



August 2011

Travelers Country Club on the Mississippi

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President's Report

Thank you to the ladies of the Activity Committee who saw a need to remodel our offices; Jo Anderson, Kay Shafer, and Dianne Horton. They look great! Thanks to Fred & Marge Varner for painting. Thanks to Chuck Horton and Jack Shafer for putting the desks together.

Thank you to all who help with flowers and plantings around the park; Bobbi Hall, Vicki Vick, Gary Gustner and many others that make the park beautiful!

Thank you to all the Committee members – too many to list! It's the committees, volunteers, and employees that make TCCOM work together.

Coming together is a **Beginning**
Keeping together is **Progress**
Working together is **Success!**

I encourage all of you to become volunteers. We will find something for you to do, so don't worry about that!

What we are is God's gift to us.
What we become is our gift to God.

The fans in the Activity Building have been replaced. The Activity fund sheet has been updated with income from fundraisers and money spent. It will be posted at the Clubhouse.

Board members have reviewed Profit & Loss Budget Performance through July. To date we have expended \$196,231 and were budgeted for \$199,235 which leaves us about \$3,000 under budget.

We have not yet received the insurance payment and final billing for the roof that was replaced. Specifics will be coming soon.

Tree cutting requests at an estimated cost of \$2,300 to remove two cottonwood trees and one oak tree that was hit by lightning will be referred to the Building & Grounds Committee for action.

We have had a request to advise members of the most frequent violations of Rules. We will refer this to the Rules & Regulations committee.

Manny Oyen and Tony Koll have been collecting the money from the laundry for the past several years. The Bylaws state that one Board member and one other park member must take laundry deposits to the bank and Manny is no longer on the Board. Lori Renelt has agreed to volunteer to take on this task. Thank you Lori and thank you to Manny and Tony for your service these past years!

We sent out an Emergency Planning & Member information survey. Out of 299 we received 37 back. I thank these 37 households and encourage the 262 remaining to send theirs in!

We are trying to do a good job and make TCCOM safe for you and others and to get correct information before the Directory is published, but we need your help.

Updates to the Rules and Regulations have been completed after many hours of work. They were reviewed by the membership at the May and June meetings and the Rules & Regulations Committee meticulously reviewed the final draft and approved it. The Board of Directors has voted and officially approved the new Rules & Regulations at the July 9th meeting.

We are still waiting for a response from our attorney on the numerous questions we sent them earlier this summer. We expect to have those answers shortly.

We still need some more members to work on the Tennis and Pickle Court Committee. These individuals would be responsible for researching various options and costs to repair/replace our old, cracked tennis courts.

Park Mangers Report -- July 2011

In the past month, a lot of things have happened though not as visible as our new roads or Clubhouse and Welcome building roofs. A few of them include:

- Honing in on a Park-wide WiFi system which, for better or worse, has confirmed that Frontier is our only source for Internet access.
- Improved trash recycling and segregation by members. (This has created a challenge of too much cardboard for the dumpsters available and a shortage of funds for items placed in the construction debris dumpster. For now, please knock down boxes and put cardboard along-side the recycle bins so there is room in the bins for newspapers, magazine, plastic bottles, etc.)
- Although there are still some speeders in the park, it seems most people are trying to get close to the MDH required speed limit of 10 mph. (By the way, how many have tried staying in 1st or 2nd gear throughout the park?)
- We have layouts in for the East Clubhouse retaining wall and are ready to finalize that project with construction beginning after Labor Day and the pool closing.
- The TCCOM 2011 Rules and Regulations are done and ready for Board approval and publication -- now we'll move on to the Bylaws. Thank you to

everyone who provided input over the past 6 months of review.

- All of the Committees currently meeting have made a lot of progress over the past month as you'll hear in their respective reports.
- The first TCCOM survey of 2011 is out and the second one ready to go. I thank those who completed the first survey and returned them promptly. If you haven't had a chance, we have surveys at the office.
- We've received the bids on a security camera system and are just waiting for final review. Once the best system has been selected, it will be installed.
- If you've stopped in at Chuck Orvik's or my office lately, you'll notice a great team of volunteers painted our offices and assembled and installed all new furniture. (Granted, after Chuck and I put up a fight with the ladies about pink lace curtains, the offices really turned out great. ☺ Thanks for the new digs!)

Announcements:

- I've noticed there are some canoes and boats at the dock without licenses or current licenses –the DNR might give you a fine.
- If your golf cart is not street legal, watch out driving on roads outside the Park. You could be stopped by the police and fined!
- There is a boat in outside storage lot 74 whose owner is unknown. If you know whose boat it is, please let us know.
- The tables between the two sheds at the Activity Building are available to members who want them. Otherwise, they'll be tossed.
- Recreational fires – Please remember not to burn wet, damp or green wood. And, no burning brush or refuse.
- Burn Pile – noticing people putting items other than tree branches and limbs on Burn Pile. **NO CHEMICALLY TREATED OR PAINTED WOOD, CONSTRUCTION DEBRIS, ETC ON BURN PILE.**
- Many members and children or grandchildren of members who have name tags with annual golf stickers are forgetting to wear them when playing golf in accordance with your Rules. Please respect the volunteer Rangers and Caddy Shack personnel if they ask you to leave the course in accordance with your Rules. (If you have a nametag ordered and have paid for the annual sticker, the office can issue you a "pass" until the name tag arrives.)
- Over the 4th of July weekend, we noticed children, grandkids or guests of members misusing the member's handicap flagged golf carts -- especially on the golf course. We will be instituting a re-

registration of all handicap flags in the near future which will become an annual event.

- Also, over the 4th of July weekend, we noticed some non-potty trained kids in the main pool. Even if they have swim diapers, this is against TCCOM Rules and Regulations. Imagine an accident over the 4th and having to shut down the main pool for a week to clean it up! You'd have some very unhappy campers due to your child.
- Many members need handymen in the Park who can help out on a volunteer or for hire basis. We've got a sign-up sheet in the office.
- Speaking of handymen, anyone know of someone who knows concrete – able to float and edge concrete? We need to install a new horseshoe pit and have the labor. We just need a cement person.
- Laundry etiquette --please don't take wet clothes out of a machine so you can wash or dry on someone else's dime!

Park Manager's Pop-Quiz

1. What is speed limit for cars, trucks, golf carts and other motorized vehicles in park?
2. What is the speed limit for bicycles?
3. Where in the Park is the speed limit over 10mph?
4. Where does the 10mph speed limit begin and end?

Notes from Dana

Pig Roast Tickets are available at the office... there's a limited supply, so get yours now!

Reminder: Committee lists are posted on the office door. Anyone can volunteer... Just add your name to a list!

Please keep in mind that Nancy is just a part time custodian and is only here to clean three days a week... please help keep things tidy in between times. If you see a mess, be an on the spot volunteer and clean it up. Thanks!

A copy of the new rules will be distributed to each member's mail slot in the Clubhouse basement within the next few weeks. (Yes, they will be 3-hole punched!)

Electric meter readings will be taken the last week of July and bills will be ready the first week of August for pick up at the office. Please help us save on postage. Any Electric bills not picked up by August 15th will be mailed.

TCCOM request

tccom@frontiernet.net

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

Activity Report

July 30 Bingo at 7:00pm at the Activity building
30 Open House 1:00pm to 5:00pm
31 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

Shareholder Parking on Common Grounds

At the Annual Shareholder's Meeting on June 11, 2011, the subject of Shareholder parking on common grounds came up. And, after about 20 minutes of discussion, the subject was tabled to the Building & Grounds committee for evaluation and a decision as to whether the TCCOM Rules & Regulations with respect to this subject would be enforced park-wide or not.

The members of the Building & Grounds committee drove the park analyzing every lot to see if there was sufficient room from the named street for a two car driveway that met current rules. It was determined that every lot had that capability. In those cases that would require removal of trees, softscape (such as flower gardens) or removal or repositioning of sheds, it was determined that this was a personal priority decision by the shareholder (i.e. 2nd car parking on lot versus tree, softscape or shed) – and not the Park's decision.

At the July 11, 2011 Board meeting, the Building & Grounds committee announced that the existing Rules & Regulations on this subject would be enforced Park-wide. It was further decided that for Shareholders with obstacles that would require removal or repositioning, those Shareholders would be given the balance of the 2011 Park season to decide how they would like to address this issue with respect to their lot and make any necessary changes. For all other Shareholders, the Rules should be enforced now.

Therefore, for all Shareholders, effective with the

2012 season, the TCCOM Rules & Regulations with respect to this subject will be enforced Park-wide. Those Rules are:

Section 11: VEHICLE OPERATION AND PARKING; Paragraph (E)

Shareholder vehicles are to be parked on shareholder's site and not on common ground. Guests may park on common grounds for short term visits (96 hours or less in 7 days) including holidays.

Section 14: LOT DEVELOPMENT; Paragraph N: DRIVEWAYS / SIDEWALKS; Paragraph (1)

Driveways are allowed from the named paved street side of the lot only. The driveway may be on the lot line on the water/electrical side of the lot. The driveway must be at least 4 feet from the neighbor's water/electrical lot line.

Line Dancing

Is canceled due to lack of participation. (effective immediately)

TACO NITE

The 400 Row brings you TACO NITE.

Saturday, August 6th 5pm-6:30pm

Silent Auction (bring items to Activity Building August 6th between 8am-12noon)

Adults, 3 tacos for \$6

Children, 10 and under, 3 tacos for \$3.

Margarita glasses available.

Tickets available at lots 411, 433, 434, and the office.

Storm Shelter Committee report

A temporary committee has been formed to do research on Storm Shelters and/or Storm Shelter/Activity Building. Our endeavor is to actively look into all aspects of one or both. Our goal is to do this with diligence, keeping everyone's best interest at heart. In light of what has recently happened in Joplin, we are not only thinking about the present, but also the future.

Our plan is to have our proposals ready to submit to the board in August and in turn ready for presentation to the residents for our September meeting and getting resident feedback at that time.

Jan Mino

BINGO

We are in need of 2 people to work with the Bingo Activity for the 2012 season. One person to call and another to sell the cards and help with payouts. Steve Smith will try to finish out this season. Thanks Steve. If interested, please call Donna Wimmer, lot 156 or at 763-377-2810.

Golf News

The golf committee met for our first monthly meeting. Present were Chairperson, Jerry Thurmes, Secretary, Jean Baldock, Caddie Shack Chairperson Sharon Hovde, Golf Course Rangers Chair Person, Chuck Horton. Al Mahowald, Loren Noeldner and Mike Clasen. Board President, Chuck Orvik and Park Manager Chuck McColgan.

Sharon gave her report on manning the caddie shack. She said she has had excellent support from the volunteers to cover the weekends. Sharon reports air horns have been purchased to be used to notify golfers on the course if we have a tornado alert.

It has been brought to our attention that the outside of the caddie shack needs painting. Chuck Horton will work with the insurance company on this and report back.

A request for a cover above the table at the number one tee box has been made. The committee voted against this for now.

Chuck Horton gave his report on the course rangers. As of this time, he has enough volunteers to cover. The rangers try to make a round once every two hours on the weekends. Please remember to always have your badge with you. If you have guests, be sure they have a ticket. Please treat these volunteers with respect. They are giving their time for your benefit. If you have guests that wish to play, please explain to them if they are planning to play more than one round of golf, they should purchase an all day pass for \$12.00. Each 9 holes of golf is \$7.00, the all day pass is a better buy. Golf tickets must be filled out completely, but not until the time they are ready to play. If you have a guest who is active military, they may play free with proper active military ID.

There are new things in the works: New forms for golf course violations and new rules for handicap flags. These will be posted when approved.

Did you notice? We have a handrail on the number seven men's tee box. Many thanks to our golf maintenance crew. The golf committee wishes to thank all of the volunteers who give so freely of their time. A big thanks to all of the park volunteers who have staffed both the Caddy Shack and the Rangers. Members have become used to showing their name badges and making sure all guests have tickets. Turned in guest tickets over Fathers' Day weekend totaled \$550.00, over the 3 day 4th of July weekend, \$853.00. During the week when

the Caddy Shack is not staffed, turned in tickets rein between \$200.00 and \$250.00.

Taco in a Bag - Hole in One

Thank you to all who participated or volunteered to make the **Taco in a Bag and Hole in one contest** such a success. Congratulations to Vicki Kolb, daughter of Dale and Ellie Berglund, lot 336 for her hole in one. From the Hole in one contest receipts, 65% was paid in prize money and 35% to a TCCOM project. The winners were: Men - 1st Mike Oen, lot 807, 2nd Bo Steward, lot 118, 3rd Kenny Francis, lot 278 and 4th Doug Johnson, lot 162. Women - 1st Vicki Kolb, hole in one, lot 336, 2nd Vicki Kolb, lot 336, 3rd Jan Bishop, lot 212 and 4th Darlene Noeldner, lot 715. Juniors - 1st Isaiah Steward, lot 118 and Lucas Ronnenberg, lot 610.

TCCOM Lot Improvement / Building Permits

When submitting a Lot Improvement / Building Permits application, please include all documentation and necessary background information. (i.e. If you're making a request to install satellite TV on common grounds, enclose with the request the documentation from Dish or Direct TV that they were unable to get a signal from your lot without major tree cutting, etc. And, said document should include any recommendation they may have as to location on common grounds. This will greatly improve the Building & Grounds review process. Thanks.

Chuck McColgan, Park Manager

Jr. Golf & Lunch

Saturday, August 6th

Sign up at Caddy Shack

Drop off donations at the Office

Aviation Interest Group

I am exploring the possibility of forming a breakfast group of individuals that might have an interest in aviation. One need not be a pilot, rather it would be a group interested in aviation history and aviation news in general. I know we have a number of military aviation veterans in the park, and this group would be particularly welcome. We would meet once a month, trade stories and share in a common interest. If you would like to be involved, you can contact me at john@jvick.net or cell: 602 803 5026 John Vick, Lot, 184

Park Manager's Pop Quiz (Answers)

1. 10 mph
2. 10 mph
3. Nowhere
4. Just past the entrance of 80th Avenue SE