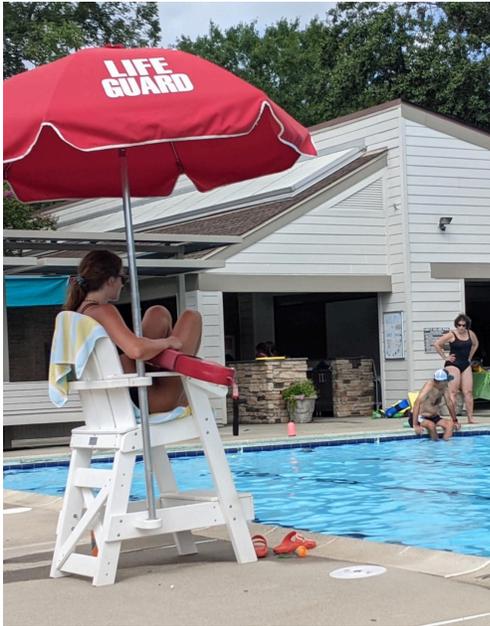


GHENT SQUARE



Ghent Square pool is scheduled to open Saturday, May 24, 2025

Pool Hours

Daily: 8 AM-8 PM (May 24 – August 17) Daily:
10 AM-7PM (August 18-September 1)

Lap Swim

8 AM-9:45 AM (5 lanes) 7 PM-8 PM (3 lanes)

Swim Lessons

Maurice Cannon: 757-214-3201

Janet Hollowell: 757-679-4854

HOA Management

William Mitchell

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Office: (757) 627-5757

Pool: (757) 904-6057

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AAA Pools Pool: (757) 904-6057

Pool Pass Registration

www.swimmingpoolpasses.net/ghent

Water Aerobics (Free 1 hour class)

Liz Herman: 757-348-2817

May 26 & 27 at 9 AM, May 28 at 6 PM

June-August: Tues 9:30 AM, Wed 6 PM

Montessori School Summer Camp

Monday - Friday 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM

Learn more about the pool and other Ghent Square events at www.ghentsquare.org.

Pool Hours

The pool is open daily 8 AM - 8 PM (weather permitting, hours posted above). Open swim begins at 10 AM.

Lap Swim

No unattended persons under 12 years old are allowed in the pool during lap swim. Lap swimmers are required to share lanes and circle swim, if the lifeguard determines it is necessary. Verify with the current lane occupant before jumping into an occupied lane. Lap swimmers are allowed twenty (20) minutes per lane. When someone is waiting, the first swimmer in the pool is the first swimmer out of the pool.

Lap swimmers swim at their own risk while the guards are cleaning the facility. Lifeguards will be on stand at 9 AM.

Swim Instructors

Janet Winn Hollowell and Maurice Cannon will offer swim lessons again this summer. Please contact them for more information:

Maurice Cannon: 757-214-3201

Janet Hollowell: 757-679-4854

Swim Test Requirements

Ghent Square requires that all swimmers, age twelve (12) years and under, pass a swim test administered by the lifeguards in order to be allowed to use the diving board and swim unaccompanied. Lifeguards may also ask swimmers of any age to pass a swim test if they are unsure of their competency.

A record of all persons who have passed the test will be maintained by the lifeguards. Swimmers who have NOT passed the test must always have a responsible adult IN THE

POOL with them and must remain in the SHALLOW END.

Pool Steps

Steps shall always remain clear and accessible. Patrons shall not hang or swing from railing or gather on pool steps.

Pool Floats/Toys

Only Coast Guard approved flotation devices (PFD) are allowed in the pool. **For the safety of our residents, inflatables or rafts of any kind will not be permitted in the pool without lifeguard approval.** No toys are to be left or stored near the ping pong tables or drinking fountain. This area must remain clear and accessible. All toys will be stored behind the check-in desk.

Pool Access

To access the pool, residents and affiliates will need to check in with a lifeguard at the pool's front desk. They will verify eligibility via the online pool pass system. All guest names must be registered.

If you are a new homeowner or an existing homeowner who has never used the pool, you will be required to register for an online pool pass and show a photo ID to confirm that you are a Ghent Square resident or affiliate. If you are a renter, the management office will need authorization from the owner of your rental home. Please contact your landlord and ask them to contact the GSCA management so they can enter your information into the database.

Property accounts that are delinquent in their payment of assessments or that have been subject to a GSCA violation penalty may be ineligible to use the pool. If you find that your account has been suspended,

please check with the GSCA management office. Pool rules violations may also result in suspension of your pool privileges.

Pool Parties

Residents and affiliates can host private pool parties in the green space behind the diving board for up to 20 people during regular pool hours for up to four hours. Rental fee is \$100 and it includes a tent and a folding table. Log into your TownSq account to select a date and time. Your account will automatically be billed.

If lifeguards are available, the pool may be reserved for private parties after regular pool hours. The rental fee is \$100 plus a \$100 security deposit, which will be returned after rental and inspection if no damage is incurred. After-hours pool parties require a minimum of two (2) Ghent Square lifeguards. Homeowners must directly pay the guards in advance on the evening of the event. If the event is canceled less than 48 hours before

it is scheduled (except for weather), the guards must be paid for one hour.

Reserve your event online via your Townsq account or contact HOA management if you need assistance.

Safety Reminder

The following are NOT permitted in the pool/pool area:

- Smoking or use of any tobacco products
- Intoxicated people
- Glass containers
- Bikes, rollerblades, scooters, and skateboards
- Chewing gum
- Pets

Ghent Square Pool Rules 2025

The following rules are for the protection and benefit of all to assure safe and sanitary operation of the pool facilities.

Lifeguards are present for all patrons' safety and are empowered by the GSCA Board of Directors to ensure that pool rules are followed. Thank you for supporting our lifeguards!

Residents/Affiliate Members are responsible for the behavior of their family and guests. We expect our Residents/Affiliate Members and their guests to observe the pool rules and to follow the lifeguards' instructions. If there is a problem or concern, please contact Ghent Square Management, not the lifeguards on duty.

All persons using the pool/pool area do so at their own risk. The Ghent Square Community Association (GSCA) assumes no responsibility for any accident or injury in connection with such use or for any loss or damage to personal property. Persons using the pool/pool area agree not to hold the GSCA liable for any action of whatever nature occurring within the pool/pool area.

1. All persons using the pool must check in at the pool desk. All persons must stay clear of the lifeguard stations and are not permitted to loiter at the check-in desk.
2. Weather permitting, the pool is open daily (see posted hours). All patrons must depart the facilities not later than 8 p.m. or be subject to a \$25.00 fee and potential loss of use privileges.
3. All persons shall obey the instructions of the lifeguards. Failure to obey the lifeguards immediately may result in suspension of pool privileges. This is a safety issue. Any person consistently abusing the pool rules will have their pool privileges revoked.
4. Lifeguards may refuse admission to all persons who appear to be sick, have colds, coughs, inflamed eyes, infections, open sores, or are wearing bandages.
5. The wading pool is for swimmers aged five (5) and younger only. Persons using the wading pool must be under constant supervision by a responsible person (age 14 and over) at the side of the wading pool.
6. At all times, persons under age 12 must be supervised by an adult or responsible person age 14 or older. Children under 12-years-old will not be permitted access to the pool area if not accompanied by a responsible person age 14 or older. Persons younger than 12, or if deemed necessary by lifeguards, will be asked to pass a swimming test.
7. All persons unable to demonstrate their ability to swim must be physically accompanied by an adult in the pool, even if wearing an approved flotation device, and are NOT permitted in the deep end past the first lifeguard stand.
8. Only United States Coast Guard approved personal flotation devices (PFDs) are allowed in the pool. PFDs may be used by children in the SHALLOW end of the pool, AND an adult in proper swim attire MUST be IN the pool observing the child. Use of Non-USCG approved devices, such as arm-only, inflatable "wings" are prohibited.
9. Young children who are not toilet trained must wear a swim diaper. A \$200 fee will be charged to the resident or affiliate member if they or their guest causes the pool to be closed for sanitary reasons.
10. The diving board has a weight limit of 250 lbs. Persons using the diving board must weigh under 250 pounds. Children using flotation devices are not allowed to jump off the diving

board. Only children who have passed the swim test are permitted to use the diving board under any circumstances.

11. The use of kick-boards, noodles, balls, etc., may be permitted in the shallow end of the pool at the lifeguard's discretion. Objects may not be thrown that disturb or endanger others.
12. Leaning or climbing on the lap lanes is NOT permitted.
13. During lap swimming, no unattended persons younger than 12 are allowed in the pool. At ALL times:
 - a. Lap swimmers are required to share lanes if demand requires. Lap swimmers must share lanes and circle swim, if the lifeguard determines it is necessary. Ask before jumping into an occupied lane.
 - b. Lap swimmers are allowed twenty (20) minutes per lane. When someone is waiting, the first swimmer in the pool is the first swimmer out of the pool.
 - c. Persons using the lap lane(s) must be actively swimming laps.
 - d. Lap swimming is a vigorous activity. By its nature the swimmer will be strenuously moving from one end of the pool to the other repeatedly. The only acceptable swim aids for lap swimmers will be a kick board, hand paddles or fins.
14. There will be a daily Adult Swim for ten (10) minutes on the hour and at the lifeguards' discretion.
15. Radios and other audio equipment are permitted only when used with individual earphones or in conjunction with Sunday Funday.
16. Running, pushing, rough play, profanity, and disruptive behavior are not allowed.
17. The following are NOT permitted in the pool/pool area: (a) smoking or use of any tobacco products; (b) chewing gum; (c) pets; (d) intoxicated persons – violation of this rule will be reported to the Board of Directors for review; (e) glass containers; (f) bikes, rollerblades, scooters, and skateboards. Any member bringing in glass containers will be asked to remove them for the safety of our environment.
18. All refuse must be placed in properly marked containers (Trash/Recycle). Members are urged to help keep the pool area and shower rooms clean.
19. All bicycles must be stored outside the pool area in the bicycle racks provided and should not be carried into the facility or stored against the fence. Remember to lock your bike - GSCA is not responsible for loss or theft of bicycles.
20. Guest Policy: Residents and affiliate members may bring a MAXIMUM of four (4) guests per day. All guests must be signed-in by an adult resident or affiliate member unless previously arranged with the pool manager. Guests may NOT be left at the pool/pool area unescorted, except by pre-arrangement with the Office or the pool manager. Any exceptions to the above policy need to be cleared through the Management Office. Additional guest fees will be charged to the homeowner's or affiliate member's account. Guest rates are \$5 per person (children under two are free for guests in excess of four).
21. Pool parties must be arranged with the Association Manager. Prior to holding any pool party larger than four guests, a signed contract with GSCA must be in place and security deposit must be paid. Refer to the rental rules and regulations for additional information.
22. Any person using the grill is responsible for using it properly and safely. Use of the grill - priority is given first to those who have paid for a pool party reservation, then it will be on a first come, first served basis. When finished using the grill, each user must clean and turn off the gas propane tank and cover the grill.

SWIM TEST

Children ages 5-12 must complete swim test requirements to be allowed to swim without parent or guardian being within arm's reach at all times. A parent or supervising guardian must accompany the child during the swim test to learn the needed areas of improvement if the child is unable to complete the swim test. The swim test requirements are as follows:

1. Comfortably swim one length of the swimming pool without assistance—starting in shallow end of the pool.
2. Pausing is allowed for the swimmer to rotate and breathe.
3. Type of stroke allowed: freestyle front crawl or breaststroke. Swimmer must remain horizontal on top of water and have some level of proficiency of the swim stroke. Underwater swimming is not permitted.
4. After swimming length of pool, the swimmer must tread water for 30 seconds.
5. Finally, to test confidence in deep water—swimmer jumps into deep end of pool, resurfaces and exits swimming pool by steps, ladder or side.
6. Upon successful completion, a complimentary swim wristband will be awarded which notifies the lifeguards of the child's ability to swim.
7. Swimmers who have completed swim test requirements must wear the wristband at all times while in the pool.
8. For the safety of all children, wristband sharing is not permitted.

Please note: swim test may be taken once per day.

- All swim tests expire on 12/31/2023, and children will need to test again next year. Testing annually ensures that the child demonstrates their swim ability to stay safe each time they are in and around the water.
- After the swimmer has passed the swim test, when they check in, the lifeguards will ask if they have their swim bracelet. If they do not, a lifeguard will verify their name in the logbook and place a wristband on each child who previously passed the swim test.
- Starting in 2024, only wristbands will be the accepted marker of a proficient swimmer.
- Lifeguards will allow children to swim beyond arm's reach of parent if they have the wristband.

