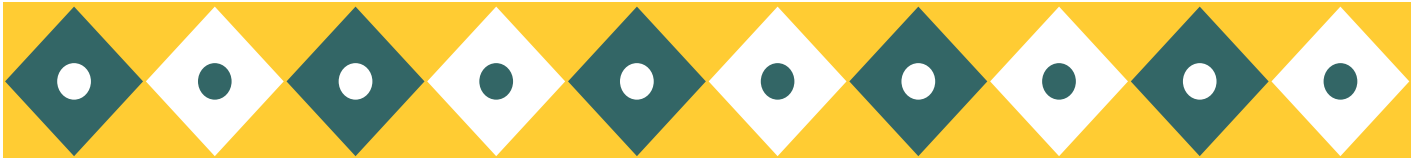


Travelers Rest Resort, Inc.

2011 Summer Update September



Hard to believe, but it's already September and this will be the final summer update.

August has flown by and was a typical Florida August with hot humid days or monsoon rains that drop several inches of rain very quickly and then move on.



As many of you may have known, Pam Avis our Post Mistress for the past several years, has left TR to reside in Dunedin, Fl a few miles South of TR.

We are proud to introduce Luella Wilson taking over the duties of Post Mistress at Travelers Rest Resort.

Luella and her husband Ken reside at lot 07-13 in RV South. Ken and Luella have been TR residents for 20 years.

Stop in and welcome Luella, and you will find a very outgoing and friendly person as our new TR Post Mistress.



Luella Wilson, new TR Post Mistress

Photo by Randy Doell



The summer months are always a very busy time for the TR staff. Between the constant mowing, trimming and other general duties, we also take this time to do major projects and upkeep to the buildings.



Post office lobby floor got repainted

photo by Randy Doell



North lobby of the Post Office

Photo by Randy Doell



Cement pad was added to the back of the Laundry room foyer so sand and mud would not be tracked in from the clothes line area

Photo by Rand Doell



Hobby House was repainted and new shudders replaced

Photo by Randy Doell



New carpet was also put down in the Laundry room foyer

Photo by Randy Doell



New carpet was installed and the floor braced. Photo by Randy Doell



Another project we reworked this summer was the entrance to the maintenance area.

We removed the outer fence and gate. Both the fence and gate had been hit so many times that they were bent and had become an eye sore.

By removing the outer fence residents with storage leases, now will have 24/7 access to the storage lot.

A new combination lock has been installed and the combination is available to anyone holding a storage lease. It is obtainable from the TR office.



Entrance area to the maintenance without the fence and gate that previously had been in place. Photo by Randy Doell



Another view of the access to the maintenance area. Photo by Randy Doell

During the month of July, our mowing equipment came up for lease renewal. We were able to obtain a new lease for new equipment at a considerable savings.

We put the savings into an electric equipment lift. This was a necessary safety measure. We have had several close calls and one injury from not having equipment lifted properly to work on.

The electric lift was installed on the south end of the maintenance building and salvageable portions of the old fence and gate system were revamped to provide a security area around the lift.



Equipment lift installed at the south end of the maintenance building. Photo by Randy Doell



As mentioned in earlier updates, we are also working under a mandated consent order from the FDEP (Florida Department of Environmental Protection) to bring our waste plant into new and ongoing compliance as it relates the process of reclaiming the water for reuse on the golf course.

The existing waste treatment pond had to be divided into 3 separate ponds.

One of the many changes we had to make was to re-clean the center pond again. In doing so, we also just took the time and effort to reinforce the berms and redesign one to better meet another mandate issued from SWFWMD (Southwest Florida Water Management District) in creating a storm water retention system.

The SWFWMD mandated project requires us to be able to at any given time pump excess storm water run-off that has been collected in Vanishing Lake and move it to the southern pond in the newly created 3 pond project.



Creating a new reconstructed berm between the center pond and the southern pond



View of the northern berm between the northern and center ponds.
All photos by Randy Doell



Center pond berm almost completed.



Moving the fill from the bottom of the center pond for berm material.



View from the service road of the berm dividing the center and southern ponds.

TR hosted our annual ice cream social on Wednesday August 31 in Citrus East. We had about 50 of the year round residents show up and we all had a good time visiting with each other and sampling some very good ice cream.



A long serving table with 7 different flavors to pick from
Photo by Randy Doell



Making a mad dash to the serving table
Photo by Randy Doell

Even though we have about 130 year round residents at TR, we don't always see each other that often.

It still is the greatest place to be when all your neighbors and friends show up for a short time in the afternoon just to say hi and visit for a few minutes over ice cream, cookies and punch.

Its times like this that just make TR such a special place.



Time to sit, eat, and enjoy each other.
Photo by Randy Doell



As mentioned, this will be the last summer update for 2011. October officially starts our season and our residents start to drift in with a few more each week returning for the season.

We hope the summer updates keep you up on what is happening at TR over the summer and we enjoy passing along the information.

Drive safe, be careful and we will see you all soon.

Randy