

POOL RULES RELATED TO COVID 19

Neighbors -

After careful consideration and significant input from the from the residents, the Board has decided to open the Mahaffey Plantation swimming pool beginning on May 23, 2020. As you are all aware, there are **significant health risks related to COVID-19** in opening an area of communal use such as a swimming pool. To address these risks, DHEC has issued a series of recommended guidelines (attached below). We ask that everyone read the suggested guidelines carefully and make sure that all family members are knowledgeable of the contents. There will be additional signage posted in the pool area to remind users of the new guidelines in place. To the extent that these recommended guidelines are in conflict with the existing Pool Rules, please abide by the recommended guidelines.

Please be aware that as a small and unstaffed community pool, WE ARE NOT ABLE TO COMPLY WITH THE DHEC RECOMMENDATIONS. The cost of retaining a staff to comply with the recommended guidelines would be significant and unaccounted for in your community operating budget. Further, we feel that it would be entirely unfair to pass a portion of this substantial cost on to neighbors that do not have any interest in utilizing the swimming pool.

For those who choose to use the pool, this places the burden on all of us, as neighbors and friends, to use our best abilities to comply with the recommended guidelines while doing so. Please remember that following the recommended guidelines is the best way to avoid any exposure and/or infection. Also remember that if you choose not to comply, you are not only putting your own health at risk, but that of your neighbors, friends, and their families. If you do not want to comply or feel that you are unable to do so, please do not use the pool

Some of the important facts that you need to know are:

1. The maximum occupancy of the pool will be 25 people. This number is based on the recommended guidelines (5 people per 1000 sq ft of pool/deck area)
2. Nothing in the pool area (chairs, bathrooms, railings, etc) will be cleaned on a daily basis by the community. It will be cleaned 3 times per week pursuant to our contract in place.
3. No cleaning supplies, sanitizers, etc. will be provided by the community. It is up to you to clean and sanitize the area that you use, including the bathroom, after you are finished using it. Every time.
4. Social distancing (6 feet apart) still applies to the pool and pool area.

5. Some of the chairs may be removed to promote social distancing. You may want to consider bringing your own chair.
6. Due to the limited space, we are asking that residents do not bring guests to the pool during this pool season.

If you and your family choose to use the Mahaffey Plantation swimming pool this pool season please know that you are doing so at YOUR OWN RISK. By choosing to use the pool, **you are acknowledging that the possibility exists that you, a family member, or anyone that you may come in contact with may become ill from or otherwise be exposed to COVID-19.** That is a burden that you will have to decide to bear on a family-by-family basis. If you are not willing to accept this risk, then please do not use the pool.

Because of the uncertainty discussed above, we are opening the pool on a two week trial basis. Several members of the community that spend a significant amount of time at the pool have volunteered to "monitor" the pool activities. While they do not have any authority to act on any violations of the recommended guidelines, please be respectful if you are reminded that you are out of compliance. Remember, this is for the good and safety of all. If the Board receives enough information or observes consistent violations, we will have no choice but to close the pool for the safety of the community. If all goes well, the pool will remain open continuously throughout the pool season.

In sum, this is a great neighborhood made up of great neighbors. Please exercise the necessary level of care and respect for your neighbors and their families.

Finally, please remember that your Board represents and acts for you, our friends and neighbors, on a voluntary basis. This was not an easy decision to make and we tried to the best of our abilities to consider all aspects of this unprecedented situation. We will be more than happy to discuss this issue and accept any feedback or suggestions.

Thank you for your cooperation.
The Mahaffey Plantation POA