



village of villa park

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RE: Lufkin Pool

Dear Resident:

Lufkin Pool will not re-open in 2018. At the end of the 2017 pool season the liner at Lufkin Pool became detached and in need of replacement. Staff removed the liner and with the help of representatives of Williams Architects, reviewed the condition of the pool and developed a list of needed improvements. Items needing repair were placed into several proposals which were provided to the Village Board for consideration.

During the Village Board meetings held on November 6 and November 13, 2017, the Village Board of Trustees discussed these proposals. After discussion and careful thought, including a recommendation not to support the needed repairs from members of the Parks and Recreation Commission, the Board of Trustees did not approve the proposals, including liner replacement for Lufkin Pool. Consequently, Lufkin Pool will not re-open in 2018 and planning is underway to demolish all structures and return the area to open green space.

A study completed by Williams Architects in September 2013 concluded that Jefferson and Lufkin Pools have reached the end of their useful lives. During the development of the Parks and Recreation Master Plan, Village residents were surveyed by 3D Design Studio to determine their desires and what they would prefer within our community. These documents can be found at www.invillapark.com/inmotion. Attached with this correspondence is a Planning Brochure being used to communicate the Village's desire to move forward with community support for a new Community Pool and/or Recreation Center to benefit all residents.

Moving forward, the Village will schedule and host a series of community-wide meetings aimed at receiving community input and determining what our residents would support developing (i.e., an open pool, a closed pool, a recreation center, or any combination thereof). We encourage you to follow the progress of this initiative at www.invillapark.com/inmotion.

It is understood, the closing of Lufkin Pool is difficult for some residents in the Lufkin Pool area; however, as a community, the time has come for us to improve the quality of life for ourselves and our future generations by replacing and providing quality park and recreation facilities.

Should you have any questions please contact the Village Manager's office at (630) 592-6052 or via e-mail at inmotion@invillapark.com.

Respectfully,

President Albert Bulthuis

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