

# Town officials may take summer residents on tours of dilapidated facilities

By Dotti Farrington

The Town Council may provide unusual activities for summer residents, according to a recent meeting exchange. Talking about the need to budget for both repair and replacement of town facilities and equipment, the councilors said they might offer tours of the island's sights of dilapidation, especially for seasonal residents who are least

aware of the town's needs.

"We could have open house for all townspeople so they can see the disgrace we've been talking about," Councilor Michael Schnack said.

The topic started out with a review of what has been done with ball fields this season and what still needs to be done. "We've got a ways to go," Councilor William Kelly said.

"Now is the time to plan for next year," he added.

The possibility of the unresort-like attractions evolved from review of councilors' own tour a year ago to acquaint the three new council members with the town's ramshackle facilities. Councilor Barbara Szeptowski said all town properties should be revisited at least annually.

Councilors credited last year's

tour with their aggressiveness in developing a budget, passed in early June by voters, to replace some equipment and provide some property maintenance. They said much still needs to be done and affirmed the tour as a way to renew their commitments to the goal of better facilities. They concluded tours could be used to instill residents with such commitments.

Several months ago, Szeptowski suggested another review of the disarray of town facilities, and suggested a volunteer corps to work on the problem.

The workers would be the offspring of the volunteer team she was amassing for her pet project, which is to create a town facility for needy animals on the island. She has since channeled some of that energy into a teen center.

Meanwhile, her idea about volunteers to repair town buildings was set aside because of possible territorial claims over the work.

Kelly then suggested a weekly bus tour of town facilities to convince taxpayers about the need to adequately provide for building

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