

The Falls at Sheridan

Our Community Newsletter
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Presidential Ramblings

by Russ Schaad

I focus my thoughts during the Big Deluge - some intro to Summer! Will it ever stop raining? We can now see how well our Municipalities mitigated the canals and drains after last year's Fay.

Max, the Wonder Dog, and I wander our community [often in the Dark] and contemplate how very lucky we are to have chosen to live in the Falls. We have people who care enough to pitch in to spread 100 yards of mulch on our Playground. We have volunteers who decorate the front gate, write complicated RFPs for Management company bids, consider ARC applications, pay our bills, interview concrete contractors and call in alligator sightings. We function as a community, because we are a community of concerned and proud members.

I made a point of asking the other Board members for their input in my article and here goes:

Please advise your children/young adults that the islands in Lake Conestee are Very Much "OFF Limits". They are not for our use!

A 4 foot alligator sighting was called in by Conestee and Shoshone last week. Besides, there are snakes, bugs and the St. John's Water District inspectors lurking on the islands.

Please do not put LAWN WASTE OR GARBAGE on top of the Drain

Covers. Debris gets loose and clogs up the pipes.

We now have Advanced Property Management overseeing our Covenant Compliance. They start on June 1st. We are confident they will give us new overview on our community's issues, without inciting a riot.

Thank you Jerry Poole for accepting the front gate irrigation oversight.

We are about to check the perimeter fences. Please clear all shrubbery and growth from it, so our hearty team of volunteers can test for Hurricane worthiness.

As the evenings encourage walking, please make sure that your children keep all toys, ramps or marbles from the sidewalk [for obvious reasons].

A black cat has been sighted as a possible stray. Is it a missing family member? Please advise the Hot Line.

VERY IMPORTANT!!!! - Our volunteers, prior to this year's Annual Meeting, spent a lot of time putting together a ballot for Covenant Revisions. Each Falls family received this ballot in the Meeting Package. In order to update our covenants, from 1997, when they were first composed by the Development Company, we need to vote and we need to have 60% of the residents vote yes on all issues, for them to be changed. Some line items are as simple as deleting the management company's name, and then some ask for a different ruling on overnight parking on our streets. If YOU do not respond to this now,

our chance may pass and a lot of important items will be lost to apathy. So far, less than 40 ballots have been turned in. We need at least 116, all saying yes, to pass an item. Your input as a member of this democracy is required! If you cannot find your ballot, please call **Ruthe Faust** or **Elaine Bryson** and ask for another.

Regarding On Board Transmitters for gate control: Programming of some new autos must be done by a specialist. This company, per FDC, is Leer Car 2 U.....866-833-9664. Dean Hughes is the gate committee chairperson and Tony Ayala is also very familiar with these issues.

Here's wishing you a wonderful Summer and all of the health and fun Florida can offer. *Russ Schaad*

WELCOME TO THE FALLS AT SHERIDAN

by Pat Schaad

Betty and Brad Wade have moved into 708 Falls Creek Dr. over the weekend of May 15th

Sandor and Andrea Albert, along with their daughter Bianka, are new residents at 900 Cumberland. They have moved here from Palm Bay, Sandor is employed at Philips Healthcare in Melbourne.

Art Vandenberghe has moved here from Temple, Texas and resides at 748 Conestee Dr.

He is employed at Harris corporate.

Art likes fishing and playing golf and the Florida climate should provide just the weather he needs to enjoy

those hobbies. The last two were received in March, in time for our April Newsletter and were inadvertently overlooked. My apologies *the Editor Lets give a big Sheridan Falls welcome to all our new neighbors. when you see them. Remember to share a friendly smile and hello to all of our residents. It is always nice to brighten someone's day*

AROUND THE FALLS *by Ruthe Faust!*

CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS:

- Andrea Nemeth's March 9th
- Charles Azevedo March 28th
- Larry Etheridge April 8th
- Alan Dowd April 11th
- Dot Prichard April 24th
- Debbie Menendez May 16th
- This pert, resilient, tenacious lady celebrated the BIG 50! Happy 50 Debbie*
- Ashley Precious May 18th
- Dick Borysiewicz May 21st
- Richard Bryson May 25th
- Savannah Hughes May 28th
- Dylan Hughes May 28th
- Barbara Smith May 30th

This list is compiled from past newsletters. Whenever I learn of other resident's birthdays I add them, call me so I can add yours. To any we have missed, -- we hope you too had a wonderful birthday.

CELEBRATING ANNIVERSARIES:

Connie & Larry Etheridge, April 28th
... **Happy Anniversary** to all others celebrating their big day.

GET WELL WISHES TO:

Andrea Nemeth was in the hospital for several days, is back home and is doing well. In fact, she is doing so well she is conquering her problems. You can do it!!!

Mary Riding recently had back surgery and the last word I heard was that she is home and recovering well. However on a sad note, Paul Mullins is not doing very well. Paul is now in a nursing home You may

want to send him a card or give Lois a call. Her phone number is in the community directory. Paul was a past Board of Director, past President of our Association and filled in as Treasurer briefly. He was an avid golfer and lives and breathes the Boston Red Socks. This Irishman has a great sense of humor. This may give you an idea relating to a card. or a note. **Paul Mullins West Melbourne Health and Rehab.** Rm. A 85 W. Melbourne, Fl. 32904 Lois has sold her house and will be leaving our community. She'll be missed. I will get her address and phone number for the next newsletter.

Just found out that **Richie Bryson** is in the hospital. Hope his stay is not too long and they are able to correct the problem.

COMMUNITY SYMPATHY

We send our sympathy to the **Rick Precious family.** Linda's mother passed away unexpectedly in April. Our sympathy goes out to **The Joe Panazarino family** on the loss of his Mother. Joe's Mother had been in a nursing home for several years

TRAVELING OUT OF THE FALLS:

Barbara Smith visited a friend in The Villages and enjoyed her time away.

Maggie and Don White spent a week back in Mass. in early April.

The Fischers' took their son, daughter-in-law and two granddaughters on a cruise over Spring break.

Jo Ann and George Tegeler were back in Rhode Island visiting their family.

Kristen Faust and Brian Valentine went to MD to visit Brian's parents and then traveled to PA for a memorial service for Kristen's uncle.

Marie and Dick Purdy, Jeanne Pannucci and Ruthe Faust enjoyed their trip to the Smoky Mts and they

visited the Biltmore Estate and Pigeon Forge. Dollywood was on the schedule but two out of three days it rained.

Evey and Dick Borysiewicz were in Atlanta, Ga. for the wedding of Evey's son.

Sally and Dan Young spent a week of relaxing in Miami.

Serrita Maxwell spent time with family in Kentucky.

VISITING IN THE FALLS WERE:

Joyce and Stewart Jaeger had their Grand children from New Jersey visit them over Easter break.

Dot and Fred Prichard had their son, Steve and family from West Virginia visit them.

Joyce and Richard Brady had their daughter, husband and grand children from New York visit.

Wally Parpart, former long time Shoshone resident, was back in the Falls. I didn't get to see him but I'm told that he is enjoying his new locale and is very busy with all the activities. I think he was back to thaw out after the long Chicago winter.

Charles Azevedo had a fellow HAM operator from England visit him for a week. Charles has been communicating with Allen Gittens for years. So they finally met and had a wonderful time together.

Class of 2009: Jessa Davis, daughter of **Valerie and Darrell Holloway,** graduated from Holy Trinity this past week-end. Jessa will be attending Florida State University.....

CONGRATULATIONS Jessa and all other graduates of your class of 2009. **GOOD LUCK** in your future

RETIREES NEWS *by Ruthe Faust*

The Gods smiled on the Retiree's Annual Picnic on May 14 at Ballard Park. We had no rain, less wind than usual, very few flies and a wonderful group of friends The Picnic, which is always a popular event, was a huge

success. 38 residents signed up to attend and we had 34 in attendance. The food was great, as usual, the meat was provided and the attendees brought salads and desserts. YUM! **Dot Prichard** led the group in a game that encouraged members to know each other. The game was "2 truths and 1 lie". You gave your name and address, then told a story about yourself. You told 2 truthful facts and one lie. We learned many interesting facts about our retirees. Some people were able to make connections with common interests. Andrea Nemeth was recognized with a card and flowering plant from the retiree's for her perseverance in correcting a health problem. This ended the 10th annual picnic. The Retiree's will adjourn until the fall, when, at that time, they hope to schedule another event. **MARK YOUR CALENDER NOW** for the annual **XMAS PARTY ON DECEMBER 6TH**. We have already made reservations for the event to be held at The Holiday Inn, (same as last year). We hope to have the great attendance we did last year!!!!

To all our "snow birds" or "half backs"...

We hope you have a safe and pleasant journey to your summer home. Have a wonderful summer!! We will look forward to your return in the fall.

IF YOU WISH TO RECEIVE THE NEWSLETTER SEE THAT I GET A SELF-ADDRESSED ENVELOPE WITH STAMP. You may drop it off at 842 Potomac Dr. See you in the fall, Ya'll.

DIDJA KNOW????

We have 6 streets in our community

1. Falls Creek Drive
2. Linville Falls Drive
3. Conestee Drive
4. Potomac Drive
5. Shoshone Lane
6. Cumberland Place

All streets were named after Waterfalls existing in Hendersonville, North Carolina. Mr. Stitzel, our developer, is from that area and he named the streets.

The shortest street is Cumberland Place with 6 homes and the longest street is Potomac with 52 homes. (All you Conesteeians thought it was Conestee) Ok. Go ahead and count.

Catch you next time for more interesting facts from the Falls Ruthe

WORKDAY JUNE 13TH

We will need a few shovels and some diggers (plan to transplant a few things), some weeders, some planters, some mulchers, (just to freshen up the areas) and a sweeper. **COME ON OUT AND JOIN US.** The more hands we have the faster we can accomplish the chore.

And plus we have fun while we are working together for the common cause of beautifying our community. **SEE YOU ON THE 13th** at 9:00AM at the (Gate).

There will be a notification at gate of the event. In case of rain we will set up another date

REMINDERS:

Irrigate your lawns-If your address is an Even number, Thurs. & Sun. if an Odd number, Wed. & Sat.

STOP at STOP signs, it's the law.

Our community speed limit is 25 mph. Our children are out of school for the summer watch out for them.

Dick & Tsugi O'Donnell report the following:

Tsugi and I went to Virginia during the last week of March to celebrate our oldest grandchild becoming a teenager. While there we went to Arlington National Cemetery which is a frequent stop as I continue to document the resting places for men

of the 508th Parachute Infantry Regiment.

On April 5th I placed third in the Florida Disabled Anglers tournament held on the Harris Chain in Tavares. I also landed the "Big Bass" for the disabled division and received cash awards plus a trophy. This happens to be the same lake where I pulled in the Big Bass during the Paralyzed Veterans Association U.S. Open two years ago. That same tournament is coming up in two weeks so my fingers are crossed (although it is harder to cast that way).

I am going to Normandy for 11 days (May 29 - June 8) to attend the observance of "D-Day Plus 65", the 65th anniversary of the Normandy invasion. On June 4th there will be a special commemoration ceremony in Gourbesville, a small village west of Ste. Mere Eglise. On that day a special plaque will be unveiled recognizing two men of Company "I", 508th PIR who parachuted into and fought in the village on D-Day. One was killed, the other lost a hand and remained a POW for the remainder of the war. The Mayor has invited me as a guest of honor due to my contributions in researching information regarding the man who was killed. Details of his name were finally learned through a German document that showed his name, rank and serial number as well as the fact that he had been buried at the village church. Eventually the U.S. Forces recovered his body but he was labeled as an Unknown, number "X-64". Ultimately his identity was established and his final resting place is in his hometown of Charlotte, NC. I am pleased that my name, amongst other research contributors, will appear on the plaque that is to be erected in Gourbesville.

On July 2-6, I will be in El Paso for a reunion of the 508th PIR. Although not a parachutist myself, I

founded the association in honor of a cousin, Captain Gerard Ruddy, who was killed on D-Day and I act as its national chairman as well as the webmaster (www.508PIR.org).

Lastly, but perhaps most important, we will be in Ponte Vedra Beach July 18-25 for the annual family week at the beach. We are looking forward, as always, to having this quality time with all our children and grandchildren. Prior annual gatherings have taken place along the east coast, even as far north as Cape Cod, and also on a Caribbean cruise aboard the Disney Wonder.

Need help with your computer or home electronics? Is your PC running sluggish? I can optimize it and speed things back up for you. From Virus/spyware protection and software installations to major hardware upgrades, wireless networking, data recovery and training, I can give you the in-home help you need. Do you backup your PC regularly? Hard drives have mechanical parts and they WILL fail at some point. Don't risk losing all those precious photos and important documents. Let me show you some simple and painless approaches. Please call **Vince** at 321-258-7351 or e-mail vs@vinesammaritano.com. I offer reduced rates to my neighbors and friends in the Falls.

Alligator Spotted in Lake Conestee Mothers of small children, owners of small dogs, keep the little ones away from the lakes edge.

Collecting for a good cause...at Jefferson Middle School we have been collecting pull-tabs (from soda cans, cat food cans, soup can, etc) for Ronald McDonald House. This year we collected 56 lbs! I would appreciate any of your donations to help assist with this effort to help

others in need. It is really easy to do! -- Put a baggie or cup for your tabs by your recycling or in your kitchen and you can drop them off to my house at 892 Shoshone Lane when you get a full baggie or container. For more information on Ronald McDonald House in the Orlando area check out their website at <http://www.rmhorlando.com/>

Thanks, *Kristen Faust*

PLAYGROUND COMMITTEE

By *Sarah Markos*

The Playground has been mulched. Thank you so much to all of you who showed up to help spread the mulch. We had residents, and friends of residents, show up to work. Also thanks to those who showed up "after hours" to work as well. It looks great!!.....



Fourth of July Parade, a few years ago

It's almost time to get ready for our annual **Independence Day Bike Parade**. This year it will be on **Saturday, July 4th at 9 AM**. It's a great little activity to start off your 4th of July celebrations. This activity is open to all ages. Come with a decorated bike/wagon/stroller, etc. and you will be entered into a drawing for a free ice cream certificate. We meet at the playground at 9 am and we will start our parade at 9:15. Muffins and popsicles will be served afterwards. If you'd like to help out with this event please call or email me. Sarah Markos 952-6632

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Our next newsletter is scheduled for August 1, 2009. Please Email any articles of interest or photos to me at conestee782@aim.com. I would like them by July 20th. *Editor*



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