

Wheels

July 2011

Travelers Country Club on the Mississippi

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Most if not all of the committees have met at least once in the past month. The committees are moving along on their projects. We still need someone to serve on the Tennis Court & Pickle Court Committee. Please contact me or anyone at the office.

TCCOM has a 5 day trip to Branson MO planned for September 20th. You can sign up on the bulletin board by the office. If you have any questions contact Marilyn Martinson, lot #237 or Bud Paramore, lot #238.

TCCOM has received proposals for installation of cameras at the entrance. The Security Committee is working on that. Purchase amount of \$7000 was approved in 2010 and there is \$1,249.53 in the Activities Fund for cameras.

TCCOM has received proposals for redoing the retaining wall on the east side of the Clubhouse. This is a safety matter for the people mowing and also includes four parking spaces for people doing laundry. Building & Grounds will be working on this project.

TCCOM has received a suggestion as to how the garbage and recycling can be handled. Buildings & Grounds Committee will review.

Last year the front entrance road was only patched and seal coated. The estimate to lay down 1.5 inches of bituminous and install Petrotac membrane over cracks is \$20,600. This information will be given to Building & Grounds for their review.

Reserves in the amount of \$32,100 were transferred from Operating to Reserves (\$14,000 - 2010 and \$18,000 - 2011). Balance in our Reserves at this time is \$284,054.75. We can only place certain amounts in Certificate of Deposit Account Registry Service (CDARS) so \$17,900 taken out of Reserve Checking to make a \$50,000 CDARS deposit.

The Financial Review Committee had a meeting with the accountants. We got some questions answered and raised some questions. TCCOM can use Reserves for replacing old equipment, and retaining wall. The Committee is researching the Unrelated Business Income (UBI).

The appearance of the Balance Sheet has changed. From now on we will list all CDARS amounts and maturity dates separated into Operating CDARS and Reserve CDARS. In the profit and loss section we will record all

interest in one place under Interest Income.

A tool box has been purchased for \$858.98. The fertilizer spreader that was approved last month was not purchased because when Marty inspected it, he found it was not acceptable.

TCCOM needs at least 9-10 members to serve as a pool for the Hearing Committee. The committee is only a 3 member committee, but we need a pool so that it is a fair committee. The BOD has been serving but that presents a problem if there is an appeal.

Most of the job descriptions for the employees have been completed. A policies and procedures for Marketing is being prepared.

A summary of TCCOM Rules & Regulations for guests has been prepared and when it has been reviewed by the members it will be published. That will be at the same time the final Rules & Regulations are published.

More information next month.

ANNOUNCING the annual hole-in-one contest

on July 2nd at hole # 8 from 11:00am to 4:00pm.

Golf balls 3 for \$1

Separate contest for youth, women and men.

The upper 100 and 200 rows will serve lunch.

4th of JULY PARADE at TCCOM

Parade begins at 1:00pm sharp.

Everyone is invited to participate in the golf cart parade through the park. PRIZES WILL BE GIVEN OUT! 1st place in 3 categories:

Humorous, Patriotic, Originality

The fire department will be here again this year.

The route has to be so the fire trucks can maneuver the corners so invite your neighbors around the parade route to come sit in your yard. I wish we could go down every street, but that is impossible in some areas. NO WATER GUNS OR WATER BALLOONS PLEASE.

If individuals wish to throw out candy, that is their decision to do so, the parade committee is not responsible for

that. Let's have a fun day and enjoy for everyone who participates.

Parade golf carts please gather at the Welcome building at 12:30pm. Leave at 1:00pm sharp going onto Club House Road (rows 600-700). Assemble on the Club House Road side then to Shady Oak Road (400-900). Go south, left on River Road to lower 100-200 then an easy left to Upper 100-200 down past lot 278 onto Cedar (300) row to River Road and then finishing on the 800 row.

Park Manager's Report

I must say I'm feeling a little empowered this year. Now that I am spending more time in the Park and enforcing Park rules, I've noticed when I'm driving the golf cart, with the manager's sign, how many vehicle break lights come on!

Speaking of speeding, you've probably noticed I like to wave at people as I go by. I think it helps brighten their day and mine. However, if you see a weird motion with my hand parallel to the ground going up and down, it's not a wave. I'm asking you to *slow down*.

TIP: If you keep your vehicle in 1st or 2nd gear throughout the park, you'll have a better chance at meeting the speed limit. (i.e. for automatics, 1 or 2 versus D.) If you're in those gears and the engine starts to wane — you're probably going way over the speed limit. (I've also chatted with several mechanics who all said it is OK to stay in 1st or 2nd gear while in the park.)

Most committees have had their initial meeting for the season — some have had several meetings. We are off to a great start ensuring a smooth operating Park and implementing the many projects Chuck Orvik spelled out at May's Board meeting for the 2011 season. And I've noticed our volunteers are out in force this year too. There is always a great need for volunteers so if there is something you'd like to do or participate in, please let us know.

I'd like to thank Chuck Horton for doing a great job coordinating our new roof on the Clubhouse; Roxanne Schreder, from Sherburne County Sheriff's Office, for sharing ideas about personal property protection; and Marty Abel for his presentation on the standpipe water connections; and John Blackowiak for all the hostas he has planted around the trees.

We've now developed a series of survey/questionnaires to go out to members over the next few weeks. *Please complete each survey/questionnaire promptly and return to the Clubhouse office.*

The survey/questionnaires are titled:

Activities
Continuing Events
Emergency Planning and Member Information
Interest, Talents and Committees
Volunteers
Washers, Dryers and Dishwashers
Park-wide WiFi

The Security Committee has approved the production of a Medical Information packet that members can use to provide EMTs and other emergency personnel vital confidential medical and contact information. These information packets are now work-in-process. In addition, the Security Committee is evaluating several security camera vendors for cameras at the Welcome building which were approved by the Board last year.

Water softeners have become a big hit. We now have 44 tanks in the Park. Thanks again to Chuck Horton for jump starting this program. Water softener tanks are on a per-order basis. TCCOM does not stock tanks. So if you'd like one for this season, please let the office know.

Park Manager's Pop Quiz:

I'm instituting a new aspect to my manager's report. The first Pop Quiz is on trash collection.

As most of you know, we segregate trash at TCCOM for recycling and we now have four (4) places for dumping trash. They are —

- Household trash (closest to entrance)
- Recycle trash (directly to right of household trash)
- Construction debris and misc. items (next to Welcome building — **fees paid at office**)
- Electronics and Appliances (TCCOM trailer, Lot #20, Outside Storage — **fees paid at office**)

So, here is the Quiz for this month:

(Answers at the end of July 2011 WHEELS)

1. Where should you dispose of cardboard, aluminum cans and plastic?
2. Where does used lumber, drywall, old carpet, padding, windows, etc. go?
3. In which dumpster do you put a microwave oven?
4. Where do tires, batteries or used oil go?

Burn Pile:

As with trash collection, yard waste is also segregated. Grass clippings, construction debris, leaves, treated or painted wood are not to be placed in the burn pile. Only brush and branches go in the burn pile.

Announcements

- With respect to trash collection, for those areas that require extra fees (Construction debris and electronics / appliances) the contributions are way below the cost of the trash being dumped. ***Please pay your fare share.***
- If you have any questions or concerns about maintenance, please come to me versus Marty Abel or his team.
- We still have some photo directories at the office for those who had pictures taken by Olan Mills last year.
- In addition, there are about 8 extra photo directories for sale at \$5.00 each.
- We'd like to start producing the 2011 TCCOM directory but we know some information is incorrect such as phone numbers, email addresses, etc. Please ensure we have your correct information by June 25th so we can start production.
- Laundry room appearance – We try to keep this area looking clean at all times. However, with pool traffic, lint from dryers, dropped dryer sheets, etc. it is a challenge. Any help you can give by picking up dryer sheets or lint that comes from your dryer would be appreciated.

REQUEST from TCCOM

tccom@frontiernet.com

If possible, please provide us with your e-mail address to enhance our communication process.

Note (TCCOM web address is located at top right of page 1 of **WHEELS**)

If you would like to review Board minutes, they can be found on TCCOM's website or in paper version at the Clubhouse.

WHEELS can be viewed on TCCOM's website.

Welcome New TCCOM members!

- ◆ Ken & Sanda Fiedler and Linda Wojcik, lot 257
- ◆ Jim & Jan Schneeberger, lot 121
- ◆ Al Moulton (lot 422) purchased lot 501.
- ◆ Julie Gunnerson and Cory & James Slentz, lot 250
- ◆ Tom & Pat Garvey, lot 115

Uncle Sam's Morning Muffins *courtesy of Pat Benson*

3 1/2 cups cereal, crushed (Uncle Sam's or other high fiber cereal)

1 cup sugar

2 1/2 cups flour

2 1/2 tsp. baking soda

1 tsp. salt

2 eggs

3 tsp lemon or orange rind

1/3 cup canola oil

1/3 cup orange juice

1 3/4 cups buttermilk

Optional: 1/2 cup coconut, chopped nuts, raisins

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Grease muffin pans or use paper baking cups. In large mixing bowl, combine cereal, sugar, flour, soda, and salt. In separate bowl, beat eggs slightly. Beat in lemon/orange rind, oil, orange juice, and buttermilk. Stir into dry ingredients and mix well. Fill muffin pans and bake at 375 for 18-25 minutes, until tops are golden brown.

Activity Report

- July 2** Hole in One and Tacos in a bag starting at 11:00am
- 4** Annual golf cart parade starting at 1:00pm.
- 9** Sundaes on Saturday at the Activity building starting at 1:30pm
- 16** Breakfast of Champions
- 16** Patriot Guard picnic at 1:00pm
- 16** Jam session at Activity building
- 23** Craft and Bake sale at Activity building
- 23** Pig roast at 5:00pm followed by a dance at 7:30pm
- 30** Bingo at 7:00pm at the Activity building
- 30** Open House 1:00pm to 5:00pm
- Aug. 6** Jr. Golf tournament and lunch
- 13** Corn feed
- 20** Jam session at 6:30pm
- 20** Low Net Golf Tournament
- 21** Low Net Golf Tournament
- 27** Club Championship
- 27** Bingo at 7:00pm
- 27** Open House 1:00pm to 5:00pm
- 28** Open House 1:00pm to 5:00pm

Sept. 3 River Road Shoot Out starting at 11:30am

11 Trick or Treat

17 Fireman's Golf Benefit

27 Open House 1:00pm to 5:00pm

28 Open House 1:00pm to 5:00pm

Beginner's Line Dancing

Starting Wednesday, June 15 at 7:00pm in the Activity building. Will continue each Wednesday thru August. Classes can be canceled for the week if temp. is too hot and humid.

Kay Shafer 320-743-4053

ATTENTION CRAFTERS

Classes are in progress. Check the bulletin board in the Clubhouse "card-room" for sign-up sheets.

WE NEED YOUR IDEAS!! Please call Ruth Chapman or Kay Shafer with your ideas. If you prefer not teaching, give us the idea and we will try to find a teacher for the craft.

Ruth Chapman 320-743-4875/Kay Shafer 352-684-1853

Craft & Bake Sale

- Craft & Bake Sale will be Sat., July 23 from 9:00am to 1:00 pm.
- Donations of baked goods are requested. Bring to Activity Bldg. at 8:00am. on July 23.
- Tables for craft sale are available for \$5 each. Call Dee Ward, 743-5253, or Lot 429, to reserve. Or e-mail at wjward@citlink.net.
- Volunteers are needed for bake sale, raffle table, and set up on Friday. Let Dee know if you can help.
- All proceeds benefit **TCCOM**.

Buffalo Community Theater

Save Thursday evening, July 28, for the Cole Porter musical "Kiss Me, Kate" at the Buffalo High School. Watch for a sign up sheet in early July in the Clubhouse. If you can't make that date, the musical is being done July 22-24 and July 28-30. We carpool to this event.

Branson Bus Trip

Come join your friends for a fun 5 day trip to Branson, MO. The luxury 47 passenger Northfield Bus Lines motor coach leaves the TCCOM Clubhouse at 8:00 A.M. on Tuesday, September 20.

We will stop overnight at Terrible's Lakeside Casino in Osceola, Iowa. You will receive \$20.00 in FREE play and 2 FREE buffets.

Wednesday continue to Branson in time for dinner at Montana Mike's Steak House @ 5:30 P.M. followed by Presley's Jubilee @ 8:00 P.M.

There will be a FREE hot breakfast daily at the hotel. Lodging at the Grand Plaza Hotel.

Thursday we will see Twelve Irish Tenors at 10:00 A.M., Six at 2:00 P.M., dinner at 4:30 at Great American Steak & Chicken House followed by Andy Williams and Ann Margaret at 7:00.

Friday morning is free time with the Pierce Arrow Show at 3:00 and Showboat Branson Belle Dinner Show and Cruise at 8:00.

Saturday September 24 we depart Branson arriving at the Clubhouse at 8:00 P.M.

A minimum of 20 passengers is required and the cost per person, double occupancy, is \$700.00. If we have 40 sign up the price drops to \$560.00. Single occupancy slightly higher, Triple and quad occupancy slightly less.

As soon as 20 have signed up we will require a 10% non-refundable deposit.

Any questions please see Marilyn Martinsen, Unit 237 or Bud Paramore, Unit 238.

COMPLIANCE INSPECTION

All TCCOM members who sell their unit must have a compliance inspection before the unit is listed per TCCOM Rules and Regulations. If a seller is not using TCCOM marketing, the TCCOM office must be notified and a key for the unit left at the office at the time of listing / advertising for the purpose of compliance inspection only. If a key has not been left at the office at least 96 hours prior to closing, the seller may not be able to close on time. Completion of a compliance inspection is required for closing and no closing can take place until the inspection is completed.

The **TCCOM** Board and Golf Committee would like to say Thank You to all the volunteers who work so hard to keep our park beautiful.

Each year when we arrive we are amazed. Our golf course is gorgeous and green after a long, cold winter! How do we say thank you enough? Each year we have more beautiful flower beds! So much hard work by so many to make our park an amazing garden! Please, as you go by someone busy weeding or planting, pause to say Thank You! Offer to help - you may find you enjoy it!

Park Manager's Pop Quiz (Answers)

1. Recycle bins for cardboard, plastic and glass. Round trash cans for aluminum cans only.
2. Dumpster closest to the Welcome building in separate fenced-in area.
3. It doesn't go in a dumpster! It goes in the TCCOM Trailer, Outside Storage, Lot 20.
4. These are hazardous waste and must be taken to a Sherburne County dump that handles hazardous waste.