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## Norm's News & Notes

### April 20, 2013

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**Wells:** Florida Rural Water Association (FRWA) assisted us with a “revised flushing plan” that the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) approved as corrective action. We have administered the revised plan and are waiting for our first quarter sampled results to see if we are now in compliance. If this revised plan does not improve results, the DEP will require other action on our part.

We have been investigating the purchase of a water filtering system, rather than adding another chemical to our water. We have engaged an engineer from FRWA who will assist us and make sure that we meet all of the DEP requirements. Since we have a membership with FRWA, the engineering charge will be \$1,000 vs. a cost of \$5,000 - \$10,000 by hiring an outside engineer. We put a down payment on two used filter tanks. We have an appointment with a vendor regarding installation and the media inside the tanks which will remove our byproducts.

The main water well pump motor (15 hp) shorted out recently and caught on fire. Since we had a replacement motor available for emergencies, our maintenance personnel was able to replace the motor immediately. The old one is rebuilt and ready if needed. Cost of rebuilding the old one was \$850.00. A new motor would have cost \$4,000.00.

**Waste Water Treatment Plant, Ponds, and Leach (Absorption) Field:** The DEP has approved our request to modify the sewer plant permit. The modification allows us to “annually average” the 7,500 gallons per day into the absorption field, rather than just a maximum per day.

The DEP approved changes to the existing absorption field piping which will be reconfigured to create two separate operating zones (Zone 1 and Zone 2) so each zone has dedicated master valves for ease of operation. They also approved our repair and replacement of inoperable valves, plugged drain lines, and main piping. In addition, a small, new absorption was approved in Zone 1. Our engineer is in the process of speaking to contractors, including the contractor who installed our leach field, for recommendations and costs.

**Owner Rentals:** Owners who are renting ONLY a lot should be charging no less than the current campground fees. Charging less, takes away from our business and its revenue. Keep in mind that our campground revenue lowers our condo fees.

**Laundry & Recycling:** CH received \$687.43 in February for our share of the laundry income. The amount received from paper recycling for February was \$67.10.

**Lot Numbers:** Please be sure that your lot number is clearly visible for quick identification in the case of fire, ambulance or other emergency situations. This is a county requirement for all residences.

**Bingo:** After 28 years of running Monday night bingo, Jim McDonald has decided to retire. Jim did a great job and much of the equipment used for bingo was donated by him. Thanks Jim for all your years of service at Camper's Holiday. The new team managing bingo is Sallie Dunning and Linda and John Vleuten.

**14' Wide Park Models:** This size is permissible via Hernando County standards provided that the unit is titled as a park model and does not exceed 500 square feet of living area on a single chassis. (Thanks to Don [Tiny] Lewis for doing some county research on the subject). In order to change the *Handbook of Rules and Regulations* from 12' to 14' the membership will have to vote to allow the size change in Camper's Holiday. We will be voting on this issue in the future. Watch for your ballot!

**Pets:** The campground allows 2 pets because of the many campers we turned away when we had a rule allowing one pet only. The Bylaws of Camper's Holiday, which governs only the owners, states that "*one domestic dog or cat may be kept on a unit.*" Since we have this discrepancy and have owners with multiple pets, we would like to have a vote to see if the membership would allow 2 pets. This vote will be included on the ballot for 14' Wide Park Models.

**Flea Market & Bake Sale:** John and Linda Vleuten have retired from running the annual flea market & bake sale. The sale is a major fund raiser that produced \$1,741.50 this year. Thanks to John and Linda and all the volunteers who have helped over the years to make the sale a success. Marvin and Brenda Zipperer have volunteered to replace the Vleuten's.

**CPR/AED:** Brent Blankenship, from Brooksville Fire Department, conducted a CPR and basic first-aid training class in March. 14 unit owners and one employee received training. The board approved covering 100% of the \$25.00 cost for employees, and 50% for unit owners who volunteered to become certified. We appreciate those who took time to take the training.

**Spring Clean-Up:** Special thanks to the approximately 50 volunteers who helped with the spring clean-up on March 28. It was a beautiful day and all the hard work resulted in over 20 truckloads of debris being hauled away that was raked from the campground and common areas.

**Campground:** Camper's Holiday is now a commercial member of Family Motor Coach Association. We receive one free listing in the RV magazine and are on-line at [FMCA.com](http://FMCA.com) which lists our amenities, daily rate, etc.

**Beautification:** Sallie Dunning has been busy planting flowering lantana near the pool bath and pavilion. She potted planters at the pool and at the recreation hall. She purchased 12 sweet viburnum shrubs. Bill Trudell, Maintenance, planted the shrubs around the dumpster area near the recreation hall. The shrubs should help hide the dumpsters and improve the overall appearance of the area.

HAVE A SUNNY DAY!!

