

President's message from 5/27/2023 Membership Meeting:

Well, hello again, everyone! I hope everyone had a super fall and winter, where ever you were. While you were doing whatever it is you do during the colder months, we were here (some of us via Zoom) working on taking care of Chateau. (Make a reference to what did we do before Zoom, microwave ovens and cell phones.) Per usual, it has been an interesting and relatively productive winter.

We have been busy this winter and we have many accomplishments to boast about. I won't get into them all because you'll be hearing about them later but just a few are:

- Fixing the timbers under the railroad bridge so soil, which had been loosened by a very wet Spring wouldn't wash out the road
- More safety work on our river bridge so it would be usable for this summer
- Gave the Illinois bathhouse a face lift
- Installation of security cameras

And I could go on with several more. One thing I want you all to understand is that this park was developed back in the '60's and '70's ... so a LOT of the infrastructure

is over 50 years old and we're working on updating it... slowly but surely. It is a slow process because some of the projects are extremely costly and to be frank, we just can't afford many of them at this time but that doesn't mean they are forgotten.

With what has been done the park is really looking good and I attribute that to the diligent work of our maintenance staff of Tikon and his wife Esther and to our Park Manager, Colee. All 3 are wonderful people who are working very hard to keep our park "ship shape" and beyond. Saying that I'd like to remind everyone that Colee and her staff work for the association. We have had several members over the past few months come to the office and try to tell Colee how to do her job and they are telling her that she's not to forget that they pay her salary! (Insert story about paying officers & firemen). Well, they don't. Colee does not have 306 bosses ... she has 1 ... the President along with the board. That's it. PLEASE treat her and her staff (and I might add the members of the board) with the respect that they deserve. We are ALL working hard to continue to keep this one of the best places to live in Chafee County by following the rules of this park, which I get is not always the easiest thing to do. We have a great little community that's tucked way back here by one of the best rivers in

the US! Let us all work on the respect we all expect and deserve, whether it is our staff, our board members, our neighbors ... whether it is on Facebook or face-to-face. ***Chateau Chaparral*** ... our castles among the scrub oak and other tangled shrubs.