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Memorandum

TO: Town of Davie Residents

FROM: Jeff Pohlman, Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts Director

SUBJECT: Wolf Lake Park Equestrian Water Activities/Wading

DATE: June 9, 2023

Dear Residents,

Although the Town of Davie is proud of our equestrian roots, expansive trail system, and vast open space, it is regretful to inform that all water activities will remain suspended at Wolf Lake Park due to continued high levels of Fecal Coliform in the lake.

The safety of our residents is of the utmost importance, and we will continue to explore all avenues to safely re-open the lake. Numerous water quality tests have been performed at the lake which have consistently reported elevated fecal coliform bacteria levels creating unsafe conditions for equestrian activities and wading. The Town of Davie has researched and worked with several lake management consultants/vendors, as well as Central Broward Water Control District to review solutions to improve the overall water quality at Wolf Lake. The lake is a stagnant body of water that does not have any flow or water circulation. Potential solutions to enhance the water quality have included the installation of a fountain(s), an underwater aeration system, and the connection to the canals on the northeast and west side of the park. Unfortunately, none of the proposed solutions guarantee the reduction of fecal coliform in the lake and pose additional adverse concerns regarding water quality. Equestrian activities or wading in waters with high levels of fecal coliform bacteria increases the chance of developing illness (fever, nausea, or stomach cramps).

We will continue to evaluate solutions to improve the overall water quality at Wolf Lake. The lake will remain closed for equestrian water activities/wading until the fecal coliform levels are reduced to a safe level.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jeff Pohlman".

Jeff Pohlman

Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts Director

- C: Mayor and Town Council
- Richard J. Lemack, Town Administrator
- Macciano K. Lewis, Deputy Town Administrator
- Phillip R. Holste, Assistant Town Administrator
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