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Children's splash water park received a fresh coat of paint to make it more enjoyable for the Seven Oaks children this summer

The Club at Seven Oaks is a \$4,500,000 complex that has a clubhouse with a gathering room, kitchen, state-of-the-art fitness room, aerobics room, and a cafe. Outside the clubhouse is a junior-olympic lap pool, leisure pool, wading pool, children's splash water park, five competition quality tennis courts, lighted basketball court, sand volleyball court, and a playground for children. Getting all of this ready for the influx of people that will occur during the summer when the 2,000 plus families at Seven Oaks come to enjoy the facility is no easy task.

Fortunately, we have Theresa Flores, as the clubhouse manager, to oversee this effort. She started preparing for the 2013 summer in the fall of last year during the "off season". With the help of Bryan Cooper, staff supervisor, and their staff, The Club at Seven Oaks will be ready for everyone to enjoy. Here's some of the things that they have done.

Since many residents use the pools, Theresa and Bryan took actions to insure the pools were ready. Bryan said, "Our pool deck has seen a face-lift in the form of re-straped lounge chairs. New straps were added to 24 of our existing chairs at a cost of \$2,130. We have also had the slide joints repaired and recoated to eliminate leakage that was occurring. These leaks were repaired by applying fiber sheets between the joints. The fiber sheets are then sanded flat and recoated to a smooth finish at a cost of \$2,400.

Our maintenance staff, directed by Bob Semple, has also been hard at work pressure washing the cabana canopies and pool deck. Jeremy Hunt from the maintenance department has been instrumental in the implementation of these projects. The clubhouse interior and exterior has also been revitalized with a fresh coat of paint. This year the motor for the splash park finally had to be rebuilt at a cost of \$2,000, and the clay tennis courts were resurfaced for \$3,500."



Dinning chairs that were replaced



The inside of the clubhouse also received the attention of Theresa and Bryan during the off season. Bryan added, "The café was refurbished to increase our seating capacity. A new complimentary paint scheme was chosen for this renovation to match the new furnishings. This renovation was approved by the CDD at a cost of \$5,425.86. In other areas, we have also improved our gym equipment. The old equipment was showing signs of wear and the cost of replacement parts began to exceed the worth. We opted to purchase a new multi-gym (\$5,953) to add some different stations and provide the residents with top-notch fitness equipment. We also chose to purchase a new Matrix treadmill (\$2,891) and a new Precor recumbent bike (\$3,295) rather than repair the existing ones due to age and cost related concerns. Our gathering room has seen a small improvement in the form of an installed pantry style cabinet to house cleaning materials and supplies for rentals that take place in the room. This was to help maintain a clean and professional appearance by not using the rotunda area as storage, which is open and visible to patrons."

Last but not least is the staff. Due to having part time employees during the summer, only 50 percent of them returned. To insure both the returning employees as well as the new employees were ready, all employees were provided training along with a customer service presentation. The employees were also provided CPR training to help ensure the safety of everyone that enjoys the pools.



Daniela Oreliana provides a resident with a new ice cream product added to cafe menu



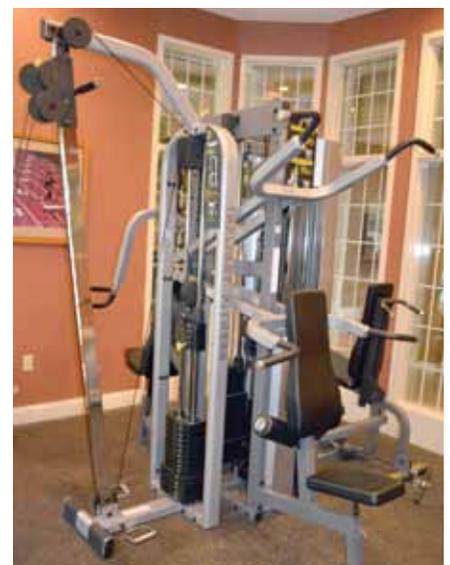
Jeremy Hunt working on cafe furniture



Resident uses new Matrix treadmill



Clubhouse playground received repairs and upgrades after Hurricane Sandy last August



New multi-gym