

Subject: Fee increases;

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A message from Ernie Crist:

You may recall that a few days ago I stated via e-mail, that there will be no increase in recreation fees this year. I did so because, at a recent budget meeting, our Director of Recreation, Mr. Gary Young said so.


However, Mr. Young has now sent me a message stating the following " At the District Budget Meeting last Wed I responded to a question from Councillor Dunsford who asked if we increased fees to offset the required 1.3% reduction in the 2002 budget. I responded NO".

Mr. Young goes on to say - "The additional funds we found to offset the 1.3% came from increases in participation particularly in classes where we are closer to max participation within the capacity of the class room. Our overall participation in most programs increased again last year and continues to be higher than the population growth. At the District budget meeting presentation on Jan. 12th, our Chair, David Hobbs, indicated that we are planning a 3% fee increase in September to offset inflation".

In other words, contrary to the previous statement by Mr. Young, there will be a fee 3 % increase after all.

Sorry for the confusion - I simply took NO to mean NO - not 3% as appears to be the case now. Mr. Young, in his reply, also pointed out that the subsidy from the District was not close to \$ 6M as I had stated in my message but only \$ 5, 575, 000 which included \$ 775,000 in 2001 for capital maintenance.

So, Citizens, brace yourself for another increase unless of course you are willing to fight back.

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