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NEWS YOU CAN USE

November 2010

Fall has arrived

A chill is in the air. The leaves are changing colors and falling fast. Thanksgiving is almost upon us. It's hard to believe that another year is almost gone. As I get older, the days appear to get shorter and the years fly by. Does anyone know how to slow time down?



Leaves

The leaves are changing colors and falling from the trees. Owners are responsible for the up keep of their lot, even in the winter, so please bag your leaves and put the bags next to the mulch pile. If you cannot get them to the dumpster area, please leave them in front of your house by the street. We will

gladly take them to the dumpster area for you. Last year we had everyone put the leaves in a pile so we could mulch them. This did not work out well. It was too costly to mulch the leaves. It is a lot cheaper to put them in the trash. So please bag your leaves and put them next to the mulch pile.

For those who have a unit next to the common ground, please do not blow your leaves or rake them into the woods. Please bag up your leaves and place the bag next to the mulch pile.

No More Pot Holes

You may have noticed the pot holes at the entrance of the park are gone! I started working on getting the pot holes fixed at the entrance to White Horse Park more than a year ago. After numerous calls to various county departments, including the county roads department, county commissioner (twice), a visit to the county court house, land and records department, and a visit to the county roads department, the county has finally resurfacing the entrance to White Horse Park.

The road block I kept running into was, "the area is not county property and the county doesn't know who is responsible for the

road, so we aren't going to fix it." I had to go to the court house and get proof that the road was county property. With this proof on paper, the county roads department still told me they were not going to fix it because the county records were incorrect. Again, after numerous phone calls, the supervisor for land and records visited the supervisor of county and roads, and the end result is we now have a newly resurfaced entrance. It's nice to see that my taxes went for something we needed at the park.

Down to Business

The Board of Directors held their last meeting of the year on October 18th. The next Board of Directors' meeting will be on Feb 19th, and it will be a work session.



Bath Houses

The bath houses and the laundry rooms have been winterized and are no longer available for use. The only washer/dryer that is open is located at the office building. Hours of operation are 7 a.m.-7 p.m.

You can now park in front of Bathhouse 1 and 2 and laundry facilities during the winter months when they are closed.

Front Gate

The office will be closed on Sunday's beginning the 1st Sunday in December. This practice will continue until the end of

February 2011. A guard will be at the gate for those requesting entrance to the park. Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Years Days the gate will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 5p.m. so our guards may enjoy their holidays with their families.

ECC Forms

The Environmental Control Committee would like to remind owners that they need to fill out an ECC application for any structure to be erected or improvement to be made to their unit or property. The ECC is the only approving authority. ECC forms may be picked up at the office.

Marina—Now Closed/Under construction

The loan for the Marina has been approved. Phil Rensch, President of the BOD, Edd Webb, Marina Committee, along with Stacy, Engineer, sat in on the county hearing. Our last request for the county permit has been approved. Stacey will be meeting with Ed and I on Monday, November 15th, to go over the proposals from the three companies we have requested quotes from.

The Marina Boat Slip Waiting List has been posted on the WHP Web site

www.whpca.org

Boat Yard

The boat yard is now on the winter schedule. It is open daily from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. If you need to get in anytime before or after these hours, please coordinate with the office or guard on duty and we will gladly open the boat yard.

Trash

This is the last of the roll-off dumpster usage until spring clean up. It will be removed soon and won't return until May.

The roll-off dumpster at the Marina shall **NOT** be used by any owner/renter, etc. It is for Marina refuse only. You shall be fined

because WHP will be fined if we use it for other than Marina contract work.

Email

If you would like to receive all your invoices via email, except the monthly HOA dues, please let the office know your email address and we will set you up for electronic invoices and newsletters. The WHP office email address is whpcamd@yahoo.com

Emergency Procedures

If an emergency occurs and you need an ambulance, fire truck or police, you **MUST** contact the office or security guard so we can have the gates open for the emergency teams to go right through when they arrive. If this does not occur, the guard may be on patrol and not at the gate to let the emergency vehicle in. This will waste valuable time. Also, when I am in the office, I cannot see the back gate and an emergency vehicle may sit there for a short time until they come to the office. If needed, the guard or the office will be able to direct the emergency team to the correct location in a timely matter. So please, it is very important to call the office and/or guard house during emergencies. With the type of gates we have at our entrances, this is the only way an emergency vehicle can enter the park.

WHP emergency: 410-641-5102

Sheriff Office: 410-632-1112

Fire or ambulance: 911

Community Emergency Response Team

On a related topic, the Worcester County Emergency Services and Red Cross are conducting Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training. This is a free seven-week-long course held on Thursday evenings from 6-9 p.m. at the Showell Volunteer Fire Dept. Joyce, John, from ground maintenance, guards Joe and

Bernie, and I are participating in the CERT program. The course is training us to assist in the event of a catastrophic disaster while waiting for emergency service personnel, fire department, ambulance, etc. The course includes basic lifesaving skills such as CPR/AED, First Aid and fire suppression. The training is preparing us to recognize natural and manmade hazards. CERT is an extremely informative, hands-on, educational program.

When we graduate from the course, we will better serve the WHP community during an emergency situation. As Park Manager, I intend to have all personnel working for WHP attend the course in the future.

Club House

The Club House Committee would like to thank everyone who attended the Club House Activities this past year and in years past. A very special "thank you" goes out to all the volunteers who helped with the various parties. We would not have had such good parties without everyone's help, including the volunteers who made and donated the delicious desserts.



Holiday Cookie Exchange

On December 12th (Sunday) at 2 p.m., we are going to host a Holiday Cookie Exchange at the Clubhouse. Here is how it works:

- Each person makes one type of cookie
- Each person makes a dozen cookies for each person attending, plus a batch to share (the size of the batch depends on the number of people attending)
- Wrap each dozen individually
- Attach the recipe to each dozen

For example: If 14 people are attending, you would make 14 dozen of the same cookie, each dozen individually wrapped, plus a batch of at least 14 cookies to share at the exchange. Coffee, tea, and hot cocoa will be provided. At the end of the party, you would go home with 14 dozen assorted cookies and recipes. Your holiday baking is done with only a fraction of the work.

If you would like to participate, please call the office at 410-641-5102 and let Joyce or I know what type of cookie you are baking. Please respond by December 1st.

Holiday Open House



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Joyce, John and I would like to invite everyone at WHP to share in a Holiday Open House at the Clubhouse on December 23rd from 6-9 p.m. We will begin by singing carols throughout the park, if weather permits. For those who would like to brighten their spirit by caroling, please meet at the guard house at 5:30 p.m. For those who may only want to attend the open house, please do so. There is no obligation here; just a fun-filled evening with cookies, hot chocolate, coffee, pies, cakes and remembrances of when we all were young waiting for Santa to arrive on a later day. As usual, homemade cookies and desserts are always welcome.

New Years Eve Party



Willie Goheen, Vice President of the BOD, and wife, Tammy, are in the process of planning a New Year's Eve Party. The details at this time are:

New Years Eve Party
White Horse Park Clubhouse
Friday, 31 Dec 2010, 9 p.m. – 1 a.m.
Beer/soda /chips/pretzels/Champaign for midnight toast
Bring a covered dish
Donated Desserts Appreciated
Music by DJ Whitelighter
Cost \$8.00 in advance
\$10.00 at the Door

Why fight the crowds and spend the big bucks when you can have just as much fun here. Some of the reasons for having a party at the park are: you don't have far to go to get home; you don't need to call a cab or have a designated driver; and the best of all, you don't have to worry about the other drivers on the road.

Let's all get together to ring in the New Year. I look forward to seeing you on New Year's Eve, but in the meantime, have a Happy Thanksgiving.

Susan Naplachowski
Park Manager