

Smoketree April 2025 Editor: Mysty Connelly

# 🔆 🌸 <u>Ready for a Season of Fun at Smoketree? 🌸 🔆</u>



As spring blooms around us, excitement is building — it's almost time for pool season at Smoketree Swim & Recreation Club!

 $\sim$   $\sim$  Are you ready to dive into sunny days, community fun, and everything SSRC has to offer?

We're thrilled to invite you to renew your membership or join our vibrant community for the adventure -packed 2025 season. Whether you're dreaming of relaxing by the pool, challenging friends to tennis or pickleball, or enjoying peaceful moments by the lake, SSRC has something for everyone.

Membership Dues Update – Supporting Our Community's Future To keep SSRC thriving and beautiful, we've made a modest update to our membership dues (+\$25 for Household and Duo memberships) — the first base rate increase in three years. The \$50 capital improvement fee, introduced last season, will continue to support important upgrades like new roofs for the pump house, pavilion, and shed. These investments help ensure that SSRC remains a well-maintained and welcoming space for all.

Find the Right Membership for You No matter your lifestyle, there's a membership option that fits perfectly:

### 🏡 Full Memberships (Household, Duo, or Single)

- Unlimited pool access all season long
- Year-round access to the lake and dock for fishing and birdwatching
- Tennis and pickleball courts open year-round
- Recreation areas, playground, and dog run
- One free Pavilion rental for your next special event
- Voting rights to help shape SSRC's future

### 🌳 Civic Membership

- Lake and dock access all year
- Recreation areas and dog run available year-round
- Support neighborhood beautification projects
- One free Pavilion rental
- Voting rights on club matters

#### 2025 Membership Rates

- Household (Up to 5 members) \$575 (Additional members up to 3: +\$50 each)
- Duo (2 members) \$475
- Single (18+) \$375
- Civic Membership \$125

Let's Make This Season Unforgettable! Memberships are now open — don't miss out on a summer full of fun, friends, and community connections.

Sign up today at **www.smoketree.us** and get ready to jump into the 2025 season!

We can't wait to see you at the pool!



## Good Strokes Swim School



Goode Strokes Swim School is excited to bring swim lessons back to Smoketree this summer 2025. Goode Strokes has taught at Smoketree in 2020 and 2023 offering individual and group swim lesson classes for the community. Classes will begin in June and run until September, 2025 running Mondays, Wednesdays, and Sundays (AM and PM times). Monday and Wednesday classes are grouped together offering lessons twice a week and Sunday lessons offering once a week. Coach Jess and her team have over 25 years of swim teaching experience ranging from basic learn to swim to professional swim technique training. If you would like to register for classes, please visit website <u>www.gsswims.com</u> and complete registration. Spaces are limited so make sure to reserve your spot today! You can also reach Coach Jess at 770-568-8667 and <u>gsswim@outlook.com</u>

## <u>Neighbors, do you have a Business or Service you are growing?</u> <u>Become a Sponsor of the Smoketree Swim & Recreation Club!</u>



#### Support Your Community, Boost Your Business and Strengthen Your Online Presence

Partnering with the Smoketree Swim & Recreation Club is a fantastic way to connect with local families, increase your visibility, and enhance your search engine ranking—all while giving back to your community. We have launched our new website: **www.Smoketree.us** 

#### What You'll Receive as a Sponsor:

- **Online Recognition on the SSRC Website:** Year-round placement on our website's dedicated Sponsor Area, featuring your logo, business details, and a direct website link—helping improve your Google search ranking with a high-quality local link.
- **Online Recognition on SSRC Social Media Profiles:** Featured sponsor shout-outs on our active social media channels throughout the season, including your business name, logo, and a direct tag or link—helping increase your visibility, engage with the local community, and grow your online reach.
- **High-Visibility Branding:** Your business logo and information will be displayed in our pool area and grounds throughout the season, ensuring exposure to members and guests.
- **Community Newsletter Features:** Your business will be highlighted in at least six editions of *The Signal*, our monthly digital newsletter, reaching 275+ local households.

#### Sponsorship Package & Pricing

### 📢 Annual Sponsorship – \$200

- Website Placement: Your logo and business information on our homepage sponsor area.
- **Poolside & Grounds Promotion:** Your logo featured on sponsor postera at the pool and grounds.
- **Newsletter Inclusion:** Your logo along with promotional offers you might have showcased in at least six *Signal* newsletters.

#### **Exclusive Offer for Smoketree Residents!**

💥 Sign up as an inaugural sponsor on our new website and enjoy 50% off our sponsorship package!

Don't miss this opportunity to grow your business while making a positive impact in your community. Secure your sponsorship today!

### Contact: **board@smoketree.us** to get started.

## A Big Thank You to Our Workday Volunteers!



On behalf of the entire SSRC Board, we'd like to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone who came out to support our recent Workday! Thanks to nearly 30 volunteers who donated their time, energy, and talents, the day was an overwhelming success.

From repainting benches to general cleanup, even our youngest members rolled up their sleeves and pitched in. We're also incredibly grateful to those who couldn't attend but generously contributed monetary donations—your support helped offset the cost of lunch for our crew.

> We truly couldn't have done it without the amazing Smoketree community! We look forward to seeing everyone poolside very soon!

> > Jayne Rauser, President, SSRC

## Legislative Spotlight: Marvin Lim

We were honored to have State Representative Marvin Lim join us at our recent SSRC Board Meeting. His time, insight, and openness to connect directly with residents are greatly appreciated—and it's encouraging to see such strong engagement from our state legislators.

Representative Lim has been actively advocating for our community on several important issues, including securing funding for environmental and workforce development initiatives and protecting our neighborhoods from environmentally harmful developments.

#### **Unfreezing EPA Grants for Community Development**

Marvin is currently working to unfreeze \$20 million in EPA grants he secured through the nonprofit LSCA after nearly a yearlong application process. These funds would support the creation of a green community and workforce campus, promote job creation, improve local infrastructure, and preserve our greenspace. He's calling on residents to support this effort by signing the petition at:

marvinlimforga.com/petition4445

#### Protecting Our Neighborhood: Gas Station Proposal @ 4995 JCB

Marvin is also continuing his advocacy against a proposed gas station development at 4995 Jimmy Carter Boulevard. He is gathering signatures to present to the Planning and County Commissions in advance of a likely May decision. Residents are encouraged to add their voice at:

#### marvinlimforga.com/petition4995

This effort builds on a strong track record of successful community petitions led or supported by Marvin—including bans on new gas stations in certain zones, enhanced public safety initiatives, and infrastructure improvements. Marvin's continued advocacy is a testament to the power of civic engagement, and we're grateful for his partnership in helping protect and enhance our neighborhood.

# Explore Gwinnett:





Discover Gwinnett's Best with Explore Gwinnett 🌟

Looking for fun, food, and fresh ideas close to home? Check out <u>Explore Gwinnett</u> — your go-to guide for everything happening in Gwinnett County. From hidden gem restaurants and craft breweries to outdoor trails, festivals, and family-friendly events, this site has it all. Explore Gwinnett also offers insider blogs, exclusive discounts, and curated guides like "Seoul of the South" food tours and the "Sippin' in the Suburbs" beer pass. Whether you're planning a weekend adventure or just want to try something new, it's a great resource to explore our vibrant, diverse community.



**Important Update:** SSRC Signals will be delivered via email from <u>smoketreesignalnews@gmail.com</u>. Please add this address to your mailbox to ensure you receive our emails and send stories and requests for the Signal here as well.

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