

DISTRICT

From the Chairman

Hope all of you are enjoying the summer activities and events. Many of you were in the Large Hall when the Trailer Estates kitchen was inspected on July 1, 2010. Here is an update.

KITCHEN—The report from the Department of Business and Professional Regulation (DBPR) indicates only 3 areas of concern: a) no plan review, b) no license, and c) food handlers working in the kitchen need training. During this particular inspection two residents, Peg Durham and Lenora Neal, were cooking. Because they are both registered by the state as “certified kitchen managers”, the inspection report did not show a 4th area of concern/deficiency that would have otherwise been indicated. Our kitchen meets all other aspects necessary for a “food establishment” license.

The current issue is whether our kitchen, a mobile home park kitchen, is under the jurisdiction of DBPR and whether, as a mobile home park kitchen, we meet the exception where a license is not needed when serving to the mobile home park residents and their guests. Currently our attorneys are working on this. It may be resolved through discussion with DBPR or through a hearing. I will keep you informed as we work through this process.

Many residents say “why not just go ahead and get a license” as we are such a “tidy, clean kitchen”. This brings about many additional questions that would need to be considered:

- If we are a “food establishment” will our insurance costs change as we would be allowed to sell food to the public?
- Will all clubs/organizations need to have a “certified kitchen manager” to oversee the food preparation for their functions?
- What would a club/organization do if they don’t have a “certified kitchen manager” to oversee the kitchen during their food preparation?
- Since the District offers the kitchen as a facility, would they need to have an employee that is a “certified kitchen manager” available for the clubs/organizations? What would the clubs/organizations be charged to use the facility, and to have the District’s “certified kitchen manager” oversee the preparation of the food for their function(s)?
- What increased costs do the clubs/organizations or District have in relation to these changes?

As to the issue of licensing there are many things that the Board would need to consider if, in fact, the District is required to get a license.

LAWSUIT—A hearing is scheduled at 2:30 p.m. on August 3, 2010. This is the District’s 2nd Motion for Partial Summary Judgment. A copy of this motion can be obtained through the District Records Custodian. The trial is still on the docket for the October 4, 2010 trial period.

VACANCY— We have a vacancy on the board for the Continuing Recreation Trustee/Marina Trustee. Information about the duties of that Trustee can be found in PP40—Trustee Duties, available in the District Office. Look for the vacancy to be advertised on the District bulletin boards sometime in September, when a quorum is present to conduct interviews and make an appointment at a Board meeting.

ELECTION—There are five board openings at the upcoming election this December, 2010. Please look in this Tribune for further information regarding procedures.

Enjoy the rest of the summer!