

## Everyone In The Pool!

It's been a long, snowy winter and everyone is getting excited for summer! Here, at the Flagg-Rochelle Park District, our phone has started ringing with questions about the Spring Lake Pool, so we know you're getting excited about the pool, too. The Spring Lake Pool is a wonderful fixture in Rochelle. We offer swim lessons to help both children and adults gain skill and confidence in the water. Our Swim Team the Rochelle Rays, for children ages 5-18, takes that skill to the next level as youths compete in meets throughout the summer, building team spirit and comradery. Our amazing summer camp takes daily trips to the pool. Is there anything better on a hot summer day than a family trip to the pool, as children splash with their friends? Just imagine standing on the diving board, with your toes just over the edge, anticipating the exhilaration of making a big splash! I can smell the sunscreen just thinking about it.

We are enthusiastic to announce some great developments and renovations. Our current project at Spring Lake Pool involves eliminating our below ground filter and pool pump systems. Renovation includes replacement and upgrades for the filter, boiler, piping, pumps and circulation system. This project will make it easier for staff to regulate pool chemicals and keep the water clean for the public. The work is being done by Platinum Poolcare, Inc., the company who built Spring Lake Pool originally, and will be done before the end of April, 2018 and in plenty of time for the pool to open for the 2018 Summer season.

Aquatic Manager, Michelle Anotolik, says "The Spring Lake Pool staff and myself, are very excited about the new filtration system and heater. With the new equipment, we are looking forward to serving the community and surrounding areas, this summer. Our guests will enjoy the clean, warm-water facility, they are accustomed to. We are grateful to the Flagg-Rochelle Park District Board for seeing the value of, and re-investing in, Spring Lake Pool."

Also excited about these updates is the Head Swim Team Coach of the Rochelle Rays, Marianne Swanson. "I am pleased that the Flagg Rochelle Community Park District has committed to providing the very latest in pool filter technology and equipment. Our new equipment is automated and energy efficient and will provide a clean and properly sanitized and balanced pool that is important for swimmer comfort and safety. As a swim coach and swim lesson instructor, I am also pleased that the weather will never again control the enjoyment of our swimming pool. Our new and technologically advanced pool heater will provide all pool patrons with the ultimate in comfort! You can be sure that Spring Lake Pool will always be at the perfect temperature for your summer enjoyment."

Spring Lake Pool officially opens Wednesday May 30<sup>th</sup>! Let's cross our fingers and make a wish for beautiful weather. Get prepared for opening day by getting your passes in advance. Spring Lake Pool passes will go on sale on April 23<sup>rd</sup>, so be sure to mark your calendars. We will be offering our "Early Bird Specials" from April 23<sup>rd</sup> – May 11<sup>th</sup>. After May 11<sup>th</sup>, pool passes will be regular priced.

May 1<sup>st</sup> will also be a big day the Flagg-Rochelle Park District. Save the date or put a reminder in your phone! On Tuesday May 1<sup>st</sup> at 8:30am both Swim Team signups and Swim Lesson registrations begin. In person registration will take precedence over phone registration.

Online registration is not available for either of these programs. Additionally, we will start taking reservations for Spring Lake Pool rentals on May 1<sup>st</sup>. This is always one of the busiest and most exciting days at the Park District Office. We cannot wait to see you!!!

Jillian Wise – March 2018