



The logo features the word "SWIM" in a semi-circle above a stylized blue wave, and "TENNIS" in a semi-circle below a stylized orange tennis ball. The word "BEACHWOOD" is prominently displayed in the center between two horizontal black bars. Below this, the word "NEWSLETTER" is written in a green, serif font.

Dear Beachwood Members,

- ☀ March Madness is here! It is that time to let our minds wander to happy thoughts of summer. Your Beachwood board has been planning all through winter for the 2007 summer. Here is an update!
- ☀ Todd Losey will be returning as the Beachwood club manager. He had a very successful winter coaching the Troy High Boys' Swim team to a division I League Championship. Several Beachwood swim team members were part of his winning team!
- ☀ Mike Venos and Francisco Trinidad (ada, Paco) will be back to coach the Beachwood teams. Mike will once again coach the swim team. He also had a very successful year coaching the Brother Rice Boys swim team to a division championship. Paco will be back on the courts with our tennis team. Our tennis program has a great summer planned with the first tennis and golf outing in July! Start practicing!
- ☀ When you visit Beachwood this summer you will notice a new entrance area layout. We have updated this area to better service our members and their guests.
- ☀ Ice cream will be back in our concession area. This was the most requested suggestion from our suggestion box. Yes, we do read and discuss your suggestions.
- ☀ Longer hours of operation this summer. There will be a reception desk staffed to answer your questions, book your events and answer our



SAVE THE DATE!!

April 6, 2007:  
2007 Membership fees due  
w/o penalty

April 13, 2007:  
2007 Membership fees due  
with \$50 penalty

April 28, 2007:  
New member meeting &  
swim/tennis sign-up

May 12, 2007  
Spring clean-up @  
Beachwood

May 26, 2007  
Beachwood opens

June 19, 2007  
Beachwood ladies' night out

July 13-14, 2007  
Tennis' first Golf/Tennis  
outing

for more information, check  
our website at  
[www.Beachwoodrec.org](http://www.Beachwoodrec.org)

phone during the morning. The pool will stay open later for swimming after swim practice in early June. Previously we were closing after swim practice in June while school was still in session. We are responding to requests from our members to accommodate them during this time.

☀ The baby pool will be open during the morning. A lifeguard does not staff this pool.

We will open it in the morning for our younger members and their parents. We hope this helps when older siblings are in swim or tennis practice!

☀ The cost for a guest will be \$4.00/person or \$15.00/family. There will not be a differential for weekday or weekend use. This is an increase for the weekday guests. Weekends were already at this rate. We have researched similar clubs in the area and found we still have some of the lowest guest fees in the area. Guest fees are for both pool and tennis use and a member must accompany their guest.

☀ We're sure many of you have noticed that there was a dues increase. Unfortunately, our energy costs, chemical costs and water rates have risen significantly. It has been 10 years since Beachwood has increased dues. We are working to keep Beachwood in sound financial shape.

We are looking forward to another great summer at Beachwood!



## SPRING CLEAN UP SATURDAY, MAY 12 8 A.M. - NOON

Spring clean up is Saturday, May 12th, from 8 a.m. - 12 noon RAIN or SHINE. The volunteer response from last year was fabulous and our goal is to see even more participants involved this spring.

High school students who are looking to add community service to their college resume, Beachwood is a perfect place to rack up those hours. Parents are welcome to bring any and all children who can help in any way. Volunteers are not obligated to stay the whole time. A two hour block of your time would be greatly received.

Tools to bring are rakes, shovels, gloves, trash bags, gardening tools, wheel barrel (if you have one), hedge trimmers, edgers and anything else needed to beautify YOUR club.

Coffee & donuts will be served and please bring your smiley face!

Please call Tighe or Melinda Keating at (248) 649-6313 or e-mail us at [keating6@sbcglobal.net](mailto:keating6@sbcglobal.net).

CLUB HOUSEKEEPING

Hi, my name is Don McLean, and this is my second year on the Beachwood board as your facilities director. I would like to start by thanking Todd Losey and Dave Z for the wonderful job they did last year of keeping our club in great physical shape.

Unfortunately, we again have the task of repainting the lane lines. They held up better this past year but still did not last the entire season. Also, our pool liner is on it's last legs and we will face a major financial burden when we go to replace it. We have the option of full replacement of the liner or removing the liner and going with a hard pool surface. Both options will be investigated this year.

We are replacing the gas grills this year and also replacing some of our umbrellas and adding a few as well. Do you think we need something else for the pool?? If so, call me now with your suggestions and we will get working on it. The pool will be open before you know it!

I would like to ask all Beachwood members to please contact me if you see something that needs to be

fixed, replaced or repaired. Right now is when most of the work is being done to get ready for the club's opening. If you have ideas on how the pool facilities can be improved, please let me know your thoughts on that as well.

As I mentioned to all that attended the annual meeting in November, we are always looking for a good plumber!! If you have skills that you can share that would benefit the club and would like to volunteer, please feel free to contact me by email or by phone. I would also encourage all of you to consider volunteering at the club this year. We are always looking for help, whether it's grilling hamburgers or serving on the board. Volunteering at the club is a very rewarding thing and you get to know your neighbors while doing it.

I look forward to seeing you all at Spring Clean-up!!

Don McLean  
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 (248) 643-9122

THE SOCIAL SCENE

Your Cruise Director (aka Social Chair) has another fun summer planned for BEACHWOOD!

JUNE 19-LADIES NIGHT OUT! BEACHWOOD becomes a boutique for a night! Bring your friends for an evening of shopping and fun. Mixers and Hors d'oeuvres. \$10 per person.

TWEEN PARTY-Fun for the 8-12 year olds. This is a very popular event.

KID PARTY-For our younger children ages 3-7.

NEEDS CHAIR PEOPLE!

4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY-The best place to celebrate Independence Day!

Bike parade, Games, Food and Fun. NEEDS CHAIR PEOPLE AND LOTS OF WORKERS!

EUCHRE NIGHT-So popular they ran out of playing space. Do we add Texas Hold-Um?

TEEN PARTY WITH FOREST HILLS-They invited us back! Ages 13 and up!

MOVIE NIGHT-AUGUST We will have to wait till it gets dark early to show a movie outside. Fun for our August only members.

All of these events need VOLUNTEERS. Does your teen need volunteer hours? I can use them.

Do you represent or have a company that might like to join our Ladies Night Out? Do you have something you make you'd like to sell at that night? Call or email me.

Got a great idea for even more fun at BEACHWOOD? I am grateful and supportive of all ideas, suggestions and help.

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COURTSIDE

Well, I have finally arrived! Thanks (I think) to those of you who have given me the opportunity to serve as tennis liaison for Beachwood. My mother is so proud of me. My name is Rob Olmstead, former tennis teaching pro and now the proud dad of three energetic boys. Spring is approaching and it is time to dust off, restring and regrip your tennis racquets for the upcoming tennis season! I am happy to announce that Paco Trinidad and much of his staff will be returning for another summer of fun in the sun! With the much-appreciated help of Tighe Keating and Paco, I have implemented some changes to the summer program.

- "Early Bird Special" This is an after school program running from June 4<sup>th</sup> to June 13<sup>th</sup>. It is designed for those members who want to get a jump on the summer before school is out.
- Free T-shirts for those kids who enroll a minimum of 2 weeks in the junior program.
- A 5% discount off the total balance for families with 3 children enrolled for the same number of weeks prior to June 18<sup>th</sup>. 4<sup>th</sup> child is FREE!
- Scott Ransome is returning to help out the adult program. He is excited to help out with the ladies drills and resurrect his infamous Saturday morning tennis drill. Think of lots of running and bad jokes. It is rumored that there may be some special guest in-

structors dropping by from time to time, strictly to keep the corny jokes and sarcastic banter fresh. No firm dates have been set, so be there every week because you never know what clown(s) may show up.

- Friday, July 13<sup>th</sup> Beachwood Tennis will be hosting its first annual Tennis and Golf outing. I am not superstitious. This event will consist of Golf on Friday and a Pro-Am tennis event on Saturday. Details will be posted at the Tennis office or you can contact me at [olmstead.rob@gmail.com](mailto:olmstead.rob@gmail.com).
- You may register for tennis by mail. See the new stream-lined sign-up sheet enclosed in this newsletter. Fill it out at your leisure and mail it back to Beachwood.

In order to implement new ideas and give the current ones a proper chance to succeed it will take a group effort. I am asking for your help. We need: drivers to and from matches, golf outing helpers, food and drink organizers for matches, tournament facilitators and much more.

Hope to see you on the courts!  
Lobbingly Yours!  
Rob Olmstead

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Your 2007 Beachwood Board:

Glenn Ruther-President  
Euniece Donabedian -Secretary  
Brian Perham-Swim  
Nancy Kolar-Social  
Julie Monroe-Membership

Tighe Keating -Vice President  
Don McLean-Facilities  
Rob Olmstead-Tennis  
Sandy Abowd-Treasurer

**Beachwood  
Barracudas**

**2007 Swim Team News**

**Hey Cudas!! Everybody  
Ready to Go?**

**Swim Team Registration –  
April 28th**

Hi everybody. Ellen and I are looking forward to another great year of swimming with the Barracudas. This year we will be looking for a lot of help, so if we call you to help us with something, please give it serious consideration. Swim team registration will take place on April 28<sup>th</sup> between 2pm. – 3:30 pm at the Troy Community Center. For your convenience, a pre-registration form can be downloaded from our website at [www.beachwoodrec.org](http://www.beachwoodrec.org). We welcome all new swimmers from age 5-18 to come join the fun!

**Spring Warm-up**

Spring Warm-up will be finalized in the next few weeks, as we will be hearing from Troy Schools. Unfortunately the schools need to schedule their spring sports with coaches before they release time to outside organizations. As soon as we have confirmation we will send out a Beachwood flyer with times, schedules and post this information on our Beachwood website. If possible, we may look to utilize Beachwood more this spring. Keep an eye on the website.

**Coaching Staff**

**Mike Venos** returns as Head Coach in his 6<sup>th</sup> season, and is currently filling out his staff. Mike is excited about the new year, and the staff he will have joining him.

**Technology News**

This summer, the area around Beachwood will become wirelessly enabled. No really!!! So bring your laptop to Beachwood this summer and surf the net! We will continue to utilize our website as much as possible. This will help

the swim program continue to make advances in communications with all our swim families. If you have any suggestions drop me an email

[Brian.Perham@comcast.net](mailto:Brian.Perham@comcast.net).

**Swim Meets**

This season's tentative swim meet schedule is on our Web site. Unfortunately the NSSL has notified us that Village Swim Club has ceased operations and will not be in our league this summer. We were not scheduled to swim Village this year, but the change has required the league to adjust the schedule. We will not have a final schedule until sometime after March 21<sup>st</sup>. Currently we have no idea how it will effect our season. The new schedule will be posted on the web site as soon as possible.

Speaking of Finals, Beachwood is preparing a proposal to host "A" finals for the 15<sup>th</sup> year in a row!! This meet requires a lot of volunteers! I am looking for input from the club & swim team families on how to better optimize the running of this event prior to submitting our proposal to the league. Please drop me a line if you have any new ideas.

In addition, with the demise of Village, the league will be looking for a host club for the 8 and under mini meets and the 9-10 mini meets. I have expressed an interest in hosting at least one of these meets, because they are relatively simple and are a good money maker for the club.

**Swim Team Activities**

We are planning some fun swim team activities throughout the summer. Currently we have planned an outing to see the American League Champion Detroit Tigers. This event will be a group fund raiser for the swim team and will be open to the whole club. The date for this outing is June 26<sup>th</sup> vs. the Texas Rangers. Be sure to check out the Beachwood Drift to learn more about this event, and others to come.

**Beachwood Drift**

The **Beachwood Drift** will be **distributed every Monday during the season**

via e-mail. And will always be posted on the Web site.

**Volunteers**

We are always in need of volunteers. When Ellen or I call you to ask you to help, please consider helping us, and consider the positive role model you will set for your kids by doing something positive for them and the community. (How's that for sappy salesman-ship?) Thanks to all those who have helped in the past, your efforts are appreciated. We have the BEST parent involvement and we need your help!!! Please e-mail me at [Brian.Perham@comcast.net](mailto:Brian.Perham@comcast.net) if you could lend a hand. We could not do it without the support of the entire swim team. A committee chair meeting will be held in April prior to registration.

**Look forward to seeing you all  
at the Pool!**

Brian Perham

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Swim Team Representative

**2007 Meet Schedule**

6/08 or 09 @ Heart of the Hills

6/15 @ WAC

6/21 CSC @ BWRA

6/23 11-12 Minimeet

6/28 FHSC @ BWRA

6/30 9-10 Minimeet

7/02 Beachwood Bye

7/07 8 & under Minimeet @ BWRA

7/09 @ BHAC

7/12 KC @ BWRA

7/20-21 B Finals @ CSC

7/28-29 A Finals @ BWRA

**HELP WANTED**

**Beachwood Recreation Association is accepting applications for the position of Assistant Manager for the 2007 season. Applicants must be 18 years or older and have graduated from high school prior to 2007. Applicants should contact Todd Losey at [todd.losey@gmail.com](mailto:todd.losey@gmail.com).**

WHO: ALL BEACHWOOD MEMBERS 18 & UNDER

WHAT: SWIM/TENNIS SIGN-UP

WHEN: SATURDAY, APRIL 28  
2:00 P.M. - 3:30 P.M.

WHERE: TROY COMMUNITY CENTER, ROOM 302

WHY: TO REGISTER FOR THE EXCELLENT SWIM & TENNIS OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE TO ALL OF BEACHWOOD'S KIDS!

THE SWIM & TENNIS SIGN-UP IS BEING HELD FOLLOWING THE NEW MEMBER MEETING. THE NEW MEMBER MEETING IS IN ROOM 302 FROM 12:30 - 1:30 P.M.

**President's Report**

With the helpful hands of last year's management team, many improvements and repairs were accomplished "in house". In other words, Todd and Dave provided the muscle and know-how to make several great improvements in how things look and work around the club. Dave Z has moved on to greener pastures, we will miss him dearly. Don't be surprised to see him visit Todd once in a while. (I think Todd still has his tools) . . . We will be developing a Capitol Improvements Committee this summer headed up by Jay Pulte. This committee will bring much-needed suggestions on improving our club's appearance. We are looking for solutions that will help update our pool and its surroundings, and the committee will focus on the development of a five-year plan for Beachwood. Jay and the Committee need your help. If you have a desire to join this effort, please contact Jay or myself for more details.

The 30th BWRA annual meeting was held November 8, 2006 at the Troy Community Center. At that time, Euniece Donabedien, Brian

Perham, Julie Monroe and Rob Olmstead were elected to the board while Sandy Abowd, Don McLean, Tighe Keating and Glenn Ruther were re-elected for an additional 2 year term. Diane Johnson, Mary Ciraci, and Chris Walsh left the board after years of service. Please thank them for volunteering their time and talents to Beachwood.

There was no new business at the annual meeting.

The Board has renewed the Senior Affiliate Status for 2006.

Many thanks to the great bunch of volunteers behind the scenes for contributing their time and talents into making this year very special. Without everyone's support, Beachwood would not be the premier club that it is today.

The new 2007 membership directories are going to the printer soon. If you would like to purchase ad space, the ads are as follows: \$250 for outside back cover, \$150 for either inside cover, \$100 for a full page, and \$75 for a half page.

Please join us in making this the best summer ever. Please participate and volunteer in whatever capacity your schedule allows. We appreciate your comments and suggestions.

Glenn Ruther  
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