
Norm's News & Notes

June 4, 2014



SPECIAL REPORT

Flood Issue: The Camper's Holiday Board of Directors has devoted a great deal of time and effort over the past years addressing the flood issue in our park. After each flood we were inundated with visits from various local, state, and federal agencies evaluating the damage in order to seek funds for the state and county.

This past winter board members again met with our county commissioner, administrators, engineers, FDEPA and SWFWMD. As a result, the county addressed the issue by completing some much needed maintenance on the Culbreath Road ditches and culverts to help reduce the flow of water entering the park.

After the road work was completed, we received a 45+ page report from the county outlining various aspects of the flooding issue, along with graphs, charts and pictures. A couple of the flooding issues have reached the early pre-application meeting stage, but feasibility of doing certain project work has yet to be determined. Basically, the flooding issues are complicated and solutions extremely costly.

Bottom line, portions of Camper's Holiday lie within a known floodplain and there is no easy solution to the present flooding problems. The flooding is largely a natural occurrence.

After receiving the report from the county, a copy was reviewed by our engineer Mr. George McDonald (McDonald Group International, Inc.) to evaluate the alleged canal blockage. A copy of Mr. McDonald's reply is on the back.

For those who are interested in looking at the full report from the county or Mr. McDonald, please come to the office during regular business hours on Tuesday and Thursday from 10:00 - 12:00 noon.

Other News

Waste Water Treatment Plant: The lift station @Green Monster lining has been completed by GML. The concrete base had deteriorated and repairs were made prior to the lining being sprayed on. This should eliminate surface water infiltration.

Fencing: White stockade fencing has been installed to replace the deteriorated wooden fence along the bottom of the campground area. The new fence will help block out the maintenance yard.

Kubota Tractor: We were successful in selling the tractor on Craigslist. The \$3,700 will be used in other maintenance areas.

Maintenance: The bottom of the pool will be pressure washed in preparation for the yearly inspection due this month.

Dennis, one of our maintenance personnel, is in the process of building new picnic tables and repairing others so that each camp site has a table.

Smoke Test: Florida Rural Water will conduct a smoke test to help locate surface water infiltration problems.

Memorandum

To: Camper's Holiday Owners
From: Board of Directors
Date: 6/4/2014
Re: Flood Information

Following is the latest information on the flood issue in response to the petition that was circulated demanding the Camper's Holiday Board of Directors take immediate action to dredge the canal.

George McDonald (McDonald Group International Inc.) was contacted to evaluate the drainage canal in respect to flooding. He evaluated the county actions to date and their future plans to help address the flooding issue. Following are excerpts from Mr. McDonalds report:

I would say the County has done a pretty impressive job of researching this, understanding the issue, looking at the bigger watershed, and has developed a reasonable plan for moving forward, and I assume, has prepared all that at no cost to you all.

First page, in 2, they have done some basic watershed analysis, they say ..." the ditch carries 10% of the flood volume, the remainder flows overland... cleaning the ditch will have little impact on peak flooding."

A full hydrological evaluation of the entire watershed is in progress. It is, as I suspected, a pretty completed and involved undertaking. Results are expected in September of 2014, so next fall you will want to review the report and its recommendations as they affect your property.

It is beyond what I can do for you to agree or disagree with the County, I can only say that the County's letter appears reasonably well thought out and gets into the kinds of issues I would expect a serious evaluation of the issue to get into.

I think you are best served by considering the County's discussion, await the release of the September 2014 report, and evaluate that report when it comes out.

In short, enough experts are working on this already, and if you need special representation in future discussions, it would be better to get an engineer who specializes in this kind of complex hydrology.

The complete Hernando County Commissioners Report to Camper's Holiday Board and Mr. McDonalds report are available for review in the office for any unit owner to read. Office hours are Tuesday and Thursday 10:00 – 12:00 noon.

Camper's Holiday Board of Directors