

To: University Place Homeowners
From: Grounds Sub-Committee for Ponds
Re: Environmental Health and Appearance of Our Ponds

Late last year, the Grounds Committee organized a sub-committee to monitor the appearance, cleanliness and over all environmental health of our 16 ponds within University Place. Essentially, the “Ponds” committee is to function as an early warning system alerting our property manager, AMI, to potential problems before they worsen.

The Ponds committee is requesting the help of individual homeowners, particularly those whose property overlooks a pond and are most benefited by a healthy pond environment and most impacted by a deteriorating pond environment. While any homeowner can contact AMI directly, the benefit of using this reporting channel is that the Grounds Committee, and therefore the Board, will have an overall knowledge of problems and the effectiveness of AMI. In addition, vendor services will be monitored. We believe this will help achieve our community goal of maintaining a healthy, attractive environment in a cost effective manner.

The Ponds committee requests that property owners report any of the following conditions and/or observations using the University Place website page for residents:

- Multiple fish kills either directly observed or indicated by an unusually heavy concentration of scavengers (e.g. vultures) or predators
- Unusual fish behavior such as fish seen at the surface “gasp” for air
- Build up of algae mats on pond surface and/or blue-green algae blooms (pond scum) more than one foot from shoreline
- Sudden changes in water color to dark black and/or bad odors
Note: a blue dye is used to treat algae.

To report observations: go to www.universityplace-fl.com and click on **Residents**. Under the “Send Us An Email” heading, click on **Grounds Sub-Committee for Ponds**. Please use the map attached to this flyer to identify the pond by number. This map is also available on the web page.

Your report will be acknowledged and we will keep you informed of the actions taken. We would rather have several reports on a situation than none.

Thanks for your help,

Ponds Committee