

Press Release

Hellertown Pool Update

From the lack of lifeguards and support staff, to lack of respect of our personnel, Tuesday was a very sad day in Hellertown which was the culmination of a week of multiple unfortunate and disastrous events and actions that lead to the unfortunate and decisive action to limit pool access to season pass holders.

Hellertown prides itself as a safe and enjoyable community, all centered around family values. The decisions made last night, at an emergency meeting, were unanimous with a thorough understanding of the happenings that lead up to days end which impacted the safety of our staff and patrons.

Our Borough had to take extreme measures for the safety of its staff and those citizens using our pool. This pool is a landmark in Hellertown, where families meet neighbors and join in a relaxed atmosphere. The ongoing unpleasant events have forced the necessary changes. Our Borough recognizes the effects this has on its citizens.

If you had all the facts, as we heard last night, from the Borough Manager, the Chief of Police, and the Public Works Director, YOU would agree that the decision made, even though not favorable to all, was certainly the correct decision for these ongoing actions. Social Media always has opinions, but it doesn't give the reasons why Council came to these decisions.

As a community, we have endured so much this past year, let us remember that decisions made are based on facts. As a community, we too will get through this inconvenience together.

Lastly, the decisions made were never intended to hurt anyone financially. But there needs to be serious consequences for those making poor choices that affect the integrity, safety and rules/regulations of our pool. As a reminder the Hellertown Pool Rules are posted below and will enforced. Our Borough Council had to make this decision, and we stand by them.

With that being said, the Borough team has worked through additional modifications which will be in effective July 1, 2021:

Updated Season Pass Changes

- A current season pass holder may purchase a guest ticket at the pool during normal operating hours with the following conditions.
 - Normal rates apply.
 - One season pass = one guest ticket
 - Guest and Season pass holders will be required to provide all contact information for both parties.

- The Season Pass holder is responsible for the conduct of their guest.

OR

- Current Season pass holders (resident and non-resident) may purchase a block of 10 daily guest tickets for \$80.
 - These shall only be sold Monday to Friday 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. (Excluding Monday July 5th) at Hellertown Borough Hall 685 Main Street Hellertown PA 18055
 - Acceptable ID will be required and confirmed before issuance of these tickets.
 - The Season Pass holder is responsible for the conduct of their guest

Updated Daily Ticket Changes

Accommodations for Residents who are NOT season pass holders:

- Hellertown Borough and Lower Saucon Residents may purchase a block of 10 daily pool tickets for \$80.00 at Hellertown Borough Hall during the following times:
 - Monday to Friday 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. (Excluding Monday July 5th) at Hellertown Borough Hall
 - Acceptable ID will be required and confirmed before issuance of these tickets.
- Hellertown Borough and Lower Saucon Residents may also purchase a block of 10 daily Twilight passes (admittance after 4:00 pm) for \$40 with the same requirements as above.
- Hellertown Borough and Lower Saucon Township residents may continue to purchase season passes at Hellertown Borough Hall.

As a community we will work through these additional challenges together and remember We are Hellertown Strong!

Tom Rieger, Hellertown Council President
Dave Heintzelman, Hellertown Mayor

Hellertown Pool Rules

1. Be respectful and obey the lifeguards.
2. No running, pushing or horseplay.
3. Ball playing of any kind is prohibited.

4. Personal flotation devices, rafts or floats permitted only in shallow area.
5. No cut-offs, or street clothes allowed in pool. Pool appropriate attire only. Infant swimmy diapers are required.
6. Area between ropes in deep end is for lap swimming only.
7. Diving restricted to areas 8' or deeper.
8. Children under 10 years of age must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.
9. Food & Drink allowed in grass area only – not on pool deck.
10. No gum or tobacco products allowed within pool areas.
11. Please Do Not Litter.
12. No alcoholic beverages, weapons, or contraband is permitted.
13. Cooler size is limited to 2'x2'x2'
14. Tent size limited to 5'x5'

ALL RULES SUBJECT TO INTERPRETATION OF POOL STAFF

- If the Lifeguard blows three fast consecutive whistles, a water rescue is in progress. Please clear the pool.
- If the Lifeguard stands up and blows one prolonged whistle continually, please clear the pool as quickly and safely as possible.
- Anyone entering the pool is subject to search along with any bags, coolers, and containers. Any illegal weapons or contraband found will be seized and will result in criminal charges.