



Terra Ceia Manor Newsletter

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NEWS FROM THE CO-OP BOARD

Next Co-op Board Workshop: Wednesday, January 11, 2012 at 9:00 a.m.

Next Co-op Board Meeting: Monday, January 16, 2012 at 9:00 a.m.

Meetings are open to TCM shareholders.

President's Report – Dave Ritter

Scott Gordon, of Lutz, Bobo and Telfair, is the new registered agent for TCM. Our previous agent is no longer with the law firm we had, and they did not notify us of this change. The Board agreed to change firms.

We are gathering bids for the remodeling of the women's restroom. One bid received is for \$11,000, and we are waiting on another bid before the project is started. We are hoping this capital project will begin in this budget year.

The Co-Op Board has an Important Request: There have been several sewer problems caused by rags, rope, and adult diapers that stop the lift gates from working. The primary problem has been on First Street; however there are problems on other streets as well. The sewer system is meant for human waste and toilet paper only! The plastic contained in those items is not meant to go through the sewer system. **PLEASE** spread the word about this improper use of our park sewer system so we can discontinue these expenses. Each time the maintenance company has to come in to do repairs, it costs at least \$400. After multiple visits, we are talking in the \$1,000's of dollars.

We owe a "big" Thank You to Ralph Ritter, Don Gilbert, Dave Ritter, and Mike Bernard for putting up our Christmas lights.

Volunteers are needed for small jobs in the Park. Please contact Gene Frank (734-347-1632) or Serge Morneau (981-3664) for assistance.

We have a lot of guests here, and parking is at a premium; please be patient with your neighbors as it is only once a year. For those guests that have dogs, please let them know that they can only walk their dog(s) on First Street.

No complaints will be acknowledged if they are not written on a form and turned in at the office. Please remember it is getting close to election time again, and all applicants should turn their resumes in to Bernie Sikkema. Thank you to everyone that volunteers throughout the year to make this a better community to live in. Happy Holidays, Dave Ritter.

Treasurer's Report – Diego Gonzalez

A financial summary of the October and November activity is available in the park office. Terra Ceia Manor continues to be in very good financial condition. There were no rent or maintenance fee delinquencies in November.

Maintenance Report – Gene Frank

Triad Tech will be replacing some pipe from one of our lift gates in the near future. They will be using stainless steel pipe. Our main sewer problems have occurred on First Street. We will be going around and checking each of the sewer pots to see if there are other pots that need cleaning out to help eliminate the lift gates from shutting down. The company will be replacing pipe using stainless steel pipe.

Thank you to Serge Morneau for cleaning out the clubhouse gutters.

The following volunteers helped power wash the fences, and we express our gratitude and appreciation: Bob Everly, Ralph Ritter, Gene Frank, Don Gilbert, and Dave Ritter.

We are getting a new bid for road sealing. After comparing all bids, we will select the company to do the sealing in May or June of this year.

NEWS FROM THE REC BOARD

**The next meeting is Monday, January 9, 2012 at 9:30 a.m.
Meetings are open to all TCM Recreation Assoc. Members.**

Memorial Committee and Fund: Anyone wanting to purchase an item as a memorial or donating money to the memorial fund, please contact Gert Finn (729-3377). She has a memorial book with items and prices.

Rec Board Nominations: The Rec Board is seeking nominations for the 2012-2013 year. Please consider running for the Board. You may contact Julia Nauman (729-6453) or Bernadette Reihl (729-0696) for more information.

Rec Board Annual Meeting: The Annual Meeting for the Recreation Association will be held on Thursday, January 19, at 7:00 p.m. It is of utmost importance that we have a quorum present at the meeting. With no quorum, the meeting cannot proceed. In the letter you received dated December 15, it was noted that the election will be for two directors. In actuality, there are three directors that will be completing terms. You will be voting for three positions. Please consider running for office on the Rec Board. Yes, some work is involved but there is also enjoyment and accomplishment. You will soon be receiving a second letter that will contain more information.

Annual Bazaar: Our Annual Bazaar will be held on Saturday, January 28, from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. We are asking residents for their support. This includes new people to the park and also our renters. We set up on Friday, January 27, starting at 8:00 a.m. We will need lots of help on the Friday to set up and price items. If you can help with set up or work on Saturday, we welcome you to sign up at the poster in the hall. You can also support us by coming to purchase items and have a nice lunch at the same time. This is our major fundraiser for the year, and it allows us to support many activities we have here in the park. In addition, if you have any household items to donate, you may ask Meade in the office to unlock the laundry room to store them or call Donna Burch (722-6093) after January 3. Lastly, if you have any jewelry to donate, you may drop those items off at Marne Geen's house at #321, as she is getting items ready for the sale. Thank you in advance for your support in this endeavor.

Dinners: A reminder to those attending dinners. If meat is being furnished, and residents have guests attending the dinner, each guest must pay \$3.00 plus provide a dish to pass.

Cookie Sheets: Cookie sheets are missing from the kitchen. If you borrowed them, please return them, as they are used frequently in the kitchen.

Cookie Walk: The Annual Cookie Walk was a success. We made over \$300.00 for Rec Board activities. A huge Thank You to all the residents that slaved over a hot oven and decorated the wonderful cookies we sold. We look forward to doing it again next year.

Thank You: Thank you to Rose and John Dander for donating the new fence bows for Christmas this year. We appreciate your donation, and another Thank you to John for helping us put them up with the phone wire. This really made this an easier job.

Request for New TCM Breakfast Organizer(s): Bernie and Sandi Sikkema are retiring, for personal reasons, as of January 1, 2012, from handling the TCM Breakfasts and dinners. We all give them a huge round of applause for all they have accomplished since they began. We appreciate all they have accomplished during the years they have served us. We are, therefore, in dire need of someone to take over our breakfasts. The breakfasts generate income for our Park activities. We also need new ideas for dinners or other activities that can also generate income. If we do not have the breakfasts or dinners, some activities may have to be eliminated. Should you be interested in applying for this position, please contact the Rec. Board. Thank you so much for any help you can give us.

CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

2012 TRAVEL CALENDAR: Larry and Mary Thompson can be reached at home at 941-721-1607 or their cell number at 937-418-1151. **All dates and itineraries are subject to change without notice.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 26, 2012 – CLEARWATER AQUARIUM: We will depart for Clearwater at 9:30 a.m. We will begin the day at the Gem of Spanish Restaurants, Columbia at Sandkey. Your lunch will include the following: ½ 1909 Salad and ½ Cuban -----Chicken and Yellow Rice -----Boliche. All entrees are served with Cuban bread and butter, coffee or tea and Flan for dessert. Cost is \$75 per person payable by January 11. Included in the cost is the round-trip motorcoach transportation, lunch at the Columbian Restaurant, admission and tour at the Clearwater Aquarium, plus taxes, gratuities, and driver's tip. Come out and join us on this fun trip to see "Winter" the famous Atlantic bottlenose dolphin at the Clearwater Marine Aquarium.

FEBRUARY 4-11, 2012: The 2012 cruise will be on the Crown Princess and will visit Princess Cay and the islands of Curacao and Aruba. Information is available in the clubhouse.



MONDAY, JANUARY 2, 2012 – HORSESHOE LEAGUE: The Horseshoe League will begin play on Monday, January 2 at 10:00 a.m. sharp. They will also play on Thursdays (February 2 and 16; March 1 and 8). We welcome new and experienced players and look forward to an exciting season.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 3, 2012 – SHUFFLEBOARD MEETING: We will have a shuffleboard league meeting on Tuesday, January 3, at 1:00 p.m. in the Clubhouse to discuss rules and other information. Each team needs to pick its captain and let Lynn Searles know so she can finish the schedule.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 7, 2012 – SATURDAY NITE AT THE MOVIES: Because our first Scramble for the 2012 season is scheduled for January 8, the first movie nite will be held on Saturday, January 7 (please note date change) at 6:30 p.m. After January, the regular schedule of the 2nd and 4th Sunday resumes. Judi Renkenberger is planning to show The Help (if available). Popcorn and pop will be served for \$1.00. For anyone new to the park, movie nite is held at the Clubhouse.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 8, 2012 – GOLF SCRAMBLE: The January golf scramble will be held at the Pineview/Ironwood Golf Course in Bradenton. The signup sheet is posted in the Clubhouse. Please arrive at the course by 12:00 Noon. Dinner will follow the scramble at Duff's Buffet on 14th St. (Highway 41 by Target). If you are new to the park or need any information, please contact Dave and Judi Renkenberger (721-4690), Jim and Lynn Searles (721-3245) or Gloria Ferber (723-0574).

TUESDAY, JANUARY 10, 2012 – SHUFFLEBOARD LEAGUE: The TCM Shuffleboard League begins play on Tuesday, January 10, at 1:00 p.m. We are looking forward to another great year.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 12, 2012 – LADIES' LUNCHEON: The January Ladies' Luncheon will be held on January 12, at 12:30 p.m. at Riverside Reef and Grill in Palmetto. This month's hostesses are Ninfa Bailey (729-0374), Penny Steffler (722-9241), Mary Thompson (721-1607), and Linda Vandenberg (722-5581). There is a signup sheet in the Clubhouse. You may order from the menu.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18, 2012 - FREE TOUR OF PORT MANATEE: Be at the Port at 9:30 a.m. The tour starts at 10:00 a.m. There are 40 people signed up to enjoy the tour.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 19, 2012 – TCM BREAKFAST: Please see the writeup under the Rec. Board. We will not have breakfast if we do not have a volunteer to organize it. Please apply to the Rec. Board, if you are interested. Thank you, Gert Finn

SUNDAY, JANUARY 22, 2012 – SUNDAY NITE AT THE MOVIES: On Sunday, January 22, at 7:00 p.m., Judi Renkenberger will be showing Water for Elephants at the Clubhouse. Popcorn and pop are available for \$1.00.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 27, 2012 – SET UP FOR THE BAZAAR: Set up for this year's Annual Bazaar will be held on Friday, January 27, at 8:00 a.m. A signup sheet is posted in the Clubhouse on the easel for Bazaar setup.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 28, 2012 – BAZAAR: The Annual Bazaar will be held from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, January 28. More information is displayed in the Clubhouse and under the Rec Board in this Newsletter. A signup sheet is posted in the Clubhouse for anyone wanting to work at this year's Bazaar.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2012 - CHICKEN BBQ: Bob Mnahoncak is again preparing his wonderful chicken BBQ. Tickets will be printed prior to the event. Please watch the Newsletter and bulletin board for further information.



MONDAY, WEDNESDAY and FRIDAY WATER AEROBICS: Water aerobics is held 3 days a week at 10:30 a.m. Anyone is welcome! Come and join the fun and get some sun while working out!

MONDAY ART CLASS: Judi Renkenberger has art class on Mondays from 1:00-3:30 p.m. Please bring any supplies you have, and enjoy the fun.

MONDAY BINGO: Bingo is held on Mondays (through the end of March) at 7:00 p.m. The doors open at 6:15; refreshments will be served mid-way through the evening.

FRIDAY MEN'S GOLF: The Friday Men's golf league begins at 9:40 a.m. at Terra Ceia Golf Course in Palmetto. Please arrive at the golf course by 9:20 a.m. Dave Renkenberger (721-4690) is the contact if you have questions or need a ride. A signup sheet is posted in the Clubhouse, and Dave posts the list of teams that will play that week.

FRIDAY LADIES' GOLF: Ladies' golf is held on Fridays at 1:02 (tee-off time) at The Greens of Manatee in Bradenton. Please be there a few minutes early. If you need a ride or have questions, please call Lynn Searles (721-3245) or Gloria Ferber (723-0574). A signup sheet is posted in the office and includes a column to check if you are able to drive that week.

FRIDAY LADIES' SHUFFLEBOARD: If any of our ladies would like to play shuffleboard on Fridays, this is scheduled for 1:00 p.m.

FRIDAY– GAME NIGHT: Come join the fun and ice cream! Please contact Martha Hammond (722-4270) if you have any questions.

INFORMATION, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND THANK YOUs!

TCM HEARTS & HANDS CRAFT GROUP: This group will begin meeting after Claire Amick returns (early January). Please watch the bulletin board for more information.

COFFEE HOUR: If you are new to the park and would like to host a coffee hour and do not know what to do, please contact someone on the Rec Board.

REMINDER: Please remember to remove the tabs prior to putting cans in the recycling container. Also please only leave cans in the container – NO GARBAGE, PLEASE. Tom has asked that people not tie tight knots in the bags.

WEEKLY POETRY GROUP: Stephen Dahl, Lot 328, at phone number 722-0760, would like to start a poetry group that would meet weekly, at no charge, to examine the works of major English and American poets. Texts will be provided. THIS WOULD NOT BE A CREATIVE WRITING CLASS. If this interests you, please contact Stephen. The group would meet at the Clubhouse, or if the group is small, at individuals' homes.

CHANGES TO THE PARK DIRECTORY: If you have any changes or corrections for the park directory, please either leave them in the office with Meade or notify Diego or Calla Gonzalez.

LOVE AND PRAYERS

Lee Bandeen, Lot 424, had pneumonia and is recuperating nicely. Please continue to keep Lee and Ruth in your prayers. They will be here soon.

Len Bromer, Lot 214, is in a nursing home and continues to need our prayers. Please keep both Len and Dee in your thoughts and prayers.

Bob and Virginia Chick, Lot 359, need our prayers.

John Dander, Lot 145, has suffered a recurrence of a brain tumor, which is affecting his eye sight. After working for several weeks with his insurance company, he is finally scheduled for surgery at Sarasota Memorial Hospital on Friday, January 6. Both John and Rose need our prayers during this trying time.

Doug and Bertie Drayton, Lot 160, need your prayers. They are both having health issues.

Gene Finn and Lee Finn, Lot 464, are doing fairly well, although Lee has been in the hospital again. She and Gene still need our prayers.

Von Gilbert, Lot 215, is still looking for a diagnosis. We continue to think of you, Vonnie, and we hope the doctors figure out the best way to give you some relief soon.

Judy Glanz, Lot 241, has fallen and broken her arm. She was seeing a specialist on Wednesday. We hope your arm heals very quickly! We are thinking of you, Judy.

Betty Larson, Lot 101, still could use our prayers.

Julie Lewis, Lot 164, is in a nursing home and needs our prayers.

Reta McCabe, Lot 460; Reta and Jack still need our prayers.

Henry St. Onge, Lot 135, had a fall due to low potassium levels. Henry is now in a rehab center. Please keep Henry in your prayers.

Joe and Roberta Polsgrove, Lot 468, continue to need our prayers and support. Joe just turned 80 on December 22. **Happy Birthday, Joe!**

Brian Pratt, Lot 151, is now at Westminster. Please say a prayer for the Pratts or stop by to see Lynda and offer her your help and support.

Joao Salerio, Lot 149, needs our prayers. He has been having health issues. Please keep Barb in your thoughts, too.

Juanita Shuberg, Lot 221, needs our prayers.

Luella Switzer, Lot 409, has been at the Rivera Palms recovering from surgery. Please keep Luella in your prayers.

Jim and Helen Wensink, Lot 466, continue to need our prayers, cards and/or visits at their home at TCM. Please continue to keep Helen and Jim in your prayers.

Please say a prayer for anyone in the park who is ill or may have a friend or loved one with an illness.

NEWS FROM THE OFFICE OF MEADE PERNEY, OFFICE MANAGER

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Meade would like you to know:

•Citizens Insurance is canceling insurance policies if no roof inspection has been completed. Please do not let your policy lapse, as you may not be able to get any new insurance. For 2012 Citizens announced they are no longer covering certain carports, screened enclosures, patios and awnings.

•There continues to be a problem with vehicles exceeding the posted park speed limit. Please ask any residents you observe speeding to slow down, or you may file a written confidential complaint in the office. We need to work on eliminating this blatant disregard for our park speed limit.

•Currently there are 146 residents in the park and 48 residents that have not yet arrived.

Attention Smokers: There are proper containers available for disposal of cigarette butts. Please do not throw cigarette butts around the Park. We would appreciate your cooperation in keeping the Park free of this debris!

SOLICITORS: Can take real advantage of you. If someone comes to your door trying to sell you a service, *ask them to leave immediately*. Promptly report the incident to the park manager giving a description of the vehicle and the direction it leaves.

Please contact Lynn Searles by the 23rd of each month (721-3245 – email lassie121346@aol.com) if you have items for the Newsletter. My cell phone number is 269-598-3254.