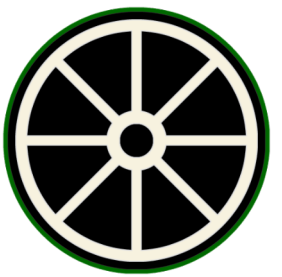
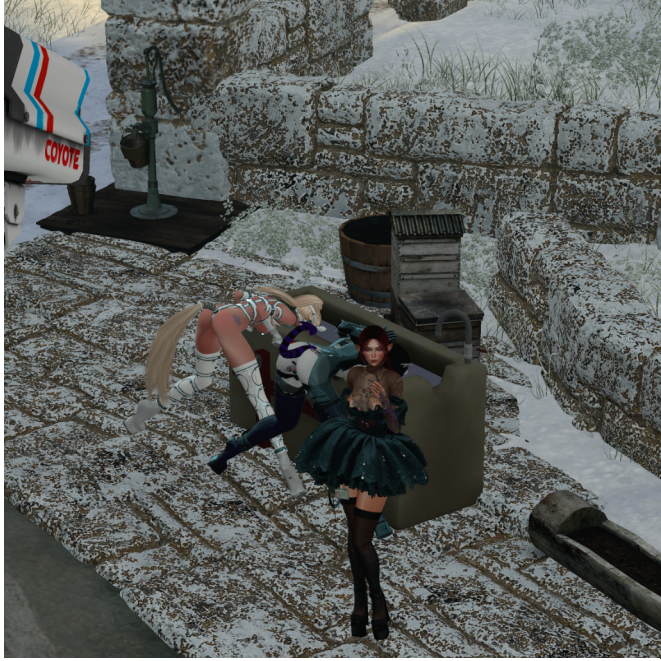


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Water Major Crisis! Emergency Measures in Place to Conserve Water Supplies!



Trish sets up an emergency trough [Photo: Trish]

It has been revealed that water supplies to the TT troughs have been leaking, which has left TT livestock dangerously thirsty. Citizens have reported animals participating in events like 2Hot2Trot nearly passing out from lack of water.

The stoats quickly launched an emergency relief effort involving bottles of water, and plucky citizen Trish Ace arranged for a temporary trough to be set up. She put this under 24/7 surveillance to guard against misuse or sabotage, so clearly she knows how we roll down here at Tall Tails...



Stoats also helped with the relief effort. [Photo: Mara]

Mayor Molly Lacroix followed up later that day with an important announcement and of course we know that if she becomes personally involved then it must be serious, right?

Key points from the announcement included the closure of public troughs to prevent unnecessary water usage, mandatory water conservation workshops, strict monitoring of water usage and severe penalties for non-compliance.

But there was a more lighthearted tone to the conclusion of her announcement when amusingly she suggested that the involvement of the Ponizei would

ensure that the announced measures would be effectively enforced.

Of course this whole course of events led to valid questions being raised about how these leaks happened in the first place. There were whispers about poor maintenance and even rumours suggesting potential sabotage. Presumably the Ponizei will now spearhead one of their infamous forensic investigations, so watch this space for no news or major breakthroughs.

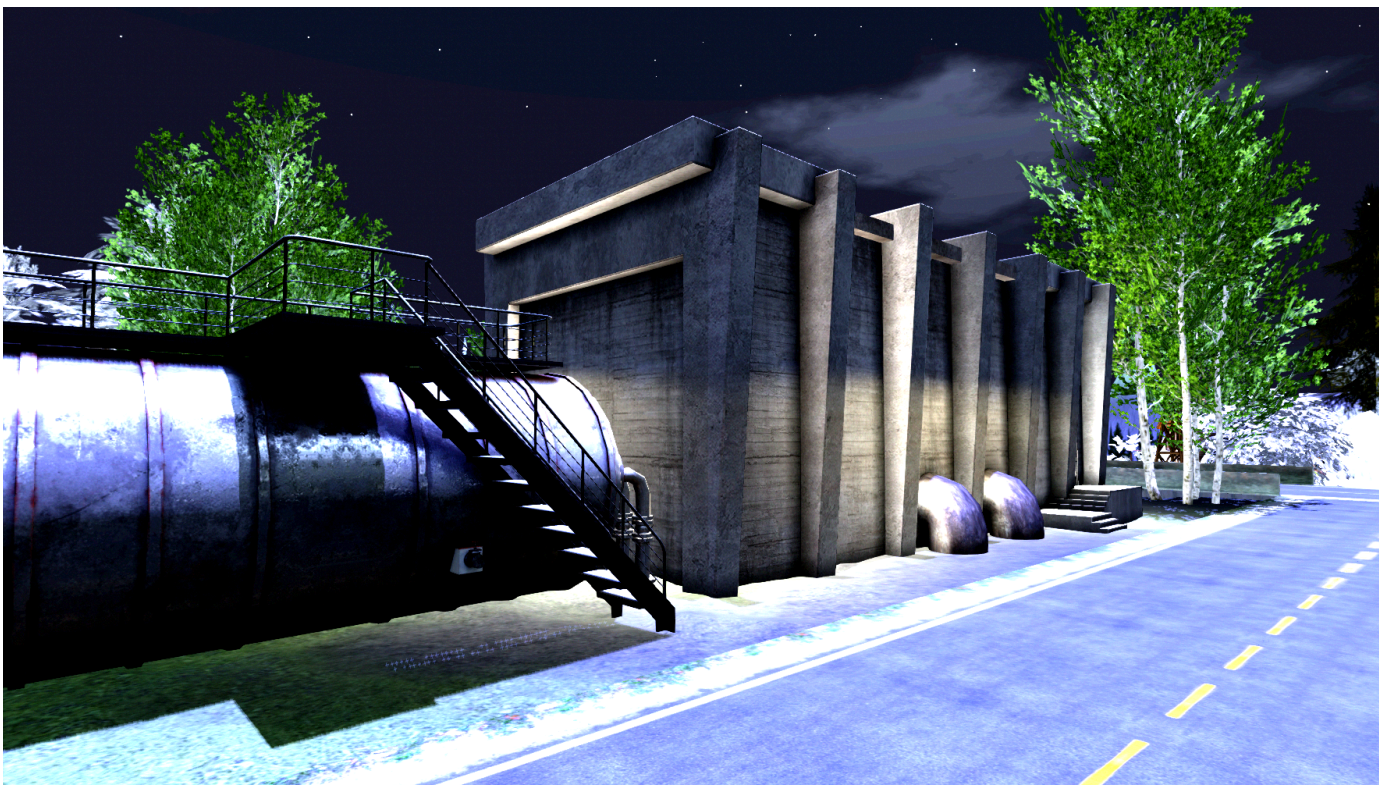
But following hot on the heels of the plucky relief efforts worse news was to follow. The Tall Tails Fire Department (TTFD) conducted a thorough safety assessment of the town's water supply and test results confirmed the presence of hazardous pollutants, making the water unsafe for consumption... a new plan was needed and needed fast.

But cometh the hour cometh the saviour. In testament to the Ponifia's diligent planning and preparation they already had a plan ready to go. Bazam! Yes, a plan ready to go! Just like that...!

So the Godmother made a statement approximately two hours after the bad news from TTFD, announcing that



Inside the Water Processing Plant. [Photo: Vana]



The Ponifia Water Processing Plant. [Photo: Vana]



Tip: Never ask how this water is made. [Photo: Vana]

they would open their Ponifia Water Processing Plant, apparently providing a fresh, reliable source of the finest drinking water.

Almost too good to be true. Just two hours after the contamination announcement, Ponfia were ready with a brand new water processing plant. Extraordinary foresight and good fortune from our charitable friends at Ponifia.

But as the message from the Godmother concluded, it became clear that this "charity" was to come at a price.

However in a later formal announcement to citizens (yes there have been a lot recently), Ponifia called out for ponies and staff at Tall Tails to help with the mission to maintain a continuous water supply and stated that grooms and trainers will soon receive additional instructions on what they need to do.

Everyone will soon have an opportunity to contribute to this relief plan. There will be a number of different roles which will need to be fulfilled. One involves making cart deliveries of water and another is to bottle up the water. And the other one...oh you'll find out in time...

Please also read the article on page 3 about daily pay for staff. Yes you heard me right! Staff can go and click the bank machine to collect their pay each day and citizens who help with the deliveries are also paid!

More Pictures from the Water Crisis



Becky Wolfblade checks through the town records for details of formal permits to supply water to TT.

[Photo: Becky Wolfblade]



A sneak peak at the specially modified carts which will be used to transport water between two key TT mainland hubs.

[Photo: Pinkie]



Mara and Vana proudly reveal the new "water purification units" in the Ponifia Water Processing plant. This looks like cutting edge technology. I wonder how they work?

[Photo: Vana Trouble]

Akaia sends out an inspiring message to us all during these challenging times reminding us to "refuel your engines."

[Photo: Akaia]



Current & Upcoming Events

Here are the exciting upcoming events at TT currently on our radar!

- **Pony Caravans** - Check Discord for dates.
The Pony caravans are an incredible community event run on a regular basis which involve pony rides along official Second Life mainland roads. These continue to be very popular and well attended and its a great way to do something as part of the wider pony community and to see parts of Second Life you might not usually visit.

The 44th Pony Caravan "The Rattle Snake Pass" is scheduled to take place on Saturday 22nd March at 12PM SLT so reserve this date in your calendars!

For more details including details of the next event check join the dedicated [Pony Caravan](#) Discord group.
- **Ponizei HQ Opening Party** - Friday 7th March at 12PM SLT. The event promises speeches, surprising reveals, more speeches and more importantly, DJs and dancing!



Let's all party with the Ponizei! [Graphic: Axelle]

- **TT Movie Night** - Friday 14th March at 1200hrs SLT
Potato will be hosting another of her very popular movie nights and the film this time will be the brilliantly funny Anchorman. I seriously urge anyone who has never seen this amazing comedy to try and get down to see it.

These movie nights are now hosted at the Nightshade Drive-in Theatre, so that's another reason to go if you have not yet seen this great venue.

- **TT 2025 Week of Madness** - Late May 2025
It's nearly that time of year to start thinking about this year's TT Week of Madness!

See the poster teaser below for the planned events each day and no, I don't know what the Surprise Thursday event is either! Stay tuned for more updates as the date for this infamous event approaches.



The 2025 Week of Madness! [Graphic: Cookie]

Law Breakers Beware! New Ponizei Station finally opens.

It is with much sadness that we must report that after many months of rumours and additional funding from Mayor Molly, that the new Ponizei Station has finally opened in Meadows to much pomp and fanfare.

Following the closure of the former Ponizei HQ building, there were rumours floating around that their next station would be placed somewhere underground, “out of sight, out of mind” so Ponizei Chief Axelle Beorn has achieved quite a turnaround in policy here.

So law breakers beware, the merry officers of the Ponizei will once again be patrolling our roads, checking cart registration plates, setting up speed traps around the estate and eating all the doughnuts from the nearby bakery.

Apparently they are always on the look out for more officers to help police the streets so do reach out to one of the team or visit their new headquarters if you are interested in learning more.

Obviously most people will be put off by the lurid green uniforms and if not, perhaps their rousing motto instead: “To Spank and Protect!”

They are also going to host a party on Friday 7th March at 12PM SLT and we are all invited!

Mara ruled out as Rogue Vigilante Green Mist

Mara recently had a tough week when she was accused of being the rogue vigilante known as Green Mist (or Green Fog as Tricky Trouble refers to her in one of her best casual put downs).

In a long story cut short Tricky, received an anonymous tip with compromising images that appeared to suggest that Mara was caught in the act of masking up as Green Mist. Green Mist remains a high value target for the Ponifia as it is reported she has been a thorn in their side, responsible for costing the organisation a lot of money with her various disruptive exploits over the years.

Apparently the Ponizei were also drawn into the investigation and proof of an alibi was produced that seemingly proved that Mara was ‘otherwise disposed’ when the Green Mist captured Rebel.

So the mystery involving the person behind Green Mist is set to continue. Some have painted Green Mist to be some kind of modern day female Robin Hood, punishing the strong and helping the weak. Her uniform is green she is just missing the silly hat and bow and arrow right?

One wonders whether we shall see an emergence of the Green Mist during the current water crisis.

Staff to get Daily Pay!

In an exciting and unexpected new development, the Godmother revealed that all grooms and trainers will now be paid daily for their work.

In the village of Barrow, next to the TT Gazette stand, is a bank machine which you can click to have your daily pay deposited to your account.

To view your personal account balance, you need to obtain the special hud from the Ponifia box next to the TT Gazette stand.

When added you may need to press the media refresh button and then press the top label labelled ‘inventory’ to view your balance and details of any other items you have. You also have the option to transfer things to other people via UUID. So I think this is an exciting development that could potentially be used to support many more storylines and events on the estate.

This hud and payment system is a new idea which will be developed over time, so please treat as experimental at this stage and be patient.

Its definitely worth having the hud ready and working for some of the water crisis jobs.

Axelle Demoted to Groom!

During recent audit checks, it was discovered that Axelle didn’t actually ever achieve her ring sign-off so Mayor Molly has demoted her to Groom until this has been successfully achieved.

Rumour has it that trainers are lining up to be the one to conduct her ring sign-off test...

Staff Licence Updated



Get a shinier staff licence card! [Graphic: Molly]
Mayor Molly has advised that the TT staff licence cards have been refreshed to give them more of a modern look. The holding script and animation has also been added to the basic version of the card, so you can now more easily present your card to the authorities each time you are (inevitably) arrested.

To get your card updated you just need to get a new sign off.

More details about the new staff licence cards are available on the [wiki](#).



The team hatch a dastardly plan to try and sign up more unsuspecting recruits. [Photo: Axelle]



Open for Spanking! Team Ponizei stand proudly outside their new HQ [Photo: Axelle]



Lest we Forget. [Photo: Becky Wolfblade]



The story of ProAm and the Amazing Team Uniforms.

I guess you can't have been in and around the pony play world without at some point having encountered pony polo and perhaps later learning, like me, that it is much harder than it looks.

Some people get really good at this sport, join the official pony polo league and become super stars. This made it quite hard when it came to tournament time because who would want to pitch themselves against a pro team? Not me!

Molly explained that this is what helped her to come up with the idea of the ProAm tournament. Basically it mixes a talented pro player with an amateur to better balance the teams. To further sweeten the deal, Molly made a set of stunning unique uniforms that participating teams would get to wear and oh my are they a delicious delight to behold.

Feast your eyes on the outfits displayed to your right. This picture gallery features the 12 amazing uniforms used in the last Pro-Am competition. I think they really are stunning.

I imagine people would pay good money to not have me in their polo team but gosh would I love to get my hands on one of those outfits. Molly told me she is aware they are popular because she had people asking her to make uniforms for the CPL season, and also Ralna ran a polo World Cup event where they created uniforms for each country as well.

Molly also explained to me that the designs were pretty basic in the beginning as she didn't have much experience with texturing, but over time she got more adventurous with them.

The other factor of course was which body system to use. Molly explained that originally it was pretty easy to make them as the majority of people used Maitreya Lara, and she was able to get some full perm outfits from the marketplace. However these days are there many more variants so at the last Pro-Am, Hazel helped conduct a survey with participants to see what bodies people now use in SL, so the next Pro-Am will support Lara, LaraX, Reborn and Legacy!

So as you can see, the idea of the ProAm is to bring new people to ponyplay and have the opportunity to play in a polo tournament without the worry of having to go up against the usual established polo teams. So please consider signing up if you have never played before, you might be pleasantly surprised with how well you get on.

Traditionally the ProAm events take place in Spring and Autumn and we eagerly await the formal dates for 2025.

There is also a polo event during the Week of Madness although Molly tells me this has nothing to do with ProAm, its just a typical polo classic tournament.

Please keep an eye on Discord to watch out for the next ProAM event. Instructions will be provided on how to sign up. Also watch out for the fun and informal polo training sessions occasionally hosted by some of our CPL superstars!

