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NEWS YOU CAN USE

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Spring is in the air. Old Man Winter is slowly leaving and soon will be gone. I pray this summer is dry, hot and full of fun. I can't wait to hear the kids screaming at the pool, people crabbing at the new gazebo, boaters working on their boats and adults sitting around on their porches enjoying their precious time off. Summer will be here before we know it.

This newsletter contains a lot of information. Do not hesitate to call the office and talk with Joyce or I. It is our pleasure to help where ever we can; just don't ask us to compromise our integrity. Now to what's happening in the park....

Down to Business

Marina

The first portion of the marina project is almost done. The Gazebo is an add-on to the contract, so that will be completed on or about April 16. John and the maintenance crew will be running

the electric and water to the fish station after the contractors have completed their work.

Mid Atlantic Marine is the company that has been working on the marina for the last three months. The company consists of two brothers, Benny and Steve. Their father was a marina contractor; I guess you can say it is in their blood. No other persons have helped with the marina. It is the two men who have done all the work. They own their own equipment and know how to handle it. Each bolt, board and screw was done by one of the two men. They worked from sun up to sun down, Monday through Friday and sometimes Saturday; never a Sunday because that is the Lord's Day.

I have received comments after comments on how good the marina looks; nothing but praises about Benny and Steve. When you come to the park, stand back and look down the bulkhead. You will see the beauty of the workmanship; straight and even. There is pride in their work.

Benny and Steve have done work at Harbor Side Restaurant, Lazy Gecko and Fish Tales, to name a few. They have a large job coming up after ours at the house that sets on the thorough fare. (One of the hottest fishing spots on the Isle of Wright Bay). During the summer, both men fish from their charter boat. Benny has his

Captains License. Benny and Steve have done a great job and when it comes to next year they have my vote.

Marina Runway

The runway at the marina that had clam shells on it will only be dirt and sand this summer. The reason is that area will be dug up again, and large cranes and other equipment will be moving back and forth along that area when the long board walk and finger piers are replaced this fall.

Angler Registration

Do not forget to get your fishing license. They can be purchased at Walmart or on line. Local tackle shops do not carry them at this time.



Area Beautification

The Park Staff is working very hard to get the park in condition for the summer. A new border was placed around the small island of bushes and tree by the dumpster area. Flowers and a new border have been put in place near the white horse. We are taking bets in the office as to what day someone will backup into the white horse. The past two years we have had three people run into the horse. With the larger border and the flowers, maybe they will see it before they back up into it.

Broken pipes have been fixed. This past winter we have had seven pipes break on us, three outside the club house, two inside the clubhouse; none where caused by frozen pipes. Throughout the park there are at least four water hydrants that need to be replaced.

Dog Droppings

I don't know why I have to keep reminding adults to pick up after their dogs. Please pick up after your dog. If you can't do this act, please teach your dog to leave their droppings at home; maybe the living room....

Electric

Last year the Park had a problem of outages along Dolphin Dr. There are seven lots that run on one electric line to the pool pump house. Last year we had to call the electrician several times. A new breaker went into the box and fans where placed around the box to keep it cool, and still the breaker would flip. Last month the park staff, along with the electrician and a park volunteer, ran a new electrical line to split the lots along Dolphin Dr. Half the lots will run to the electrical box behind Lot 224 on Timberline and the other half of Dolphin Dr. will go to the pool pump room. We believe this will fix the outage problems.

Drainage

The park staff has cleared the drainage ditch that runs along Beauchamp Rd. to the St. Martins River. Trees and debris, along with trash, have been removed. There is no blockage. The water is supposed to go in and out with the tide, but it appears the earth on the side of the pipe running towards the St. Martin's River under our entrance is a little higher (about 1 inch) than the opposite side. We are at ground level and I don't know if it will get any better. It shouldn't get any worse.

John surveyed the ditch behind Timberline that runs the length of the boat yard. This is one of our drainage problems. The area needs to have two inches shaved off the dirt to get a downward flow out through the boat yard to the St. Martins River.

The ditch that runs behind Lots 26, 11, 149 and Lot 150 to the St. Martins River has been cleared out and the opening has been made a touch wider. Hope this will help also with the run off. We have to keep in mind that majority

of the park is at sea level and there is not much more we can do to open up the drainage.

Vending Machines

I have talked with Pepsi several times about the noise that the Pepsi machine makes at the pool. Sometimes it gets so loud you have to shout over the noise. For two summers Pepsi has sent out mechanics to fix the machine. It works for a week or two then starts making the noise again. Pepsi's supervisor and I sat down two weeks ago and discussed the problem. They are to replace the compressor. I told them if it is not fixed this year then remove it. You will notice the cost of Pepsi has gone up from 75 cents to \$1.00. This will bring us a little more revenue. Last year the park received \$50.40 revenue not enough to pay for the years electric probably.

New Hours

Office:

Sun thru Sat: 7:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

Bath Houses:

Bath House 1 and Laundry opens 22 April

Bath House 2 opens 22 April

Bath House 2 Laundry room is OPEN

Boat Yard:

Open 6:30 a.m. to dark. If you need it open during a closed hour, please notify the guard.

Pool:

Opening Memorial Day Weekend 10 a.m.-8 p.m.



Upcoming Board of Directors Meetings

16 April—This is a closed meeting; only the board members discuss information

21 May-- BOD meeting where owners can give input and the park manager gives a park report.
25 June—Owners' Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting reviews our Park's Budget, updates of ongoing projects or proposed projects and changes that may be coming up within our park. Perhaps there will be a discussion of how everyday items are going up in price and how it is affecting our park's budget. The cost of an electrician or a plumber, roofer, gas for lawn equipment and the guard truck are going up consistent with the rest of America. How do we keep the park running on the rising cost? Can we do it on our HOA fees now or will there be a raise in dues? Be present for these possible open floor discussions. Don't let the voice of someone else speak out for you. Most importantly are the election results. The Annual Meeting will take place at Showell Elementary School off Rt. 589 from 10 a.m. until 1:30 p.m.



I hope you will join us for a meet and greet of the newly elected officials, with **FREE** hotdogs and hamburgers at the clubhouse after the annual meeting. You must bring your own drinks, but the clubhouse will supply everything else.

Front Gate Sign

As you enter the park you will notice a new sign at the bend in the road on the right side. Make sure you check out the sign for information about upcoming events.

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Park Manager