



CHEVINGTON WOODS
RECREATION CLUB

For the 2020 season, the Chevington Woods Pool will trial using a professional company to manage daily operations and maintenance. In today's environment it is becoming more and more difficult for a part-time volunteer board to properly oversee the demanding operations of running and maintaining a community pool. It is a primary goal of the Chevington Woods Recreation Club (CWRC) board to protect the longevity of the pool and the safety of its patrons. It was the determination of the board that the services offered by Columbus Pool Management will help us better achieve this goal. With years of expertise and the support of a national company, Columbus Pool Management will make sure the pool is properly opened for the season, maintained, chemically balanced, staffed and closed at season end. The company brings a depth of knowledge in pool mechanics, lifeguard training, chemical handling, health regulations and employment law that is hard for our small membership to consistently replicate year over year.

The CWRC board invested many hours in research, discussion and negotiations before deciding to enter the contract with Columbus Pool Management. During this initial year we expect there will be a learning process for both the membership and the company. The company has stated they still want this to be our pool (the pool member's) run our way as long as the operation is not in conflict with any regulations or their safety standards. As pool members and board members come and go, the Columbus Pool Management company can provide a consistent turn-key management and maintenance solution. Our guards will have the opportunity to be part of a larger company that provides advanced training and a leadership growth program.

While Columbus Pool Management will handle the pool and pool house operations, the board and membership will still be responsible for any facility upgrades and maintenance of the areas around the pool. Without the demands of daily operations, the board and members are now able to focus on other activities such as enhancing the pool grounds, growing the membership and planning social activities. There will still be plenty of volunteer opportunities for members to help make the pool what we want it to be. The CWRC board will still continue to govern and oversee the entire operation.

The board has budgeted the 2020 season so that we can bring in this service and still maintain a break-even operation. If at the end of any year the CWRC board feels the management company does not meet the needs of the pool, we have the option of not renewing the contract. We can then pursue a different vendor or return to our previous way of operating.

The CWRC board feels the benefits of using Columbus Pool Management far outweigh the negatives. We have signed a one year contract to see if this is the right solution for the long term operation of our pool. You can read more about the company we have partnered with and the benefits they provide on their website: <https://www.columbus-pmg.com/>

Please reach out to the Columbus Pool Management company or the Chevington Woods Recreation Club board if you have questions or concerns during the 2020 season.

Chevington Woods Recreation Club- Board of Trustees