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Brookhaven Parks & Recreation taking steps to protect wildlife

Fishing line recycling bins, 'no feeding' signs to be installed at Murphey Candler

Brookhaven, GA, July 21, 2015 – In an effort to promote good park stewardship and to protect wildlife around Murphey Candler Park, five monofilament recycling containers for fishing line as well as five 'no feeding' signs will be installed before the end of this week.

Monofilament recycling containers with instructions in both English and Spanish are being installed in an effort to help alleviate the amount of fishing litter and line that is being disposed of improperly in and around the lake.

“Just this past week we had to reach out to a wildlife rehabilitation non-profit to help in the trapping of several animals to free them of fishing line,” said Brookhaven Parks Manager Gary Schussler. “The signs are there to inform fishers where and why to recycle the fishing line, and it also provides them a resource to dispose of their line properly. We hope that with these it will encourage better use and proper stewardship practices while fishing at the lake.”

“No feeding” wildlife signs are being installed to ask park patrons to not feed the wildlife. Though doing so may seem nice and non-threatening, it actually hinders the wildlife system in place.

“In a nutshell, the feeding has made the wildlife onsite dependent on the community,” Schussler said. “It also results in overcrowding, habitat degradation, delayed migration and water fowl dietary side effects.”

Brookhaven’s city website address will also be printed on the signs so that park users can visit the website for information on the negative effects feeding the animals has on both wildlife and the park. That information will be on the city website once the signs are installed.

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