

# Pleasant Valley Pool 2012 Season Newsletter

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## **Pleasant Valley Pool 2012 Operating Schedule**

### **Part Time Hours:**

**May 26th to June 22nd**

#### **Weekdays**

**4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.**

#### **Weekends**

**11:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.**

### **Full Time Hours:**

**June 23rd to August 12th**

#### **Daily**

**11:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.**

**August 13th to September 2nd**

#### **Daily**

**11:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.**

**Labor Day (Closing Day):**

**September 3, 2012**

**11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.**

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## **A note from the Pool Commission Chairperson...**

Hello and welcome to the 33rd season of Pleasant Valley Pool! On behalf of the Pool Commission, we hope you have a safe and enjoyable experience every time you visit.

The Pool Commission would like to thank all 2011 members for their cooperation and understanding during last season's early closure of the pool due to Hurricane Irene. Good News! To show our appreciation, each 2012 Membership Renewal will receive five complimentary guest visit credits for use during the 2012 season. Credits will be automatically loaded onto your membership card. More information on these credits can be found in this newsletter.

More good news! No increases in membership fees for the second year in a row. This year, we also retire all of our debt from previous capital improvement projects. This will help our members continue to enjoy a great value coupled with the resources to maintain our beautiful facility into the future.

Pleasant Valley Pool ("PVP") is one of the finest

community swimming pools anywhere, enhanced with a high value relative to other facilities.

Membership is limited and exclusive to Bernards Township residents. Our facility is tax payer neutral, meaning all operating income and expenses originate from membership fees. Zero revenue comes from the tax payers. The Pool Commission represents the members and partners with the Bernards Township Department of Parks and Recreation on budgets, policies and operations. Our meetings are open to the public. More information can be found at [www.bernards.org](http://www.bernards.org).

There is much to enjoy at PVP! The "Pirannas" swim team provides competition, instruction, fun and hopefully the participants feel good about themselves. A special "thank you" goes out to the coaches, staff and volunteers who orchestrate the events of the program. It takes a lot of work to produce these events and I wish to salute Joanne Wachenfeld for all she has done to support the PVP swim team and the greater community. We also offer swim lessons for several

ability levels. Facility amenities include a recently resurfaced 50 meter pool, "Pete's Puddle" water play area, the serpentine sliding board, three diving boards, a concession stand, picnic tables, shade awnings, shuffle board, ping pong, volleyball, games, books and more. There will be special events to look forward to including the Middle School Dance, Family Fun Night and Grandparents Day.

The season will be here soon, it goes fast, so take advantage of all we have to offer! We look forward to seeing you!!

Very truly yours,  
*Bruce B. Ficken*



### **POOL COMMISSION 2012 Meeting Schedule**

*Town Hall, 1 Collyer Lane*

*7:30 pm unless noted*

May 21 (6pm @ PVP)

June 25

July 23

August 27

September 24

October 22

November 26

## Memberships Are Currently Available!!!

Share the benefits of PVP Membership with your neighbors!



A limited number of memberships remain available for 2012. To purchase membership online, visit [www.bernards.org](http://www.bernards.org) and look for our blue REGISTER ONLINE icon. Or print a membership application [here](#) and return with payment to the Parks & Recreation Department at Town Hall.

Membership is available to Bernards Township RESIDENTS only. Membership categories include Family, Two-Person, Single (Ages 13+) and Senior (Ages 60+). Approximately 100 Family memberships remain available for the 2012 season. Memberships will be sold on a first come, first paid basis. Membership fees vary by category.

**Membership renewal deadlines for 2011 members have passed; however, renewals will continue to be accepted with a \$100 late fee. All memberships, new and renewals, are accepted on a first come, first paid basis until all memberships are sold.**

## Membership News

To view the entire Membership Handbook, which includes all rules & regulations, visit [www.bernards.org](http://www.bernards.org).

### 2012 PHOTO ID SCHEDULE

New members who need a Bernards Township photo ID or returning members who need to renew their photo may visit the Recreation Office, located at Town Hall, during the following days, dates and times:

**Monday – Friday: 8:30 am – 4:00 pm**

**OR**

**Mondays, May 14 & June 25, 8:30 am-7:00 pm**



**NO ONE WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE POOL WITHOUT A BERNARDS TOWNSHIP ISSUED PHOTO ID MEMBERSHIP CARD!**

#### When should I have a new photo taken?

Photos should be renewed every three years for children and every five years for adults. Look on your current card for the pass printed date to determine if you need a new photo.

**Old ID cards must be turned in at the time of photo renewal in order to avoid the reprint fee.**

There is a \$20.00 reprint fee for lost ID cards.

#### **Nanny Passes**

- A baby-sitter or live-in helper is not considered part of the family membership, but a nanny pass may be purchased for \$150/season. The Nanny pass holder must be at least 15 years old on or before pool opening day, must obtain a membership photo I.D., and may only enter the pool premises with a member or members of the sponsoring family.

#### **Lapse of Membership**

- Planning a move out of town? Members, who wish reinstatement of their membership following a temporary move of five years or less out of the township, must notify the Bernards Township Pool Commission **in writing prior to their move**. Upon resumption of residency in the Township, they may re-apply for membership and will be charged one-half of the initiation fee, plus the full membership fee of the returning year.

#### **Membership Cancellations**

- Full refunds (minus a \$10 processing fee) will be issued if you notify the Department of Parks & Recreation, in writing, prior to opening day for the season. Once the pool has opened, 1/2 of the membership fee will be refunded (minus a \$10 cancellation fee) if you notify the Department, in writing, prior to the start of full-time hours.

# Join in the fun this summer at Pleasant Valley Pool!

## SPECIAL EVENTS

Additional information regarding these events will be posted at the pool during the operating season.



### Middle School Dance

Monday, July 9th  
6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.  
The pool will be closed during this event, ticket required.



### Noodle Nights

Thursdays,  
July 19th & August 16th  
5:30 p.m. - Closing

### Family Night

Monday, July 23rd  
5:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

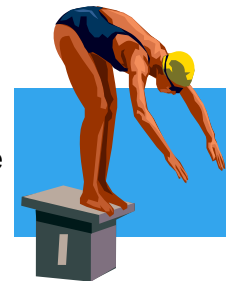
### Grandparents Day

Saturday, August 4th

*Rain dates for the Middle School Dance & Family Night are the following evening.*

## SWIM TEAM

Our staff, coaches, and volunteers are very enthusiastic about another great season. Come join the fun, meet new friends, compete in exciting events, and enjoy some team spirit! Whether you are on the pre-team or the regular team, you will enjoy your time being a part of the Pleasant Valley Swim Team. Register online, by mail or in person. To register online, visit [www.bernards.org](http://www.bernards.org) and look for our blue REGISTER ONLINE icon. For a printable registration form [click here](#). Late fees apply after May 18th. **In-Person & Mail-In registrations must be received by 4:30pm on Friday, May 25th. Online registration ends Monday, May 28th.**



## SWIM LESSONS

Swim lessons will be offered in a variety of skill levels: Toddler (parent accompanied), Water Exploration Levels 1 & 2, Primary Skills Level 3, Stroke Readiness Level 4 and Stroke Development Level 5. Swimmers who did not participate in lessons in 2011 or intend to move up a level from 2011 must attend a swimmer evaluation. More information will be available mid-May on [www.bernards.org](http://www.bernards.org). An email notice will be sent to all members when swim lesson information is posted. Registration for Sessions A & B begins June 18th.

*Swim team & swim lesson registration is available to members only.*

## 3 Ways to Register for Swim Lessons & Swim Team!!!

### **ONLINE @**

[www.bernards.org](http://www.bernards.org)

Log-in with your Username & Password.  
Payment by Credit Card.  
Click "Aquatics" under "Quick Search".

### **BY MAIL to**

**Parks & Recreation  
1 Collyer Lane,  
Basking Ridge, 07920**  
Payment by check only.  
Must be received by deadline date.

### **IN-PERSON @**

**Parks & Recreation  
1 Collyer Lane,  
Basking Ridge, 07920**  
Payment by check or cash,  
exact change please!

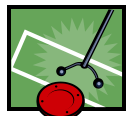
## ARTS & CRAFTS DAYS

Arts & Crafts Days will be held every Monday, Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from July 2nd through July 27th. Weather permitting. No registration or fee required.



## GAME RENTALS

A number of great outdoor games are available at the gate office. Bocce ball, shuffleboard, ping pong equipment and more may be obtained from the main office to use during your day at the pool. Bring your membership ID card to the game window and our Customer Relations staff will be happy to assist you.



**Complimentary Guest Visit Credits**



We would like to thank all 2011 members for their cooperation and understanding during the closure of the pool due to Hurricane Irene.

To show our appreciation, each 2012 Membership Renewal will receive five complimentary guest visit credits for use during the 2012 season.

Credits are loaded directly onto your Membership ID card.

No additional tickets or coupons needed.

To redeem, simply notify pool staff when you present your photo ID that you wish to use your complimentary guest visit credits.

Complimentary guest visit credits are per membership, not per individual member (i.e. 5 credits per family). Credits may be used any day during the 2012 Operating Season: May 26 - September 3, 2012. Unused credits will not be carried to 2013 nor refunded.

**Share PVP with a Guest!**

**2012 Guest Fees**

*All guests must be accompanied by a member  
Bills over \$20 are not accepted at the Pool gate.*

<b>Daily Guest Passes</b> <i>Purchase at the Pool Gate</i> Weekday (guest ages 3–59) \$ 7.00 Weekend (guest ages 3–59) \$ 12.00 Weekday Senior (60 & up) \$ 3.00 Weekend Senior (60 & up) \$ 5.00 All guests 2 & under FREE	
<b>Prepaid Guest Visit Credits (20 credits)</b> <i>Purchase online or P&amp;R Office Only</i> 1 Credit per weekday visit 2 Credits per weekend visit NOTE: All guests <b>must be</b> accompanied by a member	\$ 120.00
<b>Family Sponsored Nanny Pass</b> <i>Purchase at the P&amp;R Office</i> Valid for 2012 Season Photo ID card will be issued	\$ 150.00

**Guest Policy**

- Each membership (not individual member) is allowed five paid guests per day. The Manager may limit guests when capacity has been reached and safety is in jeopardy.
- Members are required to remain with their guests at all times and are responsible for their guest's conduct.
- Daily guest passes may be purchased at the main entrance.
- Payment by cash or check is accepted at the pool. Credit cards are accepted online only.

**Purchase Pre-Paid Guest Visit Credits**

20 Credits for \$120.00

- 1 Credit will be deducted per person Monday-Friday and
- 2 Credits will be deducted per person on Weekends and Holidays.

Credits will post to your account immediately after purchase. To redeem, simply notify pool staff when you present your photo ID that you wish to use guest visit credits. No extra cards to remember to bring, credits will deduct as you use them.

Purchase online or at the Bernards Township Parks and Recreation Office. Not available for Purchase at the Pool.

You can also view your remaining visit balance online.

Log-In and under "My Account" select "My History". Your remaining credit balance will appear in the "Credits Remaining" column of the row for your Guest Visit Credits Pass.

Questions? Call 908-204-3003 or email pool@bernards.org.

*A valid membership is required to purchase Pre-Paid Guest Visit Credits. Non-members are not permitted to purchase credits. Members must accompany their guests at all times. Pre-Paid Guest Visit Credits are non-refundable once purchased and only valid for the current operating season.*

## Authority of the Manager & Employees

Every pool employee has the authority to advise a member or guest if they are in violation of a rule or regulation. Failure to comply, or rudeness to the staff member, can result in suspension of membership privileges.

The Pool Manager will enforce rules as necessary for the safety and maximum enjoyment of the membership.

### SAFETY REMINDERS



All children under the age of 13 must be supervised by an adult/chaperone when visiting the pool. A chaperone must be 15 years or older.

Children using the main pool **MUST BE TOILET TRAINED**. No swim diapers of any kind are permitted in the main pool. Non-toilet trained children must wear swim diapers in all other pool areas. Swim diapers are available for sale at the front desk.



Members are responsible for their guests. Members are asked to ensure that their guests comply with the rules and regulations of the facility.

## Greetings from our Manager...

It is always my pleasure, as manager, to welcome you back to Pleasant Valley Pool for another season. Your management is proud to be operating a top-notch facility with many exciting improvements we cannot wait for you to see.

I return as your manager for my 7th season and hope to make your visit to the pool a safe and relaxing experience. Our

staff are well trained, mindful and ready to help but the rest is up to you! Please respect the facility and the staff at all times by following all rules and policies outlined in the membership handbook. Together we can make our season the best yet!

In addition, we are so very proud of our swim team and our swim lesson programs (truly the best deal

around). Please don't forget, if there is anything we can do to make your visit more pleasant, please stop by the pool office and let us know. Thanks!

Steve Piotrowski,  
Manager  
Dana Bobertz,  
Grant Harvey,  
Gabe Pagano,  
Assistant Managers

### **Disciplinary Policy**

Infractions of the Policies/Rules of Pleasant Valley Pool will result in the following disciplinary action procedure:

- **First Violation:** A verbal warning to patron. This incident/warning will be entered into management logbook.
- **Second Violation:** A written warning to the patron and/or parent guardian clearly listing incident. This form will be kept on file in the management office, sent to the PVP Commission, the Recreation Director, and given to the member and guest if applicable.
- **Third Violation:** Suspension of privileges at Pleasant Valley Pool 10-days/20-days/30-days/Season (There will be no refunds given for loss of privileges). Members will be required to surrender their photo ID to the Department of Parks & Recreation during their time of suspended membership privileges.

The suspended member or guest will not be allowed back into the pool as a guest of another member during the time of suspension of pool privileges.

Any patron may appear before the Bernards Township Pool Commission to appeal any disciplinary action.

#### **Members are responsible for their guests.**

Members must remain in the pool area with their guests and are asked to ensure that their guests comply with the rules and regulations of the facility. Failure to do so can result in a membership suspension at the discretion of the Manager/Bernards Township Pool Commission.

**Bernards Township  
Parks & Recreation**

1 Collyer Lane  
Basking Ridge, NJ 07920

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E-mail: pool@bernards.org

[www.bernards.org](http://www.bernards.org)



**Weather Related  
Closings**

Weather related postings will be posted on [www.bernards.org](http://www.bernards.org) on the "Community Calendar". The Pool Manager & the Department of Parks & Recreation reserve the right to close the pool at any time due to inclement weather or low attendance caused by inclement weather.



**Adult Swim  
Safety Break**



- Adult swim is called at the discretion of the manager.
- Adult swim is for members/guests 18 years and older.
- Weekdays—Adult swim begins at 4:00 pm and continues on the hour until closing (15 minute swim).
- Weekends—Adult swim begins at 2:00 and continues on the hour until closing (15 minute swim).
- Main tank will be closed to all children under the age of 18 during adult swim, NO EXCEPTIONS. Baby pool, water play area and training pool will remain open to all members.
- Swim fins are permitted in the main pool during adult swim.

**Final Reminders...**

The Manager reserves the right to close the pool at any time during inclement weather or low attendance caused by inclement weather.

Tents are not permitted.

The Training Pool slide is closed during swim lessons and may be closed at the discretion of the Manager.

Alcohol is prohibited.

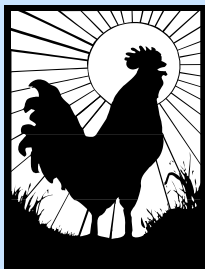
Smoking is prohibited.

The teaching of private swim lessons at PVP is not permitted.

**Lost & Found**

Any found items should be turned in at the GAME window. Found valuables (sunglasses, jewelry, keys, phones, etc.) will be kept at the Game window through the end of the season. After Labor Day, valuable items will be held at the Bernards Township Recreation Office until December 31. Items not picked up by December 31 will be properly disposed of. Found clothing, towels, toys and other outdoor items will be kept in a bin by the front gate. This bin will be emptied on a bi-weekly basis by Community Service.

***Somerset Hills YMCA presents. . .***  
**"Early Bird Swim"**  
**50 Meter Lap Swim**



6:00 am—8:30 am  
Monday through Friday  
June 25 – August 3  
All Pleasant Valley Pool  
members are welcome!

*This program is an added membership benefit hosted by the SHYMCA, during their Long Course Swim Team practice.  
At least 1 lane will be open at all times.*

No registration is required, just bring your Membership ID!