



May 25, 2010

TO: Deer Lakes Homeowners

SUBJECT: Important Deer Lakes Pool Update -New Hours Explained and No Smoking Policy --Please Read Immediately

As previously communicated, a major Deer Lakes Owners Association (DLOA) Pool refurbishing and repair project was recently completed. The primary goals of the DLOA Pool Committee and Board Of Directors (BOD) surrounding this project were:

- 1) To complete the repairs and renovation as quickly as possible in order to reopen the pool prior to traditional pool-use season, as well as minimize the possibility of any pool "down-time" during the season
- 2) To turn over a beautified, virtually new pool environment to the residents of Deer lakes upon completion of the project

Over the course of the project (Jan. through March), two related pool issues, requiring Pool Committee and BOD attention, came to light:

The first being that during a routine county inspection of the pool while the renovation work was being done, the County Inspector informed us we were out of compliance with a new ordinance (effective May 1, 2010) for after dark pool lighting, and would have to change our hours of operation from the previous Dawn until 10:00 PM, to Dawn to Dusk. Now that the ordinance is officially in effect and more clarification is available, we have determined that an engineering study can be done, and the results would provide us with exactly what would be needed for our lighting to support a 10:00 PM rather than dusk pool closing. The DLOA BOD approved the funding for that engineering study at the May 18TH BOD meeting, and the results of that study will be shared with you when available. The new hours of Dawn to Dusk will remain in effect until further notice.

The second issue centers on smoking in the pool area. Numerous complaints have been received about smoking in the pool area. The BOD and Pool Committee have been deliberating on identifying a designated smoking area either within or outside of the fenced pool area for several months. Recent behavior of smokers -- cigarette butts in the pool itself, grounded on the new pool deck, empty cigarette packs left on tables, and a general "messy" overall environment-- has moved us in the direction of designating a smoking area outside of the fenced

pool area. Therefore, as of June 1, 2010, smoking will no longer be permitted in the fenced-in pool area, and a designated smoking area will be identified outside of the fenced pool area.

We realize that this decision will be met with mixed (pro & con) reviews, and it was not taken lightly with respect to considering all sides of the issue. However, we feel it was the right decision in that it supports the best interests of the Deer lakes residents in total, helps create a healthy smoke-free environment for pool users, especially the children who will now be heavy pool users with the summer break in effect, and it helps to protect the huge investment we have just made in repairing and beautifying the pool area for the enjoyment of all Deer lakes residents.

DLOA BOD

Deer Lakes Pool Committee