

Attention Forest Creek Residents

On Tuesday July 18th, after many days of extreme heat and little to no rain, a minor fish die-off was noticed in community pond #6. This occurred after a light (but steady and sustained) morning rain.

After becoming aware of the situation, we contacted our pond maintenance company (Solitude) and requested information on the subject.

The following is being provided as an FYI to the community.

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Good afternoon,

When we have a significant amount of rainfall in a short period of time it is not uncommon that a fish kill occurs. This is due to the cold rain water mixing with the warm water and inturn mixing the water body and flipping the dissolved oxygen from the bottom of the waterway to the top. Unfortunately, some fish don't react quickly enough to this where they stay where there isn't any oxygen left resulting in a fish kill. During the rainy season we see this event in multiple communities across Florida since we have high volumes of rainfall in the afternoon.

Please let me know if you need anything else.

Best,

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