

City of Winter  
ParkLakes (~~General~~)

Pollution

■ Concern about pollution in Lake Virginia means extra warning signs will be installed at the Dinky Dock boat launching ramp and also at the

canal entrance from Lake Osceola.

The signs will warn boaters the water is polluted and they should use it at their own risk. A similar sign aimed at swimmers is an almost permanent fixture at the Dinky Dock beach.

Commissioner **David Currie** quipped that the signs should tell people they can fish and water ski but "just don't get wet."

Both the Lake Virginia and Lake Baldwin swimming areas have been closed all summer because of high bacteria levels in the water.

City Manager Harden said Rollins College scientists will do tests this week to determine whether the fecal coliform bacteria that pollutes the entire lake perimeter also is present at the center of the lake.

"There are some people who think the pollution is coming from the storm water outlets and therefore won't be very high as you go further away from shore," said Harden.

The tests also will show if the bacteria is from human waste or not. Harden said he expects to have those results in time for the commission's Aug. 10 meeting. City officials want to make sure the pollution is not from old septic tanks or from leaky sewer lines.

A stormwater management study being done by Professional Engineering Consultants Inc. will be presented to the commission Aug. 24.

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