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## Norm's News & Notes

### October 1, 2014

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**Lake Sparkman:** The Camper's Holiday Board of Directors was successful in working with Hernando County and various state agencies regarding the flooding issue. In addition to completing the maintenance on the Culbreath Road ditches that will help minimize the impact of run-off in the park during heavy rain, the county has proposed a study for adding additional drainage under Culbreath Road. Long term, the county and state are conducting a full hydrological evaluation of the Squirrel Prairie watershed area. We will evaluate the results of this study when completed and released.

Unfortunately, there are areas of our condo park that were developed in an established flood zone that will always be affected by run-off. The Tampa Bay area recorded above normal precipitation so far in 2014 while Hernando County has been one of the few areas that received below average rainfall for the summer months. So far, no flooding as in past years. The complete Hernando County report to the Board and Mr. McDonald's (our engineer) report are available in the office for any unit owner to read. Office hours are Tuesday and Thursday 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon.

**Well House:** The well house has been sided. The 3 windows have been replaced with louvered windows to allow for air flow for chlorine. The trim around the roof was repaired and new stone placed around the well house.

**Water Storage Tank:** The tank which is approximately 27 years old has developed a small hole. According to our engineer at FL Rural Water Association, we should not attempt to repair or plug the hole due to safety reasons. A new tank will cost approximately \$20,000 and we are in the process of getting bids to replace it. There is enough money in Reserves to cover the expense.

**Waste Water Treatment Plant:** The ponds have very little water in them and we have been able to divert all of the water to the leach field during the summer months. The expansion and repairs made on the existing leach field has made a big difference in operating our system.

**Campground:** Maintenance personnel have been working on preparing the campground for our new camping season. They are edging the campsite pads and repairing and replacing pantries.

New 4" reflective numbers (2092 & 2088) have been placed on the fence near the Gatehouse. The number signs are official size and the 2092 (condo area) and 2088 (campground area) indicate the official address number that should be used on all mail.

**Leaf Wagon:** The wagon placed by B-Bath is in very poor condition. For safety reasons it has been removed from service to make repairs. The wagon will be replaced as soon as funds are available. Money for the water storage tank became our first priority.

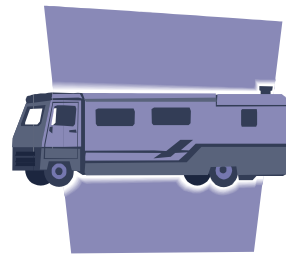
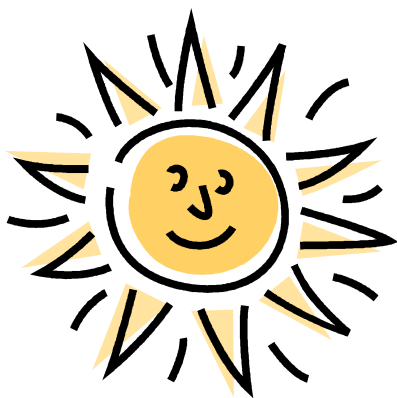
**Five Acres:** It was necessary to have the area leveled to make room for additional debris. Maintenance in this area is required approximately every 10 years.

**Pavilion:** New siding is being placed on the pavilion. The west end of the building was enclosed and two windows installed to help prevent rain, wind and dust from creating a problem on the counter. Paneling will be placed on the inside area. Now that we have a new water filtration system at the well house, an old water filter system was removed from the outside wall. New landscape timbers and landscaping was installed by volunteers. New landscaping along the maintenance yard fence, gatehouse entrance and C-bath was also donated and installed by volunteers.

**Rec Hall A/C:** One of the two units in the recreation hall quit working and we have since had it replaced. We were able to take the approx. \$4,000 from Reserves.

**Box Scraper:** The box scraper for the tractor was advertised and sold on Craig's List for \$300.00. To the best of our knowledge it was never used. The funds will be used for other maintenance costs.

**Smoke Test:** Florida Rural Water Association will be conducting a sewer line smoke test on October 13. The test will help locate sources of sewer odors, leaks, and breaks in sewer lines. The smoke used to conduct the test is harmless to humans, plants, and animals.



**Tampa RV Show:** Since the FMCA Rally moved their show from Brooksville to Sarasota, we have registered to be a vendor at the Tampa RV Show. This show is much larger than the Brooksville Rally and we're anticipating that promoting our park at a larger show will help bring new customers to Camper's Holiday. A professional looking tri-fold brochure has been designed to advertise our park. We will focus on recruiting additional groups to come during the summer months. The show is Tuesday, January 13 through Sunday, January 18, 2015.

**Volunteers:** In the past, volunteers regularly helped in various ways to maintain our condo. Along with miscellaneous work projects, they helped clean the recreation hall, pavilion and pool furniture. Leaves and pine needles in the common areas and campground were raked and debris blown off roadways. All volunteer work helps reduce our operating cost. Consider adopting an area of work that you could help maintain on a regular basis. THANKS to all volunteers who participate in our scheduled workday activities.

We are excited about the upcoming winter season and the return of owners and campers. SEE YOU SOON!

***Camper's Holiday Board of Directors***