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Dear Friends of the Alpine Swim Club,

Thanks to all of you who have given us feedback and raised questions to us over the last several weeks. The Alpine Swim Club is an important part of each of our lives and it has been great to hear how meaningful it is to each of you as well.

We are writing to let you know that the Recreation Sub-Committee of the Alpine Swim Club has made the difficult decision to NOT open the Swim Club for the 2020 season.

It goes without saying that there is a lot of uncertainty in our world right now due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the changes it has brought to all of our lifestyles. We understand this decision may be a disappointment to our loyal members and those of you looking to escape the cabin-fever of recent months.

The decision to close was ultimately predicated on the Committee's primary concern with the health and safety of our residents, club members, guests and staff. No matter the easing of restrictions that comes from the state level, we understand that there will be a reasonable reluctance for many to be in close proximity to one another.

The Board also considered the large fixed cost to open, maintain and close the pool and unfortunately cannot envision the management of a sufficient or responsibly safe turnout that would fiscally sustain the cost of operations. It has yet to be detailed what additional state guidelines will be imposed for pools to open for recreational swimming, but undoubtedly there would have to be new regulations regarding occupancy, social distancing, scheduling, enhanced sanitation, incurring unbudgeted costs for supplies, additional staff and supervision. We are not sure we would be able to enforce them in a facility of our size in a reasonable manner and a timely basis. To reiterate, the safety of our members and staff remain our highest priority.

For all of these reasons it was decided that closure for the season is in the best interest of our pool patrons and the future viability of the club.

We appreciate your understanding and support and look forward to reuniting with our members and welcoming new ones in the summer of 2021 when we will gather once again to enjoy our beloved bucolic swim club.

Stay safe and be well!

Sincerely,

The Recreation Sub-Committee of the Alpine Swim Club