

**TOWNSHIP OF CRANFORD
CRANFORD, NEW JERSEY**

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-11

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE III, COMMUNITY POOLS, CHAPTER 306,
SECTIONS 8 THROUGH 11 AS TO POOL FEES AND HOURS**

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford (the “Township”) recognizes the value recreational programming contributes to the community; and

WHEREAS, the Township wishes to maintain and encourage participation in the various programs offered by the Department of Recreation; and

WHEREAS, the Township identifies the need to keep up with the changing demands of the public for facilities and programming; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Cranford, in the County of Union, State of New Jersey (the “Township”), established rules and guidelines for the use and operation of the Township of Cranford’s swimming pool and field house facilities known as Swim Pool Utility, Memorial Recreation Complex or Cranford Community Pools of the Township of Cranford and Fitness Center; and

WHEREAS, as per N.J.S.A. 40:48-2, the Township may make, amend, repeal and enforce such ordinances, regulations, rules and by-laws as it may deem necessary and proper for the good government, order and protection of persons and property, and for the preservation of the public health, safety and welfare as may be necessary to carry into effect the powers and duties; and

WHEREAS, use of Township’s pools, fitness center and facilities shall be subject to such rules and guidelines as may be promulgated by ordinance and a copy of such ordinance, rules and guidelines shall be filed with the Township Clerk and the Recreation and Parks Department for public inspection; and

WHEREAS, the Township has determined that it is in the best interests to amend the Township’s Code, Chapter 306, Parks and Recreation, Article III, Community Pools to align.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Township that Chapter 306, Parks and Recreation, Article I, Fees for Recreational Facilities is hereby modified as follows:

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SECTION 1. Chapter 306 Parks and Recreation, Article III, Community Pools, Section 8, Pool memberships, is hereby amended as follows:

§ 306-8. Pool membership.

A. Membership composition.

- (1) Summer and winter pool membership is not limited to residents of Cranford.
 - (a) ~~Summer pool: Total memberships may not exceed 3,000. Cranford residents will be allowed to register even after the 3,000 memberships have been reached. However, the Director of Recreation & Parks (hereafter identified as “Director”) is authorized to increase the membership total by 50 if deemed necessary, at the Director’s Operations Manager’s sole discretion, for administrative purposes or special hardship cases. Individual memberships will be counted as 1/2 membership for the above purposes.~~
 - (b) ~~Winter pool: Total memberships may not exceed 1,000. However, the Director Operations Manager is authorized to increase the membership total by 50 if deemed necessary, at the Director’s Operations Manager’s sole discretion, for administrative purposes or special hardship cases.~~
- (2) ~~Senior citizens and scholarships are excluded from these membership totals.~~
- (32) Memberships are not transferable.
- (43) Preference schedule for registering:
 - (a) Cranford residents.
 - (b) Nonresident annual members.
 - (c) Nonresident members of winter season or immediate past summer season.
 - (d) Nonresident from waiting list.
- (45) Employees of the Township of Cranford, employees of the Board of Education of the Township of Cranford and business owners of the Township of Cranford and their employees who are nonresidents are permitted to join the pool and are considered Cranford residents for purposes of any and all fees, except that § 306-10I is not applicable herein.
- (56) Persons with disabilities who reside in Cranford, upon presentation of

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acceptable documentation, shall be entitled to receive the senior resident rate for purposes of any and all fees. Persons with disabilities who are nonresidents in Cranford, upon presentation of acceptable documentation, shall be entitled to receive the senior nonresident rate for purposes of any and all fees.

B. Types of membership. Subject to approval by the Township Committee, the Director of Recreation & Parks (hereinafter, the "Director") in consultation with the Swim Pool Utility Advisory Board shall each year establish the types of membership for the Community Pools and Fitness Center, which memberships shall generally be classified as either Summer or Annual, Individual or Family, Resident and Non-Resident, and Senior Citizen and Non-Senior Citizen, with rates set accordingly.

(1) The Membership Categories and Rates, as approved by the Township Committee, shall be published in advance in in the Recreation Brochure published immediately prior to the rates' effective date.

(2) The Recreation Brochure shall be available in print copy in the recreation office and mailed to all Cranford residents. The Recreation Brochure is also available online at www.cranfordnj.org/recreation-parks.

- (1) ~~Individual membership is available to one person 14 years or older.~~
- (2) ~~Family of two. Both individuals must be principally residing at the same address, and the child must be dependent on the adult for federal income tax purposes. An individual who is 22 years of age or older or will become 22 years of age in the current year cannot be considered a "child" in this membership.~~
- (3) ~~Family of three. All individuals must be principally residing at same address. If one member is a child, the child must be dependent on an adult for federal income tax purposes. An individual who is 22 years of age or older or will become 22 years of age in the current year cannot be considered a "child" in this membership.~~
- (4) ~~Family of four plus. Adults and children must be principally residing at the same address, and children must be dependent on an adult for federal income tax purposes. An individual who is 22 years of age or older or will become 22 years of age in the current year cannot be considered a "child" in this membership.~~
- (5) ~~Senior citizen. Any individual who is 62 years or older.~~
- (6) ~~Additional child care provider. A person who is a bona fide child care~~

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provider for a child member.

~~(7) Corporation or business membership is available to any Cranford-based company by the submitting of an employee roster on the company letterhead and a check made payable in full to the Swim Pool Utility. Criteria for membership is five or more employees joining in the membership at the same time.~~

C. General provisions.

- (1) A guest is any nonmember who is admitted with a member of the Cranford Community Pools. Each member shall be allowed to bring guests per summer and winter swimming season at the prevailing fee.
- (2) Use of pool. All members or guests, upon proper identification being presented to the office, shall, upon payment of the proper fee, be entitled to use the pool facilities. Guests during the summer season are not allowed the use of the fitness center.
- (3) Any person or persons who shall violate any duly promulgated rule or regulation of the Township of Cranford shall be subject to immediate ejection from a facility and/or premises by the official in charge or his duly designated representative. The Director Operations Manager reserves the right to revoke any membership for dangerous acts, improper conduct or repeated violations of the rules and regulations.
- (4) The Director Operations Manager reserves the right to deny any applicant membership regardless of membership classification in the Swim Pool Utility.

D. Enrollment.

- (1) Failure to provide complete and accurate enrollment and application information or to report change in that information, to immediately report changes in residency or to immediately report changes in membership status will result in termination of membership with no refund of fees.
- (2) All applicants must show proof of residence and age of all dependent individuals being enrolled for membership at time of registration or upon demand.

SECTION 2. Chapter 306 Parks and Recreation, Article III, Community Pools, Section 9, Hours of operation, is hereby amended as follows:

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§ 306-9. Hours of operation.

Subject to approval by the Township Committee, the Director in consultation with the Swim Pool Utility Advisory Board shall each year establish the hours of operation for the Community Pools, which hours shall be published in advance in in the Recreation Brochure published immediately prior to the hours' effective date. The Recreation Brochure shall be available in print copy in the recreation office and mailed to all Cranford residents. The Recreation Brochure is also available online at www.cranfordnj.org/recreation-parks.

- A. ~~Summer pools; general hours. Monday through Friday 12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Sunday through Saturday, including holidays: Saturday and Sunday 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., except during the abbreviated pre- and post-summer. [Amended 3-10-2020 by Ord. No. 2020-04]~~
- B. ~~Winter pools. Hours will be as scheduled by the Cranford Pool and Fitness Center.~~
- C. ~~Adverse or dangerous conditions. The Township Committee or the Director Operations Manager may close or limit the use of the swimming pool facilities during periods of inclement or adverse weather conditions or whenever, in its judgment, such action is deemed necessary or desirable for the protection of health or safety of such persons entitled to use such facilities or such persons working in such facilities.~~

SECTION 3. Chapter 306 Parks and Recreation, Article III, Community Pools, Section 10, Pool membership fees is hereby amended as follows:

~~§ 306-10. Pool membership fees~~Refunds & Discounts.

- A. ~~Summer pool fees shall be as follows:~~
- (1) ~~Residents:~~
- (a) ~~Individual: \$300 275.~~
- (b) ~~Family of two (non-senior): \$375 325.~~
- (c) ~~Family of three (non-senior): \$425 375.~~
- (d) ~~Family of four plus (non-senior): \$475 400.~~
- (e) ~~Care provider (for adult or child): \$300.~~
- (f) ~~Senior: \$125 100.~~
- (2) ~~Nonresidents:~~

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- (a) — Individual: ~~\$475.~~
- (b) — Family of two (non-senior): ~~\$625 600.~~
- (c) — Family of three (non-senior): ~~\$675 625.~~
- (d) — Family of four plus (non-senior): ~~\$725 675.~~
- (e) — Care provider (for adult or child): \$300.
- (f) — Senior: ~~\$300 275.~~
- (3) — Full corporation membership (minimum of five individuals), each individual: \$325.
- (4) — Resident(s) and/or nonresident(s) who sign up August 1 or later will be entitled to 50% discount on summer fees.

~~B. — Winter pool fees shall be as follows:~~

- (1) — Residents:
 - (a) — Individual: ~~\$350 325.~~
 - (b) — Family of two: ~~\$400 375.~~
 - (c) — Family of three: ~~\$425 400.~~
 - (d) — Family of four plus: ~~\$450 425.~~
 - (e) — Care provider (for adult or child): ~~\$300 200.~~
 - (f) — Senior: ~~\$200 175.~~
- (2) — Nonresidents:
 - (a) Individual: ~~\$500 470.~~
 - (b) Family of two: ~~\$625 600.~~
 - (c) Family of three: ~~\$650 625.~~
 - (d) Family of four plus: ~~\$675 650.~~
 - (e) Care provider (for adult or child): \$300.
 - (f) Senior: ~~\$350 325.~~
- (3) — Limited corporation or business (minimum of five individuals) for a

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~~corporation or business for usage from 5:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, each individual: \$350 275.~~

~~(4) Full corporation or business membership (minimum of five individuals), each individual: \$500 425.~~

~~C. Annual pool fees shall be as follows:~~

~~(1) Residents:~~

~~(a) Individual: \$550 500.~~

~~(b) Family of two: \$650 600.~~

~~(c) Family of three: \$675 625.~~

~~(d) Family of four plus: \$700 650.~~

~~(e) Care provider (for adult or child): \$300 250.~~

~~(f) Senior: \$225 200.~~

~~(2) Nonresidents:~~

~~(a) Individual: \$750 700.~~

~~(b) Family of two: \$975 925.~~

~~(c) Family of three: \$1,000 950.~~

~~(d) Family of four plus: \$1,025 975.~~

~~(e) Care provider (for adult or child): \$400.~~

~~(f) Senior: \$525 500.~~

~~(3) Full annual corporation membership (minimum of five individuals), each individual: \$600 525.~~

~~D. Partial fees (winter pool only); residents and nonresidents.~~

~~(1) Members joining for the first time who apply after the opening enrollment date so fixed by the Township Committee but before December 1 will pay the full fee. Said member enrolling between December 1 and December 31 will pay 90% of the winter pool membership fee; said member enrolling between January 1 and January 31 will pay 80%; said member enrolling between~~

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~~February 1 and February 29 will pay 70% of the winter pool membership fee; said member enrolling between March 1 and March 31 will pay 60% of the winter pool membership fee; said member enrolling between April 1 and April 30 will pay 50% of the winter membership fee; said member enrolling between May 1 and May 31 will pay 40% of the winter pool membership fee. Said fee shall be rounded to the nearest whole dollar. Any person who had been a member of the winter pool within the preceding winter season is not eligible for partial fee membership. [Amended 10-24-2017 by Ord. No. 2017-12; 3-10-2020 by Ord. No. 2020-04]~~

~~(2) — A membership may be converted to a higher membership category at any time during the winter season. The partial fee discount shall be applied against the difference in the membership rates, and the rates will be based on the fee structure in effect at the time the original membership was taken out.~~

~~E. — Fees for guests of members shall be as follows:~~

~~(1) — Summer pool:~~

~~(a) — Daily guests:~~

~~[1] Weekdays: \$10 per entry per person.~~

~~[2] Weekends: \$15 per entry per person.~~

~~[3] Holidays (Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day): \$15 per entry per person.~~

~~[4] Twilight pass (after 5:00 p.m. any day): \$5.~~

~~(b) — Guest pass book: 10 daily passes for \$80; five daily passes for \$40.~~

~~(2) — Winter pool:~~

~~(a) — Daily guests:~~

~~[1] Weekdays: \$10 per entry per person.~~

~~[2] Weekends/holidays: \$15 per entry per person.~~

~~(b) — Infant guest under two years: free.~~

~~A.F. — Refunds.~~

~~(1) No membership fees are refundable for the summer season after the first day of June, except at the discretion of the Township Committee for good cause~~

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shown. All requests for refunds shall be in writing.

- (2) No membership fees are refundable for the winter season after the second Monday in October, except at the discretion of the Township Committee for good cause. All requests for refunds shall be in writing.
- (3) No membership fees are refundable for year-round memberships after the first day of June, except at the discretion of the Township Committee for good cause shown. All requests for refunds shall be in writing.

B.G. Deadline for payments. The enrollment and payment schedule for year-round, summer and winter pool membership fees is to be fixed by the Township Committee by resolution.

~~H.~~ See § 306-11 for babysitting fees.

~~C.I.~~ Employees of the Township of Cranford who are also residents shall receive a twenty-five-percent discount on all pool membership fees.

SECTION 4. Chapter 306 Parks and Recreation, Article III, Community Pools, Section 11, Additional pool use fees, is hereby amended as follows:

§ 306-11. Additional pool use fees.

A. Subject to approval by the Township Committee, the Director in consultation with the Swim Pool Utility Advisory Board shall each year establish additional pool use fees for swim lessons, special courses and programs, academic and non-academic competitive swimming programs, and other special events as appropriate.

B. The pool use fees, as approved by the Township Committee, shall be published in advance in in the Recreation Brochure published immediately prior to the fees' effective date.

C. The Recreation Brochure shall be available in print copy in the recreation office and mailed to all Cranford residents. The Recreation Brochure is also available online at www.cranfordnj.org/recreation-parks.

~~A.~~ Courses or programs.

~~(1)~~ Swim lessons, all levels, summer pool:

~~(a)~~ Member fee: \$50 (five lessons).

~~(2)~~ Swim lessons, all levels, winter pool:

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~~(a) Member fee: \$100 85 (seven lessons).~~

~~(b) Nonmember fee: \$125 100 (seven lessons).~~

~~B. Special courses or programs (winter and summer). Cost of books and materials necessary for Starfish-approved courses not included in fee.~~

~~(1) Resident members:~~

~~(a) Minimum fee: \$30.~~

~~(b) Maximum fee: \$300.~~

~~(2) Nonresident members and nonmembers:~~

~~(a) Minimum fee: \$40.~~

~~(b) Maximum fees: \$350.~~

~~C. Competitive swimming.~~

~~(1) Swim team: "Jersey Gators" is a sanctioned swim team by the Township of Cranford and the Swim Pool Utility.~~

~~(2) A swim team member must be a member of the swim pool during the swim team season.~~

~~(3) A swim team member under the age of 14 must have an adult as a member during the swim team season.~~

~~(4) Swim team fees. Fees are to be paid to the Swim Pool Utility at the time of registration.~~

Number of Children	Winter Pool	Summer Pool
First child	\$<u>100</u> 25	\$<u>50</u> 25
Each additional child	\$<u>50</u> 20	\$<u>25</u> 10

~~D. Miscellaneous fees:~~

~~(1) Lost card: \$10.~~

~~(2) Insufficient funds, canceled check, stop payment: \$30.~~

~~(3) Babysitting fees: \$5 per hour, per child. When paid with summer membership fee, \$100 for the first and \$25 for each additional child; with winter membership fee, \$170 for the first and \$50 for each additional child; with~~

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~~annual membership fee, \$200 for the first and \$50 for each additional child.~~

~~E. — Special events programs: fee set and posted by Cranford Pool and Fitness Center.~~

~~F. — Rental or security fees:~~

~~(1) — Rental of outdoor pool complex: \$350 per hour.~~

~~(2) — Rental of indoor pool area: \$300 per hour.~~

~~G. — Kidz Klub Camp Program. The Cranford Pool and Fitness Center offers a camp program in addition to regular membership. This program is offered to children between the ages of five and 12 years of age.~~

~~(1) — The cost of the program is as follows:~~

~~(a) One to three weeks: \$220 per week per child.~~

~~(b) Four to six weeks: \$210 per week per child.~~

~~(c) Seven to 10 weeks: \$200 per week per child.~~

~~(2) — Payment may be in the form of cash, credit card or check payable to the Cranford Pool and Fitness Center.~~

SECTION 5. Unless otherwise set forth herein, all other terms set forth in Chapter 306, Parks and Recreation shall remain unchanged.

SECTION 6. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid by any Court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the remaining portions of this ordinance.

SECTION 7. All ordinances of the Township of Cranford that are inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

SECTION 8. Upon final passage and publication according to law, this ordinance shall become effective immediately.

Introduced: October 10, 2023

Adopted: November 13, 2023

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Approved:

Brian Andrews
Chairman, Township Committee

Attest:

Patricia Donahue, RMC
Municipal Clerk

RECORDED VOTE	INTRODUCED	ADOPTED
Brian Andrews	Aye	Aye
Terrence Curran	Aye	Aye
Paul Gallo	Aye	Aye
Kathleen Miller Prunty	Aye	Aye
Gina Black	Absent	Aye

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