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**ST. FERDINAND LAKE RE-OPENS**

On Saturday, July 26th, the City of Florissant experienced an unfortunate event at St. Ferdinand Park Lake with the loss of a large portion of the fish population residing in the lake.

Consequently, for the health and safety of park patrons and the welfare of the remaining fish and aquatic life in the lake, St. Ferdinand Lake was immediately closed and an investigation was conducted to determine the probable cause of the fish kill. The Department of Conservation was contacted, in addition to several professionals in the fields of fish and wildlife, water quality, and lake management.

As a result of the investigation, it has been determined that the most likely cause of the fish kill was “oxygen deficiency.” This is a condition in which low levels of dissolved oxygen are present in the water, creating an environment that is unsuitable to support and sustain fish life for any length of time in any pond or lake.

The lake is now open for public use, and is considered safe for fish and other aquatic life. For questions regarding this or any Parks and Recreation Department activity, program, or event, please call the James J. Eagan Center at (314) 921-4466 or the John F. Kennedy Community Center at (314) 921-4250.