



College Station Pond Treatment Update – June 25, 2013.

Marine Biochemists will be applying another invasive plant treatment to the pond on Monday, July 1, 2013. This treatment is intended to continue to reduce the milfoil and pondweed growing in the pond. The rain date will be Tuesday, July 2, 2013. Water use restrictions will be: one (1) day - no swimming, one (1) day - no fish consumption and fourteen (14) days - no using the pond water for irrigation.

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There have been numerous inquiries about the effectiveness of the treatment program implemented in mid-May for the pond. The first treatment in mid-May was targeted to reduce the algae. The next 2 applications, conducted in late May and mid-June, were targeted to help reduce the amount of milfoil and pondweed, both invasive plants that grow from the bottom of the pond. Because of the heavy amount of both milfoil and pondweed, Marine Biochemists could only treat certain sections of the pond. Heavier treatments than those actually applied could have adverse effects on the pond and its fish and wildlife population. The fourth treatment, applied on June 19, was again targeted towards the algae. Each treatment has displayed an amount of effectiveness related to its type of application. In other words, the specific areas that were treated for milfoil and pondweed have been effective. The plants are dying off slowly and will break down into the pond naturally. Each treatment does take time to see the results. Some may take less time than others. For example, the algaecide treatment applied on June 19 was very effective as the rains on June 21 and 22 helped knock down the dying algae very quickly.

The condition of the pond and its continued management has also been a subject of many inquiries. The last few years of climatic conditions have contributed greatly to its present condition. Mild winters with no winter die-off, a prolonged drought last summer and this spring's heavy flooding, coupled with clear and relatively shallow water in the pond, have created optimum conditions for the growth and spread of invasive plants. The flooding this spring added even more nutrients to the pond from storm water runoff. These same conditions have been observed throughout Lake County. Anticipating the condition of the pond this year, the district was able to allocate funding for the pond's treatment in its current fiscal year. The Grayslake Community Park District will continue to monitor the pond after each treatment and will then determine the next treatment type and its respective timetable. If any applications that have restrictions are to be applied, a notice will be delivered to your home. Notices will also be posted on the park district web site at www.glpd.com. If you have questions relating to the applications and/or the continued treatment of the pond, please contact Jeff Nehila, Executive Director, Grayslake Community Park District, at (847) 223-7529 or jnehila@glpd.com.

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