

2017 Actuals vs. 2018 Trepo Budget

INCOME	2018 BUDGET	2017 ACTUALS
Dues, Donations, etc	\$78,365	\$82,578
EXPENSES		
Administration	12,165	4,069
Park Management*	11,250	15,111
Trepo Columbia Cty	30,050	21,077
Trepo Suwannee Cty	6,900	3,354
Membership	18,000	13,147
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$78,365	\$56,758

* Park Management includes Capital Improvements & Security.

We deposited \$12,000 in our emergency Money Market and allocated \$13,820 into a Surplus Fund. \$5,300 was used from this account to complete the A-frame. If any member has questions on the financial report above, contact me at trepo.net and I will be glad to contact you with the information or see me at the April Fish Fry.

Evelyn Johnson, Treasurer



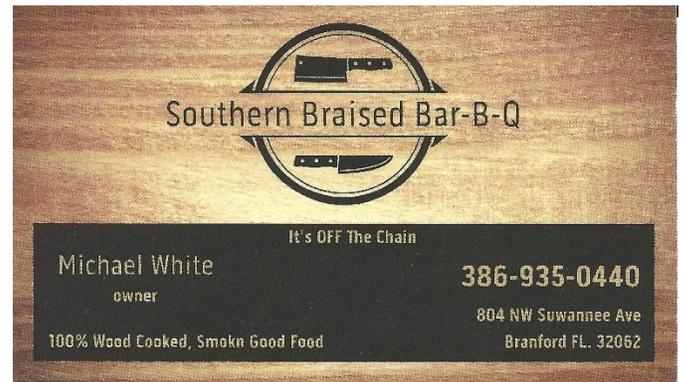
TREPO ANNUAL SPRING FISH FRY, APRIL 14, 2018

Mark your calendars, gather your family and plan to come to TREPO's annual Spring Fish Fry. Dinner will be served at 12:30 p.m. at Hodor Park, but plan to come early so you can catch up with friends and neighbors. There will be a 50/50 drawing. So, come one, come all, and join the happy picnickers and a lot of fun!

Dinner will cost \$7.00 per adult and \$4.00 per child (12 and under). The menu will consist of fried fish, baked beans, cole slaw, cheese grits, and hush puppies. Ice tea will be the beverage served. As always, please bring your favorite dessert for a sweet ending to a pleasant day.

We can always use extra help putting up the big tents and carrying out all the pieces and parts like chairs, tables and serving utensils. If you'd like to help, give us a call at 386-497-3320.

Vicki Imm, TREPO President



Park Management

It will not be very long before activities in our parks will be in full force again.

Toward that end, our board has directed that we do everything within reason to have the parks ready for the spring season.

Right off the top, you will notice that Bridge, Camping and Point Parks have been cleaned up and most if not all trash, brush, limbs and even whole trees which have fallen, have been removed. Fill dirt will soon be added where needed.

At Point Park our Chair Person Joan Nano has lead an effort to clean up surrounding properties and remove debris left by recent storms. This coincides with extensive park cleanups by our folks on the Suwannee side.

New portable restrooms will soon replace the old ones.

It sounds like a broken record I know, but we still need for more people to step up and give some of their time volunteering. We have all sorts of things to do -- security, gate duty, checking key numbers at the gate, cleaning up and helping with maintenance and repairs and even roving patrols for trash pickup and neighborhood security.

Remember, more and more members, their families and guests are using the parks each season. So naturally, it takes more effort, time and money to meet these increased demands.

Vandalism in our parks, buildings and pavilions remains a top concern of the board and park managers. If you notice the law being broken or something that is not right, call either the Columbia or Suwannee Sheriff's Department depending on what side of the river you live.

The A-Frame at Hodor Park is 90% completed. The inside is complete except for furniture. We still need to have a new fence put in, so we can secure the park and provide easy access. A large stump will soon be ground out. With these improvements we could provide more parking and turn around space for trailers. We are also working to get the big trash pile removed to accomplish this.

Thanks, and have a great year in the parks and rivers.

Jule McGee Park Management



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WANTED: TREPO SECRETARY

WHEN: FIRST TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH AT 7:00 P.M.

WHERE: TREPO A-FRAME AT HODOR PARK

If you have a desire to discover what is going on in Three Rivers and want to contribute to the betterment of our community, fill out an application to become Secretary for the October 2018 elections. Experience with technology, typing, and note taking will be valuable for this job. A willingness to communicate and work closely with the TREPO Board Chairman, President, Treasurer, and Membership Secretary is recommended. An aptitude for participation on committees and participating in community events is an asset to this job.

Our Environment: More good news!

Four years ago, people told me not to waste my time fighting against the Sabal Trail fracked gas pipeline. "It's a done deal", they said. Well, not only is it NOT A DONE DEAL, a DC Federal Circuit Court Ruled that Sabal Trail acted on permits that had not been issued and did not submit the mandated environmental and climate impact statements regarding the effects of the addition of 1.1 billion cubic feet of methane released into the atmosphere EVERY DAY, once the pipeline begins operating. The court gave them 20 days to produce such statements. Sabal Trail & FERC (Federal energy Regulatory Commission) appealed for an extension and it was denied by the court. On January 31, 2018 the court ordered the pipeline shut down & it remains so, as of this writing! Sabal Trail is in trouble! As early as May of 2014, Duke Energy stated that it can get all the gas it needs to service south Florida from existing FP&L gas

transmission lines, and that it didn't NEED Sabal Trail to meet its demands, putting Sabal Trail at odds with the FERC. The Sierra Club filed a lawsuit, challenging Sabal Trail to provide an IMPARTIAL environmental impact statement (the first was done by Sabal Trail, so of course they said impact was negligible), as well as a climate impact statement, mandated in 2017 because of the massive amounts of gas that would be released into the environment. On Feb 6, 2018, the FERC appealed again to the court to delay the mandate & issue permits to Sable Trail. Once again, the appeal was denied! Now it looks as though they may miss the required permit dates and have to start from square one, or just walk away. Hmmmm....

Over the course of the 4 years we've been fighting to protect our rivers & watersheds, solar and wind energy have been taking over the markets that natural gas was hoping to capture, by producing more energy, nation-wide, than ALL natural gas pipelines combined! On January 1, 2018, Sabal Trail lost one of its TWO customers.... Duke Energy (FP&L is the other customer)! Finally, the truth is seeping out, that this gas is intended for conversion to LNG (liquid natural gas), for EXPORT. Florida eminent domain law clearly states that property cannot be seized by eminent domain for products that are not intended for use in Florida!

Fracked gas pipelines are on their way OUT, as more states and countries are turning to renewable energy sources as their mainstay. Yes, we still need fossil fuels & will continue to need them, but not in the quantities we've been accustomed to, and not forever. Big gas and oil has discovered that they can no longer force feed fossil fuels to us and they're grasping at every straw to keep pushing it on us. Other pipelines have already been denied & some of you will remember that the Florida Barge Canal was shut down AFTER it was built! The same can happen with Sabal Trail! Sadly, old growth forests and hundred-year-old Live Oaks have already been bulldozed & "drilling by-product" has already polluted some rivers & spring sheds. We can't undo that, but we CAN save what we still have, by supporting the Sierra Club & the efforts of countless numbers of CITIZENS who continue to march, file documents, educate, and hold heels to the fire in DC

and Tallahassee. We are not giving up, and we now see a light at the end of the tunnel...and Sabal Trail remains SHUT DOWN.

Laura Dailey, TREPO Watch Dog



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Planting your Spring Garden

Well, it's that time of year again, time to start thinking about planting your spring garden. Time to start preparing your ground or raised beds. Time to plan which lovely plants you want to nurture.

As most of us know, our land here is mostly sand. This means that not much will grow well on its own – except for sand spurs, and we do NOT want these in our yard. It is a good idea to enrich the garden with compost prior to planting to give the plants a healthy environment.

If you have a Columbia County library card you can get your seeds free at the Fort White Library on Wednesdays from 2 to 4 p.m. They have vegetables, flowers, and herb seeds available and you can get five packs per month.

There will be a plant sale at the Fort White Library on Sat., April 7th from 9 a.m. to noon – lots of great plants for very low prices. As always, the gardening advice is free.

Karen Mullins, resident green thumb



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