

Irrigation Update:

Good Day Southern Springs,

First, I want to thank everyone who has submitted a request when you find an irrigation leak or a stuck valve. That is always helpful to know when someone notices an issue. We have been getting a lot questions about the COS Irrigation and felt it was a good time to update the entire community about the current status and some of the more recent issues. The irrigation system at Southern Springs is split into 2 different water supplies. The first part comes from the Lake through pumps and covers the Entrance and the main boulevards. There are no current restrictions on watering from the Lake, but there are two pumps that supply water to about 350 zones, so when one has an issue, a very large part of the system is down. The second part of the system runs off the city water. This includes the Lodge, last Island of Southern Springs Pkwy then all the way to Grainger Springs and all of the Pocket Parks. According to the City of Spring Hill, all of Southern Springs COS that is using domestic water can only be ran 3 days a week right now.

There have been two major setbacks this season with the irrigation across the community. The first being that Pump 2, which controls 200 irrigation zones along the main parkways, got struck by lightning and damaged the pump and the pump controller. This shut down a large part of the system. In order to get this large area up and running again quickly, we used the pump and pump controller from the Coffee Ridge pond, since it only controls 30-40 zones. These replacement parts have been ordered about 2 weeks ago, but we are still waiting for them to arrive. Until then, the Coffee Ridge pond area and portions of Saturn Pkwy cannot run.

The other main issue is the City of Spring Hill's water restrictions. We did not know it at first, but the city was shutting off all the backflows for the pocket parks, The Lodge and all of Phases 4b and 5. It took a few weeks of turning them on and off to realize what was going on. We have now made the needed adjustments to the controllers, so we are only watering the allowed 3 days a week. Unfortunately, with the drought we have had, that's not quite enough to keep the turf in these areas as green as we would like.

Right now, we are watering as much as the systems and the City will allow us to, as well as checking and auditing the systems for any breaks and needed repairs.

Currently we working on 2 main projects. The finishing of the Del Webb - Franklin Springs Roundabout install. That will be completed by the end of the week. The Second project is a main line break for Pump 2. The break is in an odd location and it was noticed with the help of a Town Square Request. Yesterday we shut the Pump down to allow us to drain the system and we are making repairs today. We hope to have Pump 2 back in working order later today.

If you see a zone running for a long period of time during the day or notice an overly wet or dry area please post it to Town Square under COS Irrigation.

Thanks for your time and have a good day,

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Please use TownSq to submit questions and concerns regarding Landscape and Irrigation. Ross and Brian both get those requests and will respond appropriately.