

A Message from the CDD

Dear Vista Lakes Residents:

With regard to the hydrilla problem currently affecting Vista Lake, I would like to update you on the actions taken at the last CDD Board meeting to address the situation.

It is evident that the initial delay in responding to the overgrowth of hydrilla was caused by a breakdown in communication among our management company, the company we use to look after our lakes and the CDD Board. We are confident that the communication problem has now been corrected.

The proposal that was approved by the Board to ultimately eliminate hydrilla from the lake calls for the expenditure of approximately \$30K to:

- a) introduce 900 hydrilla eating carp to the lake
- b) initiate an intensive chemical treatment program and
- c) install a metal gate in front of the outflow pipe to prevent the carp from escaping

Prior to approving this proposal, we sought the opinion of the City of Orlando's expert on lakes and waterways who confirmed that this was the most effective way to combat hydrilla.

It should be noted that weather conditions this spring and summer have caused extraordinary algae blooms throughout Central Florida. We actually have had a hydrilla problem in Vista Lake to lesser extent for quite a few years, but we will now have to deal with it in a more serious and ongoing way. Even with this intensive treatment, it will take at least a month and probably several months before we see a noticeable improvement.

Also approved at the Board meeting was an approximately \$72K plan to replace trees and other plants as required primarily at the entranceways to our neighborhoods. This is the first major accomplishment of the new cooperative arrangement between the CDD and the Amenities Committee of the HOA.

I hope this gives you some comfort that steps are being taken to ensure that the high standards of the VL community will be maintained in the years ahead. Please contact me if you have any additional questions at mfsebestyen@vistalakescdd.org.

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