

An Update on Pools from the CountrySide Board of Directors

We wish to offer a sincere “Thank you” to the residents who attended and participated in the June 18, 2020 Special Meeting on the Pool Season. We appreciate your time in voicing your opinions and listening to both your fellow residents and to the Board members.

At that Special Meeting, the CountrySide Board of Directors voted to not open CountrySide pools under Phase 2 of the Governor’s Forward Virginia plan. There are several reasons for this decision. First and foremost is our consideration for the health and well-being of our residents, and our concern that we could not adequately protect CountrySide residents from the substantial risk posed by the pandemic. Other factors include the scarcity of, and extended lead times to purchase necessary supplies like personal protective equipment (PPE), hand sanitizer dispensers and refills, signage, etc.; the uncertainty in securing sufficient staffing to meet all regulatory and safety requirements (lifeguards, cleaning staff, social distance monitors, etc.), and the liability risk to the Proprietary and its homeowners.

The FAC and the Board will continue to work with PMP and Sunset to address the supply and staffing questions that must be resolved before we can confirm a readiness to open. We will also evaluate the newly issued requirements for Phase 3 for their implications for pool operations at CountrySide, and we’ll closely monitor announcements from the Governor’s office on the timing of Phase 3. For more detail on Phase 3 requirements, please see <https://www.governor.virginia.gov/media/governorvirginiagov/governor-of-virginia/pdf/Virginia-Forward-Phase-Three-Guidelines.pdf>

We appreciate your patience as we navigate the challenging issues surrounding management of CountrySide during a pandemic. Please watch the website, www.countryside-va.org, [The Courier](#) newsletter found on the website, and e-mail communications for further updates.

Sincerely,

CountrySide Board of Directors