Dear Fellow Rollingwood Pool Members,

First, we hope you and your families are well and safe in these challenging times. We all could use some pool time about now! Second and unfortunately, the recent changes to the Governor and Baltimore County Stay at Home Orders did not result in any change to our situation. Swimming pools remain a non-essential business and are not permitted to open at this time.

The Board continues to prepare the Pool for the season, and remains hopeful that we will be able to open for a partial season. The Pool is full and we are currently working on balancing the chlorine and other chemicals. As we advised in our April message, the re-plastering project we completed over the winter requires the pool to be filled, balanced, and vacuumed on a regular basis to preserve the integrity of our investment. At this point, as a non-essential business, those are the only activities we can conduct under the State and County orders. In addition, it is neither prudent nor fiscally responsible for the Board to spend more money than is necessary in these uncertain times. In our April message, we advised our fellow owners of the expenses that are required even when the Pool is not open. We are committed to keeping all expenses to what is reasonably necessary.

Please be advised that when we are given the go ahead to open, it will take some time to prepare the Pool. We cannot do that work until permitted under the State and County orders and, as indicated, we do not want to expend any unnecessary funds. There also may be some challenges to our supply chains. We all are experiencing sporadic shortages with paper products and cleaning supplies. The Board is doing its best to craft a plan to deal with these issues once (and if) we are given the go ahead to open.

The Board also is proactively researching potential social distancing rules at pools in states that are ahead of Maryland in terms of opening. Of course, nothing can be determined absent rules from our County and State, and hopefully CDC guidance. If we open, there will be rules in place to protect the safety of all members and staff, which has always been and will continue to be our number one goal. As always, we will rely on all of you to assist in the enforcement of these rules.

Finally, as indicated in April, once the season is over, we will carefully examine all of our finances and determine a fair and equitable amount to be given to the members as a credit against next year's dues. Rollingwood Pool is a wonderful community of families and we are confident that we will weather this pandemic together and come out on the other side stronger and more appreciative of our beautiful pool and grounds. Stay safe and we hope to see everyone soon.

Rollingwood Pool Board of Directors