



Travelers Country Club On The Mississippi

A Seasonal Residential

Recreational Community

WHEELS NEWSLETTER - SEPTEMBER 2016

President's Report - August 13, 2016

Our volunteer lunch will be held on Saturday, August 27, beginning at 12:30 PM in the Activity Building. We are having the lunch earlier this year since a number of members leave shortly after Labor Day and we are having it on Saturday afternoon versus Sunday, because that way I won't have to compete for your time with the Vikings! So please plan on coming. It does not matter if you volunteered one hour or dozens of hours this past year. Diane Tuchtenhagen and Tom Posthumus are once again volunteering to pick up the food and set everything up. Thank you, Diane and Tom. The food is coming from Pizza Ranch and Coborns.

An inspection was done on our water and wells last month and all results were good.

As many of you are probably aware, the Activity calendars are now being kept upstairs on the fireplace hearth.

Unbelievably, Marty has already had to reserve the compressors he needs to do the Park blow out, which will happen on Friday October 14. That means at about 8:00 AM, the water will be off. The few people that are still in the Park will of course have access to water from the clubhouse through the October 15. As most of you know you can stay the night of October 15, and then after that you cannot stay overnight until April 15, 2017.

On a final note, after the issuance of suspension/termination letters, all of the outstanding overdue monies due TCCOM for electric bills, fees, or annual dues have been paid or resolved with the exception of two lots. We are currently working with the owner of those lots to get the properties on the market and when one sells we will get the money owed us.

Diana Martell, Board President

Park Manager's Report – August 2016

It is hard to believe we are already at mid-August. What a great season we've had thus far except for possibly a lot of rain and mosquitoes. Here are just a few items.

Job Opening – TCCOM Custodian:

Due to a change in their family situation, Diane Tuchtenhagen, who has done a great job this year and last, has had to resign as TCCOM Custodian. Therefore, we now have an opening. The TCCOM Custodian works 7-10 hours per week on a flexible schedule. The schedule is determined mainly by the Custodian's own personal schedule and use of the facilities by Park members and guests. The Custodian takes care of the Clubhouse, Activity Building, Welcome Building, Maintenance Office and bathroom in the Chemical Building. Starting pay is \$10.75 per hour and the position is available immediately for the balance of the season or starting next season. A job description, cleaning schedule, and job application are available at the Office or online – Member Tab, Park Communications, Job Application.

Domestic Animals:

In addition to dogs, please note that CATS must also be on leash. They cannot run loose in the park. This is a state requirement for all parks like ours, not just a TCCOM Rule (Section 4630.0500 Domestic Animals).

Electric Bills:

Bills have been sent out via email or mail (if you do not have an email on file). If you have not received your bill, please contact the Office. Bills are due in the Office by October 15, 2016.

Is Your Golf Cart in for Repair?

Throughout the season, members have a company like Gresser pick up their cart for repair and lend them a replacement cart until the work is done. As a result, members are driving carts without lot numbers. This causes some members to "remind them" they do not have numbers on their cart and/or report it to me. Therefore, the Office has put together some signs you can put on the front and back of the loaner cart indicating this is a "Rental". (*I decided members driving around with the word "Loaner" on their cart may cause a lot of ribbing.*) If you have a loaner, please pick up the "Rental" signs at the Office so all can avoid the confusion. If you don't have 3" reflective numbers front and back on your cart so they are visible (not behind your golf clubs), we have numbers at the office.

Palmer Wireless:

Palmer now has the Park covered with either direct fiber optic or Wifi. If you are interested in a secure Internet connection at your Lot, just stop at the Office for information.

Garden Plots 2017:

We are ready to take reservations at the Office for the 2017 season for garden plots. The plots are approximately 7' X 16' and are located in the NW corner of the Clear Lake Township Park near our dumpsters. This season we had 21 reservations. We may be able to take a few more in 2017.

Erken's Water Softeners 2017:

We are ready to take reservations at the Office for the 2017 season for Erken's water softeners. As before, water softeners are picked up at and returned to the Clubhouse. The cost in 2016 was \$98, and is unknown at this time for 2017.

Chuck McColgan, Park Manager

Building and Grounds Report

The buildings and grounds residential committee is looking to add additional full time members to the committee. It would be helpful to have more people that could support the committee during the week. If you are interested in helping out, please contact myself at #215, or Tom Posthumus at #225, or Mike Alred at #615. Thank you.

Rick Caouette, Buildings and Grounds Liaison

Farmer's Market

Bob and Judy's Farm Market provides fresh produce to the park every Friday from 4:00 to 6:00 pm through mid-September at the Welcome Building. Corn, potatoes, green beans, peppers, watermelon, carrots, cucumbers, and other produce is available. In case of heavy rain, the market will be cancelled.

Rick Soderstrom, Director

Craft and Bake Sale

The Craft and Bake Sale was held on July 30 from 9:00 am – 12 noon. Thanks for all the goodies baked by volunteers, and to Ruth, Dave, Gary, and Tom who helped with set up and signs. Also thanks to Teresa, Julia, and Pat who helped with the sale. Some vendors supplied their contact information if you need a gift idea.

Audrey Walter
Wipe n' Glow Cleaning Cloth
612-202-3409

Jay Kearns
Fresh Foot Prints Nursery
Realistic Baby Dolls
612-749-5025

The Mad Hatter & Gifts
Hats and Socks
Tim and Cindy Klein
952-201-7240

The Girls Shabby Chic
Vintage Furniture and
Golf Hats
Olivia, Grace, Treva
612-877-2574

Premier Designs Jewelry
Nicole Brewer
763-439-8321

Douglas Bellmore
Decorative Gourds
612-600-1900
Lot 252

Vogelchen and Sandia
Hand crafted Items
Sandy 612-231-0146
Amy 651-212-1387
Jewelry
Denise Lot 442

John Blackowiak
Wood Crafts
952-564-5055
Lot 702

Tastefully Simple
JaniRae Wern
763-670-4639
Lot 317

Betty Duttonhefer, Craft Sale Chairperson

From the Breakfast of Champions Committee

A big thank you to all that helped to make Breakfast of Champions a big success again this year.

Summer Church

TCCOM Interdenominational Summer Church meets every Sunday for coffee and fellowship at 9:30 am in the Activity Building, followed by services from 10:00 am – 11:00 am.

- August 28, the Benson Family, a musical group will perform.
- September 4, Gordon Alex will give the message, and Pastor Jack will serve communion.
- September 11, Kirk Olson will preach, with Jane Olson playing the violin.

Ruth Chapman

Update on Picture Directory by Faye Petron and Sally Pawlak

We didn't have as good of a turn out as we had hoped. We had 111 photos taken and we needed 200 to get the three ring binder. We will get a spiral kind instead and that will be free. We will not be doing a make- up session, unless we can come up with 20 more families to take a picture. At this time we think that would be unrealistic because Labor Day is coming fast and people will be back to Fall mode. If you didn't have a picture done, and have a photograph that would be suitable, we can submit it. You may also call Life Touch Customer Service at 800.521.4611 to find out if there is a church close to here or to your MN address that is having pictures taken. Our Account number is 562303. If you can make an appointment they will need our account number and when you check in for the picture give them that number. It would have to be done fairly quickly. We will be working to put the directory together the last two weeks in August. We have had some glitches, but hopefully we will have them worked out. The Directory Committee is looking for current TCCOM photos. We need TCCOM grounds and river scenes, park events, and iconic members, having fun! Please email your photos topetroncfp@yahoo.com. Our space is limited. Please act quickly so we can finish the directory and get it into your hands.

Thanks everyone.

River Road Shoot Out Update

Due to high water levels on the river, The River Road Shoot Out has been cancelled.

Golf Committee

Four Fun Things to Do Before the Season Ends:

Explore **Clear Lake township walking trails**, adjacent to TCCOM. Trail begins near the Park gardens and continues to the dog park. From there, head across 80th avenue and follow the trail back to the garden area. Walking distance is about 1.15 miles.

Quarry Park and Nature Preserve is the largest park in Stearns county and is rated by the Travel Channel as having swimming holes in the “Top Ten” in the country. Located at 1802 County Road 137, Waite Park, the park is 21 miles from TCCOM. There are a variety of amenities with activities for all ages, including 2 swimming quarries, trout fishing, hiking trails, and a picnic area, all set in an area of scenic woodlands, open prairie, wetlands, and quarry outcroppings. An entry permit is required and may be purchased at the park for \$5/day or \$20/year. Check out the website at www.stearns.mn.us/Recreation/CountyParks.

Described as “Central Minnesota’s best kept secret”, **A maze’n Farmyard** has something for everyone: a 20,000 square foot corn maze, large animal barn, goat bridge, giant slide, bounce barn, pony rides, mini golf, playground, snack shop, and more. The 2016 Fall Festival will begin in mid September and continue every weekend through October; Saturday hours are 10:00 am – 6:00 pm and Sunday hours, noon to 6:00 pm. Activities include a pumpkin sale, and pumpkin painting. Admission charged. Further information can be found at www.amazenfarmyard.com The address is 57645 State Highway 55, Eden Valley, and is 34 miles from TCCOM.

Have you been to the **Munsinger and Clemens Gardens** in St. Cloud? From TCCOM, turn left onto 80th Ave, then left on County Road #8 for 12 miles to Minnesota Boulevard. Make a left turn and continue for 1 mile on Minnesota Avenue, which becomes Killian Boulevard. The gardens are at the northwest intersection of University Drive SE and Killian Blvd SE. Don’t miss the lower level gardens along Riverside Drive. Open daily from 7:00 am to 10:00 pm. No admission fee. The website is www.munsingerclemens.com

Social Media



Have you checked out TCCOM's 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.

A warm Minnesota Welcome to our new TCCOM members this season:

Lot 155 Kirk and Jane Olson
Lot 163 Mark and Elaine Deminsky
Lot 164 James and Eileen Hegge
Lot 231 Robert and Debra Terlisner
Lot 232 Kim and Deb Pearson
Lot 264 Bob Kennedy
Lot 271 Deborah Stewart and Tom Breyfogle
Lot 275 Allen and Mary Bellmore
Lot 301 Steve Gustafson and Sally Pawlak
Lot 312 Brad and Julie Lonning
Lot 314 Dale Hrcir
Lot 438 Nicole and Darby Rasmussen
Lot 505 Glenn and Darlene Swanson
Lot 602 Colleen Moore
Lot 608 Jacob and Amy Voerding
Lot 705 Randall Nedegaard and Deeshana Jayasundara
Lot 713 David and Barbara Longerbone

TCCOM HELPFUL HINTS

- **Where can I find equipment to play sports?**

Bocce ball, pickle ball, and basketball equipment is available and signed out at the office. Shuffleboard is stored behind the library door (closest to the laundry room).

- **Do I have to sign up to play golf?**

The caddy shack is where you should go to sign up for golf. For men's golf, you need to sign up the day before, couple's golf at least by noon on Thursday, and for tournaments, it may vary. For women's golf, no advance sign-up is needed.

- **How can I find out about the different committees in the park, and how do I volunteer for a committee?**

There is a list of committees on the office door in the Clubhouse, along with contact information for the committee chairs. There are forms in the office to sign up for certain committees.

- **How do I get Inter-park mail and updates?**

In addition to this newsletter, there are periodic bulk emails that go out from the park manager. Mail from the office is placed in the individual mailboxes located in the library on the lower level of the Clubhouse. There are slots under your lot number for each lot; please check your box periodically for mail.

From the editors:

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 September 14 for the last Wheels newsletter of 2016. Articles may be sent to travelerswheels@gmail.com, or you can leave information in the Wheels box at the Clubhouse. (This is a new email address for submissions to Wheels). Please include your name and phone number, should there be any questions about your article.

Beaudry Oil:

Beaudry Oil will be in the Park September 8 & 9 for bulk propane fill and leak tests. To do the leak test, they need access to your trailer so if you have signed up with Beaudry, please try and be around your unit on those dates. Payment can be made via the door hanger envelope left after fill or by calling in a credit card.

