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Happy Thanksgiving

Well, it's that time of year when the warmth of the summer has left and old man winter is poking around the corner. November has arrived. Thanksgiving is a few weeks ahead which ushers in the Holiday season.



Thanksgiving has always been special to me. Families get together, we eat way too much and relax. My Thanksgiving is a reflection of the past year. I reflect on the year and smile sometimes, laugh at funny episodes that have occurred, dismiss the events that I don't want to think about, and sometimes cry because of a lost one who is not celebrating with me this Thanksgiving. After I do my reflection, I bend my knees and give thanks for all that has happened throughout my year. I give thanks for the trying times; they were passed to me to make me stronger and wiser. I give thanks for the many moments of laughter, for they keep

me aware of how great life can be. I mourn the passing away of precious life on earth, but that reminds me of how precious life is and how we all touch other people's lives. But through this, all I am so happy to have experienced all that I have throughout the year.

I would like to thank the homeowners in White Horse Park for allowing me the experience of working for you as Park Manager. Thank you all.

Welcome

Timothy and Julia Mummert recently purchased Lot 391 on Timberline. I'd like to express a warm welcome to them.

Down to Business

Winter Closures

The **Laundry Rooms** and **Bath Houses** will close when the washer/dryer company comes out and winterizes. I can't see closing it early when they are still in working condition.

On 15 November the **back gate** to White Horse Park will be closed. You will have to enter through the front gate, but you will still be able to exit through the back gate.

The **Marina** is closed. The crew is getting ready to winterize the marina. Ice eaters that prevent the water from freezing around the pilings have been placed in the water every couple slips. The ice eaters are used to keep the water around the pilings from freezing. If they were not in place the water would freeze, causing damage to the pier. The damage is done when the tide moves in and out causing the frozen pilings to rise up out of the bed of the marina. If this happens we would have to bring in a large barge to pound the pilings back into the ground. Ice Eaters are our friends 😊.

Electric Bills

Don't forget the electric bill it is due the 15th of November. If you are experiencing circumstances which would delay your payment, please let the office know.

Email

If anyone is interested in receiving their Invoices sent by email vice postal mail, please send me your email address to whpcamd@yahoo.com. Joyce has modernized our office and we are now emailing the electric invoices and my newsletter.

Dumpsters

The last roll-off dumpster is gone for the year. We will be working with the 4 small green dumpsters that are only for household trash. If you have large items to dump you will have to take them to the county dump. Please do not leave large items by our dumpsters. We do not have a truck to transport to the local dump. Our trucks have White Horse Park painted on the doors, so they are considered commercial trucks and the dump fee is different.

Bicycles

The guards and I have been retrieving bicycles that have been discarded. The plan is to fix up the bikes so we can rent them out in the summer time. If you have a bike and/or a bike helmet and you would like to donate it, please contact me at the office.

Owners Who Rent their Cottage

Please post a copy of the rules of White Horse Park in your unit. All renters must sign in at the office or Guard House. This helps protect the park from people who are not authorized access to the park. One of my duties as Park Manager, and that of the Guards, is to protect the property of White Horse Park, including personnel property. Please have all renters sign in; this makes it easier to protect the park.

Club House



New Years Eve Party.

The cost is \$8.00 in advance, \$10.00 at the door. WHP will supply beer, sodas, chips, pretzels and party favors. There will be dancing. Music will be by a D.J. Suggestions from the committee are for attendees to bring a covered dish. If you are interested in bringing in the New Year with your fellow White Horse Park neighbors, please let me know so the committee can plan accordingly. I'm looking forward to the party; it sounds like a good time. I won't have to drive home from the party and watch out for the other drunk drivers.

Phragmites



Phragmites are the obnoxious plant life that we are dealing with in White Horse Park. These pesky reeds are a wetland plant species found everywhere in the US. It can grow up to 12 foot tall and has a long life.

Problem:

The problem with these plants is their invasion of the area has altered our drainage system at the park. Besides causing us headaches with the drainage they also alter the structure and function of diverse marsh ecosystems by changing species composition, nutrient cycles and hydrological regimes. They decrease the quality of wetland habitat, particularly for migrating waders and waterfowl species.

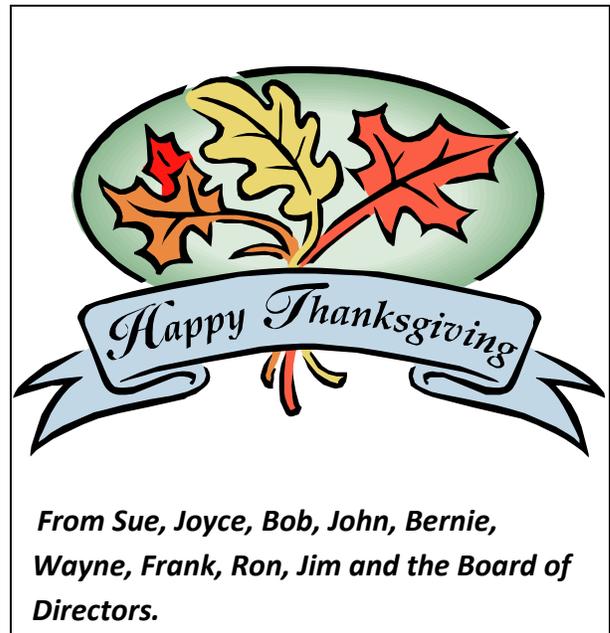
To fight the Phragmites, Jerry Matheson called the county to come out and spray these nasty weeds. On 3 November the county sprayed according to my plan. First I had them spray behind Ocean Oval and the boat yard. From there, the 2nd priority was the Beauchamp Rd entrance and across to the private property area. Ocean Oval and Beauchamp Rd is our direct escape for the rain waters to exit WHP and enter the St Martin's River.

The other areas sprayed were Deep Sea Drive and the over flow lot by the boat yard. There is a small drainage area by the lot that takes the runoff from Skipjack Circle and the office. Hopefully this spraying of the drainage areas

will begin to help us with the run off of the rain waters in WHP. The county will be back in June to spray again.

Notes

I want to thank all the homeowners in White Horse Park who send little notes or letters with their checks. Whether it is one sentence or a paragraph, the notes are welcome. Thank You for the moments of happiness.



Susan Naplachowski
Park Manager