

# Splash & Smash!

CHESTERBROOK SWIM & TENNIS CLUB

Newsletter

January 2016

## This Month's Newsletter Topics

- **Master Plan Update**
- **First Look at Summer Schedule**

## Additional Reminder

- **It's not too soon to think about a Board of Directors position!**

## Master Plan Update

Jamie Reuter, Strategic Planning Director, has provided a comprehensive update on the Master Planning Project:

The goal of submitting an application to the Fairfax County Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) was met on December 15, 2015.

The application was given a prompt and detailed review by the staff of the BZA. Deficiencies were noted and provided to CST. This is normal and not surprising, especially since it has been 25 years since the club has submitted an update. Work is being done to address all of the deficiencies, most of which are quite small. The only significant deficiency relates to the lack of a lighting study. We are working with a lighting engineer to address this. Our goal is to provide the brightest light possible, particularly for the tennis courts. Fortunately, lighting technology has changed a lot in recent years so we expect to be able to create a very good solution.

Once all deficiencies are addressed, the application will be resubmitted, re-reviewed, and hopefully approved by the staff. It is likely that the County will schedule the public hearing for our proposal roughly 90 days after staff approved. Assuming we resubmit by February 1, we could expect the public hearing to be scheduled around May 1. As soon as we have a date for the public hearing, there are a variety of activities that we will have to do in support of the hearing process.

After the BZA, the next major step is the Site Review. We can file for the site review any time after we receive BZA approval. Unfortunately, there is a backlog of up to nine months in

the review process due to new rules and regulations. This means that the original target date for beginning construction on Phase I -- September of 2016 - cannot be met. As of today, it seems that September of 2017 is a more likely starting time. We will, of course, stay vigilant for opportunities to speed things up, and/or to find small pieces that might be completed before the 2017 swim season, but the committee is not optimistic.

This coming summer, Jamie Reuter, the current Director of Strategic Planning, will complete his current term on the Board. Under our by-laws, he is not eligible to be re-elected to the Board until two years after his term expires. The board would very much like to identify candidates who would consider running for the position of Director of Strategic Planning next summer. It is a very exciting opportunity to get involved with the club in a meaningful way. The successful candidate will have a major and lasting impact on our club.

If you have any questions about the position, please contact Jamie at [strategy@chesterbrookclub.com](mailto:strategy@chesterbrookclub.com). If you're interested, it would be very desirable for you to begin participating on the Committee for Strategic Planning as soon as possible in order to become familiar with all aspects of the on-going Master Planning Project.

### **Planning Your Summer Schedule?**

The board is working to hammer out the details of the many fun activities, team practices, and events for all ages that will be offered at the pool this summer. While the full scheduling information is not yet available, here are some things to keep in mind as you plan your summer:

**Pool opening date:** Currently scheduled for Saturday, May 21, 2016.

**Swim Team Practices:** The practice schedule is now available at [2016 Swim Team Practice Schedule](#). If your family will be new to the swim team this year, keep in mind that all NEW swimmers and swimmers who swam the previous summer in the upper pool must be assessed. Assessment dates will be shared in a future communications. (Although the web page includes 2015 assessment dates, you can still get general assessment information at <http://www.chesterbrookclub.com/swim/little-jawsdevelopmental/>).

**Dive Team Practice:** More information to come, but as per usual, there will preseason practices in the afternoon prior to school ending and multiple morning sessions once school lets out.

**Spring Tennis Clinics for Adults and Kids:** Clinics will begin in late March/early April, with more details to come next month.

**Adult Tennis Team:** Practices will begin in late March/early April and league play will begin in early May. More details to come next month.

**Junior Tennis Team:** Practices to begin in June with league play starting late June - July. More details to come next month.

### **Chesterbrook Board of Directors**

Your Board of Directors works throughout the fall and winter to plan for the summer season. You are encouraged to contact your board members any time during the year with your ideas or questions.

**Also, it isn't too early to start thinking about serving on the board in one of the positions that will become open in September 2016.** Each year, about half of the board turns over. Serving on the board is a great opportunity to help to guide the club's future.

You can view the current board members' [contact information](#), along with [position descriptions, and the beginning and end dates of their terms](#) on the club website.

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