

Subject: PHRA: We need everyone's help to maintain PHRA and avoid a tragedy of the commons

Dear Members,

As I have mentioned before, PHRA is what it is because of you- its members!

Since the start of the swim season, I have heard from many of you about issues that we all should be aware of and able to each do our part to rectify:

Trash: Please clean-up after yourselves, the amount of litter and trash that has been left around the children's playground area, picnic tables and the table tennis area is unpleasant and unacceptable.

Table Tennis: In just a few weeks, a dozen ping pong balls have gone missing, one paddle has been destroyed, and two others significantly damaged. Please treat these and other equipment with more care. We all pay for these amenities and wear and tear beyond normal use results in increased costs and lost opportunity to spend our resources on other improvements.

Tables: Please clean up any spills or mess that you make when before you depart the pool. Paper towels and cleaner are available in bins in the kitchen.

Locker rooms: I and another board volunteer are working closely with our pool manager to ensure they also do their part, including by improving the cleanliness of the locker rooms. Please help us by flagging for the manager on duty when the bathrooms are in need of attention and understand that some things (like occasional standing water) is a function of the age and condition of the locker rooms and are being tracked by our capital / long range planning volunteers.

Lastly, as a reminder please familiarize or re-familiarize yourself with the operating rules, which can be found on the PHRA [website](#), so that we can all work together to have a safe, fun, and clean season!

I look forward to seeing you all at the pool.

Thanks,
Marc