



Common Areas Association

## VOCAA Newsletter Summer 2018

### Message from the Chairman:

Welcome to Village Oaks, a truly unique subdivision. We are fortunate enough to have a beautiful clubhouse, pool, two lakes, and superior elementary school all within walking distance in the neighborhood. Our homes are not overpriced but increasing in value every day.

As Chairman I ask you to look out your windows and notice others trimming their bushes, fertilizing lawns, washing windows, and repairing winter damage. Take note of your neighbors putting out their new patio furniture and getting ready to barbeque. Take a moment to thank them for making our neighborhood beautiful and get to know them if nothing more than for security purposes and looking out for each other.

I would ask that we all do our part to maintain the beauty and appeal that Village Oaks has to offer for families and residents moving into the area. This means simple things like trimming your overgrown bushes and cleaning up portions of your yard that may be problematic and might attract unwanted rodents or animals. Remember, cars that are not registered or moveable within driveways, and garbage cans that are left out and not placed behind a fence will attract the unwanted attention of the city ordinance office and most likely result in tickets.

Remember your home is an investment and can bring great returns to you in the future. Keep in mind that just as your neighbor's home affects the value of your home, you also affect the value of your neighbor's home.

Just because our homes may be a few years older than others being built in Novi, we don't have to be considered any less desirable or important than more expensive subdivisions. Take pride in your home, your neighborhood, and your community and be a good neighbor to those around you.

Thank you,

VOCAA Chairman

Kendall Joy

## Memorial Day Pool Opening Party

May 28, 2018

12:00- 2:00pm

Pool Opens at 11:00am

Stop by and renew your 2018 pool pass and you will be given a ticket for a BBQ Lunch. Guest pool passes, and guest lunch will be available for purchase. \$6.00 a person

\*All residents in good standing can get their pool card validated and/or have new cards made. Valid ID and proof of residency will be necessary.

\*All members will need a valid Pool Card to enter the pool during the 2018 pool season.

**DUES MUST BE  
PAID IN FULL. NO**

# VOCAA Summer 2018 Calendar

- May 28 Memorial Day Pool Party – 12:00-2:00pm
- May 31, June 1, and June 2 - VOCAA Annual Garage Sale
- June 15 Last Day of School Pool Pizza Party - 6 pm and late night swim till 10:00pm
- June 28 Floatie Nite – 5:30 -7:30pm
- July 4 VOCAA 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration – check the [website](#) and [facebook page](#) for schedule of events
- July 12 Floatie Nite – 5:30-7:30pm
- July 26 Floatie Nite – 5:30-7:30pm and late night swim till 10:00 pm
- Aug. 9 Floatie Nite – 5:30-7:30pm
- Aug. 11 Adult BBQ and Pool Party – 7:00pm – 11:00pm
- Aug. 24 Family Fun Night – check the website and facebook page for event details

## 4<sup>th</sup> of July Fishing Contest

11:00-12:00pm

Participants, please bring your own poles and bait.  
All fish will be thrown back as soon as they are measured. We will have two age groups: 9-younger and 10-teens. Prizes will be given for the biggest fish and the most fish per age group.

## 4<sup>th</sup> of July Princess and Prince Nominations

**Open to any VOCAA residents' child ages 5-7**

**Contact the office to nominate**

## 2018 VOCAA Pool Hours

**May 26 – June 10      June 15 – September 3**

Saturday and Sunday      Everyday

12:00pm – 9:00pm      12:00- 9:00pm

Monday – Friday

3:30pm-8:00pm

Sign up to Volunteer For our many summer activities!

# IMPORTANT VOCAA NEIGHBORHOOD INFORMATION

## POOL

Summer is almost here, which means one thing; it's almost pool time! You will need to have your pool card validated; a lifeguard will be able to help you. Proof of residency may be required. Remember your dues must be up-to-date to use the pool. If you have any questions, please contact the office.

A few reminders about our **VOCAA pool rules**:

**-Guests:** Only residents are allowed to have a pool card, guests cost \$3 per person or \$10 for a family, and you must stay with them at all times. Children **UNDER THE AGE OF 12** are **NOT** allowed to have a guest. Members between the ages of 12-17 are allowed **ONE** guest. If parents check in guests, then they **MUST BE** on the pool deck or in the pool at all times. Residents who have grandchildren are allowed to bring them to the pool free of charge, but you must stay with them at all times. If you need to purchase an associate pass for a babysitter or nanny, the cost is \$50 per season, and they are only valid while the member is present.

**-Large parties:** Members who have **6 or MORE GUESTS** may not be allowed in based on attendance. If the pool is at or near capacity, the lifeguards have the right to limit or deny guests entrance to the pool.

**-Private Parties:** Private parties are **NOT ALLOWED** on the pool deck; all food and beverages must be consumed in the park or preferably in the clubhouse under a rental agreement. A private party consists of **8 or MORE** people.

**-NO glass allowed** on the pool deck.

We have a limited number a family guest pass available to purchase for the season at a cost of \$350. This gives a non-member family full access to the pool without the need for a resident to bring them. Contact the office for more information.

The complete list of rules is published on our website in the Pool Information section along with the form to sign up for swim lessons.

## LAKES Maintenance Program & Water Use

**Each homeowner is responsible for reading and following restrictions as posted during lake treatments.** The 2018 lake maintenance treatments started on May 2nd, which is earlier due to the early ice-out. Algae treatments will continue through the summer and may also include an application to control nuisance aquatic weeds. Depending on what conditions and growth are observed, different treatment formulas (both algaecide and aquatic herbicide) are applied to best control the growth that is actually occurring each year.

Each treatment/application includes a posting in each yard of 1) The chemicals applied and 2) any water use restrictions such as limits on lawn irrigation. Members who use the lakes for lawn irrigation must pay attention to each posting and **turn off sprinklers when notified**. We try to avoid use of the aquatic herbicides that might affect lawns, but certain lake weed types may result a short suspension of lawn watering. Weed treatments requiring suspension of sprinklers have in recent years been made in late May or early June, later for Village Oaks Lake.

The lakes belong to the Association, not to adjacent property owners, and our Association responsible for water quality control as well as general lake maintenance. Use of the resources for lawn irrigation is a privilege, not a right. Owners must observe the water treatment restrictions as they are posted during each application.

## **CLUBHOUSE PARKING LOT**

The parking lot is for those who rent out the clubhouse or are using the pool. **NO** overnight parking or overflow parking for your residence allowed. Violators will be towed.

## **SPEED LIMIT**

The neighborhood speed limit is **25mph**. Please remind all those in your household of this. As the weather gets warmer, more neighbors will be out walking and riding bikes. Please go **SLOW** and remember that we do not have sidewalks.

## **BIKE RIDERS and WALKERS**

Please remember to ride your bike or walk on the side of the street. Parents please, please remind your children of this as many kids like to ride their bikes in the middle of the road. Let's be courteous to all!

## **CLUBHOUSE DUMPSTER**

The dumpster is for use of the VOCAA Clubhouse and Pool **ONLY!!!** All residents are now billed through their summer and winter taxes for trash removal. Please place items on the side of your driveway and do not dump into the dumpster.

## **DOGS**

Per the City of Novi, all dogs must be walked on a leash. Any residents having issues with this may contact the non-emergency line of the police department. And please pick up your dog poop!

## **BOATS, RVS, COMMERCIAL VEHICLES**

Remember that these items are not allowed to be stored in driveways or on the street for more than 72 hours. This is directly addressed in our Homeowners Covenants and City of Novi ordinances so please abide by them.

All of the subdivision covenants and bylaws are located on the website for residents to view and print if needed.

## ***VOCAA Yard of the Month***

June thru August one VOCAA household, in good standing, will be chosen as the yard of the month. A VOCAA sign will be placed in the yard, and the monthly winners will have their picture taken and featured on the website.

Yard of the Month winners will also receive a Home Depot Gift card.

So, get your flowers planted and yards cleaned up, we will be out looking for our first yard soon!!!

If you see a yard we should look at, let the office know!!

# 2018 VOCAA SWIM CLASS REGISTRATION

POOL (248) 349-0724 OFFICE (248) 349-0510

This year we are offering one-week classes to accommodate families better. Feel free to sign up for as many as you would like. Please understand it may take more than one session for your child to pass a level. Additional times or classes may be offered depending on the number of registrations

## Levels and Times

Level 5 & 6	8:30-9:15
Level 4	9:15-10:00
Level 3	10:00-10:30
Level 2	10:30-11:00
Level 1	11:00-11:30
Preschool	11:30-12:00
Infant	11:30-12:00

## Session Dates

Session 1	June 18 – June 22
Session 2	June 25 – June 29
Session 3	July 9 – July 13
Session 4	July 16 – July 20
Session 5	July 23 – July 27
Session 6	July 30 – August 3
Session 7	August 6 – August 10

The time of each lesson might change, depending on enrollment levels. Please include your email on the registration form, and a copy of the final schedule will be emailed to you. The schedule will also be posted at the pool; check for the correct times of each class and to be sure your child's name is on the schedule.

If you would like to have your child tested for the proper level placement, please call the pool (248) 349-0724 to see when the swim instructor can evaluate your child.

Only those with a current pool pass are allowed to stay and swim after lessons. Nonmembers who purchase a seasonal pool pass get member pricing for swim lessons.

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PARENT/ GUARDIAN:		MEMBER (YES OR NO):	
ADDRESS:			
EMAIL:		PHONE:	
CHILD 1:	AGE:	LEVEL:	SESSION(S):
CHILD 2:	AGE:	LEVEL:	SESSION(S):
CHILD 3:	AGE:	LEVEL:	SESSION(S):

**Please return this form and payment by the Thursday before each session, or a \$5.00 late fee will be added.** Include a check payable to VOCAA. If you would like to pay by credit card, please call the office (248) 349-0510.

# 2018 VOCAA SWIM CLASS DESCRIPTIONS

**INFANT & PRESCHOOL PROGRAMS:** are designed for the child to become acquainted and comfortable in the aquatic environment. The courses are not geared towards teaching the child to swim but to be comfortable in and around water so that they will more easily learn to swim. **(Infant Class no limit but a parent must be in the pool with the child.) (Preschool Class Limit 8) Cost \$25.00 Non-members \$35.00**

**LEVEL 1: WATER EXPLORATION** is geared to orient participants to the aquatic environment and teach them elementary skills that can be built on as they progress through the Learn to Swim Program. **(Limit 8) Cost: \$25.00 Non-members \$35.00**

**LEVEL 2: PRIMARY SKILLS** will build on the fundamentals of swimming with the basics of front crawl and backstroke. Upon completion of the course, students will have the basic skills to demonstrate floating, flutter kicking, as well as combining arm and kicking action. **(Limit 8) Cost: \$25.00 Non-members \$35.00**

**LEVEL 3: STROKE READINESS** will build upon the fundamentals learned in Level 2 by coordination the front crawl and backstroke. Students will learn the backstroke and begin diving in the kneeling and compact positions as well as learn the basics of treading water. **(Limit 10) Cost: \$25.00 Non-members \$35.00**

**LEVEL 4: STROKE DEVELOPMENT** will continue building upon Level 3 by increasing endurance. Students will learn the basics OF THE BREASTROKE, SIDESTROKE AND A STANDING DIVE. They will also be introduced to alternative methods for treading water as they build endurance. **(Limit 10) Cost \$25.00 Non-members \$35.00**

**LEVEL 5: STROKE REFINEMENT** will coordinate the breaststroke and sidestroke, increase their skill proficiency and endurance level of elementary backstroke, front crawl, and backstroke. They will be introduced to diving from the diving board and the fundamentals of the butterfly. **(Limit 8) Cost: \$25.00 Non-members \$35.00**

**LEVEL 6: SKILL PROFICIENCY** Upon completion of this course, students should have polished all the strokes and be able to perform them over increased distances. They will also be familiar with the turns associated with each stroke and be able to perform them with ease. **(Limit 8) Cost: \$25.00 Non-members \$35.00**

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## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The VOCAA Board of Directors is seeking volunteers to serve on the Board committees. Please contact Jim at the Clubhouse or any Board member for more information.

## THE VOCAA CLUBHOUSE

The Clubhouse is available for rent to residents in good standing. Contact the Clubhouse office for reservations and rental information.

## VOCAA BABYSITTER/PETSITTER LIST

Residents who baby/pet sit can add their information to the new list on the VOCAA website.

## IMPORTANT CITY OF NOVI CONTACT NUMBERS

Contact the **Novi Ordinance Enforcement Officers 248-735-5678** with questions or concerns regarding:

Graffiti, fences, weeds or un-mowed lawns, dumpster or storage containers, litter and storage of trash receptacles, inoperable, unlicensed or scrap vehicles, commercial vehicles parked in residential zone, zoning violations, home occupations, recreational vehicle storage, public sidewalk snow removal, firewood storage, compost piles, excessive pets (more than 3 dogs or cats/dwelling), failure to pick up animal waste, soil erosion and runoff, open and/or unsafe structure.

Contact the **Novi Department of Public Service 248-735-5640** with concerns regarding Maintenance of City Streets and Traffic Devices, Water and Sewer issues.

## VOCAA GENERAL INFORMATION

VOCAA Newsletter is published twice a year. Please check the website and facebook for up to date event details and board news.

### Board of Directors

Kendall Joy.....	Chairman
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### Committee Chairs

Pool.....	Matt Christopherson
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Facilities.....	Julie Endres
Architectural Control.....	Sal Portuesi
Public Relations.....	Jennifer Loiselle
Lakes.....	Gary Gaughan

### Clubhouse & Commons Areas

Business and Facilities Manager.....Jim Eagan

### Business Office Hours

Monday.....	9:00 am to 4:00 pm
Tuesday.....	CLOSED
Wednesday.....	9:00 am to 4:00 pm
Thursday .....	9:00 am to 4:00 pm
Friday, Saturday & Sunday.....	CLOSED

### Address

22859 Brook Forest  
Novi, MI 48375

### Office Phone Number

248-349-0510

### Pool Number

248-349-0724

### Email

office@vocaa.com

### Website

www.vocaa.org

### Facebook

[Village Oaks Common Areas Association](https://www.facebook.com/VillageOaksCommonAreasAssociation)



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# 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration

Volunteers are once again needed to make this years picnic the best around. Below is a list of areas we need help with!

- Set-up -----Great for early risers! Help put up the tent and a few tables and chairs! Have some coffee and donuts!!
- Parade -Help with getting people signed in and lined up. Good news here for early risers, you are done once the parade starts!
- Food Tent -----Help serve food. Not too big a commitment and a great way to see everyone!
- Games/ Bounce House -----Help with getting kids organized and handing out prizes!
- Fishing Contest-----Run the fishing contest
- Cleanup ----- Help take down the tent, put away tables and chairs, empty trash, and cleanup the leftovers!

A **sign-up genius email** will be sent out soon for volunteer time slots. Call the office with any questions.