

If you see something going on at a park that should not be, call the sheriff. The board can't be everywhere all the time, and we need the entire neighborhood to help us secure these parks. We spend a lot of money maintaining the parks, so when you drive by a park and see the gate open, please close it. When the gates remain open, we have folks who do not pay dues causing wear and tear on the parks. In turn that reduces the money available to the board to improve the parks because we have to use that money to maintain the parks. We want to move forward and improve the properties that we have, but we are not able to do as much as we would like because we have property owners who refuse to pay dues, but use the parks anyway. Help us, by coming together as a community and keeping our parks secured.

Thank you and God Bless,  
Michael Foret

## PARK MANAGEMENT

Our summer season in the parks was a different one to say the least. It was split in half by almost a month of rain and high water with most of the parks being closed for an extended time including Hodor. We encountered other challenges as well. Volunteers were considerably reduced over the number we have had in previous years. However, the gates at Hodor Park and the Point were always covered, the grass on both sides of the river got cut, our Columbia entrance way remains beautiful and serious maintenance problems have been repaired.

The weather was also responsible for considerable soil erosion on the Columbia side parks including Hodor, Mid Point, The Point and the Boat ramp. Most of this damage has been dealt with. Several loads of hatch rock have been hauled in and spread in the upland sections of the parks. I would like to thank Tom Garren and Paul Morris for their help getting the fill material spread.

I would also like to thank our lawn mowing crews on both sides of the river. All have worked long and hot hours while using their own mowers to try and keep our parks and entranceways beautiful.

Our mowing crew includes: Walter Sherrod, Bill Faunce, Skip Clemons, John Bryant, Paul Morris, and yours truly.

I also want to recognize our much appreciated and extra hardworking gatekeepers. Paul Morris has logged already this year an incredible 166 hours at the Point Park Gate.

Our other top volunteer greeters are Ross Oliverio, Perry Whitten, Laura Dailey, Robbie Rowe, Joan Nano, Charles Arnett, Phyl Rea and Bob Greuling.

Also lending a hand at the gate when needed were Mike Foret, Millie McGee, Roxanne Garren, Claire Oliverio and myself.

I would also like to thank all those who have enjoyed the parks and go out of your way to help us keep them clean and well kept.

Jule McGee – Parks Management



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## THREE RIVERS – SUWANNEE COUNTY

There is not much happening over here. The water is still high and the mud is too bad to make any progress on the repairs right now. When it stops raining we will get things back in order and finish approved projects.

George Duren

**Sincerest Sympathy** to the family and friends of Elizabeth (Betty) Wilson who passed away Wednesday, August 15, 2012. Betty was a long time resident of Three Rivers, and will be missed by one and all.



### **ANNUAL HALLOWEEN PARTY**

Oct, 27, 3:30 PM  
for kids 12 and under

Please join us for our annual Three Rivers Halloween Party. We hope you will join us for treats, games, a costume contest, bounce house and an old fashioned hayride.

For a spooktacular time, we will see you at Hodor Park.

## **MARK YOUR CALENDER**

### **COME MEET SANTA CLAUS**



### **TREPO'S ANNUAL CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY**

Saturday, Dec. 15th, 11:00 AM at Hodor Park

Come see Santa Claus arrive, get your picture taken with him and enjoy refreshments, gifts and crafts.

Phyl Rea, Chairman of Special Events

**North Florida Pharmacy of Ft White**  
 Kathleen Marshall  
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Monday - Friday: 8:30am-6:00pm  
 Saturday: 9:00am-1:00pm  
 Sunday: Closed

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### **Members Annual Meeting, Picnic and Election**

Mark your calendars for October 13th, 11:00 a.m. at Hodor Park. That's right, it's that time of year again, and your Officers and Board have a full agenda for you this October.

Roxanne Garren is our Picnic Chairman and she has asked member John Bryant to do the cooking again this year. John is a real pro and will be serving up Pulled Pork, or BBQ Chicken, rolls, coleslaw, broccoli salad and Roxanne's special recipe baked beans. Iced Tea, soft drinks, and water will be available. Attendees are asked to bring their favorite desserts! The ticket cost is \$6.00 per dinner.

### **T.R.E.P.O. ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND BOARD**

On October 13 we will be holding our annual BBQ and election for Board Members, Alternates and Officers held every two years at Hodor Park.

This year we have openings for six Board Members, four Alternates and four Officers.

Board Members serve four years. We have four incumbents running for re-election and they have been instrumental in the changes made to TREPO during the last four years.

We also have some great volunteers who have stepped up to serve on the Board in much needed jobs.

Four Alternates are also needed. Alternate Board members are elected for 2 years and must be available to fill in for absent Board Members.

We have 4 Officers to elect, a President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary. They serve 2 years and must live within TREPO.

Read their bios in this newsletter and be sure to vote, either in person or by the enclosed absentee ballot. We appreciate the community spirit of all our candidates and thank them for their service.

Voting begins at 11:00AM, October 13, 2012 **MAKE YOUR VOTE COUNT!!**

**GUEST COLUMNIST**

Good news from FDEP. They have committed up to \$900,000 to fund efforts to restore the Santa Fe River and its associated springs. FDEP, in coordination with the Fl. Dept. of Agriculture and Consumer Services, the Suwannee River Partnership and the Suwannee River Water Management District will use this additional funding to provide water quality and quantity improvements that will help with both nutrient and water supply issues in the Santa Fe River Basin. Through advanced technologies, the water district will work with area farmers to keep more than 1 million pounds of nitrogen from entering the rivers and springs and save 670 million gallons of water per year.

Fertilizer runoff or nutrient impact is responsible for algae blooms, which cause the brown coating on the underwater vegetation we see as we tube down the Ichetucknee, or green slime and gunk we see in the other rivers. Everything we put on the ground, pesticides, herbicides or chemicals, neglected septic tanks and fertilizers ends up in our springs, rivers and water supply. As the population and needs grows our abundant supply of water we all need to do our part to conserve and protect our precious resources.

We actually don't need fertilizers, especially along our rivers or in communities, as nature does a good job as leaf litter breaks down, in time, to make the soil rich and fertile. We can mimic nature in our home landscapes by limiting grassy areas and letting nature do the work for us. There are times when we need nutrients for some plants and for our vegetable gardens, so take advantage of the slow release fertilizers and compost, as the alternative to quick release fertilizers, which leach down quickly from the root zone of our plants and into the aquifer. They cost a little more but last longer in comparison.

The best plants for landscaping are the native ones that grow naturally in our area with no help from us. They survive flooding, drought, downpours, insects and the local critters.

Martha Ann Ronsonet

## ATTENTION HOME AND PROPERTY OWNERS IN THREE RIVERS ESTATES

(Columbia & Suwannee Counties)

I'm Jim Johnson and have been a property and business owner in 3 Rivers Estates for about 35 years. In 1978 I began working for the original developer of 3 Rivers selling lots in Columbia and Suwannee Counties.

Selling these beautiful properties for all these years convinced me this is where I want to be and what I want to do. So here I am and it's 2012. What can I do for you now? Give me a call, I'd love to hear from you!



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## Current Members Running for TREPO's October Election

### Running for President: Mike Shobe

Born: Louisville, Kentucky

Moved to St Petersburg, Fl when 12

Worked 28 years in large insurance company

8 yrs management/20 years as  
a sales agent in his own office

Retired

Three Rivers property owner 10 yrs, member 9 yrs.

Goal if elected President: I would like to see every park a better place to visit and enjoyed by all members.

**Running for Vice President:** No candidate running. If you would like to be considered, please insert your name. Thank you.

**Running for Secretary: Perrie Whitten, Incumbent.**

SW Montana Street

**Property Owner:** 9 yrs. **Member:** 5 yrs.

**College:** PBCC, UF

**Occupation:** Secretary/Teaching-Childcare/Bus Driver

**Goal if elected:** Work for the betterment of our neighborhoods & area in general.

**About me:** I am relocated from South Fl. where I taught in an elementary school computer lab and also ran the aftercare program & summer camp. Prior to that, I worked with my husband running a construction company.

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**Running for Treasure:** No candidate running. If you would like to be considered, please insert your name. Thank you.

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**Running for Board: Charles Arnett, incumbent**

- Charlie is a full time resident of Three Rivers and lives on Riverside Avenue.

- On the board of Insight Financial C.U. and holds the office of Chairman, Supervisory Committee.

- Has two years of college.

- *Improvements Charles would like to see:* Improve the parks.

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**Running for Board: John Bryant, incumbent**

280<sup>th</sup> Terrace

Three Rivers Estates, Suwannee County

- Retired truck driver, Shriner for over 30 years, resident and member of TREPO for seven years. TREPO board member for almost three years. I strive to keep the Suwannee side of the TREPO parks clean and free of undesirables. My fervent hope is to keep TREPO parks safe and family oriented on all side of our rivers.

I hope everyone will allow me to remain on the board for four more years.

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**TREPO WORK PARTY** – September 29, 2012. We need to do some cleanup at Hodor Park to get ready for the October BBQ. Bridge and Mid Point Parks need some major cleanup. Bring rakes, chain saws, axes, shovels, and general yard maintenance tools. Meet at TREPO Clubhouse at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, September 29<sup>th</sup>. I look forward to working with you. Jule McGee

**Running for Board: George Duren**

*George has not submitted information on himself, so here's what I know:* George is retired military and a retired sheriff's deputy. He is greatly concerned with the security aspect at the TREPO Suwannee County Parks and has worked tirelessly to upgrade and repair those parks.

George has been a TREPO Alternate for a year or so, and has made the majority of the meetings and helped decide the best paths to take when improving the parks.

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**Running for Board: Karen Faunce**

What can I say – you either like me or dislike me, but I get the job done.

Have owned property in Three Rivers since 1990, and have lived here permanently since 2002.

My background is in management.

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**Running for Board: Glenn Hunter, incumbent**

- Permanent residence is Lake City, has a weekend home on Riverside. Hopes to retire to his Riverside home.

- Belongs to the Lake City Rotary Club, Columbia County School Board, and Columbia Association for Retarded Citizens.

- Has a BS in Chemistry and a BA in Recreation from U. of F.

- *Improvements Glenn would like to see in Three Rivers:* Public Image & Perception, Facility Improvements, and Events for Membership.
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**Running for Board: Samuel L Keen**

*Sammy has not submitted information on himself, so here's what I know.*

Full time resident of Three Rivers. Married, two children, one grandchild.

Owns and operates SLK Construction and has built many of the homes in Three Rivers, as well as my own.

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**ANNOUNCEMENT:** October 2nd, at 7:00 p.m. in the TREPO Clubhouse, there will be a **presentation** to TREPO Members and Board by the Columbia Rescue Service, maintained by Lifeguard Ambulance Service. Come one, come all, it's our only lifeline to assured medical help.

### **Running for Board: Bethany Pierce**

*Bethany has not submitted information on herself, so here's what I know:*

Married, two children, lives on Utah. Fulltime resident. Has served as TREPO Secretary previously, ran for President but was defeated. Currently, Bethany is working and going to school, working on her Masters Degree.

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### **Running for Board: Robbie Rowe, incumbent**

- Robbie is a full time resident of Three Rivers and lives on Utah.

- Has an AA in Criminal Justice

- Served 30 years in Jacksonville as Sheriff and Patrol Sgt.

- Served 6 years with a Home Owner Association with \$400,000.00 budget; and 6 years F.O.P. Board member, Chairman of Board with a \$900,000.00 budget.

Served as TREPO Board Chairman for two years and was instrumental in increasing membership by 15%.

*Improvement Robbie would like to see:* Improve reputation of the TREPO Board.

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### **Running for Board: Kathryn Terry**

Property owner 4 years, TREPO member 2 years. College Education, Teaches 4<sup>th</sup> grade at Ft. White Elementary.

Lives in grandmother's old home known as the Coke House on 47, yet owns property on Bumble and Santa Fe Drive. Kathryn is a native of Gainesville, while her father & grandparents were Fort White natives. Her mother was a Branford native.

Personal goal for Trepo: Animal control, limiting/eliminating uninvited guests to Three Rivers Estates, and cleanliness of properties in the area.

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### **Running for Alternate to the Board: Laura Dailey:**

Full time resident. Property owner and member for 4 years. Laura is a retired teacher and currently teaches Yoga at her home here in Three Rivers.

Laura says: Having watched the TREPO board over the past several years, I see a building sense of community, a growing commitment to the stewardship of our common areas, and a level of cooperation that just gets better! I'd like to be involved beyond my "gate-greeting" duties, and participate more fully in the ongoing responsibilities needed to create a strong and caring community in 3 Rivers.

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### **Running for Alternate to the Board: Karen Mullins, incumbent**

SW Newark

**Property Owner and Member: 20 years**

**High School Graduate: Yes**

**Occupation: Secretary**

**Goal: Maintain positive improvements**

**About Me:** Florida native with secretarial background. Interests include socializing with friends, gardening, bike riding, swimming, and tubing. Married with children and grandchildren.

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### **Running for Alternate to the Board: Don Spradley, incumbent**

Born and raised in and around Lake City. Retired from law enforcement, currently a gentleman farmer. Don has been a faithful helper to TREPO Maintenance by loaning the use of his heavy equipment to spread gravel, dig fence posts, lift heavy gates and what have you.

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### **Running for Alternate to the Board: Michael Wilson**

Three Rivers property owner for 12 years.

Received college education with the USMC;

worked for Nebisco as a sales rep for 31 years.

Mike is 71 years old, likes to have fun, loves to fish.

Has worked with Neighborhood Assn in Ft Keys, active in the Knights of Columbus, and married to Annie Wilson for 26 years.

Mike wants to watch the board in action and learn the ropes. Wants to carry on the work that has been successful so far, to see how the money is spent and to help recruit new members.

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