

# Marine Hills Swim and Tennis Club is turning 50!



## Do you remember Marine Hills Swim and Tennis Club?

- Family Barbeques so we can stay longer
- Learning to swim from older members
- Teaching younger members to swim
- Endless diving board contests
- Swimming in the rain
- Pickle Ball games all summer long
- Tents and card games at swim meets
- Speedy Sixers' races
- Frito Banditos & Otter Pops
- Singing in the shower & using all the hot water!

## The Challenge to our Community

This year we are celebrating 50 years of family fun. Our membership continues to be active and strong after 50 years, however we are facing the same economic challenges as many other community programs and small organizations. The club has struggled financially for the past several years. **Expenses are growing faster than membership fees, due to the age of our facility and a costly regulatory change.**

- In 2004 the pool was in **need of relining** and repair of the **back bank and drainage system** which cost **\$64,000**.
- **Our boilers needed to be replaced** in 2008 for **\$20,000** and depleted all the capital reserves that the pool had.
- In 2009 our **outside lighting system** needed a significant overhaul which cost **\$15,000** and was only completed due to generous contributions from a few members. The lights *in* the pool still need to be completed.
- New federal regulation resulted in expenses of over **\$30,000** in 2010 and 2011 for the **retrofit of our drains**.
- In **2012** King County forced us to **decommission the wading pool**. We managed to do this with volunteer labor, although it still resulted in some unavoidable material costs.

Help us keep the Marine Hills spirit alive and well for the next generation and as fun filled as the last 50 years!

## How can you help?

Please make a donation to preserve our community;

\_\_\_\_\_ **Give \$100** to ensure the pool lasts for another 50 years!

\_\_\_\_\_ **Give \$50 for fifty!** \$50 for 50 years of community pride!

\_\_\_\_\_ **Give \$25** for 25 happy memories your family shared at Marine Hills Pool!

Whatever your reason, help make a difference! Every dollar matters!

- Send a **check** made out to MHRA in the enclosed envelope
- Go online at [www.marinehillspool.org](http://www.marinehillspool.org), select **Donations** and contribute with your **credit card** through our **secure Pay Pal account**.

**Connect to your Inner Fish and Tree!** Stay connected on our Facebook and Twitter!

- Find us at **Marine Hills Pool and Marine Hills Swim Club alumni & friends** on Facebook . While you are there check out what alumni are remembering! Join and be a part of Marine Hills' history.
- Twitter more your speed? We are at **@marinehills** follow us and stay up to the minute with what's happening.
- **Forward to fifty for fifty!** Share this newsletter with 50 additional Marine Hills alumni, friends, community leaders and prospective members and tell them what Marine Hills meant to you and why it is important to keep this community program thriving. Follow this link for an electronic version of this letter that you can forward to your friends and family  
<https://www.teamunify.com/TabGeneric.jsp?tabid=79163&team=recssslmhst>

### **How are we managing through these difficult times?**

Because our expenses are covered primarily by membership dues, the perceived logical response is to increase membership dues to cover additional and anticipated expenses. However recognizing the impacts to households in these difficult economic times, as a Board; we decided to maintain a stable fee structure to minimize direct impacts to membership dues over the last several years. Instead we have diligently focused on managing expenses, increasing fundraising efforts and improving community awareness to drive increased income through engagement in swim and tennis programs as well as increasing the overall number of memberships. The Marine Hills Board has worked hard for the last several years to minimize expenses, and to trim our operating budget in every way possible. Further reduction in some budget expenses will be realized in 2013.

### **Why is your donation so important today?**

We need current and past members to get involved. Please consider helping with a donation to the Fish and Tree. It is the only way we can ensure a strong and viable Marine Hills Swim and Tennis Club that will continue into the foreseeable future. While we fully expect our membership dues in 2013 to cover our basic operating expenses, we need to maintain and repair our facility to continue to attract and maintain our membership over time.

### **What will your donation do?**

Your contribution will help us build our general fund which is used to help cover the expenses associated with maintaining a 50 year old facility. It will help our community continue to provide an outdoor recreation facility and a family-friendly atmosphere as we have since 1963. We can continue to promote community activities such as water safety, swim and tennis lessons and club water polo activities. Our family environment fosters future student leaders and athletes, a true sense of family, physical well-being, community involvement and core values that encourage leadership and teamwork.

### **Want more information?**

Check us out at [www.marinehillspool.org](http://www.marinehillspool.org) to get a grass roots effort underway to protect our pool for future generations. Click the **Donations** button on the home page for more information.



Don't forget to check out what other events and activities the club has to offer at [marinehillspool.org](http://marinehillspool.org). If you have any questions feel free to email us at [mail@marinehillspool.org](mailto:mail@marinehillspool.org).

**YOU'RE INVITED!**

**OPENING DAY PARADE AND CARNIVAL**  
**"Flashback 50 years, It's 1963!" May 11th, 2013**

Opening Day will kick off with our traditional parade starting from the corner of 9th and 293rd at 11:30. **Decorate your bikes and wear your 1960's themed costume** for an awesome parade and carnival! As usual, the **pool will be open from 12-3 to the public** so everyone is invited. There will tons of games and of course the pool! **So come and help the kickoff to Marine Hills Swim and Tennis Club's 50th season!**



**Community Block Party**

**Marine Hills is YOUR community! June 22nd,**

Marine Hills Pool wants to bring community and water safety awareness to the neighborhood, with a fun-filled, action-packed day! Please join us for a Community Block Party hosted by Marine Hills Pool on Saturday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2013 from 1-4 pm.



**Don't miss this fun and informative day at Marine Hills Recreation Association!**

Festivities will include:

- Ice-cream social
- Safe City Federal Way
- community safety information
- Federal Way police and fire vehicles
- Water Safety booth, speakers, and demonstrations
- Carnival and water games for the kids
- Open Swim for the public
- Raffle and great prizes

**Other Events to Watch For:**

- Swim-a-thon
- Splash Parties
- Swim Meets
- Water Polo Meets
- Kid's Day Camp
- Tennis, Swim, & Water Polo Clinics
- Lady's & Men's Night
- Chili Cook-Off

**If you are part of a business or organization that would like to be represented at the block party and rent a booth, Please email [fundraising@marinehillspool.org](mailto:fundraising@marinehillspool.org) for more information. Don't forget to invite other businesses and organizations you know too!**