

Letter to the mayor:
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Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg
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Dear Mayor Bloomberg,

We just learned you announced Thomas Greene Park Pool (and three others) will not be opening this summer. The pool serves the children of Cobble Hill, Boerum Hill, Carroll Gardens and people living near the Gowanus Canal and was supposed to open at the end of June. The pool is located between Douglass and DeGraw near Nevins St. The reason for not opening the pool is that someone claims "low attendance in the pool". This reason is just not true – on hot days the pool is always crowded.

As one of our Boerum Hill mothers wrote to you "When it's hot, that pool is mobbed, and often has to shut its gates during the afternoon session. Last summer was unusually cool, so I'll allow it wasn't so used then, but no pool was. DD pool is unusual compared to many other local public pools: it has a 1' deep wading pool, which is perfect for babies and children up to age 5 to "swim" in a completely safe environment. The 4" deep sprinklers at many other pools are fun, but not swimming. It's a hard season for cuts, but it's looking to be a long, hot summer if you take away our pool! Say it ain't so!"

Please reconsider. School will be out soon and children need exercise and recreation.

Sue Wolfe, President