

MASSIVE REDUCTION IN RESTON ASSOCIATION POOL HOURS

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Letter to the Editor of Reston Now:

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The Reston Association recently implemented the most significant cuts in pool hours since I moved here almost 20 years ago, which is a slap in the face to Reston residents who continue to face substantial increases in annual Association dues. This year fewer pools will be open, and those that are open will be open fewer hours. If you like swimming at the end of the season, have kids who like to swim on the weekdays, or are a lap swimmer, the pools are going to be much more crowded. For example, for the first time in almost 2 decades, Reston Association pools will no longer be open on weekdays the 2 weeks prior to Memorial Day. And from Memorial Day to the end of June, only 5 pools will be open on weekdays versus 8 pools last year. For those under the age of 16, only 4 pools will be open on weekdays during this time. Pools close a week earlier at the end of the season, meaning there will be only 2 pools open the week of Labor Day (although they promise to open more on Labor Day itself). The Reston Association also has increased pool closures to accommodate non-Reston Association groups. With the exception of two weekends between 27 May and 13 August, Lake Newport pool will not open until 1:00 on Saturdays to make room for Reston Swim Team Association meets. This is a substantial increase in closures for this group. I also suspect—as in past years—there will be other non-announced pool closures to accommodate local day cares, summer camps, or the dreaded “hygiene incidents.” The one good thing about the pools is that non Reston Association members will pay the same for a pool/tennis pass as last year. Still a cool \$370, about half of what the rest of us pay in Reston Association Dues.