



Travelers Country Club On The Mississippi

A Seasonal Residential

Recreational Community

WHEELS NEWSLETTER – MAY 2017

Park Manager's Report

Welcome back to TCCOM for another great season. For those who arrived early on April 15th, Marty had the course ready for golf, the Park looked great and the Office was ready to welcome you back! (*Well, we did have a lot of rain and below normal temps for the next two weeks but other than that it was great.*)

Please welcome our new Office Assistant, Shirley Hansen, who resides at Lot 902. She joins JaniRae Wern, our Office Administrator, and Diane Alred, our other job share Office Assistant.

Palmer Wireless – Clubhouse and Residential (*for Palmer Wireless TCCOM Members*)

- Free Wifi is available at the Clubhouse and Secure Wifi at your units. Just stop in the office for more information.
- I still don't have any more information pertaining to TV over Palmer fiber optic cable or the roll out of cable to the balance of the park.
- 911 Wi-Fi calling: Now that we have reliable Wi-Fi via Palmer Wireless, I have switched my phone to Wi-Fi calling. However, Palmer does not auto update the settings in your phone. If members are already using Wi-Fi calling (versus minutes and data plans) then they will be familiar with updating the 911 address to reflect TCCOM. iPhone users can select a preferred network. Android users must click on Palmer and type in the address for TCCOM. The address must geo validate so members may not be able to include a lot number but at least EMS will get close – closer than if using the cell network. I played around with the signal over the past few weekends and the only major dead zone seems to be hole #7. If there are questions on this, stop by to see Tim Trocke at Lot 137. He'll be glad to help if he can.

Garden Plots are ready. If you reserved a plot and haven't been assigned your plot number, please stop at the Office.

Beudry Oil will be in the Park on May 25th and 26th, and possibly the 27th to fill propane tanks. If you'd like to sign up for their twice a season refill program, please call Grant Jansons at Beudry Oil, 763-441-2383.

Erkens water softeners are in and ready for pick up at the Clubhouse for those who reserved one.

TCCOM Logo apparel is available two ways:

At the Office or Board Meetings by ordering through JaniRae, or at our website (member tab, park communications dropdown link) through Queensboro Logo Apparel.

Do you play bocce ball? I need some pictures of members playing bocce ball on our courts for our web page. If you have some digital pictures to share, please email them to me. Also, if you'd like to write some copy for our web page that would be great. Thanks.

"30 day rule"

Please don't forget that all lots (to include outside storage if you rented a space) were to be cleaned up by May 15th. In order to ensure that the great image of our Park for members, guests and other visitors continues throughout the season, I am touring the Park on a weekly basis to enforce this rule.



Reminders:

- **Don't forget the 2017 annual membership meeting scheduled for Saturday, June 10th, at the Activity building. Breakfast will be available at 8:00am, followed at 9:00am by the Annual Membership meeting.**
- The most current TCCOM Directory is online, at the Member tab on our website, Park Communications drop down link.

- Empty spaces in the outside storage lots are not for guest parking. No cars, trucks or motorcycles are to be parked in outside storage. Guest parking on common grounds is OK.
- Most everyone enjoys a nice campfire. Please remember that some members and guests can't tolerate smoke (for health reasons). Please, do not burn wet wood; and per park rules, there is no burning of leaves, trash, etc.
- There is new signage at the construction dumpster and scrap metal and electronics trailers with prices for disposal of typical items.
- Off season bulk emails are posted on the Office bulletin board. If you haven't been receiving these emails, please check you spam folder. Email providers often change their security protocols and, as a result, emails you used to get may now be sent to the Spam folder.
- Let the Office know if you aren't getting the bulk emails and if you didn't find them in your Spam folder and the office has your correct email address.
- Are you missing a golf cart or grill cover? If so, check with the office, as the covers that blew around the park during a storm several months ago were collected and are now in the Clubhouse garage.
- Ticks are out in full force this season, especially in the Clear Lake Township Park and in TCCOM woods. Protect yourselves and your pets. Stay on the paths and cut grass, and out of the brush and high grass.



- . . . to Greg and Shelly Schelin, Lot 103, for donating our new Clubhouse TV.
- . . . to Gary Gustner, Lot 319, for multiple boxes of DVDs and magazines for our library. The library volunteers have their work cut out for them this season!
- . . . to Duffy Hansen, Lot 110, for donating more puzzles to our library.

Chuck McColgan, Park Manager

2017 Spring Maintenance Report

Welcome back to TCCOM. I'm glad to see so many members back.

- Last fall TCCOM received a letter from Sherburne County that mandated us to have all twenty two of our septic systems pass a compliance inspection prior to any new building permits being issued. We started that process last fall and the septic system contractor is planning on having the project completed in mid May. If repairs are needed, this will push back the date of completion. We will post a notice at the clubhouse when this project is

complete. We are sorry for any inconvenience this may have caused you. However, we were not given any advance notification from the County.

- Mosquito season is right around the corner and an article describing the park's mosquito spraying protocol is posted at the Clubhouse.
- The golf course is looking great this year thanks to all the hired help and volunteers who spend countless hours, even in adverse weather conditions, to maintain and make it as nice as it is. The golf committee continues to meet and discuss ways to improve our course. Thanks to all of you! Just a quick reminder that it is the golfer's responsibility to replace or fill your divots, repair your ball marks, and pick up your broken tees. The added portion of the 4th tee box will be opened up as soon as the grass is ready for play.
- The leaf clean up being done by Clean Cut Lawn Care is proving to be a great success with extremely few problems, considering the monumental task at hand. The vendor has promised to report any possible property damage directly to me so I can notify members personally. I met with Clean Cut personnel last fall, and they suggested that members use larger and heavier landscape rock rather than light materials, like wood chips or lava rock, for their landscaping needs. They explained to me that they try very hard not to blow away or mess-up the landscaped areas on member lots but, with the larger blowers they use, it is not possible to clean up all the leaves without disturbing the lighter landscape materials. Their recommendation is to use materials such as buff limestone, brine rock, granite, larger river rock or rip-rap. Stay away from things like pea gravel, wood chips or shredded hardwood.
- The pool is scheduled to be open, as normal, for the upcoming Memorial Day weekend. The added patio outside the pool is ready for use with the picnic table and bike rack.
- The Maintenance department is on schedule to start the Ash and Oak tree injection program when the proper timing is right. That would be when the leaves have fully developed. We will treat for Emerald Ash Borers and Burr Oak Blight. We will be treating select trees around the park (some marked with orange tape) in areas including the golf course, common ground and on residential lots. The treatment goes fairly quick, depending on the size of the tree trunk. It can take as little as 10 minutes for the injection process.

Thank you all, and have an enjoyable season!
Marty Abel, Maintenance Manager



Safety and Security Report

The Safety and Security Committee would like to welcome back all the members and wish you a fun and safe summer ahead!

Last year the committee adopted a mission statement that is meant to continue to direct both the committee and our park members toward the continued effort to:

- Enhance the quality of life for the TCCOM community by maintaining a secure yet open environment where safety and security is balanced with member rights.
- Provide a safe and secure environment that reduces TCCOM violations and is free of crime and disorder.
- Deliver a high standard of responsible service to our community in an effective responsive and professional way, thus garnering the trust of the community we serve.
- Be diligent and relentless in the protecting of the Park, community, and TCCOM property.
- Assist members with their responsibilities to be diligent in the protection of their property and for the park to be free of crime and disorder.

That being said we want to remind our members that when driving after dusk, please turn on your headlights. Although you may think you can see, others may not be able to see you. The same would apply when walking after dusk, please use a flashlight.

Also please join the board and committees at the Annual Membership Meeting on June 10th. Chuck McColgan, our Park Manager, has a presentation on just what the security cameras at the park entrances are capable of doing (this is truly something to see).

Other points of interest that are currently up for discussion and are being considered by our committee are:

- Making available a method to provide fire extinguishers to our owners that currently do not have one.
- Doing a safety check of our intersections for obstructions that may interfere with visibility of our signage or oncoming traffic.

- Continuing to consider the usage of our speed gun to enforce and protect our owners, guests, and grandchildren from those who may at times have a heavy foot on the gas. (We do understand that in most cases these violations are coming from our guests and not the owners themselves). Please continue to inform your guests of the need for safety in our park.
- The potential need for a front gate control system that would protect our current owners, guests, and grandchildren from those that think our park is a public facility. (We had numerous violations last year from non-owner individuals that were caught using our laundry facilities, pool area, and other areas of the park). If anyone should witness this happening please contact Chuck our park manager or myself so we can pursue contacting these individuals. Do not confront them yourselves. My cell number is [320-339-5615](tel:320-339-5615). Our committee continues to discuss the increase of abductions that occur throughout our state from time to time. We all have genuine concerns over various means of protection we can put in place to keep this and other things from happening to our owners, their property, and to our guests.

Thank you all for the kindness and consideration you all are giving to the other owners within the park. It is certainly evident with all the smiles, waves, and get together's I have witnessed each summer throughout the park. Have a safe summer ahead!

Mark Deminsky, Chairman of the Safety and Security Committee

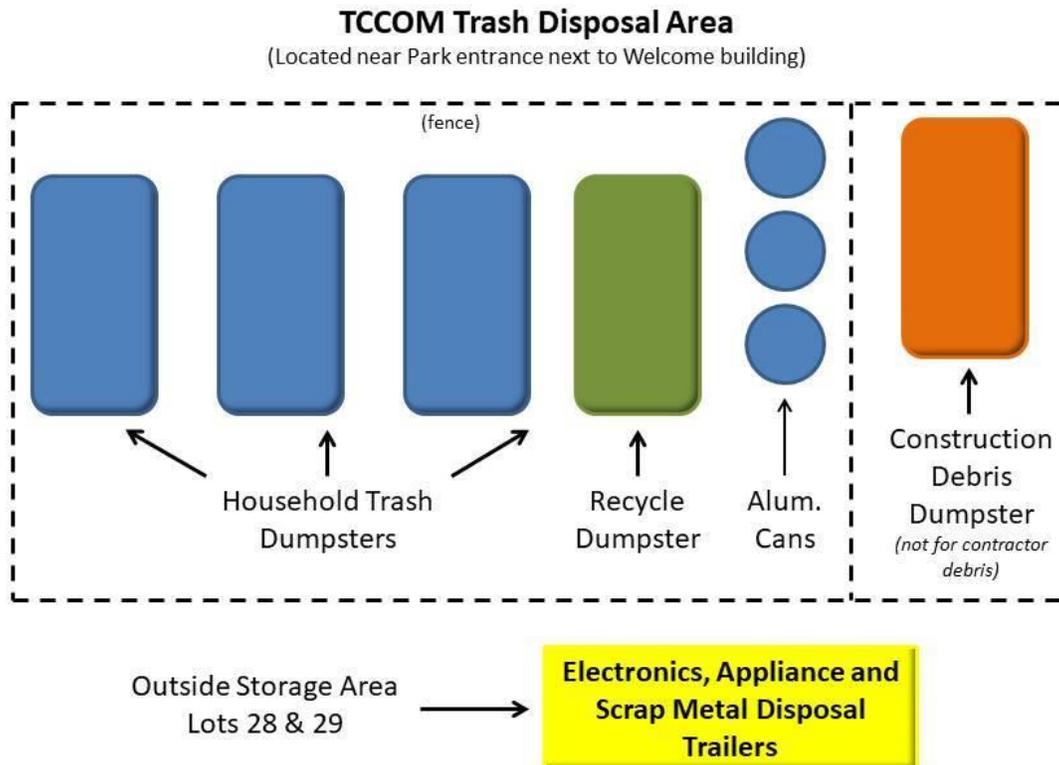
Did you know . . .

. . . recycling saves you money? It costs you less to have the recycling dumpster emptied than a household trash dumpster. Therefore, the more you can recycle, the lower your costs for trash removal. (*i.e. flattened boxes take up less space.*) The labels on the side of the recycle dumpster indicate what can be recycled via that dumpster. (*Packing Styrofoam and plastic bags are not recyclable at this time so they go in household trash.*)

Please note:

- The park gets money from aluminum cans to reduce Park operating expenses so please use the aluminum can trash cans versus household or recycle dumpsters.
- There is a cost for the convenience of using TCCOM's construction dumpster and scrap metal and electronics trailers so please pay at the Office.
- No concrete in the construction dumpster. Concrete and concrete with rebar must be taken off site along with hazardous waste.

The following diagram shows how dumpsters (by the Welcome Bldg.) and trailers (in outside storage) are to be used.



Farmers Market

At the Welcome Bldg. parking lot August 4th through September 8th on Friday afternoons.

Upcoming Park Activities

There will be a **Scavenger Hunt/Obstacle Course** for the kids on May 28th (Memorial Day weekend) at 1:00pm at the Activity Building, age groups 2 to 7, and 8 to 12. This will be a 30 to 40 minute activity, and a parent must attend with the younger children. There will be a signup sheet upstairs in the Clubhouse on the table by the couches. Please let us know how many will be attending from your family, and the age group they are in. If it is raining, the event will be cancelled. Please see Tami Rangel at Lot 424, or call her at 651-269-8789, if you have questions.



Also on May 28th, there will be a **Movie Night** at 7:00pm in the Activity Building. Bring your own treats and a blanket if the kids would like to lay on the floor to watch the movie. Movie title to be announced.

On Saturday, June 10th, from 5:30pm to 7:30pm there will be **Karaoke and Potluck**. Bring a dish to pass, and your own utensils.

Also mark on your calendar these new events:

- On Saturday, July 8th, a **50's/60's Dance Party**. Keep an eye out for costume items for this event.
- Start perfecting your chili recipe for a **Chili Cook-off** on September 3rd.
- Look for more information on these events in future editions of Wheels.

Theresa Oberloh, Activities Chairperson

Board Resignation

Rick Soderstrom, Lot 501, emailed his resignation from the Board of Directors, effective May 6, 2017, to the other Directors. Per our Bylaws, the President, with the approval of the Board, will appoint a qualified member to take Rick's place for the balance of his term – September 2018. Rick was also the Board liaison to the Golf committee and will be replaced by another director, to be determined.

A Passing of One Our Members

It is with deep sadness we share that John Hovde, lot 276, passed away on May 11th. We extend our sympathy to Sharon and their family.



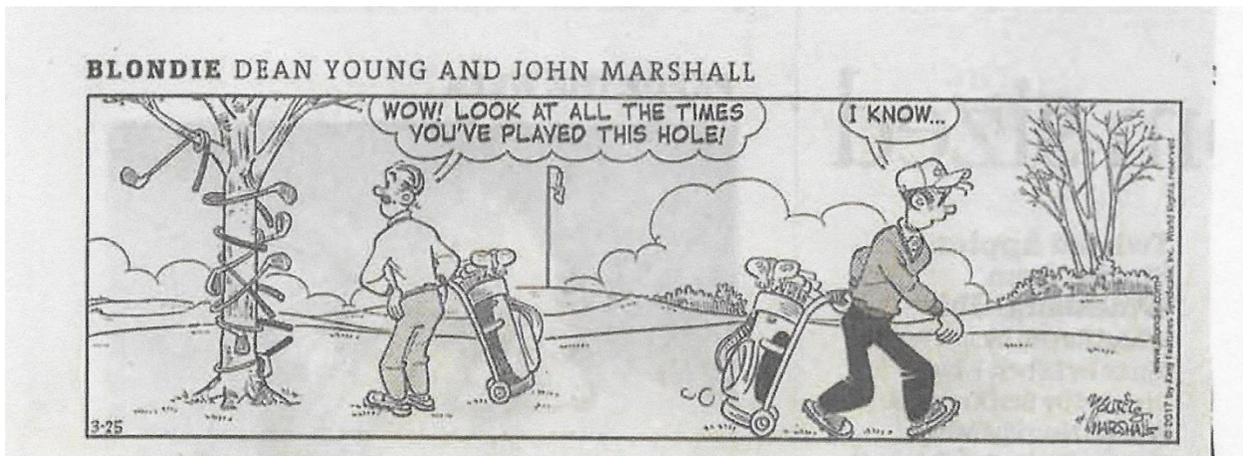
Social Media

Have you checked our Facebook page? "Like" us on Facebook and get all the latest news and pictures about members and activities around the park. If you have information about an event, or pictures to share, contact Teresa Beaudette at tmbeaudette@gmail.com or 612-578-9156. The website for the park is found at www.travelersconmiss.com. Don't miss the wealth of information that can be found there.



2017 Activity Calendar

Copies of the 2017 Activity Calendar are available on the fireplace hearth, upper level of the Clubhouse.



.....Thanks to Theresa Oberloh for her keen observation!



Thank you to all who contributed to this edition of the Wheels. We are on the lookout for articles of interest to TCCOM members. The deadline to submit information is the Wednesday following the monthly Board meeting (2nd Saturday). Information for the next edition is due on June 14th. Articles may be sent to travelerswheels@gmail.com, or you can leave information in the Wheels box at the Clubhouse. Please include your name and phone number, should there be any questions about your article. If you have any questions about submissions, call Marge Marschel at 320-333-8094, or stop by Lot 904.