



February 6, 2023

Re: Mold and Vultures

Dear Residents,

Last month's Board meeting was conducted virtually, as there had been a suspicion of mold contamination in the Community Center, which was voiced by several residents during an event being held at the Center on the Monday before our board meeting.

We immediately began to monitor the humidity level within the building, changed the furnace filter, looked for any overt signs of mold, closed the building for meetings, and contacted an Industrial Hygienist recommended to us by the company that performed the previous mold remediation on the Community Center, prior to the community taking over the building.

Comprehensive testing of the entire building was conducted, and the results were received this week. In summary, the Industrial Hygienist found no mold contamination in the room air or in the three HVAC systems. Business as usual will resume in the Community Center on Monday, February 6, 2023, at the usual hours.

We also have had a successful "hazing" of vultures, following their recent inundation. Vultures are a very interesting bird and they perform a very needed service. Our recent vulture guests performed the service a vulture performs, which was consuming the fish that were killed by the recent cold snap. A large "committee" of vultures then began to roost in our marshy territory over by Savannah Lakes,

and on homes near the marsh. We have had incidents in the past in which these birds, after taking care of our fish kills, decided to stay on and began to cause property damage, and cause a bacteria laden mess on the homes upon which they decided to “loaf” during the day, and under the trees they roosted on at night.

We contacted the County, who referred us to the US Department of Agriculture, who provided some tips for discouraging vultures without harming them. Two of our residents took on the task of legally “hazing” the vultures both in the morning and at bedtime, with a few well-placed fireworks. Each day a few less vultures were apparent, and finally after three nights of no vultures spending the night within River Wilderness, we discontinued setting off the fireworks. The Board wishes to thank these two residents. Because of their attention to and consistency of their actions regarding this project, there was no damage to property, electrical wires, lanais, etc.

Regards,

The River Wilderness Foundation of Bradenton Board

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