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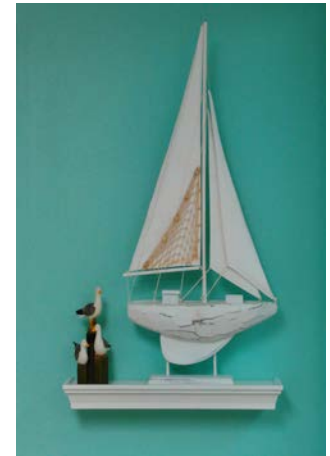
Park & Recreation District

1903 69th Avenue West | Bradenton, FL 34207



Welcome

We are happy to have you join our Trailer Estates Park & Recreation District (TE) family. TE is a deed restricted residential community for people 55 and older. This booklet will acquaint TE residents with the amenities offered at TE and with the location of various rules and regulations for the use of our facilities. Complete copies of the charter, deed restrictions, rules and regulations, by-laws as well as other valuable information are available on our website



"trailerestates.com". TE is administered to benefit the residents by a board of nine elected trustees who volunteer their services.

As new owners, you are invited and urged to take advantage of all we have to offer. We have a community park on Sarasota Bay, our own marina and a trained volunteer Fire and Rescue Department. We have a year-round pool and Jacuzzi, an exercise room, facilities for billiards, Wii bowling leagues, a woodworking shop, a large laundry

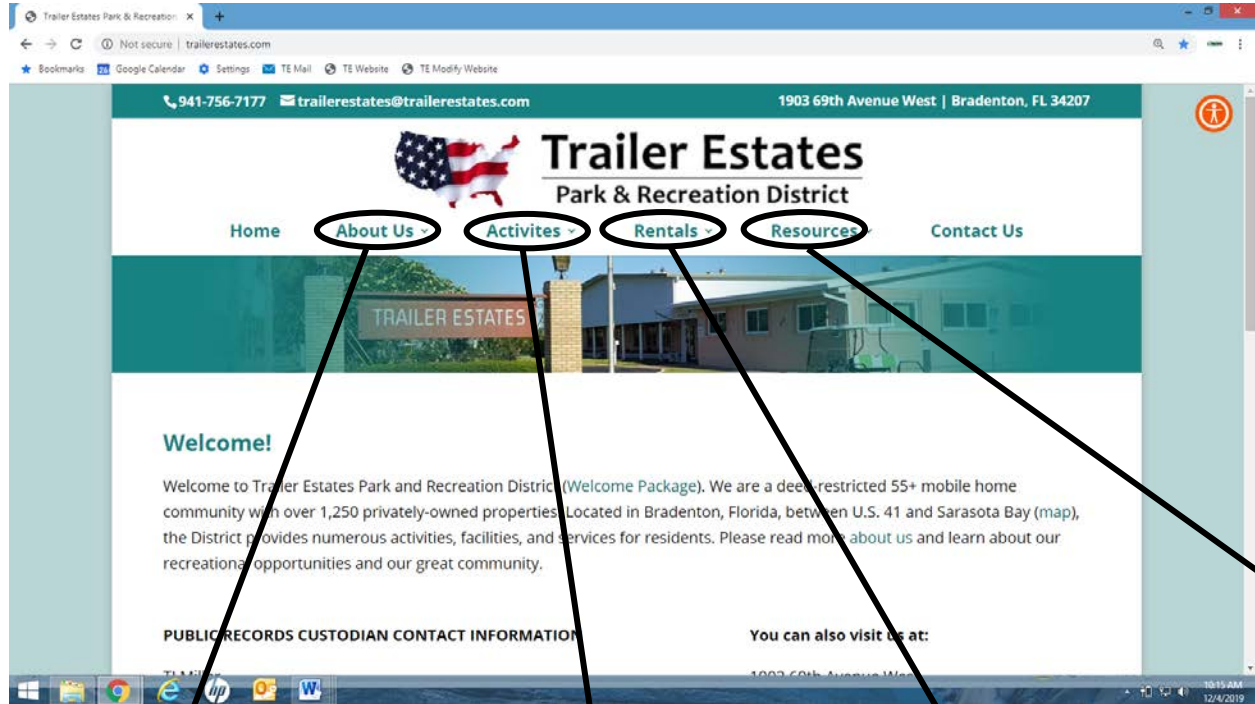


facility, and other space provided for art, crafts, dancing and card playing. We have a Post Office and ZIP code on premise. Our shuffleboard courts are among the finest in the state. A complete list of activities is available on the website (trailerestates.com) or from the board secretary.

Whitfield Plaza, accessible to park residents by sidewalks includes a barber shop, beauty shop, store and restaurants. Here you are, within bicycle range of two shopping centers, and within a few miles of some of the best beaches in the world. World-class entertainment is to be found in our many theaters and concert halls. Many churches are close by. Trailer Estates Covenant Church holds Sunday services in Trailer Estates recreation hall (all faiths are welcome).

For some, TE is a year round home, for others it is a winter retreat. Our lots are small and our homes close together, but all TE residents work hard at being "good neighbors". Our rules and regulations have been set up for the benefit of all residents. They are simple, easy to abide by and if broken, more often than not inadvertently, it is by those not familiar with them. Hence, this booklet is offered to provide easy access to helpful information available via the website "trailerestates.com" or in the office.

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ABC'S OF TRAILER ESTATES FACILITIES

These ABCs are intended to familiarize residents with our park; they are not intended to supersede TE Deed Restrictions nor TE Rules and Regulations.

ACTIVITIES BUILDING

This building provides space for the pool, Jacuzzi, changing rooms, showers, exercise, billiards, Wii bowling, cards, arts and crafts, computers, our TE television Channel 732 and conferences. A resident's fob provides access to all (except the computer room). Offices leased to the Covenant Church are also contained in the Activity Building.

AMENDMENTS TO DEED RESTRICTIONS

These were filed in the public records of Manatee County February 5, 1993. Trailer Estates is a 55 or older community restricted to at least one occupant in each home 55 years of age or older.

APPLICATION

An application from the office is required before buying or renting any property in Trailer Estates.

ASSISTANCE

See the Health and Welfare Trustee and/or Helping Hands through the TE Covenant Church.

BEACH AND COMMUNITY PARK

There is a great view of all sunsets. Use is restricted to residents and guests. There are two charcoal grills, shelter house with picnic tables, electric lights and outlets, water faucet, and sun and wind screens; outdoor tables, drinking fountain, shower, port-a-potty, swinging benches, horseshoe courts, Bocce ball courts and fixed benches. Manatee County does not approve swimming. Swimming is at your own risk. No lifeguard is on duty. Fishing is not permitted in the beach area. Pets are not permitted at the beach.

BICYCLES

Bicycles should be registered at the TE office for purposes of identification. Reflectors and a front light are necessary if riding at night.

BILLIARD ROOM

Open 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. in the Activities Building. TE ID cards required. Guests without passes must be accompanied by a resident with a card. Smoking, food or beverages are not allowed.

BINGO

Admission is by TE ID card. Guests must have a TE guest card or be accompanied by a TE resident or renter ID card holder. When another scheduled event precedes Bingo night in the hall, participants are prohibited from selecting seats until an hour before games begin. Violators will be expelled from that day's games. Callers may not play.

BLOOD PRESSURE

Retired nurses take blood pressure on Thursday mornings from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. at Hobby Club's sale during the winter season. A donation is accepted and used for park projects.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

A nine-member board, which conducts the business and affairs of the park government, is elected for staggered two-calendar year terms in early December. Elections and referendums are under the jurisdiction of the Manatee County Supervisor of Elections. To run for the board, a resident must present a petition with 25 signatures at least 60 days prior to the election date. The Board of Trustee Meetings are held at 9:30 a.m. on the first and third Mondays of each month.

BOCCE BALL COURTS

The court is for use of residents and their guests. The combination for the lock for the equipment storage shed is available in the office. Rules of play may be obtained on the website (trailerestates.com) under the Activities/Activities List or in the TE office. Please leave the court in the excellent condition that you found it.

BUILDING PERMITS

Anytime you alter the outside of your property, you need the approval of the TE Architectural Review Committee (ARC). This includes the installation of new A/C units or the relocation of existing A/C units. This also includes doors, windows driveways, pavers, etc. Contact the ARC committee at the TE office.

BUS SCHEDULE

Municipal bus schedules are available in the TE office.

CANOE/KAYAK STORAGE RACK

This rack is for storage of canoes and kayaks for use in Sarasota Bay. There is an annual rental fee to use the rack to be paid at the TE office. Storage and security is at the owner's risk and responsibility.

CLUBS/GROUPS AND ORGANIZATIONS

Clubs/Groups and Organizations provide the Board of Trustees their annual schedules prior to May 1st of each year. Events approved by the Board are put on the TE calendar, which is available on the website (trailerestates.com), printed in the Trailer Estates Tribune and is displayed in the breezeway by the office and on the bulletin board at the Post Office. Trailer Estates activities have precedence over club events, and club events have precedence over resident activities. The Board may make schedule changes. A sample list includes (but is not limited to) the Art, Bicycle, Billiards, Canoe/Kayak, Computer, Fire Auxiliary, Fun Band, Hobby, Poker, Pottery, Share-a-Craft, Shuffleboard, Square, Wii Bowling, Woodworkers and Yacht clubs. The bulletin boards provide information or news about card games, bowling, church, golf-leagues, show time, line dance, ballroom dance, and various art and craft classes.

COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM (C.E.R.T.)

C.E.R.T. is an emergency response team trained and certified by Manatee County to assist in an emergency. C.E.R.T. volunteers are trained for search and rescue and by the American Heart Association for their CPR and first aid skills.

CONVALESCENT EQUIPMENT

Sick room supplies and equipment are available at no cost to residents. Names of those to contact are posted on the Health and Welfare bulletin board and on the door on the north side of the post office building near the laundry room entrance.

DEED RESTRICTIONS

Certain deed restrictions apply to all property in the park. A complete copy of the restrictions is available on the website (trailerestates.com), in the office or may be attached at the back of a paper copy of this Welcome Package. All residents are responsible for upholding all deed restrictions.

DUMPSTERS

Dumpsters are available for TE resident's use only. No contractor dumping is allowed. Items such as major appliances, batteries, combustibles, insecticides, paint, cannot be taken to the dumpsters; disposal of these items is your responsibility. Dumpsters are located in the trailer storage yard area behind the post office and woodshop.

This gated area can be accessed via a fob. There are dumpsters for trash, yard waste and a comingled recycling container. Residents are encouraged to recycle.

EXERCISE ROOM

Open from 7:30 a.m. – 9:30 p.m. in the Activity Building (beside the pool). Users must have TE ID or Guest Card. The exercise room has multiple treadmills, exercise bike, Nustep, elliptical trainer, gym and free weights; plus more. **No one under age 18 may use the equipment.** Running, horseplay, smoking, food, beverages, and radios without earphones are not allowed.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Trailer Estates Fire Control District of Manatee County is located at 6831 American Way and has been providing volunteer emergency medical and fire response to the residents since 1963. Donations are gratefully accepted. The emergency telephone number is 911. More information can be found at tefcd.com

FIRE DEPARTMENT AUXILIARY STORE

The Fire Department Auxiliary runs a store located behind the TE Volunteer Fire Station. The store, which sells donated items, is open multiple days a week during the winter season and limited days during the summer season. The store is closed the entire month of August. It is staffed by volunteers who collect, price and sell items in order to raise funds to support our Fire and Emergency services and to help reduce the Trailer Estates fire assessment. There are restrictions to the items that can be donated, check with a volunteer. More information can be found at tefcd.com, click the Auxiliary tab. Volunteers are always needed.

FOBS

Fobs are available in the TE office for a deposit. Fobs allow admittance to the pool area, the Activity Building, Large Hall, Small Hall, laundry room and the storage/dumpster area. See PP-Security System Fobs for specific details. With an authorized "Agreement of Responsibility Renter Form" renters may use our recreation facilities for the duration of their lease. They may obtain a fob from the office for a fee (as detailed in PP-Security System Fobs form). Any refundable portion will be returned if the renter returns the fob at the end of their lease.

GOLF CARTS

Golf carts may be driven on the streets of TE and Bay Drive (69th Street W). No golf carts on Florida Boulevard nor sidewalks. Only golf carts with head/tail lights may be driven after sunset. Golf carts may cross Florida Boulevard at the light at Canada Boulevard. Carts should be registered in the TE office with identification stickers. Drivers must be a licensed driver or be at least 14 AND accompanied by a licensed driver.

GUESTS

Visitors, whom a property owner or registered renter agrees in writing to be responsible for, are guests eligible to use the facilities. Owners and registered renters may obtain dated guest cards issued by the office. Registered guests may use a resident's fob to use facilities without being accompanied by the owner/registered renter. The guest may not stay for more than 30 days per year (per the deed restrictions). If the TE office is closed, the guest may use facilities if accompanied by a resident with an ID card until the office reopens.

HELPING HANDS

This fund ministers to the financial needs of residents. Names are kept confidential. Monthly "door donations" at the Covenant Church, plus memorials, bequests and gifts from TE organizations provide the funds which are overseen by the Covenant Pastor and church treasurer. The Health and Welfare Trustee refers most recipients. The fund is available to all residents in need.

HEALTH AND WELFARE

The Health and Welfare Trustee is summoned when a resident is not eating, is unable to get around, and is no longer able to be alone. The Board may call the Manatee County Services for the Elderly or advise the resident's family. The Board makes no decisions about hiring home help, nursing services, or commitment to a nursing home. All actions of the Board are public record.

HORSESHOES

Multiple regulation horseshoe courts are located on Park Lane. The combination for the lock is available in the office. Please leave the courts in the same excellent condition that you found them. Place rugs over the pits when finished.

IDENTIFICATION CARDS

Annual color-coded cards are available starting every September in the office for owners and their resident family members. A current card is necessary to play Bingo, gain "no charge" access to the Saturday dances, and to obtain one small complimentary post office box from the U.S. Post Office.

A. TE Property Owner's Card:

Must be renewed each September at the Park Office and be signed by TE office personnel

B. TE Renter's Card:

Must be renewed each September or at expiration date shown on card at the Park Office and signed by TE office personnel

C. TE Guest Card:

Issued by TE office personnel with a specific expiration date of no more than 30 days

INTERNET

Effective July 1, 2018 internet service (and cable television) is included in the annual assessment for each home. Contact Spectrum for necessary equipment.

KITCHEN

The Board of Trustees appoints a kitchen manager. The kitchen in the recreation hall is for the exclusive use of TE residents and organizations that wish to serve food for private events, such as birthdays. Those using the kitchen will appoint someone to be responsible for the proper use, as well as the cleaning of the kitchen and equipment. Lost, broken or damaged equipment must be paid for by those involved, as determined by the Board of Trustees. Food prepared or stored in the kitchen must be served in Trailer Estates. Only TE organizations may sell tickets for food prepared there. See the Office Manager for further information.

LAUNDRY

Located behind the Post Office, see the sign on the door for current hours. The laundry facility is leased out and managed by an outside vendor. Money lost in the machines should be reported to the TE office. Please observe the rules posted in the laundry room and respect the equipment. Laundry may be hung at your own risk on the clotheslines in the fenced in area next to the building.

LAWN CARE

TE is not in the lawn care business. Each owner is responsible for their own yard maintenance. Part-time residents must make arrangements for someone to look after their property while they are away. Summer rains promote weeds through rocks and Visquine. Tropical storms and high winds from surrounding hurricanes cause damage to properties that require extra summer maintenance. PLEASE NOTE: The office is only responsible for the county land and buildings in their charge; therefore, the office will not call you and inform you about your trailer's problems. However, if your property is neglected, the office is required to notify the owner of any deed-restricted violations (which can be very expensive for the park maintenance to resolve). Select a good neighbor that you can keep in contact with while you are gone, and who will notify you of any problems that arise.

MAILING ADDRESSES

We have a rather unique mailing situation at TE. We have the benefit of an onsite Post Office/Boxes using one zip code (34281) and a different zip code (34207) being used for our physical addresses. When you are unclear if the sender will use the USPS or FedEx (etc.) you should format your shipping address as follows:

Your Name	OR	Your Name
1234 Street Name		1234 Street Name
<u>TRAILER ESTATES</u> Box 1234		TE Box 1234
Bradenton, FL 34207		Bradenton, FL 34207

MANATEE COUNTY SERVICES FOR THE ELDERLY (MCSE)

If someone has a concern about the status of a resident, call the Health and Welfare Trustee, who may in turn call the MCSE. If called by the Trustee, this organization will make a home visit and give an evaluation of need. Many times a resident will be able to manage with the aid of a County Visitor.

MARINA/DOCK AND BOAT SLIPS

Trailer Estates owns a 116-slip marina. The Dock Rental Agreement, a legal document, is available on the website (trailerestates.com) or in the office along with current rental rates and rules.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

TE is a "Neighborhood Watch" community administered by volunteers. Check the calendar for monthly meeting dates/times.

NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY

Only those with ID cards and their guest(s) may attend. Tickets go on sale the first Monday in December. ID holders may purchase tickets on a "first-come, first-served" basis. Table locations are reserved and assigned at the time of purchase.

OFFICE

The TE office is open from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday; except for holidays or unless otherwise posted.

OWNERS

The term "owner" means the name(s) appearing on the current rolls of the tax assessor of Manatee County.

OVERNIGHT PARKING

Overnight parking is available by permit and is located off Bay Drive on Park Lane. Six-day permits for any vehicle, as well as three-night occupancy permits for self-contained vehicles only, may be issued. Permits are issued at the TE office for ID card-holders for their own and/or guest vehicles. The Shuffleboard Club may apply for and obtain three-day permits for RVs of participants in club-sponsored tournaments. Prohibited are: Pets, idling of a motor for more than 10 minutes (except when parking or prior to departure), the operation of any auxiliary motor or generator, parking of commercial vehicles, or discharging any waste is not permitted. The TE Board of Trustees may make extensions and exceptions. Overnight parking in other TE parking areas or on the TEN property is prohibited. Vehicles will be towed at the owner's expense.

PENALTIES

Any person with a TE ID card who is found by a trustee or authorized person to be damaging equipment or the facilities, or is found to be threatening the health and safety of others, or is found to be violating rules on more than one occasion shall be denied the use of the TE facilities and may be required to surrender their ID card and/or fob. If the violator is a guest, the guest's sponsor shall also surrender their ID card and/or fob and be denied the use of all facilities. This denial shall continue until the Board of Trustees holds a public hearing at their next regularly scheduled meeting. Additional penalties may be given. Penalties may include payment for damages and further suspension from the use of facilities for up to a year. Guests who threaten or harm people or property will be permanently banned from the facilities. Anyone giving false information on a registration form shall be denied use of the facilities for 90 days, as shall the individual being registered. Anyone loaning an ID card or fob shall be denied the use of all facilities for 90 days. Anyone using a counterfeit ID card or using another person's card shall be denied the use of all facilities for 90 days.

PETS

Pets are allowed only in blocks 21, 22 and 23 of the park which are the 6600 block of New Jersey, 6600 block of Kansas and the East side of 6600 block of Texas only (odd numbered houses). They must be kept on a leash or in a fenced area in the above blocks only. They are not allowed to live in other blocks of the park. This applies to pets owned by owners, renters or visitors.

SERVICE/EMOTIONAL SUPPORT ANIMALS

Check with the office for current rules and regulations. An application and medical form must be filed in the TE office and updated yearly. It must be signed by your

doctor and approved by the Board of Trustees. All other pets outside of the pet section of the park are illegal.

POOL RULES

Open 8:00 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. daily with some exceptions. The pool is closed one morning each week and closed an entire day once a month for maintenance. The pool is also closed during inclement weather. See the pool sign for more information regarding closures. Current TE ID card is required. Owners must obtain ID cards and rules for their guests. These are available on the website trailerestates.com About Us/Rules & Regulations and in the TE office. An adult ID cardholder must accompany persons under 18. All bathers are required to shower and remove suntan oil before entering the pool or Jacuzzi. Wear proper bathing suits (no cutoffs). No persons with Band-Aids, open sores, colds or communicable diseases are permitted in the pool area. No diving, jumping, running or horseplay is permitted in the pool or pool area. No toys, balls or inflatables are permitted in the Jacuzzi. No lifeguard is on duty so do not swim alone and use the "Buddy System". No smoking, animals, food, coolers, beverages (except water in clear plastic containers), cans or glass containers permitted in pool area. Unbreakable containers of water in clear plastic are allowed four feet from pool edge. No electronic devices allowed unless silenced by earphones. Pool and Jacuzzi must be vacated during lightning or severe weather. The pool capacity is 40 and the Jacuzzi is 11. A phone is available near the Jacuzzi area to contact 911 only. All residents are asked to enforce and/or report any violations of these rules and regulations.

PROBLEMS AND CONCERNS

Often problems can be resolved by communicating with our neighbors. Otherwise, problems and concerns must be addressed in writing to the office or members of the Board of Trustees. Complaints about rule and deed restriction violations must be submitted using a PP - Complaint Form/Procedure, signed and turned into the TE office.

RECREATION FEE

The "Recreation Fee" assessed per home unit (not per "lot") provides TE with the revenue needed to help operate and maintain all TE facilities and activities. The Board of Trustees sets the fee for the next year each April. The park recreation fee will appear on your annual property tax bill, which is mailed by the tax collector in November. Manatee County serves as the collection agent for the park.

RECREATIONAL BUILDING

Houses the Large Hall and Small Hall (each of which can be divided into two smaller halls), and the kitchen and TE office. The Covenant Church rents the hall on Sundays. The halls are used for dances, Show Time, pot lucks, theme parties, Bingo, voting, club and organization meetings. Equipment available includes sound systems, projector, large TV, tables, chairs, stages, crystal ball and air conditioning. Reservations for use of the facilities are coordinated by the Board Secretary using a PP - Reservation for Function form.

RECYCLING

Comingled recycling of cardboard, newspapers, metal and glass is available behind the Maintenance Building in the bin in the storage lot (fob required to access storage lot). Aluminum cans may be placed in bin on the south side of the Woodshop Building. Other larger aluminum items may be placed along the concrete wall behind the large dumpsters.

RENTER

- A. A person or persons who rent a home in Trailer Estates from a TE property owner. At least one of the occupants of the rented home must be 55 years or older. ID is required.
- B. The renter must agree, in writing, to accept and abide by TE rules and regulations governing the use of the TE common recreational facilities.
- C. Renters must register at the TE office in person with identification and an annual PP - Trailer Estates Agreement of Responsibility Renter Resident.
- D. The renter must have the PP - TE form Agreement of Responsibility Renter Resident. This is a notarized form signed by the property owner.
- E. The renter may pay a fob fee to use TE common recreations facilities (included on PP - Agreement of Responsibility Renter Resident}.

REPORTING CRIMES OR INFRACTIONS

Call the Sheriff by dialing 911 if a crime is in progress. For all other crimes, call the Sheriff's Department at their non-emergent number, 941-747-3011. TE deed restriction infractions should be reported to the office or Board of Trustees. PP - Complaint Forms are available on the website (trailerestates.com) or in the office and must be completed and signed by the resident.

SHUFFLEBOARD

The courts are open from 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Use is restricted to TE ID card holders. Guest without passes must be accompanied by TE ID card holder. No one under 18 is permitted unless accompanied by an adult TE ID card holder. Only regular shuffleboard games are allowed. Cues are not provided by TE. Disks are stored in Welcome Packet – Created 09/06/2016, Revised 01/16/17, 04/04/18, 12/23/19,1/15/21

the cue rack shed; chalk and erasers are on top of the scoreboards. No food, beverages, alcohol, radios (unless with earphones), loud talking, roller skates or skate boards are permitted on or around the courts. During tournaments, at least two courts are reserved for open play. Tournament participants are not to park in the lot surrounding the Post Office nor in the six south most parking spaces on Canada Boulevard. The TE Shuffleboard Club is responsible for enforcing restrictions and seeing that overnight parkers obtain permits.

SMOKING

Smoking is prohibited in all enclosed facilities, at the pool area and shuffleboard courts. No smoking policy applies to e-cigarettes too.

STORAGE - RV

Spaces for boats, boat trailers, motor homes, travel trailers, and utility trailers are available for rent to TE property owners provided vehicles are legally registered. Check with the office for complete rules and rental rates.

STORAGE - CARPORT

Boats, boat trailers, travel trailers, motor homes or similar property may not be stored on your lot unless they are COMPLETELY UNDERNEATH your carport or totally inside a garage.

TELEPHONE DIRECTORY

A TE resident telephone directory, which is published early each year, is available (for TE residents) in the office for a nominal cost.

TELEVISION CABLE SERVICE

Cable and internet (effective July 1, 2018) services are provided with over 70 channels in the yearly assessment for each housing unit. See the TE Tribune for channel listings. Residents may purchase additional services such as expanded TV channel or phone service from the cable provider. TE news and information is broadcast over an In-house TV Channel 732.

TOOLS

Certain garden tools such as wheelbarrow, tree pruners, rakes and shovels are available for borrowing from the Maintenance Department. See the Maintenance Supervisor for arrangements. Members of the Woodshop may borrow hand tools from the woodshop through a sign out and sign in procedure.

TRAILER ESTATES "TRIBUNE"

The monthly newspaper is free and available in the office, in the breezeway by the office and in boxes at the post office. A copy is also available on line at trailerestates.com. Items from Clubs/Groups/Organizations for publication must be submitted to the office by the 1st of each month and follow the rules included in PP - Tribune Policy. The Tribune has a complete calendar listing monthly activities' dates, times and locations.

TRASH PICKUP

Trash pickup is each Thursday (October - May) or each Monday and Thursday (June - September) at the street. Certain items will not be picked up if over 40 pounds and over four-foot in length. These items may be taken to the dumpsters for disposal. Other items such as major appliances, batteries, combustibles, insecticides, paint, etc. will not be picked up nor may they be taken to the dumpsters; disposal of these items is your responsibility. Call the waste pickup provider for pick up or location of drop off facilities.

UTILITY TRAILER

There is a utility trailer parked on the north side of the Maintenance Building that may be used by residents and registered renters at any time the trailer is present and available; contact the maintenance supervisor for details. It must not be used outside of Trailer Estates on public streets. It must be returned nightly.

WOODSHOP

This modern well-equipped woodshop is located behind the Post Office and Laundry Building. The Trailer Estates Woodworkers Club, who purchased the equipment, is in charge of the building that is open from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. No one under age 18 may be admitted. Only TE ID cardholders who join the club for \$10.00 per calendar year plus the cost of a door key may use or borrow the equipment. Complete rules are posted in the shop.

If there is any question concerning deed restrictions or rules and regulations for the facilities and organizations, please refer to current and updated copies available via the website (trailerestates.com) or in the TE office.



WELCOME TO TRAILER ESTATES!

PLEASE ALLOW US A MOMENT TO INTRODUCE OURSELVES. WE ARE THE MEMBERS OF THE TRAILER ESTATES FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT OF MANATEE COUNTY. OUR HOPE IS THAT YOU WILL FEEL SAFE AND HAPPY IN YOUR NEW HOME.

WE ARE, AS STATED, A VOLUNTEER DEPARTMENT; THEREFORE, WE ARE ALWAYS IN NEED OF GOOD PEOPLE. WE OFFER FULL IN HOUSE TRAINING IN FIRE AND RESCUE PROCEDURES TO OUR MEMBERS. IF YOU HAVE BEEN THINKING ABOUT JOINING AN ORGANIZATION WHERE YOU CAN HELP PEOPLE AND FIND PERSONAL REWARD PERHAPS WE ARE WHAT YOU ARE LOOKING FOR.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED, PLEASE CONTACT ONE OF US AND WE WOULD BE GLAD TO TALK WITH YOU AND GIVE YOU A TOUR OF OUR FACILITIES.

ONCE AGAIN, WELCOME TO TRAILER ESTATES. WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO MEETING YOU.

SINCERELY,

THE OFFICERS AND FIREFIGHTERS OF T.E.F.C.D.

CERT NEEDS YOU !!!!

HOW DOES CERT BENEFIT THE COMMUNITY AND YOU???

Who wouldn't want to be better prepared for any type of hazard that might strike their area whether a hurricane, earthquake, tornado or even a terrorist attack! Do you know how you would respond and recover from the aftermath of an emergency or disaster? We can all pick up a book or go online and train ourselves on how to deal with various types of hazards. However, wouldn't you rather be trained by those who work in the field professionally?

When a person joins CERT they immediately go through the basic CERT training course that gives them the initial training and skills that they will need for their role to operate as an auxiliary safety force volunteer. This training gives them the basic knowledge of hazards that could possibly threaten their home, their neighbors, community and even surrounding communities.

If something big were to strike, local safety forces will not be able to reach everyone in a timely manner. By joining CERT, you will have the necessary skills and training to reach out to your family and neighbors to support them with their basic needs until the safety forces can arrive. Members of CERT are trained in practical skills, organization and decision-making that can be used right away to assist others while waiting for emergency responders. While it is true that any person can help others in times of need the idea behind CERT is to have trained individuals who can accomplish this task effectively while keeping themselves safe and out of the path of danger. Members of CERT can also be used by the safety forces for non-emergency needs such as traffic control during local events, handing out emergency education literature etc.

The basic CERT training course involves approximately 20 hours of in-class coursework. It is given by Manatee County. Once you go through the basic training you can then seek out additional skills by taking other classes through various organizations and agencies such as the first aid classes offered through the TE Fire Department. By being a CERT member most of these classes can be taken for free or at a low cost. You are more of a benefit to the community if you are trained in these special skills. CERT members can be very useful in other areas such as Ham Radio operators, computer skills or being able to give emotional support during and following a situation. So, anyone can be a help to our CERT organization.

If you think you would be interested in joining our CERT team, call either Barb Meierjorgen or any CERT member for information. Manatee County will be conducting courses late fall and into the next year. Anyone is welcome to attend our meetings which are held every third Wednesday of the month at 10:00 AM in the TE Small Hall. Our web address is cert-te.org. Come see what we are all about!

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NEIGHBORHOOD
WATCH**



**NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH wants you
to help yourself and your neighbors.**

**The main purpose of
NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH is to:**

WATCH! SEE! OBSERVE! REPORT!

Get involved

**NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH meets the
4th Tuesday of the month at 7:30 p.m.**

**Call 911 in emergencies
For non-emergencies, call 747-3011**