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A Message from the Chairman of the TREPO BOARD

Hello neighbors,

Your board is working very hard to prepare for our spring fish fry. We have a new deck on the west end of our main pavilion and I feel certain each of us will have the opportunity to use it this summer. Membership is good and new friends are joining each week. We have some crucial maintenance items to be taken care of but we should be on schedule to have them completed. Special events have plans for an Easter egg hunt and more activities for our young members. This board could not have accomplished all that it has without the assistance of our growing list of volunteers. Please enjoy your recreation areas and the time that you can spend with your family and friends. The question has been thrown around that I was stepping down as chairman of the board. It is not a rumor but a fact. Mike Foret is my vice chairman and will take over when needed. I have enjoyed being a part of this board and will continue to be a board member. Your support and friendship has made this time as chairman very rewarding. I look forward to seeing each of you at our picnics and special events. May God continue to bless you and your family.

Robbie Rowe



Spring Party

Spring is almost here! The Easter Bunny is bringing us some eggs for an Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 23, 2011 at Hodor Park from 1:00 to 3:00 for children 10 and under. We will be hunting for eggs, playing games and having some yummy refreshments. Please bring your basket for egg collecting and plan to join us. The Easter Bunny will be leaving prizes for the kids who collect the most eggs! Watch for the signs and hoping to see you there.



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MAINTENANCE REPORT

Dear Members.

I hope you are enjoying the improvements that your dues paid for.

We accomplished a lot last year (2010) and still have so much more to do.

In March of this year we put the extension on the picnic pavilion giving us much more space at our picnics. We plan to remodel the bathrooms in Hodor Park and make improvements on the clubhouse this year. A shelter is being built in Point Park. Our plans are to also improve Bridge Park.

I would like to take this opportunity to say a big THANK YOU to all the volunteers that have helped to make all of this happen.

Walt Sherrod
Maintenance Chairman

Turtle Study at Hodor Park

FROM THE MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY Karen Faunce

We are an all time high for renewals this season. Currently we are 67% ahead of Membership year 2010 or as of 2-27-11 we have 481 members. Now that the weather is showing signs of Spring, property owners are calling and knocking at my door, anxious to renew and start using the parks and rivers. Know that it takes a few days to get your new gate keys imprinted with your Membership Number, so please keep that in mind when you want to obtain your new keys. Effective March 1st, the late charge moves up to \$15.00, so don't delay! April 1st, the late charge moves to \$25.00. If you want to obtain your 2011 park keys, call me at 386-497-4935. *See you at the river!*

Dr. Jerry Johnston from Santa Fe College will be studying snapping turtles in the Ichetucknee and Santa Fe rivers area in conjunction with National Geographic who will be documenting his study. They will begin capturing turtles in March and plan to complete their studies before the end of April. They will have access to our parks for ingress and egress only. The scientists will be using kayaks and canoes, except in the Santa Fe, and will be generally unobtrusive in that they will deploy their traps in the late afternoon and pick them up in the morning. The traps are safe to swimmers as they are just mesh traps that allow the turtle to swim in but now out. They will also be working inside the State Park, and they intend on adhering to the Parks requirements on our end as well. The study will of course return the turtles back to their natural habitat after they measure and tag them. Please do not disturb the bags if you find them in the river.



GOOD THINGS ARE HAPPENING FOR THE ICHETUCKNEE RIVER

Cathy Nagler

Keep your eyes peeled for the “KICKLIGHTER WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT (WWTP) PROJECT. The new WWTP Project consists of construction of a new 1.5 Million Gallon per day (MGD) advanced treatment facility (nutrient removal) to improve protection of Ichetucknee Springs by reducing nitrogen loads in the effluent stream of this new facility. The high quality effluent produced by this facility would be sent to a “reclaimed” water treatment and distribution facility located at the existing Sisters Welcome Road Irrigation site. Processed effluent would be used for irrigation of local crop sites and public areas including residential subdivisions. This is a project pushed through by Lake City, City Manager Wendell Johnson.

Mr. Johnson spoke at the 2-15-11 Ichetucknee Springs Basin Working Group quarterly meeting where he stated that 80% of the treated water (advanced treatment) is projected to be reused as stated above by early April 2011 with a goal of 100% reuse in the future.

Previously the effluent was sprayed into fields very close to 3 sinkholes that connect with the aquifer and affected the water quality for both drinking and swimming south of the area. Later on, in an effort to have less of a negative effect, the spraying was done more slowly.

Now it is diverted from this area and treated for reuse. It is pumped into storage tanks and piped for local irrigation use. Excess is stored in surge ponds. Spraying will be used only when absolutely necessary

This means less nitrates in our swimming and drinking water and is good news for Ichetucknee Springs. Thank you City Manager Wendell Johnson for your helpful efforts.

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PLAYGROUND COMMITTEE

Karen Faunce

A new Playground Committee has been formed to look into the pros and cons of TREPO putting up a Preschool Playground in Hodor Park. What the committee has in mind is something for preschoolers and children up to 8 in age. This will be a place where little brothers and sisters can come while their big brothers and sisters are in school. Of course, an adult must attend the children. The committee is checking with the county, other playgrounds, and our legal representatives to make sure the playground is safe for the children and worry-free for the residents. If you would like to donate towards this playground, please include "playground donation" on the *Memo line* of your check. All checks should be made out to TREPO. Thanks!



TREPO FISH FRY AND MEMBERS MEETING, APRIL 9TH

Bill Faunce

Mark your calendars and plan to bring the family to the Annual TREPO Fish Fry, Saturday, April 9th at Hodor Park. **We plan to eat at noon so don't be late!** This year you will be enjoying fried fish or fried chicken. Served with the main course, will be hush puppies, cheese grits, cole slaw and baked beans. Soft drinks will be supplied. We need you to bring your best desserts to help top off the meal. Dinner tickets will be \$6.00 each.

We'll have tee shirts, No trespassing signs, hats and more for sale, and our new President, Martha Sherrod will conduct a short business meeting.

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