

# IMPORTANT NOTICE OF WHITE LAKE WATER TREATMENT

April 20, 2018

Dear Property Owners and Business Owners:

In an effort to provide you with the most current and accurate information on the lake water clarity matter, I wanted to provide you with the same information that has been shared with the Town Board of Commissioners.

The Town received a letter of approval on April 11, 2018 from John E. Hennessy, with the NC Division of Parks and Recreation that allows the Town to use a low-dose alum treatment in the lake to improve the clarity of the water. We have worked diligently since receiving the letter of approval to be able to apply this treatment on or about May 5<sup>th</sup> which is designed to both improve the water clarity and decrease the ph level. The treatment will last for approximately 10 days. We continue working with scientific experts that were retained by the Town to investigate the long-term solution for permanently reducing the ph level. We are also proceeding with treatment for the eradication of the hydrilla in lake this summer. The treatment is safe and often used to treat bodies of water used for drinking water.

We have been advised on numerous occasions by State officials that there are no health or safety concerns in regard to the algae which are causing the discoloration of the lake water, but we fully understand that the clarity of the lake greatly affects the perception of people in regard to its use. In an effort to prevent interference with the treatment application we request there be no water craft on the lake during this time.

Please be aware that we are working diligently to improve the clarity of the lake this summer and to find and implement a long-term solution for cause of the discoloration of the lake. Feel free to visit the Town Hall to review any of the information we have obtained on the hydrilla and lake water clarity matters. Additional information will be provided to you as we move forward with the treatment process.

Sincerely,

H. Goldston Womble, Jr.  
Mayor