



AUGUST 2009 COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

BOD BULLETIN

Your Board of Directors voted July 29, 2009 to revise paragraph 10.5 of the Villas of Smithfield Rules and Regulation as follows;

10.5 Swimming is permitted only in garments sold as swim wear. Persons needing diapers must wear appropriate swim diapers when in the pool.

FROM THE BOARD CHAIR

Let's discuss the street lights again. It has been found that, unofficially, the cable splices did not meet the electrical codes. The Facilities and Safety committee and the Isle of Wight inspector as well as Villa Development were in witness when a splice was removed and investigated. The splice joint had been covered with a rubber like material and then topped with plain black electrical tape. There was an oxide material in the splice connector where water had gotten through the insulation.



The consensus was that the material did not meet the requirement of the splice material being as good as the insulation on the cable. The county responded saying that "based on the sample of "tape" that _____ brought to me, I would have to say that the splices were not done correctly per code." (omissions made by Ron) The Association is going to have the lights repaired to the extent that they will work and then get with Villa Development to see how the permanent fix will take place. We have only been without lights for about 10 months. Let's hope it does not take that long again to get the final utility repaired.

Now let's say a word about ARBs (Architecture Review Board requests). Please know before making any change(s) to the Community Common Areas, you **must** request permission to the Covenants Committee. If you do not have the form, Jerry Whitley can supply you with one. The Committee reviews the request and if it meets allowable requirements, it is submitted to the Board for consideration. It is important that you supply supporting information such as; who is going to pay for the change, who is going to maintain affected items, who is going to pay for removal (if this applies), does a majority of the owners approve of the request, and anything else that would affect the approval. Let's make changes to the Community only as agreed to by a majority of the owners.

Ron Harvey

AUGUST SOCIAL EVENTS

Sat - 8/8 FREE Ice Cream Social 7pm

Tues - 8/11 Stitch & Sew 12pm

Tues - 8/11 Board Mtg. 7pm

Weds - 8/12 Ladies Luncheons - Andersons Cafe Meet clubhouse 10:45am

Thur - 8/14 Book Club 1pm

Tues - 8/18 Pot Luck 6:00pm

Sat - 8/29 Pool Party, bring appetizers - 5:00pm

FROM THE CONDO BOOK CLUB

The Condo Book Club will meet on the 14th of August at 1:00 p.m. in the Villas Clubhouse. The book chosen for this meeting is HOMEFRONT by local author Doris Gwaltney. It is a delightful story of a young girl, raised on a farm in Isle of Wight County, during WWII. Doris Gwaltney will be joining us at the meeting to sign our copies of her book. If you can't find a copy locally, the book is available at www.Amazon.com. Come and join us for good conversation and fellowship. A book for September will be chosen at this meeting. Any questions, please contact Betty Kulterman.

Many residents have placed books in the Clubhouse to share. There is quite a variety to choose from. Feel free to swap, borrow, even donate some of your own. The books are located in two places, some are in the entertainment cabinet in the main room of the clubhouse and also there is a bookshelf in the office to the right of the foyer.

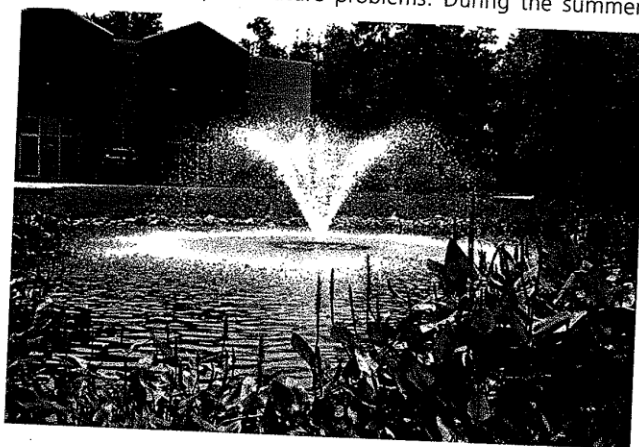
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Penny Pinching May be Hurting Your Pond

By **Terry Owens, Environmental Scientist**

Over the last couple of months Virginia Lake Management has seen an ongoing trend: requests to reduce the amount of time fountains are running in an effort to lower electricity costs and save money. While economically this makes a lot of sense, ecologically it may be setting your pond up for future problems. During the summer months, ensuring that your pond has proper aeration is critical to effective pond management. Increases in seasonal temperatures cause stratification of the pond. Stratification is the layering of water in a pond due to temperature differences. Imagine warm, shallow water floating on top of colder, deeper water. This causes multiple problems. First, the upper warmer layer of water does not hold oxygen very well creating a habitat unsuitable for aquatic life. Secondly, during periods of prolonged stratification the deeper water's oxygen is consumed by the organisms living there. The upper layer acts as a cap not allowing oxygen to be replaced. Over time, oxygen levels can become dangerously low and could eventually lead to suffocation of the species living in the waters.



It is these associated problems that make it so important to leave your fountain or aerator running during the summer months. These systems provide the dual benefit of both adding oxygen to the water and breaking those stratified layers. Constant movement of the water by the fountain or aerator keeps the water temperature more uniform not allowing those stratified layers to form. Warmer temperatures result in water losing its ability to hold oxygen. Increased oxygenation through increased aeration is critical to maintaining healthy levels of oxygen in your pond. It is for these reasons that we do not recommend decreasing the amount of time you run your fountain or aerator.

Penny Pinching

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Ideally, your fountain should run constantly to ensure that it is offering the maximum benefit to your pond. However, if you are truly concerned about the amount of time your fountain is running, there are a few more effective ways of cutting energy without negatively affecting your pond. First, turn off the lights if your fountain has them. Lights offer an aesthetically pleasing aspect to your fountain but offer no benefit to the pond from an ecological standpoint. Simply turning off the lights or reducing the amount of time they are on can lower energy costs without impacting the pond's health. Setting your fountain's timer to power off intermittently during the day can also help with energy costs. We advise that these "off" periods last no longer than thirty minutes per three hours. Spacing out your shut off times for the fountain can lower run time without having as drastic of an effect on the pond. Most fountain owners are tempted to turn their fountain off at night; however, turning your fountain off for consistently long periods of time each day may be just enough for stratification to occur causing further pond damage.

These are just a few money saving tips that we can offer to help you save some money without sacrificing the health and quality of your pond. Always contact your pond manager if you have any questions about the on-going care of your pond and fountain aeration system. ■

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- 1 Dip Dish and Spreader
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- 1 Round Serving Platter
- 1 Wood and Ceramic Tile Serving Tray

If interested please contact Linda White 357-2861