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Pool Opening

Well, it's the first of May and we are pleased to announce that our pool construction is on schedule and should be completed in time for the school summer session. We are also delighted to announce that our pool will be open for family swim and swim instruction on the following Saturdays: July 8, July 15, July 22, July 29, August 5, and August 12. Family swim hours will be from 11:00 until 3:30.

The lifeguards will close the pool for one half hour to allow them a lunch break. We are finalizing details with a company that will provide swimming lessons. The company has experience in NYC working with our population. They will provide lessons in half hour increments for \$25 per half hour.

If your child enjoys the water as much as mine these lessons are priceless. There is an application attached if you are interested. Please note that the company cannot determine how long it will take any child to become proficient in the water without having spent some time with the individual child.

I think it is safe to say that one or two lessons will not suffice. In Andy's case, he was able to remain afloat and get himself to safety after eight consecutive weeks of lessons. That was fifteen years ago and he remains competent in the water. I have seen kids similar to Andy become capable swimmers (actually using strokes) with continued tutelage. I heartily recommend swim instruction for all of our kids.

As a reminder, our Saturday swimming is envisioned as a family program. Babysitting will not be provided. We hope that all of you can come out, enjoy the pool, and perhaps a picnic lunch in a relatively stress free environment. While our pool house will not be completed, we will have toilet facilities and changing areas available in one of the school buildings. I hope that everyone will be able to take advantage of the new pool and I hope to see you there.

Thanks once again to everyone who contributed their time and/or treasure to making this a reality. I believe it represents a major step forward for Hawthorne and our families.

God bless you all.
Jack Shaw

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Swim Instruction Application

Student's Name: _____

Parent / Guardian Name: _____

Address: _____

Cell Phone / Phone: _____

Email: _____

Date (check desired dates)

July 8 _____ July 15 _____ July 22 _____

July 29 _____ August 5 _____ August 12 _____

Preferred Time

11:00 _____ 11:30 _____ 12:00 _____ 12:30 _____

1:30 _____ 2:00 _____ 2:30 _____ 3:00 _____

Slots are limited.

We will schedule on a first come, first served basis.

Cost is Twenty Five Dollars per half hour (\$25).

Please make check payable to:

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Attn: Sheahara Jansz
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Hawthorne, NY 10532

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