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NOTICE TO ALL RESIDENTS OF THE SHORES OF LONG BAYOU

PLEASE OBSERVE PRECAUTIONS FOR SNOWY EGRET LAKE

Just as we age, our ponds and lakes age as they accumulate muck or nutrients. Algae thrives on the nutrients. Take away the nutrients and the algae dies. Algae kills fish, especially when the fish are in a weakened condition from low oxygen levels.

Where Are We Now? Snowy Egret Lake, near the Shores Clubhouse, behind the Villas of SLB, near the Long Bayou Pool and along the Nature Trail have witnessed a lot of fish dying over the last three months. The condition of a nutrient-rich lake has been further exacerbated by the lack of rainfall over the past five months. Rainfall keeps the dissolved oxygen levels adequate for the fish. On top of that we have a thermal inversion which takes the oxygen from the bottom and puts what little remains near the top. As a result, exotic bottom-dwellers, such as Tilapia and Plecostomus, have been severely stressed and died. The net result is that our lake now has an algae bloom.

What Can Be Done: We have given instruction to our Pond Maintenance Team to add an algaecide to kill the algae. This is only a temporary measure. The longer-term cure is to provide aeration, so that we recover to a healthy lake. We are also working on that solution.

What Not to Do: Please don't handle or eat the dead fish. Even the live fish are in a weakened state and should not be handled. It is recommended to wear gloves and mask if handling the fish for any reason. Folks that are sensitive to respiratory problems need to stay away from the fish. Please do not wade or swim in Snowy Egret Lake. We're trying to cure the problem as soon as possible. We highly recommend that you do not fish in Snowy Egret Lake.

We're working on the problem with the Florida Wildlife Commission (FWC) and several other agencies to glean their expertise in this matter, which is also occurring in several areas of Tampa Bay. This is a complex problem that needs time to correct.

Thank you for taking the time to read this notification. Please make sure your guests are also aware of this information especially if they wish to do any fishing during their visit.

Sincerely,
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