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A Message from Mayor Brown:

As many of you know, this summer we entrusted the operations of the Village's pool to a pool management company. Unfortunately, from the outset we encountered many operational challenges with the pool management company e.g., lifeguard staffing, manager training, pool maintenance, cleanliness, etc.

Last Thursday, we attempted to sit down with representatives of the pool management company to negotiate a financial settlement for their various shortfalls regarding our operational agreement. We also attempted to align on an understanding as to how they would finish out the season. Unfortunately, they abruptly got up and left the meeting without addressing our concerns.

Due to our ongoing challenges with the pool management company a decision was made to close the pool during the final 10 weekdays of the season while keeping it open during the remaining 2 weekends and Labor Day. Arriving at this decision was not easy.

The two deciding factors to close the pool through the remaining weekdays were: 1) a lack of confidence in our ability to staff the pool and, 2) more importantly, wanting to ensure we had enough chemicals—chlorine and muriatic acid—to keep the pool safe and at the proper chlorine and pH levels. By closing the pool through the week, we could somewhat conserve on the chemicals which would enable us to keep the pool open on the weekend, having no short-term assurance of acquiring additional chemicals. An informal poll of council members was taken, and it was agreed, based on the circumstances that we were presented with, this was our best option.

As elected officials our governance first and foremost is to assure the safety of our residents. Sometimes that involves difficult and unpopular decisions. I realize not everyone is happy with the decision to close on weekdays during the final 2 weeks of the season, but we are already making plans and taking steps to improve the pool experience next season.

I want to acknowledge and thank the service and dedication of the Pool Commission members and the many volunteers who stepped in to make it possible to have a summer at the pool this year, many of whom donated countless hours.

I would ask for your patience and understanding as we finish out this pool season.

Sincerely,

William A. Brown

Mayor Brown