

Monthly Newsletter



GREEN MOUNTAIN PHASE 1 HOA

In this newsletter you can expect:		
Pool oversight & responsibilities	Safety-driven rules	Staffing, vendors, and cost
Immediate safety enforcement	Behavior & access impact	FAQs

POOL OPERATIONS & SAFETY: HOW A SHARED AMENITY IS MANAGED

The community pool is one of the most valued amenities the Association provides—and one of the more complex to operate. Because it is a shared, high-use facility, pool operations are governed by safety standards, insurance requirements, vendor contracts, and state and local regulations.

These requirements shape how the pool is maintained, how expectations are communicated, and how safety concerns are addressed. Unlike other HOA standards, many pool situations may require prompt attention to reduce risk and protect users and the Association.

This issue explains how the pool is managed, who is responsible for oversight, and how pool use can affect operating costs and long-term access for everyone who uses this shared amenity.

The pool remains open, accessible, and affordable when it is used responsibly and managed in line with safety, insurance, and legal requirements.

This issue provides practical context so homeowners across all phases understand how the pool is managed and what helps keep it operating safely.

*Green Mountain Phase 1
Board of Directors*



POOL OPERATIONS: ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES

The Phase 1 Board of Directors provides oversight for the community pool, helping ensure it is managed in accordance with safety, legal, and insurance requirements. As a shared amenity, the pool involves multiple parties with defined roles and responsibilities. Pool operations involve multiple roles working together—not a single point of control. This structure helps explain how the pool is managed and why certain expectations are in place.

PHASE 1 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Phase 1 Board of Directors is responsible for overall oversight of pool operations and liability on behalf of the Association.

The Board oversees:

- Approving pool vendors, contracts, and budgets
- Ensuring compliance with safety, insurance, and legal requirements
- Adopting and enforcing pool rules and policies

MANAGEMENT COMPANY (AMS)

The management company supports day-to-day pool operations in coordination with the Board.

AMS responsibilities include:

- Coordinating vendors and service schedules
- Communicating updates, closures, or issues to homeowners
- Documenting and following up on reported concerns

AMS does not create pool rules or make independent enforcement decisions.

POOL COMMITTEE (ADVISORY ROLE)

If applicable, the Pool Committee:

- Provides feedback and recommendations
- Helps identify maintenance or operational concerns
- Supports long-term planning and improvements

The Pool Committee supports the Board in an advisory role and does not make operational or enforcement decisions.

POOL VENDORS

Vendors operate under contract to perform specific services that support the safe operation and upkeep of the pool area. Their responsibilities are limited to the scope of their work, such as:

- Maintaining pool and spa water quality and chemical balance
- Supporting cleanliness of the pool area and surrounding spaces
- Maintaining landscaping and surrounding grounds

Vendors complete contracted tasks and report observed issues or safety concerns to management for follow-up.

SAFETY, LIABILITY & WHY POOL RULES EXIST



WHY POOL RULES ARE DIFFERENT

The community pool carries higher safety and liability risk than most HOA amenities. Pool rules are driven by safety standards, insurance requirements, and legal obligations – not based on personal preference.

Because the pool is shared and heavily used, risk exposure increases and requires additional controls.

SAFETY & LIABILITY REQUIREMENTS

Pool rules are in place to reduce risk, protect users and meet insurance and regulatory standards. Failure to comply can impact coverage, increase costs, or result in temporary closures.

These requirements apply regardless of intent and guide how the pool is managed.

RESPONDING TO SAFETY CONCERNS

When a safety concern is identified, it may need to be addressed promptly to reduce risk and help restore safe conditions. This may include addressing the situation at the time it occurs to help restore safe conditions.

Addressing a safety concern at the time it occurs is separate from any formal enforcement process that may follow.

WHEN PROMPT ATTENTION MAY BE NEEDED

Certain situations require prompt attention, including:

- Glass or unsafe containers
- Alcohol or prohibited substances
- Unsupervised minors
- Exceeding guest or capacity limits
- Unsafe behavior or misuse of pool facilities

These actions are safety-driven and not punitive.

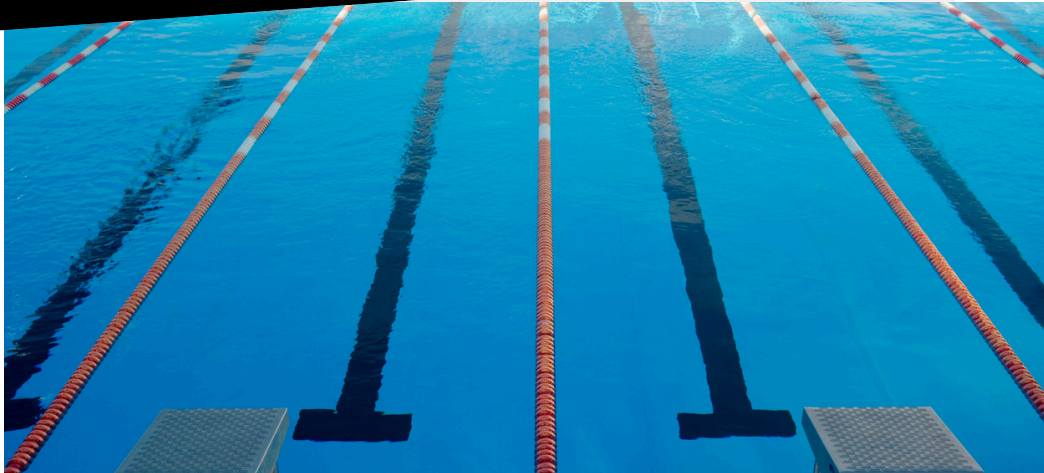
IMPORTANT DISTINCTION

Addressing a safety concern at the time it occurs is different from the Association's formal enforcement process.

Warnings are not always necessary, but documentation may still occur, even when issues are resolved quickly.

This approach helps support safety while maintaining consistency in how follow-up actions are handled.

COSTS, VENDORS & HOW BEHAVIOR IMPACTS ACCESS



WHAT IT TAKES TO OPERATE THE POOL

Operating the community pool requires ongoing maintenance and coordination. These costs are shared by homeowners across phases and reflect required safety standards as well as how the pool is used throughout the season.

Core operational expenses include:

- Routine maintenance, cleaning, and water treatment
- Repairs and replacement of damaged equipment
- Security or additional monitoring when needed

VENDOR OVERSIGHT & OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENTS

Pool vendors operate under contracts that outline the services they provide, such as water quality management, maintenance, cleaning support, or landscaping.

Vendor responsibilities are limited to the scope of their work. Vendors complete contracted tasks, address conditions within their scope, and report observed issues or safety concerns to management for follow-up.

HOW POOL USE AFFECTS COSTS

While routine maintenance is expected, certain situations may result in increased operational costs.

Examples include:

- Damage to pool furniture or equipment
- Glass or prohibited items requiring emergency cleaning
- Unauthorized access or after-hours use
- Repeated safety incidents requiring additional staffing or security
- Vandalism or misuse resulting in repairs or closures

WHY THIS MATTERS FOR LONG-TERM ACCESS

Higher costs and increased risk can affect more than the current season. They can influence:

- Pool hours or staffing levels
- Availability of amenities
- Timing of repairs or upgrades
- Long-term sustainability of the pool as a shared amenity

Responsible use helps support the pool remaining open, accessible, and affordable for all homeowners who contribute to its operation.

KEY TAKEAWAY

How the pool is used today can affect safety, cost, and access in future seasons. Clear expectations and responsible use help protect this shared amenity for everyone.

FAQ CORNER – MAY

Q: Why can the pool be closed without advance notice?

A: If a health or safety concern is identified—such as water quality issues or unsafe conditions, the pool may be temporarily closed to protect users and restore safe conditions.

Q: Why might a situation be addressed right away?

A: Some situations involve safety concerns that need prompt attention to reduce risk. Addressing a concern at the time it occurs is separate from any formal follow-up process.

Q: Does this apply to all homeowners who use the pool?

A: Yes. The pool is a shared amenity, and the same expectations apply to all homeowners and their guests.

Q: Who should I contact with questions about pool operations?

A: Please contact the management company for questions, clarification, or follow-up.

Q: What should I do if I see a safety concern at the pool?

A: If you notice a safety concern, please help address it if appropriate and contact the management company so it can be documented and followed up on as needed.

Q: Do unexpected issues affect pool operations?

A: Yes. Issues such as damage, contamination, or other safety concerns can require additional maintenance or temporary closure to restore safe conditions.



NEXT MONTH PREVIEW — JUNE 2026

Committees: How Homeowners Support the HOA

June's newsletter will explain how HOA committees support the Board, what authority committees do and do not have, and how committees contribute to effective association governance.

Coming next month:

- What HOA committees do – and don't do
- How committees support Board decision-making
- The difference between advisory roles and Board authority
- How homeowners can get involved

Thank you for reading!

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