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##PRESS RELEASE##

South Fork Rivanna Reservoir Temporary Boat Ramp Closure

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The Rivanna Water and Sewer Authority (RWSA) is reporting that the South Fork Rivanna Reservoir boat ramp on Woodburn Road at the South Rivanna Water Treatment Plant site will be closed from Thursday, March 14, 2024, at 7:00 a.m. through Friday, April 12, 2024.

The boat ramp closure is necessary because preliminary field work will be starting for the design of RWSA's new raw water intake structure and pump station at the South Fork Rivanna Reservoir. The preliminary field work in this area will consist of geotechnical borings, both along the shoreline and in the reservoir itself, to evaluate subsurface conditions and confirm presence of rock that may be encountered during construction. The work on the reservoir will require the usage of a barge and RWSA asks that people please stay away from the barge while boating for their safety.

This project is a part of the 2012 Community Water Supply Plan, and an integral component of the South Fork Rivanna Reservoir to Ragged Mountain Reservoir water line project. This project will improve the long-term reliability of our drinking water system during periods of uncertain climate conditions and drought. More information on the water line project can be found on our website at <https://www.rivanna.org/srr-to-rmr-water-line-project/>.

Alternate access to the South Fork Rivanna Reservoir is available at the existing boat ramp on Woodlands Blvd. near the intersection with Earlysville Road. We appreciate the public's cooperation as we improve our water system for the customers of the City of Charlottesville Utilities and the Albemarle County Service Authority.

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