



May 28, 2020

**TO: Community Members Residing in Addison, Ferrisburgh, Panton, Vergennes, Waltham**  
**FR: Vergennes Pool Advisory Committee**  
**RE: Sam Fishman Pool**

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At this time in the midst of the **COVID-19 virus**, providing a summer refuge for our community is important. The City owned **Sam Fishman Pool** along with the **Vergennes Pool Advisory Committee** are in discussions as to **IF** the pool can safely and fiscally responsibly open the pool for the 2020 season.

In accordance with adhering to the current CDC and State of VT guidelines, we are working on pool operation modifications to ensure our compliance while providing the safest environment.

The determining factor on opening our pool heavily weighs on the support from our community. We are reaching out to our community members residing in Addison, Ferrisburgh, Panton, Vergennes and Waltham as to the level of commitment we could expect. Knowing the use of the pool has to look different this season, would you purchase a pool pass at a higher rate?

Here is a short list in **discussion** of some changes you could possibly expect:

- Shifting the season dates to July 1<sup>st</sup>-September 10<sup>th</sup>
- Change of pool hours such as: opening earlier on weekends and open on holidays.
- Signing up for pool time slots (est.1.5 hours) to adhere to limiting group size, format T.B.D.
- Pool pass only, no day fees. Pool only available to those residing in our five town community to avoid out of town/state overflow.
- We apologize, but no out of town family or friends this season. This will allow for accurate record keeping and provide for a safer controlled environment for patrons.
- Changing stalls, picnic tables, benches will not be available this season.
- Dedicated daily senior swim, adult lap swim, water aerobics, and open swim for all pool pass holders.

Please use this [link to take a 3 question SURVEY](#) to help us plan for the 2020 pool season.

We need as much participation as possible in order to get our community pool open and available for the summer. The pool has been drained, but may not be filled without your support. If you would like to make a donation to the Sam Fishman Pool this season to help secure its longevity, please contact the City Manager, Daniel Hofman.

*The Pool Advisory Committee is a Mayoral appointed group which advises the City of Vergennes to the ongoing established operation and maintenance of the Sam Fishman Memorial Swimming Pool as it relates to programming, policies, recreation and use by other community groups, determining ways to generate revenue, and to help the City Council and City Manager determine future capital expenditures, additional programming and public outreach. This committee currently consists of the following members:*

*Daniel Hofman, City Manager  
Kim Buckley, Recreation Department  
Mark Koenig, City Council  
Jen Kinglsey, Pool Manager  
Lisa Casey, Vergennes Resident Representative  
Robyn Newton, Recreation Committee/School Representative  
Michelle Eckels, Swim Team Representative*