



**THREE RIVERS ESTATES PROPERTY OWNERS, INC.**  
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## **T.R.E.P.O. NEWSLETTER**

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### **A Message from the Chairman of the TREPO BOARD**

Hello friends,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the community for allowing me to serve you as Chairman of the Board for Three Rivers. As a full-time resident of Three Rivers, I have a vested interest in continuing the efforts to clean up our parks, and restore the family-friendly environment we have all worked very hard to bring back to our community. To that end, I am asking for volunteers that would be willing to greet members at the gates, or to serve the community in any way you can. Contact me directly at [michaelforet@mindspring.com](mailto:michaelforet@mindspring.com) or 386-497-4260 if you are interested.

The annual spring fish fry on April 9<sup>th</sup> was a huge success, with almost 120 meals served. I would like to thank the volunteers who helped, with a special thank you to Bill Faunce who organized the whole picnic, as usual Bill, a job well done.

We also had a wonderful time at the children's Easter party put on by our newly formed Special Events committee headed by Phyl Rea. The children had a great time hunting the over 200 eggs that were hidden in Hodor Park, not to mention the games they were able to participate in and the prizes they received. Thank you to the Special Events Committee for the hard work they put into the Easter Party.

The board would also like to thank Robbie Rowe for his commitment to Three Rivers and his service as Chairman over the last two years. Robbie has been the source of much of the vision that has been realized in the last couple of years, and we all appreciate what he has done for the community.

God bless you and yours.

Michael Foret

**Things we would like you to remember while visiting  
TREPO parks and the rivers this year**

- ❖ First and the most important is safety.
- ❖ When arriving at Hodor Park be very aware of others arriving especially with kids.
- ❖ Don't block the street when unloading your group.
- ❖ Keep everyone in your group, especially small children, out of the street as much as possible while getting through the gate.
- ❖ Large groups with multiple vehicles and floating devices should park in the TREPO Clubhouse parking lot and enter the park through the small gate adjacent to the Clubhouse.
- ❖ At Point Park put your vehicle inside the gate and lock it.
- ❖ Vehicles parked outside and left unattended in the street might be towed away.
- ❖ During weekends, volunteers will be at the gates in many parks to greet you and answer your questions.
- ❖ Remember glass bottles and dogs of all sizes are not allowed in Hodor Park because of liability issues. Please refrain from bringing them.
- ❖ Dogs are allowed at the Fishing Park on Santa Fe Drive and while boarding boats at the Boat Ramp.
- ❖ Remember if you see a park gate open please close it.
- ❖ Report those, whose actions you witness break the law, endanger lives or destroy property of others to the Columbia Sheriff's Office.

I feel we have come a long way with improvements to our parks over the past few years. Making them safer for members, their family and guests to enjoy is our top priority in Park Management.

Have another great summer in Three Rivers Parks and waterways.

Jule McGee  
Park Management



**Membership Report**

As of May 10<sup>th</sup>, we have a grand total of 563 – 2011 members. This is an all-time high for TREPO, and we thank each and every one of you for your membership and trust in the Board and Officers. They are working hard to keep your parks and boat ramps in tip top condition for you and your families.

2012 Dues start coming beginning September and continues nonstop until the end of January. We already have one 2012 member! Remember your membership ends on 12/31/11. Please pay your dues early, it helps the Board plan on new projects and saves YOU the late charges.

Have a wonderful summer.

Karen Faunce  
Membership Secretary

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FROM THE WEB SITE ~ <http://www.trepo.net>

I would like to inform the members that Becca Cox, our Web Master and the designer of the web site has had to resign because of a continuing illness. Amanda Cartwright has volunteered to replace her. Amanda is a Board Member and so has first-hand knowledge of TREPO events and news and is very capable with computers.

I will also be handing over the Chairmanship of the Web Site Committee to Amanda and I know she will have any help she needs from Becca and the rest of the committee.

I would like to thank Becca on behalf of TREPO for her 3 years of volunteer service.

Reba Greuling

If you have any ideas, suggestions or questions about the Web Site, please email Amanda at [acartwright2007@windstream.net](mailto:acartwright2007@windstream.net)

## **Safety, Safety, Safety!!!**

As everyone who has visited Hodor Park in the last few years can attest, we have some drivers who believe that Riverside Dr. is a drag strip. With all the members and their children going in and out of the parks, it literally scares me to see how some folks drive on that road. The parallel road east of Riverside, Washington, is even worse since it's paved, with vehicles reaching 60 and 70 mph on this road, which is absolutely ridiculous. No doubt these folks do not live here full-time; as I'm sure they do not drive like that in their neighborhood.

As a board, we recognize these issues and are working with our County Commissioner and Sheriff to resolve it. At the May 2011 board meeting, Rusty DePratter, the County Commissioner in this district, spoke to the board regarding some of our options. These include, but are not limited to, reducing speed limits, paving right in front of the park and adding speed bumps, speed bumps on Washington, signage indicating children at play, stop signs on Washington at Nebraska and Montana, and last but certainly not least, enforcement of the limits currently in place by the Sheriff.

I for one hate speed bumps, they force the majority of us who live here all year long to slow down to 10 mph or so in order to keep our vehicles intact, while the majority of the offenders maintain their speed as they don't care about their vehicles in the first place. However, if this will resolve the issue permanently, then I am willing to accept the inconvenience for the greater good. Personally, I feel like additional signage, speed limit reductions, and most of all enforcement, will give us the best results.

I know one thing for sure; we have to do something and soon. I appreciate Mr. DePratter coming to the meeting prepared for the barrage of questions that he would inevitably get from the concerned board and members who were present. He spent the day in the Three Rivers area with representatives from county departments working on options for the current situation. Something else Mr. DePratter is working with the county to help us fix is the steep approaches to the parking spaces at Hodor Park from the years of road grading.

We're very fortunate to have Rusty as our commissioner, and we appreciate everything he does for us.

Thanks,  
Michael Foret - Chairman




## **FOR SALE BY OWNER**

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## **Local Upcoming Events**

### **Florida Folk Festival**

May 27-29, 2011

Stephen Foster Folk Culture Center State Park  
White Springs, FL.

### **Memorial Day Getaway**

May 27-30, 2011

Spirit of the Suwannee Music Park

### **Wellborn Blueberry Festival**

June 3-4, 2011

Wellborn, FL

### **3rd Annual Junebug Festival**

June 19th, 2011, 9am - 9 pm. This event features artists and crafts, entertainment, fireworks, a huge car show, and activities for the entire family.

<http://www.historicliveoak.com>

### **Fireworks**

July 4, 2011 - Branford, Florida

### **Fourth of July Celebration**

Sunday, July 4, Noon - 10 p.m.

Located at Hal Brady Recreation Complex - 14300  
NW 146<sup>th</sup> Ter., Alachua, Florida

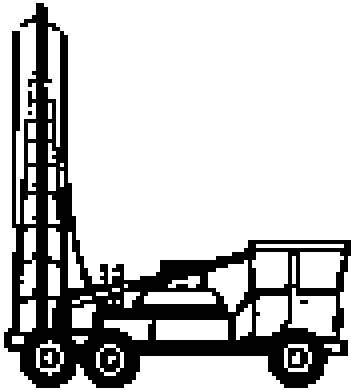
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## Ichetucknee River State Park News

Park officials have reported to the TREPO board that the southern entrance of the Ichetucknee State Park will be turning away tubers when the parking lot has reached capacity this summer. According to the Park Manager, this is approximately 900 visitors, a marked reduction from last year's 6000+ visitors on Memorial Day.

We ask that you remain vigilant in helping us police the trespassing, and report trespassers to the Columbia County Sherriff's office.

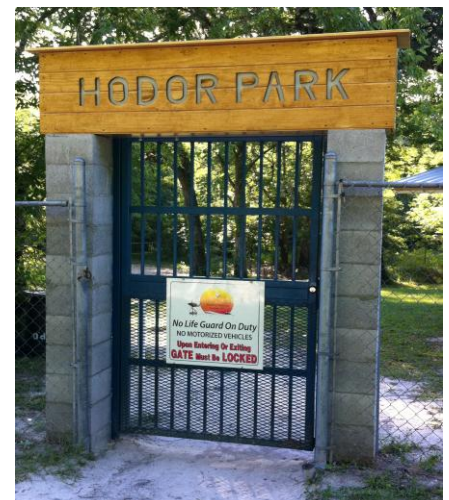
## Park Maintenance Report

I was really glad to see so many of the members at the spring picnic. Hope you like the improvements that have been made. There is a lot more to do and not enough of me. I am in great need of volunteers.

Please call me at 497-4056 or email me, [waltsherrod@yahoo.com](mailto:waltsherrod@yahoo.com), I would appreciate any time that you can give.

If you have the time, please see the new sign at Hodor Park built by Bill Faunce. The sign is equipped with solar panels and internally lit, in order to light up at night.

Walt Sherrod - Maintenance



# Three Rivers Estates Property Owners, Inc. Application for Membership/Renewal

Name of property owners(s) \_\_\_\_\_

(As shown on your deed)

Street/PO Box \_\_\_\_\_ Apt. No. \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip+4 \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # (\_\_\_\_)-\_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Property Location: Unit\_\_\_\_Block\_\_\_\_Lot(s)\_\_\_\_County \_\_\_\_\_

(Property Street Name)

<b>DUES: \$100.00 annually</b>	_____	<b>Incl. 2 keys, 2 decals, quarterly newsletters</b>
<b>Late Fee After 1/31/2011</b>	<b>\$5.00</b>	
<b>After 2/28/2011</b>	<b>\$15.00</b>	
<b>After 3/31/2011</b>	<b>\$25.00</b>	
<b>By-Laws</b>	_____	<b>\$2.00 (New Member By-Laws free)</b>
<b>Contribution</b>	_____	<b>Payment Method: ___ Cash in person</b>
<b>Total Submitted</b>	<b>\$ _____</b>	<b>___ Check ___ Money Order</b>

Locks were changed Jan. 15<sup>th</sup>. Late charges will be charged per the above schedule. If you wish to pick up your keys, please phone Karen Faunce at 386-497-4935.

Can you volunteer for or contribute towards ( ) Maintenance, ( ) Security, ( ) Newsletter, ( ) Donation of Building Materials, ( ) Legal Advisor, ( ) Children’s Playground, ( )

Other (Please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

**All new members must show proof of ownership with a recorded copy of deed.  
(Need proof of any name change on property)**

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**BY-LAWS – ARTICLE NINE – MEMBERSHIP PROVISIONS**

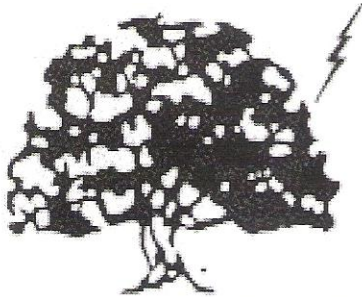
All members in good standing, their relatives and their guests who accompany them shall have full use of the recreation areas owned by Three Rivers Estates Property Owners, Inc. This use shall include, but not be limited to, swimming, boating, picnicking and other recreation. Said recreation areas will be owned, operated, controlled and managed by the corporation. It is the intent of this corporation that utilization of said recreation areas be limited exclusively to lot owners in Three Rivers Estates, their relatives and their guests who accompany them. Use of the recreation areas by groups shall be in limited scope and number. Where the group using or planning to use a recreation area or areas exceeds or is expected to exceed twelve (12) persons in number, then permission for such use shall be first obtained from the president or vice-president or person designated by the president to act upon such request and in no event shall such approval be unreasonably withheld. No other persons or groups of non-members shall be permitted to use the recreation areas without prior approval of the Board of Directors with such approval duly noted in the minutes of the Board meeting. The officers of the corporation and their designees are directed to take such action as they may deem appropriate to prosecute trespassers and prevent unauthorized use of any of the recreation areas under the control of the corporation.

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***Wishing all of Three Rivers a fantastic summer!***  
***Jim & Susan Johnson***