**Pool Committee Report**

**2021**

We had another successful and enjoyable pool season at the BTB Pool in 2021.

The gate/key fob system worked well with only a few minor interruptions. This allowed many members to use the pool during unsupervised hours. Please remember to keep track of the key fobs for your use year after year. The cost to replace is $50 per fob.

The BTB Stingrays resumed their competitive swim team season after a layoff during the 2020 season due to COVID-19.

Prior to the pool opening on Memorial Day weekend, the surface of the pool was acid-washed to remove a vast majority of the stains that primarily discolored the deep end. Also, the wading pool was painted. Both pools look so much better now. The wading pool does have a couple areas that need to be repainted (at no cost to us) prior to opening next year.

A large expense for this season was the replacement of the pool cover. The cover we’ve been using for many years had become so tattered and torn that it was unusable. The new pool cover was installed recently and it looks great. It should last for many, many years.

The pool parking lot gates had new hinges welded on in August. One of the hinges had broken and the others were quite rusted so all four hinges were replaced with heavier duty ones. Come to find out, these hinges need to be greased every year (who knew?). The gates will look better with a fresh coat of glossy black paint, which will be done next spring or early summer.

The Lee’s Summit School District (and LS North High School primarily) was very grateful that we allowed them to use our pool for their swim team practices for three weeks after Labor Day. The school district covered the additional expenses for keeping the pool open past our normal closing day as well as paying us an hourly rate for use of the pool. A win-win scenario for both R7 and BTB.

We do not anticipate any major repairs or expenses for the next several years but we are taking a close look at our reserves to ensure that funds are available to meet unexpected needs. We would like to continue to maintain a large reserve fund if/when major repairs are required (especially for the pumps, filters, and water heating furnaces).

A great big thank you to Darlene Barnard for planting and maintaining the flower pots throughout the summer. They looked great!

The pool committee treasurer, Angie Leonard, has served us extremely well over the past several years. However, she is resigning from the pool committee due to her heavy work load and family commitments. We are in need of someone to volunteer their time as treasurer of the pool committee. I think Angie would agree that the position does not require much time commitment, just a desire to help out the BTB neighborhood. Angie would gladly answer questions of anyone with interest in the position to learn more about what’s required. Having a background in accounting is helpful.

Any questions or concerns can be directed to benttreebluffspool@gmail.com

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BTB Pool Committee Members