

Yards Report 2022

2021 accomplished much in yards. I want to thank the volunteers who worked on the rail yard project. The oversight of the contractor, the operators of our backhoe, the crew removing the old rail, the gang reinstalling the ties and rail, those that drove spikes and put the finishing touches to the North side of the rail yard. Great job. This year the electrical cable and standards along the North side need to be secured from bank erosion.

Last year's railyard project was huge in that the scope of work was expanded and it marks the last time the club needed to contract out a large excavation of clay and placement of a proper foundation for boat storage. In the future, the final steps of improving drainage along the West side of the railyard and repositioning of rail spacing on the South side can be done in house, and broken down into smaller steps.

The lawn was mowed and grass trimmed on a weekly basis by volunteer members in 2021. Though attendance was cut in half, I thought it was important for morale and club pride to keep the yards near Bristol fashion. Thanks to Glenn and others who attended the grass. In 2022 we look forward to the return of more members and willing hands to attend flower bed and other finishing touches.

Roadways will be maintained using granular A gravel, limestone or clear stone as needed. Thanks to Paul and others who maintain and operate the backhoe to make the NCYC roadways smooth.

In 2021 the electrical infrastructure was improved in that new GFI plugs were installed along the South Side of the railyard. Thanks to Daryl and members who have expertise in the trades. This year new LED lights have been purchased for the yard. I'm looking for volunteers to changeover the pole lighting. The metal standards will be lowered to the ground, repainted, and have new energy efficient LED lights. The wooden light pole changeover will be done at height by qualified individuals.

The beachfront will need to be addressed. The fire pit moved further East. The sand cleaned and graded. Weeds close to shore should be removed in the swimming area. Fresh sand added as necessary. Last year water levels dropped 2 feet and fewer children at the club this summer made the beach a low priority. This year in 2022 with things returning to normal the MC is committed to having the beachfront and grounds restored to its best. We look forward to welcoming our members and guests to enjoy all our grounds have to offer this summer.

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