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## RE: Pool Open

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Sent: Fri 8/15/14 4:45 PM

To: 'Carolyn Blossom' (whidbeyhere@gmail.com); whshed@live.com; Suzypalmer1@me.com

Come to the board meeting tomorrow at 2 at the shelter and hear more about it. I'm sure there will be lively discussion.

The cost of opening the pool is in the same neighborhood as the cost of a cover which we would have been required by law to purchase and install had the pool not opened, so the money would have been spent one way or the other.

Yes, there have always been charges over and above the dues to use the pool. The current dues work out to less than \$12/month. This barely covers basic cost of maintaining and operating the shelter, picnic and play area, parking lot, lake, road, etc. The dues don't cover putting anything aside for major repairs or renovation, which leaves us with a murky lake, an unmaintained pool, other deferred maintenance and the necessity of a significant assessment to pay for what we should have been saving for over time. The swimming fees allow those who use the pool to defray part of the cost of operating the pool, easing the burden on the rest of the community.

I hope that is helpful and do encourage you to attend the monthly board meetings.

Steve Morrow

**From:** Carolyn Blossom [mailto:whidbeyhere@gmail.com]

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**Subject:** Pool Open

This is the first time the pool has been open since we purchased our property and moved here to Admiral's Cove. We do like to swim, so we like having a pool. However, we do have a couple questions: How much money was spent to open the pool for just a few weeks this summer? It obviously is still in need of extensive renovation. Would it have been better not to spend the money now and to put this money in to the future, long-term needs of the facility? Also, after a couple years of paying dues and getting nothing in return, we are now being charged to use the pool! Seriously? Has this always been the case?

Carolyn and Randy Blossom