

CRYSTAL GARDENS

Update

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GREETINGS CRYSTAL GARDENS RESIDENTS

We have a couple of updates we would like to share with you as we move through the summer months and monsoon season.

ALGAE EATERS

We have successfully stocked 5,000 lbs of Tilapia throughout the Crystal Gardens Wetlands. Tilapia help keep our wetlands healthy by consuming large amounts of algae. We are happy to report that only six fish were lost during the acclimation period.



WATER LEVELS

Water levels have been returned to normal operating conditions and will remain there for the rest of the year. Salt River Project will continue to stop water deliveries on Thursdays for their weekly maintenance on the canals. You may experience slightly lower water levels during these times due to evaporation.

Thank you for your patience.

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MOSQUITOES

This time of year Wetland staff set mosquito traps weekly; trapped mosquitoes are taken to the Arizona Department of Health and are evaluated for

West Nile Virus. Please be on the lookout for standing water, where mosquitoes may breed. Many times the standing water comes from homeowner's irrigation, or pools in disrepair. If you need assistance adjusting your irrigation timer you may contact the city's Water Conservation Specialist, or if you know of any pools in disrepair, please report them to Code Enforcement at the contact numbers below.

MISSING NOZZLES

Sadly the fountain nozzles located on Crystal Gardens Parkway just north of McDowell were stolen again. Staff has worked to develop a new nozzle made of galvanized steel in hopes of deterring future theft. Please report suspicious activity to the Police Department.



If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us at the following numbers:

- ▶ Wetlands, Jake Boyd: (623) 341-8972
- ▶ Water Conservation, Esmie Avila: (623) 333-4422
- ▶ Code Enforcement: (623) 333-2701
- ▶ Parks and Recreation: (623) 333-2400
- ▶ Police Dispatch (*NON-emergency number*): (623) 333-7001