

Treasure Coast "Tide"ings

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A Visit to the Maintenance Complex at Piper's Landing

Piper's Landing, a new real estate development golf complex in Stuart, boasts a modern maintenance complex that is one of the finest along the Treasure Coast. Unlike the barns of yesteryear, the modern maintenance building at Piper's Landing provides the staff with a strong foundation for an efficient operation of the 18 hole golf course and landscaping of the development's properties.

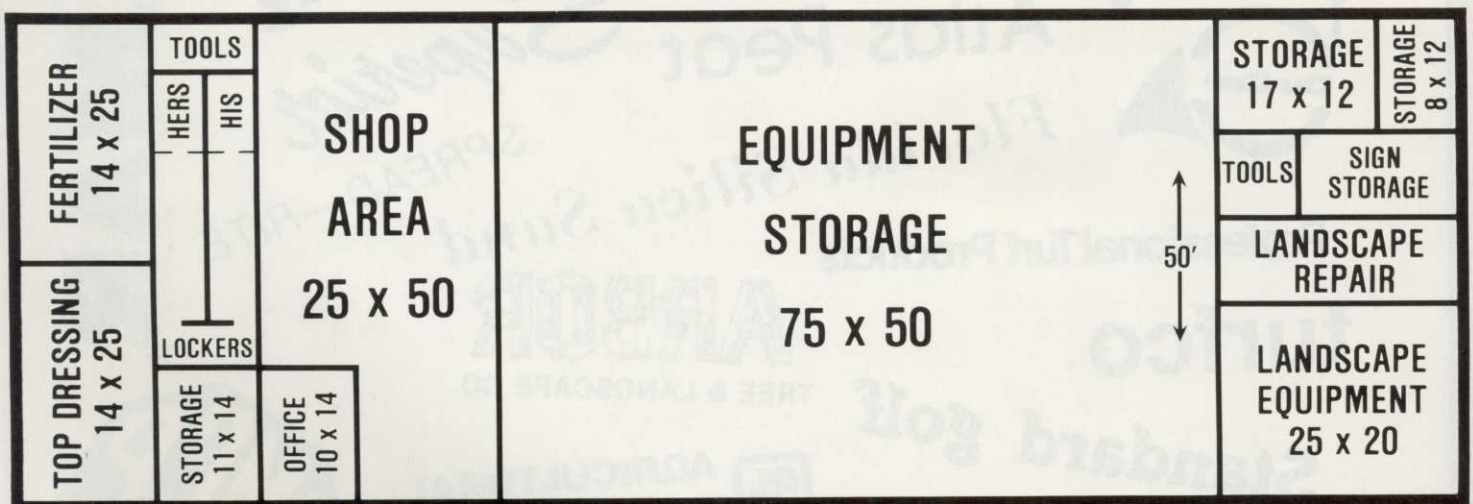
George Ord, C.G.C.S., beamed with pride when he gave me the grand tour of his maintenance building. Designed by Piper's Landing's own architectural staff, the building contains floor area of 7,500 square feet. It is divided into three different sections. An open 75 x 50 area is utilized for equipment storage. To one side, a 25 x 50 area is reserved for landscape operations while a 50 x 90 area at the other side provides shop and support areas for golf course operations. Having the equipment storage area separating the landscape and golf course sections, it provides a buffer zone that allows the two departments to function independently under the same roof.

George Ord is certainly proud of his maintenance building. "It's definitely a pleasure to work with a well designed

building. It is really an asset to our overall operation," George stated. He continued, "Because of its good design and ample area, we are always neat and in good order. With today's demand for an efficient operation, you can't afford to work out of a building that tends to lend itself towards a state of entropy."

As one can see in the floor plan, George's building contains all of the desirable characteristics needed for ease of operation. Large equipment storage and shop areas for easy equipment maneuverability are a necessity today. Ample storage areas for specific items are conveniently located throughout the building. A comfortable office and his/hers rest area have been incorporated into the complex. Adequate fertilizer and topdressing storage compartments are found at the far end of the building.

The maintenance area is extensively paved on all sides of the building and a paved parking area is provided for the employees at the entrance to the complex. Having such a large area surfaced helps to keep the building clean and the entire area neat at all times.



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The location of the complex in relation to the golf course is also a plus. It is situated 150 feet in from the main road and directly between the front and back nines.

Gas pumps are located a safe distance (50 feet) from the building. Since all departments at Piper's Landing have access to gasoline at the maintenance complex, a 15 unit-key lock computerized system is utilized which keeps track of each department's gas consumption.

Flexibility, efficiency, and attractiveness are all desirable elements that we would like to see incorporated into today's maintenance complex. The complex found at Piper's Landing provides these essential elements and has paid off, resulting in a smooth operation. ■



Front view, maintenance building — Piper's Landing.

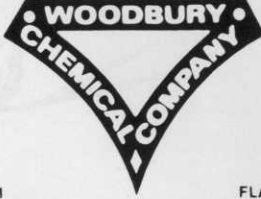


Rear view, maintenance building — Piper's Landing.

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