



FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Bondholder and family,

Spring is finally here. April and May are the best opportunity we have to get the Park ready for this coming season. In April, we plan on having repairs to the pavilion completed. We have already fixed the pool leak. We will also be making a concrete effort to beautify the Park. Please review the work party schedule and signup for selected projects. Your help in this process is important in helping to keep our costs down. Additionally, these work parties provide you with the opportunity to pay-off your work tax early.

The results of February's ballot votes are as follows: Expanding our membership passed. All other ballot proposals did not pass the 2/3 majority required by our By-Laws. That being said, 90% of the membership voted in favor of a major pool renovation. However, that vote was split equally between having the work done this year vs. next year. We will address the pool renovation project again this summer and ask for your vote on a specific timeline to get the pool renovated.

Please note that we will be holding regular meetings during the summer to educate the members about plans for the pool renovation. We want you to fully understand the options before you place your vote. **The first of these meetings will be held June 1st.**

Please take an active part in getting your Park ready for another wonderful season. Signup for work parties, special events and other necessary functions that keep the Park running and help us lower our operating costs.

Thank you,

Ralph Perez-Rogers

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BOARD UPDATES

Meetings from May through September are held at the Park
Meetings start at 10:30am

Upcoming Board Meeting Dates

May 3, 2009
June 7, 2009
July 12, 2009
August 2, 2009
September 6, 2009

WORK TAX IDEAS

WORK TAX IS NOW \$200.00

General work \$10.00/hour - Maintenance \$15.00/hour.

Here are some suggestions for ways to work of your work tax!! We will
update this list with each newsletter

SUMMER AUCTION!! – see Liza Mones planning@zenarec.com

Arts and crafts	Music time
Story telling	Cooking for bbqs
Setting up for bbqs	Painting
Cleanup from bbqs	Building
Chili cook-off	Recycling
Tie dye day	Plant flowers
Movies	Power washing
DJ a Party	Work swim meets or sign up days
Book club	Sell merchandise
Sports	Organize swim parties
Clean tables and chairs -weekly	Organize fun and games day
Mowing	Bingo
Raking	Ice cream socials

These are just a few ideas. See any Board Member or the Park Director for other opportunities.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

ZENA SUNDEVILS

**Sign-ups for swim lessons, swim team and tennis
Sunday May 3rd & Saturday May 9th from 12-2pm.**

Swim Lessons-

Swim lessons for children will start June 29th. We will be offering Red Cross learn-to-swim program for our children. Cost is \$30 per session.

Session 1 ~ June 29-July 10 Session 3 ~ July 27-August 7

Session 2 ~ July 13-24 Session 4 ~ August 10-21

* **Adult swim lessons** on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6-6:45pm

Swim Team- Join swim team and learn the fundamentals of competitive swimming. Be amazed at how much your child's swimming ability will improve in just 6 short weeks of spirit, energy, and excitement. Morning practices begin June 29th. Registration is \$50.

*We hope to see many new faces this year and of course can't wait to see you returning swimmers as well. **Let's have some fun in the sun.** ☺

ZENA SUNDEVILS*2009 DUSO SWIM CALENDAR

Wed July 1	Zena @ Kerhonkson	Sat July 18	Hyde Park @ Zena*
Wed July 8	Zena @ Rhinebeck	Wed July 22	Zena @ Rosendale
Sat July 11	Zena @ Hurley	Sat July 25	New Paltz @ Zena*
Wed July 15	Red Hook @ Zena*	Sat August 1	DUSO CHAMPIONSHIPS

***Please come and support the Zena Sundevils at home meets and see what makes us such a special team!**

Help Sponsor the Sundevil T-shirt

We invite local businesses to help sponsor the team t-shirt. \$100 donations will be accepted. Name of business and address will be printed on the t-shirt. Please make check payable to Zena Rec Park.

DUSO Officials Training

There is an opportunity for some of you to get work tax a different way; and the training will only take a few hours of your time. There has been great effort involved in making the process of becoming an official less demanding. We need your help! Please consider becoming an official. We will have all the info at sign-ups.
Lisbeth Danner

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MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Dear Members,

At this time Zena does not have a wait list. We have openings available. Please spread the word. Send interested people to members@zenarec.com.

You will be receiving a membership packet soon that will include, if appropriate, your new bond, a work tax form, emergency forms, Park rules and bylaws. Please fill out the emergency forms ASAP and return or drop off to me on May 3 or May 9 during signups.

Thanks,

Claudia

FROM THE SNACK BAR

If you have any suggestions for the menu, please email me at snackbar@zenarec.com. I will see what I can do.

Claudia

SOCIAL

Dear Members,

Get ready for a fun and exciting summer! I am in the process of having members put in 2 horseshoe pits, tetherball, giant lawn chess and checkers and some new little kid size picnic tables as well as a climber. We will be offering kickball, soccer, softball and other activities in the big field off of the kiddie pool.

In order to ensure a great summer, I need volunteers for many activities. I will be at the May 3 and May 9 signups from 12-2 with a list of activities that I need help with. These include: ice cream socials, movie nights, arts and crafts, story hour, music time, adult book club, bbqs as well as helping with the sports indicated above. I would like to offer an activity of some kind during all adult volleyball games. These are just some of the work tax ideas. Come to sign ups for more. If you have any activities that I might be able to fit in my budget, please leave me an email at social@zenarec.com.

I am finalizing the calendar this week and hope to have it posted on the website and at zenarec.famundo.com shortly thereafter.

OPENING BBQ is June 20 from 1-5. DJ from 5-9. Please sign up to help with the BBQ. Also, please remember to bring a side dish to feed a minimum of 6 adults.

MID SEASON BBQ/PIG ROAST is July 25 from 5:30-9:30. Other meat will also be served.

CLOSING BBQ is September 6 from 1-5. DJ from 3-7.

REMINDER – no GLASS is allowed beyond the pavilion. Please put your beverages and other items in another container.

Remember, many hands make light work and work tax opportunities abound.

Thanks in advance for your support!

Claudia Johnson
Membership Director

PLANNING

SUMMER FUNDRAISER Silent Auction

I am beginning to plan an auction to help fund the park renovations that lie ahead. I need everyone to begin thinking about donating something. If we all come up with one item, we can have an amazing silent auction. I need a member to chairperson and several committee members. With enough of us working on it, we can make this a really great event. Please look for my emails with more details and contact me at planning@zenarec.com if you would like to volunteer.

Thanks!

Liza Mones, Planning Chair

TENNIS

Work Party dates

Every Saturday 8 to 2

Rain date - Sunday, same time

“Junior Tennis Program 2009”

Tennis Director - Pete Zeeh

Phone 331-4355

Email: Pete@zeeh.com

The program starts 6/29/2009(Monday)

NO lessons will be given on this day – signups and questions only.

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All instructors will be there.

Also anyone interested in participating on our tennis team may show up for a tryout. Hours are from 12 pm to 4 pm. Interclub matches are on Fridays. Daily schedule (Monday thru Thursday) Class time ½ hr.

12:00 Instruction starts Group (A)

Girls and Boys ages 5,6,7,8

12:45 Instruction starts Group (B)

Girls and Boys ages 9, 10, 11

1:30 Instruction starts Group (C)

Girls and Boys ages 12, 13

2:15 Instruction starts Group (D)

Girls and Boys ages 14 thru 18

3:00 – 4:00 Ladder matches, drills

** Note Children may stay for the next ½ hour class if they wish.

(Fridays will consist of interclub matches or team practice) In order to participate in these matches a player must be able to serve the ball in the box.. Anyone may participate in team practice. Practice time is 12 – 4 pm Fridays.

Type of instruction: Each day one of the following strokes will be taught.

- Ground strokes (Forehand)
- Ground strokes (Backhand)
- Serve
- Volley (Forehand)
- Volley (Backhand)
- Overheads
- Lobs
- Return of serve

Court strategy will be covered after the lessons between 3 pm and 4 pm. Two courts will be used for instruction. Stroke Analysis will be done on Court 1 with the ball machine when applicable.

** There will be Junior Tournaments scheduled every other week during the summer program. There is a fee for these tournaments. They are open to anyone who wishes to play. Each

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tournament is for a different age group. Trophies and shirts will be awarded on the last Friday of the season. For more information email Ralph Perez Rogers at tennis@zenarec.com.

** It would be nice to have shirts for the boys and girls that play our interclub matches. Shirts cost \$10.00.

** We still need drivers for our Interclub Matches, please call 331-4355 if you are interested.

Tennis lessons (other than summer camp for boys/girls)

Lesson rates are as follows:

. Private \$60 per hr.

\$35 per ½ hr

. Group rates available

Preseason Adult clinics beginning May 6th (wed)

. Beginners – Wednesdays 6pm – 7pm

. Intermediate – Saturdays 9am – 10am

The price for six (6) lessons is \$45 based on 8 people per class. If more people sign up per class the time will be extended. Rain date will be the following week until 6 weeks have concluded. You may sign up by calling Pete Zeeh at 331-4355 or 941-473-0691. Classes will begin May 6th.

If anyone is interested in having a tennis camp for 1 week (boys/girls or adults), let me know. This could be done from 10 to 11:30 (1 ½ hours of instruction with the next day a rain day until the 5 days are complete. There would be 2 instructors and the fee would be \$100. per person. This camp would consist of drills, instruction and strategy.

Thank you

Pete Zeeh 331-4355
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MAINTENANCE

Dear Fellow Members,

At this time I would like to introduce myself as your newest board member. My name is John Kosinski and I have been chosen to be the maintenance chair because of my construction background. I am looking forward to a great 2009 season, and I am also looking forward to getting some projects done around the park.

The park is 35 years old and is in need of some tender, loving, care. In these economic times we all need to realize that maintaining is a lot easier and cheaper than replacing.

Just a little painting and staining will add years to a building. Keeping gutters clean and free of debris can help the water run away from supporting columns. Its simple things like these that if not taken care of, can lead to and cause bigger problems.

We all know that when you take a lot of little projects and add them up, it becomes a lot of work. But we also know that many hands make light work. That is why I am going to ask my fellow members for help. I am planning some work parties in April and May, before the pool opens. The times and dates will be in a post card and email sent out.

This is a great time to get your work tax done and behind you. If you have any questions or comments, you can e mail me at maintenance@zenarec.com I look forward to meeting a lot of new faces this year, and a lot of old ones also. Come join us at the work parties, work a little, laugh a little, enjoy a lot.

John Kosinski - Maintenance Chair

TREASURER'S REPORT

Dear Zena Rec Members,

There have been some questions raised about the request for members in good standing to pay an increase of \$50 for their bond. The previous note that went out regarding this increase spoke only of the fairness of this. Some members questioned this as they'd paid their bond years ago.

I recognize the validity of their questions.

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I would like to add at this point that the issue goes beyond fairness. Per NYS law all capital contributions to a Not for Profit organization for the same level of membership must be equal in value.

We are a Not for Profit organization and we currently only have one recognized level of membership.

We are bound by NYS law in this matter. I hope that I can count on all members of Zena Rec to assist us in becoming compliant with this law.

I would like to point out at this time that per diligent effort of the board and our bookkeeper, Deb Stellato, we have gotten NYS to agree that Sales Tax should not be collected on any amounts paid for Bonds.

I would like to personally thank Deb Stellato for her efforts on our behalf.

In these uncertain economic times I realize that any increase can be upsetting. If paying the \$50 increase at this time is not feasible please convey that information to Deb and arrangements can be made.

I thank you all for your forbearance and understanding.

Sincerely,

Craig J. Stephens
Treasurer

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