

**RIVERDALE NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSE POOL
SUMMER, 2012**

RULES AND REGULATIONS

POOL HOURS

May 26th through June 16th (Weekends only)

May 26, 27, 28 & Saturdays & Sundays thru June 16th ...10:30 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

June 16th through September 3rd

Weekends and Holidays10:30 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Weekdays12:00 Noon - 7:00 p.m.

NEW POLICIES FOR THE SUMMER OF 2012

- **SMOKING**
 - **Smoking is only being permitted on the sun deck. We are monitoring the actions of the New York City Council to determine how new smoking laws could impact RNH in the future.**
- **MANAGEMENT**
 - **Kathy Duffy, a familiar face at RNH, is managing our Pool Program. American Pool Management will be handling the water including lifeguards. Please bring any initial concerns or questions to Kathy; she will follow up.**

ADMITTANCE TO FACILITY

ALL PATRONS: MANAGEMENT MUST BE MADE AWARE OF ANY CURRENT MEDICAL CONDITION OF ANY MEMBER OR GUEST THAT MIGHT RESTRICT THEIR USE OF THE POOL, UPON ENTERING FACILITY. Members and pool users are reminded of the inherent risk associated with any and all sports or athletic activities. Accordingly, all members represent that they are physically fit to participate in such activities, or if unfit, agree to refrain from participating in such activities. All members and or pool users agree to use reasonable care when participating in all sports and athletic activities while on the premises. All members and pool users agree to hold RNH harmless for their own negligent conduct or the negligent conduct of others while on the facilities.

CHILDREN UNDER 13 YEARS OF AGE WILL NOT BE ADMITTED UNLESS ACCOMPANIED BY A PERSON WHO IS 18 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER. NO SINGLE ADULT MAY TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR ADMISSION TO GROUPS OF UNRELATED CHILDREN; EACH CHILD UNDER 13 MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A PARENT OR ANOTHER DESIGNATED ADULT 18 OR

OLDER. THIS RULE WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED. PARENTS AND CHILDREN WHO DO NOT COMPLY WITH THIS IMPORTANT SAFETY REGULATION WILL BE DENIED ADMITTANCE TO THE POOL.

Members are reminded that RNH is providing access to facilities and services to members to use at their own risk and members are responsible for the care and safety of their children. No childcare provision is provided nor implied by RNH. **RNH WILL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR UNACCOMPANIED CHILDREN UNDER THE AGE OF 13.**

Admittance to the pool will be restricted to pool members and their guests, authorized RNH staff and RNH program participants only. On very hot days, to avoid overcrowding, pool management may restrict guest attendance.

A family membership may be obtained by couples and their child(ren) or a single parent (proof of status required) and his or her children plus one adult (18 or over) named on the family's application. **Children must be verifiable dependents.** **Family Plus includes a babysitter, age 18 or over, employed by the family while the parents are working full time. Proof of eligibility will be required. Babysitter photo must be provided. Couples include married couples and other formal cohabitation arrangements (proof of address may be required). NO PHOTO ON FILE, NO ADMITTANCE-SORRY NO EXCEPTIONS.**

All children between the ages of 18 and 25 **who are verifiable dependents** are considered to be family and are covered by a family membership. Children between the ages of 18 and 25 are generally considered to be dependents when they are **full-time students living at home** listed as dependents on the parents' IRS tax return. All applications are subject to approval by the Pool management.

GUEST POLICY

Individual and family members can bring **NO MORE THAN 5 GUESTS PER VISIT**, 4 times per month in June, July and August and twice during September and May. For the purpose of calculating the number of guests allowed per month, individual guests and guest families will count as one. Out of town family members (grandparents, children) will not count toward your monthly limit. Guest names must be recorded on the back of your pool ID card for documentation purposes.

No substitution in the number of guests or the times per month will be allowed. Pool members must accompany guests. **(PLEASE NOTE):** Guests are required to share the member's table and abide by all pool rules and regulations.

Weekday-Only members are prohibited from using guest passes for weekend entrance and **Weekend-Only** members are prohibited from using guest passes for weekday entrance to the RNH pool. RNH reserves the right to apply a surcharge to any member violating this policy.

The guest fees are \$10 at all times. Guest passes are available in advance at the Main Office weekdays from 9 to 4:30 or at the intake shack.

NOTE: There is no charge for children 4 years of age and under as guests. However, they will be counted toward your guest quota.

If the pool closes due to inclement weather by 3:00 p.m., guests will receive a rain check.

Special Categories of Membership (by request)

1. If a pool member (family or individual) is caring for a child (9 months or older) for the summer, that child may be enrolled as a special member at the **Individual Membership** rate.
2. If a pool member has a visitor (5 Years & older) for part of the summer, a special guest membership is available for not less than one week nor more than six weeks at a rate of \$80 per week (including weekends); \$75 per week for a child nine months through four years of age.

**** Please note there are no shared memberships.****

FOOD & REFRESHMENTS

GLASS BOTTLES OR THERMOSES ARE PROHIBITED

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ARE PROHIBITED

Barbecuing may be done only in designated enclosed area with a maximum of 3 persons at a time. Three grills are available for everyone's use; please use efficiently so that others may also use the grills. For safety reasons, members may not bring their own grills. Please barbecue with great care, watching out at all times for children. Propane tanks are prohibited. Use of starter fluid is not encouraged. However, should it be necessary, please use with extreme caution. **CHILDREN ARE NOT ALLOWED IN ENCLOSED BARBECUE AREA. Grills in use may not be left unattended at any time.**

Those using the barbecue area are expected to share in keeping the area and grills clean, as well as supplying charcoal, etc. for everyone's use.

RNH requires the use of paper plates, cups and plastic utensils. Metal utensils are strictly prohibited.

The "Snack Spot" offers supplemental snack foods to participants. Questions, concerns, or comments should be submitted in writing to the RNH Main Office. Members are prohibited from tossing garbage over the fence near the Snack Spot. Violators will be subject to warnings and possible suspension.

SMOKING IS ALLOWED ON THE SUN DECK ONLY.

TRASH & RECYCLABLES

All discarded paper (newspapers, magazines, etc.) must be thrown into yellow trashcans. All metals, cans, plastic and glass must be thrown into red trashcans. All other trash goes into gray containers. We appreciate your cooperation in working with the staff in keeping the pool area clean.

HEALTH & SAFETY REGULATIONS

POOL MAY BE USED ONLY WHEN LIFEGUARD IS ON DUTY

AT ALL TIMES PARENTS/BABYSITTERS/CARETAKERS MUST SUPERVISE CHILDREN USING POOL FACILITIES AND COOPERATE WITH STAFF IN ENFORCING ALL RULES. THIS INCLUDES PARENTS CLEANING UP AFTER CHILDREN WHO ARE NOT TOILET TRAINED. YOUNG CHILDREN MUST HAVE A SWIM DIAPER (NO DISPOSABLE DIAPERS) WHEN ENTERING THE POOL. PARENTS/GUARDIANS OR BABYSITTERS ARE EXPECTED TO ACCOMPANY CHILDREN UNDER THE AGE OF 7 TO THE BATHROOMS.

Running on the pool deck, pushing, chicken fighting, ball playing, dunking, flips, water guns, water balloons, excessive splashing and rough play in the pool are prohibited. The pool staff will decide the use of balls, masks, fins, noodles, and kickboards. Closure of the pool due to inclement weather, chemical/maintenance concerns or any other unsafe conditions are to be decided by the Aquatics Director, Site Coordinator or head lifeguard.

The sandbox is meant for sandbox activities such as building sand castles. Sand must be kept in the sandbox, and is not to be taken into the kiddie sprinkler. Water is not to be taken into the sandbox. **BALL PLAYING, RUNNING BASES AND ROUGH PLAY ARE NOT ALLOWED IN THE SANDBOX.**

The play/climbing equipment is an unsupervised area and RNH cannot be responsible for unaccompanied children. Parents/Guardians must accompany their own children who wish to use the play/climbing equipment.

Members are strongly advised that **footwear be worn in all sitting/play areas of the pool, as surfaces tend to get very hot.**

WE ALSO RECOMMEND THAT CHILDREN WEAR RUBBER SHOES (JELLIES) IN THE KIDDIE SPRINKLER.

All persons must wear regular bathing suits in the water. Cut-off jeans are not acceptable.

The Board of Health requires all persons to take a shower before entering the pool. Persons with suntan lotion applications are required to wash off the lotion before entering the pool area. Children who have been playing in the sandbox area are required to wash off in the showers before going into the pool or kiddies sprinkler.

ALL OTHER BOARD OF HEALTH RULES AND REGULATIONS, POSTED

AT POOLSIDE, MUST BE STRICTLY ADHERED TO.

Admission to the pool area will be refused to all persons having contagious diseases or infections, such as: colds, inflamed eyes, ear discharge, skin lesions and foot infections. Persons intoxicated or under the influence of drugs will be denied admission and risk termination of membership (non-refundable). Any persons with unhealed abrasions or excessive sunburn may be denied admission to the pool at the discretion of RNH.

Diapers must be changed in carriages or in the diaper changing areas (male and female bathrooms). Please deposit used diapers in receptacles provided.

In accordance with the RNH **Smoking Policy**, and in order to minimize the risks to pool patrons who are not smokers, smoking is permitted on the sun deck area of the RNH Pool Club only. All other areas shall be considered "smoke free." Please avoid exposing children to second hand smoke; if a child is on the sun deck, please move as far away as possible.

SWIMMING REGULATIONS

Only when authorized by the aquatics director will swim aids such as bubbles, goggles, swim eggs or water wings be allowed in the pool, **shallow end only.** A responsible person, age 18 or over with strong swimming skills, must accompany all those who cannot swim without swimming aids. Children who cannot stand in shallow end of pool (3 feet) at chin level must be accompanied by an adult guardian 18 or older. All children must pass a **deep-water test** before being permitted into the 9-foot area of the pool.

During adult swims (every hour on the hour for 20 minutes beginning at 1:00 p.m. and ending at 5:20 p.m.) the following children may be in the water (**but in the shallow end of the water only**):

- a) a child who needs swimming aids and is accompanied by an adult;
- b) a child who must be physically supported by an adult (18 or over);
- c) a child with injuries or physical handicap.

CHILDREN WHO ARE ALLOWED IN THE WATER UNACCOMPANIED DURING REGULAR SWIMS ARE NOT ALLOWED IN THE WATER DURING ADULT SWIMS. Adult swims are for 18 years and over, both in the pool and on the pool deck. RNH may section off certain areas of the pool during adult swim for various activities from time to time.

UNSUPERVISED CHILDREN UNDER THE AGE OF 13 MUST PASS A DEEP WATER TEST BEFORE SWIMMING IN THE DEEP END.

LOCKER ROOM POLICY

City regulations require all members to wear street clothes upon entrance to the

facilities.

Lockers are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Locks for lockers must be provided by the membership. After securing locker of his/her choice, member should ask intake person to record locker number on member's card.

Missing items, which were stored in lockers, are not the responsibility of RNH.

LOCKERS MUST BE CLEANED OUT ON OR BEFORE THE LAST DAY OF THE SEASON (LABOR DAY).

USE OF FACILITIES

Tables and chairs are strictly available on a first-come, first-served basis. Due to space limitations, tables, at times, must be shared. Holding tables and chairs for members not yet in the pool area is not allowed and will not be tolerated. The number of chaise lounges available on the sun deck is limited. Members may not "reserve" chaise lounges for the day. You are asked to share lounges for periods of sunbathing. (If a chaise lounge is unoccupied others have the right to use it). We ask that you not leave towels or clothing on lounge chairs.

RNH IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY PERSONAL ITEMS FOR ANY REASON.

MEMBERS ARE WELCOME TO BRING THEIR OWN BEACH CHAIRS. HOWEVER, CHAISE LOUNGES ARE NOT ENCOURAGED DUE TO SPACE LIMITATIONS.

Use of the free Wi-Fi Internet access is at your own risk. RNH is NOT responsible for any electronic equipment stemming from the use of the Wi-Fi including viruses, device breakdown as well as theft or damage to equipment. Since children are on the premises, adults are expected to use the Internet responsibly; RNH reserves the right to insist that web pages deemed inappropriate for viewing by children be closed.

All pool members are responsible for discarding their own trash and/or debris, and to assist in maintaining the premises in a clean and healthy condition.

PLEASE NOTE: RNH cannot be responsible for items left on or under tables when pool program is not in session.

TENNIS/VOLLEYBALL COURT

Use and reservation schedules for tennis and volleyball will be determined on the basis of popular demand after pool opening.

Tennis/Volleyball court is available during the regularly scheduled pool hours when a supervised activity is not scheduled.

Tennis/Volleyball court is to be used by pool members, their guests and other RNH program participants.

CLOSING OF THE POOL

The pool will be closed in the event of rain, extreme cold, gale force winds, lightning, thunder or disruption or loss of electricity or water

If inclement weather lasts until 2p.m., the pool will not open. If the pool has opened and inclement weather makes it necessary to close the pool by 3 p.m., you will be reissued another guest pass to use another time. **NO MONEY WILL BE REFUNDED.**

BIRTHDAY PARTIES/CONCERTS/EVENING FUNCTIONS

Birthday parties must be arranged in advance with the Pool Director or Assistant Pool Director. The party charge is \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children. **The member must be present.** The party may not exceed 20 people- 8 adults and 12 children.

Concerts/Evening functions - The pool area will close for cleaning and the time will be posted when it will reopen. Most concerts are \$20.00 per family and \$5.00 per individual.

CODE OF CONDUCT

A written incident log is kept on all incidents that occur at the RNH pool. If a person has three (3) incident reports in this log, they will be suspended for a day. If more than 3 incidents are written, it is up to the discretion of the Executive Director and the Pool Director if a longer termination period is required or possible termination may occur.

Our Mutual Respect Statement, adopted by the RNH Board in June 2004 reads as follows:

The Riverdale Neighborhood House strives to maintain an atmosphere in which all persons show respect for one another regardless of economic status, intellectual ability, race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, religion, marital status, gender, sexual orientation or age. It is a place where respect will be accorded to all persons. RNH staff, members and participants are expected to have respect for cultural differences; respect for the economic, political and social rights of others and respect for the right of others to seek and maintain their own identities.