

I am looking forward to an exciting and positive season at Paradise Valley Campground. It is hoped that each of you had a safe and healthy winter season. I look forward to seeing each of you this season, as well as having the opportunity to meet with the new owners that have purchased property during the off-season and working with all of you during this season. I appreciate the opportunity to serve as your President this season and will work diligently to continue to promote an open and positive atmosphere throughout our campground.

I ask that each of you, during your stay in our beautiful campground, help us maintain our campground by observing our rules and regulations. This will insure that all of us can continue to enjoy our campground for many seasons to come.

I want to take this opportunity to thank those of you that served as Caretakers of our campground. It appears that this program was a very successful endeavor. We had extra eyes watching out for all of our properties this past winter season.

In returning to Paradise Valley Campground, here are a few thoughtful reminders:

Prior to beginning any construction or major improvements to your property, contact **must** be made with the Architectural Committee.

The Grounds Committee would like to remind you that this is the time of year to begin clean-up of your property. The Board will begin checking for lot violations regarding clean-up around the 15th of May.

The dumpsters are for Household Waste only; all other items are to be put in the Roll-off Dumpster.

Please be very mindful of what you put into the septic system. It is important that you remember not to pour grease down your drains. This has caused MAJOR problems in the past that resulted in expensive repairs.

When leaving the Campground for more than 48 hours, it is imperative to shut your water off at the main valve in order to prevent damage to your property and to protect the overall water system in the Campground.

The Activities Committee has many activities planned for the season and invites all to participate in the meetings as well as many of their activities.

The SPEED LIMIT in the Campground is 10 miles per hour for all vehicles; Cars, Motorcycles and Golf Carts.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation, as we all work together to enhance our Campground safety and to insure a very positive season. Bill Maxwell, President



The Architectural Committee hopes everyone had a safe and healthy winter season. Travel safe on your way back to Paradise.

Once again, during the winter months we had un-permitted work take place in our park. Most of the work was minor, however; by the Paradise Valley Covenants the work still requires a PVC permit. This is spelled out in Section 24 of our covenants. Although, some will disagree the covenants are in place to protect our property values. If you disagree with our covenants, there are steps in place to change them. As you may know we have tried to change them two (2) times in the last three (3) years, only to have the vote fail by a slim margin. Part of the duties of your Board of Directors is to enforce the covenants and rules as they are written. Please don't be upset with them if they speak to you about a covenant or rule violation.

Please continue to work with the Architectural Committee, I can assure you they have you and Paradise Valley Campground best interest at heart.

Ken Killgo, Chairperson



WATER & SEWER COMMITTEE

Here we go again...the start of another season in "Paradise". I hope your winter was without incident and your holiday's spent with loved ones. I want to thank all of you for shutting your water and keeping the park's infrastructure in good repair. A special "thank you" goes out to Bobby Privette for looking after the park in the absence of the rest of the Board. This is my "farewell" to all of you as the Director of water and sewer, but you can always come see me if you need help with a problem...or call me. As long as I live in this park, I will always care about our water and sewer because it is the heart of this park. It has been a privilege to serve you for the past 5 years and most of it was very enjoyable for me. I will also miss the camaraderie amongst the other members of the BODs. Val and I love PVC and will be here for the rest of our lives, God willing.

Joe Cuce, Water & Sewer



Looking forward to another season approaching. We would appreciate idea's and suggestions at our Activity planning Wednesday April 13th at 10:00 AM. Look for the Spud Run, Yard Sale and Memorial Day celebration coming up in May.

Thank You, Sandy Schulze, Activities Director



As winter fades into Spring special things begin to happen. This list below will give you just a small idea of those special events that are happening around town:

Boos & Brews Pub Crawl - 4/1-4/2, 4/8-4/9, 4/15-4/16, 4/22-4/23 & 4/29-4/30/16 8:30-11pm Our Boos and Brews event combines many of Dahlonega Walking Tours signature paranormal stories with many new stories on a .5 mile paranormal walk. The tour includes stops at Dahlonega's charming, and in some cases, haunted and historic pubs and restaurants. Tours include six pub stops and all stories are completely indoors. Many of our stops include first-hand paranormal accounts. Join us for Boos and Brews! Reservations are required and absolutely no children allowed! Tickets are \$20 and does not include alcohol. Call about ticket info. **Phone**: 706-482-8795 **Address**: Dahlonega Walking Tours, 19 E Main St, Upstairs Porch, Dahlonega GA

Grapes & Ghosts Wine Tour - 4/1-4/2, 4/8-4/9,

4/15-4/16, 4/22-4/23 & 4/29-4/30/16 5:30pm Our .6 Mile Guided Hauntings Tours with stops at several different and unique restaurants and or tasting rooms. Hear personal accounts of paranormal encounters told by locals. Must be 21 and have ID. Allow 3 plus hours for tours. Does not include alcohol. Wine tickets available at the first stop. All indoor tour. Call for cost. **Phone**: 706-482-8795 - **Address**: Dahlonega Walking Tours, 19 E Main St, Upstairs Porch, Dahlonega, GA 30533

Historic Ghost Tour - 4/1-4/2, 4/8-4/9, 4/15-4/16, 4/22-4/23 & 4/29-4/30/16 at 8pm

1.3 mile guided tour of Dahlonega with 14 stops. An entertaining, informative history of Dahlonega and its ghostly activity. Paranormal experiences of locals. Most accounts have been personally recounted to us or investigated by paranormal experts. Children welcome, at your discretion. Allow 1 1/2 to 2 hours for tour. Call for cost. **Phone**: 706-482-8795 -**Address**: Dahlonega Walking Tours, 19 E Main St, Upstairs Porch, Dahlonega, GA 30533

Whitewater-Watching Hike - 4/2 - 4/3 & 4/9 -

4/10/16 at 11am-3pm

Hike down to Bridal Veil Falls to watch brave souls navigate the swift moving waters of Tallulah River. The water flowing through the gorge will be much stronger than usual, making the falls even more beautiful. Bring a snack and lots of water. The hike is strenuous. Register in advance. Costs are \$15 per person and \$5 parking fee. **Phone**: 706-754-7981 -

Address: <u>Tallulah Gorge State Park</u>, 338 Jane Hurt Yarn Dr, Tallulah Falls, GA 30573

Second Saturday Guided Hikes - 4/9/16 at 9-

11am

Take a guided hike through the captivating scenery of Smithgall Woods. Guided hikes will be offered every second Saturday of the month (weather permitting). Throughout the year, hikes will rotate through the various trails located throughout Smithgall. All ages are welcome. For information regarding which trails are to be used, and to make reservations, please call the visitors center. No pets please. **Free hiking event.** \$5 vehicle parking fee. **Phone**: 706-878-3087 -

Address: <u>Smithgall Woods State Park</u>, 61 Tsalaki Trail, Helen, GA 30545

Here's a few more websites that might be helpful for more ideas of events going on throughout the season:

<u>NE Georgia Mountains Festivals, Fairs, Events - Georgia's</u> BlueRidgeMountains.com www.blueridge**mountains**.com/



April Fools' day is upon us once again, and everywhere is due to be flooded with pranks, from the cringe worthy to the hilarious. So beware of that gotcha!

I Thought this was kind of cute.....





Try this delicious recipe on a beautiful spring morning in Paradise or anytime!



Mascarpone Stuffed French toast

Ingredients:

each fresh peach
tbls butter
tbls cinnamon sugar
cup mascarpone
tbls cinnamon sugar
slices Thick cut Challah or Texas toast
each eggs
cup milk
tbls cinnamon sugar
tbls cinnamon sugar
tbls cinnamon sugar
tbls vanilla extract
tsp orange zest
As needed butter
cup maple syrup
oz Bourbon

Method:

Dice ½ peach, sauté with 1 tbls of butter and cinnamon sugar till soft, chill.

Combine with mascarpone and additional cinnamon sugar.

Place inside sliced bread and chill for 30 minutes.

Make batter with eggs, milk, cinnamon sugar, vanilla and orange zest.

Dip in batter and sauté in pan with butter until golden brown on both sides.

Place in 350 degree oven for 5 minutes.

Reduce bourbon in pan by half, add syrup.

Take remaining half peach and cut into wedges. Sauté in butter and cinnamon sugar.

To plate:

Cut French toast in half, garnish with a dollop of fresh whipped cream, mint, powdered sugar, strawberries and peach wedges. Drizzle with bourbon maple syrup.

It is delicious! Don't believe us, make it for your next breakfast and you will agree. This will become your favorite way to eat the classic French toast.



I would like to Thank all of our members who registered on the website this past winter. Your support is VERY much appreciated. Please know that all comments and suggestions are welcomed. If you have any recommendations and/or ideas for articles for the website, don't hesitate to contact me.

Susan Riff



Looking forward to seeing you in Paradise this summer. Have a safe trip on your way there!