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Valued campground patrons,

As we enter the peak season for recreational camping in Brevard County, we would like to take a moment to share the great strides we've made in working repairs and improvements in the Manatee Cove family campground over the last year.

Here's what we have accomplished thus far:

1. Replaced 7 washers and 7 dryers in Mar 2023 for \$19K. The remaining 3 washers and 2 dryers have been programmed for replacement in 2024.
2. Secured a Civil Engineering Squadron "Troop Training" project to repair the shoreline along sites 1 thru 10 after it was significantly eroded by the impact of Hurricane Ian in Aug 2023. These sites were then returned to safe use in Jun 2024.
3. Refurbished the pool table and purchased new accessories along with a new dart board and other outdoor games for \$1.5K to loan out on a complimentary basis.
4. Secured funding and contracted the following projects to take place in 2024 for a combined total of \$750K. Although we don't choose the execution dates, we will do our best to advertise when the work will proceed and minimize inconveniences.
 - a. Upgrade the pet play area with a new fence and design that will facilitate pets and owners safely entering and exiting the area. Pet waste stations will be installed in the pet run and the north and south sides of the campground.
 - b. Upgrade the power on sites 11 thru 34. These sites will be connected to the main campground transformers to eliminate the use of mini transformers that are aged and no longer reliable, as seen in the disconnecting of the power to sites 12 thru 23 currently.
 - c. Upgrade the RV pads on sites 1 thru 18, 56 thru 78 and 70 thru 75. The pads will be converted to concrete to enhance the appearance and use of these sites.
 - d. Upgrade the east and north decks of the community center and remove the south deck. This project was redesigned to change the materials from pre-treated wood to

a composite material to reduce maintenance costs and extend the life of the structure.

- e. Install new furniture on the decks, lanai, and community room. The interior furniture will include lounge chairs for comfortable television viewing.

Plans are underway to relocate back to the office in the campground community center prior to the end of this year. Ms. Crissi Ash has been busy with preparations to reopen the country store with a variety of convenience and memorabilia items for sale. And she is busy preparing our peak season calendar of social activities. If you would like to suggest an activity, please contact her at pafb.famcamp@gmail.com or stop by to discuss in person.

These improvements and services are made possible by the military and DoD patrons who are eligible and elect to use the Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) services provided at Patrick SFB. In unison, we are committed to sustaining quality programs and services with knowledgeable customer service professionals and industry-standard facilities that are recapitalized in a timely manner.

From our earlier days of approximately 80 sites, half of which were partial hookup, and a large primitive overflow area, we grew with a \$3.2M expansion and upgrade project that started in 2015, laying the foundation for the campground our patrons enjoy today. We now boast 156 full hookup sites, a community center, two laundry/restroom buildings and fully paved roads. We will continue to enhance what we have!

On behalf of the Force Support commander and Outdoor Recreation staff, thank you for your continued support and commitment to sustaining the MWR services at this installation. From the youngest beneficiaries at the Child Development Center to the eldest whom the Honor Guard salutes at their final resting place, and those in between, it is our collective efforts that will sustain these valued services for generations of service members and their families to come.

Regards,

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