to know about, please email [Board@HCRAFairfax.org](mailto:Board@HCRAFairfax.org) in advance so that the Board can be prepared to discuss them at their monthly meetings.

Best wishes, Adrea Marshall