

## **Update on our ponds. What we can all do to help out.**

As we can all observe, Mother Nature has not been kind to our ponds so far this year. The continuing drought and unusually early high temperatures have dropped the water levels in the ponds by four or more feet. This has allowed the pond water temperature to rise, sun to penetrate more readily to the bottom perimeters where algae forms, and (formerly) submerged aquatic vegetation to reach the surface as a vegetative mass which traps the free-floating algae.

Twelve of our ponds are currently under study to determine the most ecologically healthy, cost effective treatment/s to improve our ponds appearance. A Power Point Explanation of the Project can be found on our CDD Website by [clicking here](#).

**Residents can help assist in our efforts to improve our ponds' health and appearance by:**

- **Completing** an online survey of your pond observations. Log on to the CDD Website, [www.grandhavencdd.org](http://www.grandhavencdd.org), and click on Pond Observer Survey under "What's New" on the Home Page. [click here to take the survey online](#)  
Please follow the instructions at the beginning of the survey which can be completed as often as necessary
- **Contacting** the CDD Field Operations Manager's Office at 447-1184 to report extreme, severe, or unusual pond conditions.
- **Attending a Community Educational Workshop** to be presented by Dr. Mark Clark, Pond Project Director, **Thursday June 11th 1 - 5 pm in the Grand Haven Room: "Pond Ecology 101"**, a general update for the entire community, q&a, and request for Pond Project volunteers.
- **Volunteering** as a Pond Observer/Volunteer at a **Community Training Workshop** to be presented by Dr. Clark; **Friday June 18<sup>th</sup>, 9 am to 1 pm at Creekside:** Volunteer and Observer training, classroom and field training.
- **Volunteering** to become part of the ongoing Grand Haven Lakewatch Program. Contact Jim Cook at 447-8450 or [jimcook@cfl.rr.com](mailto:jimcook@cfl.rr.com)

Reminders of the dates, times and locations of these Pond Workshops will be resent as their meeting times approach.