
PVC Pipeline

Paradise Valley Campground

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

It seems that the summer really flew by this year! We're looking forward to enjoying cool fall weather at PVC!

The Association has a Ford tractor and trailer for sale. Anyone interested in making an offer, please contact any board member. All proceeds will go toward the purchase of needed equipment for the park.

We had a septic lift station that went down and required major repair at a cost of \$2,000. As our lift stations go down, we are upgrading the pumps, wiring, and alarm systems. This should save the Association money in the long run.

The pool is scheduled for closing sometime after Labor Day weekend. If the weather continues to stay hot, we will keep it open a little later.

Our next board meeting will be held the 12th of September at 10 AM. All members are encouraged to attend. This is your opportunity to address the board and express your concerns.

Buck Tidwell
President, Lot 16

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES

* Sept. 5th – 5:30 PM Labor Day Barbecue, \$5.00 adults, \$3.00 children under 10, pulled pork, Brunswick stew, baked beans, cold slaw, potato salad, chips, desserts, and iced tea

* Sept. 12th – 10 AM Board Meeting, everyone welcome

* Sept. 17th – 2 PM Activities Meeting everyone welcome

* Sept. 19th – 8 to 9:30 AM Breakfast, \$4.00, eggs, bacon, sausage, Texas or whole wheat toast, grits, and blueberry pancakes, O.J. coffee, ,milk

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WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

SUNDAY

- * Bible Study, 4 PM
- * Texas Hold-Em, 7 PM, \$5.00 to play

MONDAY

- * Exercise, 9:15 AM, walking tape
- * Bridge, 1 PM
- * Mah-Jongg, 1 PM
- * Movie Night, finished for the season

TUESDAY

- * Exercise, 9:15, walking tape
- * Crafts, finished for the season
- * Hand and Foot, 7 PM (partners only)
- * Men's poker, 7 PM

WEDNESDAY

- * Line Dancing, finished for the season
- * Hand and Foot, 1 PM (ladies only)
- * Game Night, 7 PM, everyone welcome

THURSDAY

- * Exercise, 9:15 AM, walking tape
- * Bowling, 10 AM, Yonah Bowl, just for fun
- * Mexican Train, 7 PM
- * Poker, 7 PM

FRIDAY

* Ladies' Day Out, officially finished for the season, but check the pavilion for information as groups may get together

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ACTIVITIES CLUB

Our breakfast on August 15th was well attended by 61 people. Devon Lyons won the 50/50 and donated the money back to the club. Thanks Devon! Also, our thanks to all the dedicated cooks, servers, set up and clean up crews. You made everything run so smoothly!

The first Sing-Along Social was a SMASH! It started out with the singing of old favorites like "Oh Susannah" and "She'll Be Coming Round the Mountain", accompanied by Roz Berk, Helen Czerwinski, and Barbara Mushlin on their Lap Harps.

Then the mood changed dramatically when music from the Fifties was played. Lots of singing and dancing (and a little Kazoo music and antics from Sam Owen) made the evening a real trip down memory lane! Many PVC'ers who missed this event asked for a repeat when they heard all about the great time everyone had!

Arvella Auer, Lot 64, reported that Crafts is finished for the season. Thank you, Arvella! The Crafty Ladies enjoyed the projects that you led very much!

The Garden Club begins work at 7:30 AM. If you are interested in helping out, please see Barbara Stone, Lot 237 or Barbara Tidwell, Lot 16.

The Labor Day barbecue will be on Saturday, Sept. 5th at 5:30 PM. The menu will consist of pulled pork, slaw, potato salad, baked beans, chips, Brunswick stew, iced tea, and desserts donated by the ladies. We should have a big turn out for this last holiday weekend at PVC!

The next Activities meeting will take place on Sept. 17th. Please plan to attend as new officers and committee heads will be elected.

LADIES' DAY OUTINGS

Ladies' Day Outings have been eagerly awaited on Fridays. In August, we went to Dawsonville to have lunch in the Chinese Buffet restaurant and to see the movie "Julia/Julie". Meryl Streep was marvelous in it – a must see! The trip along scenic highway 197 with its unusual shops, galleries, fish hatchery, and lunch, all suggested by Jean Harkins, Lot 219, was positively delightful! By popular request, a return to the Wolf Mountain Winery for lunch was most enjoyable! Sept. 1st will be our last "official" outing for the season. We will partake of some pampering at the North Georgia Beauty College and then lunch out.

I do hope that the ladies who will be at PVC in Sept. and Oct. plan a trip to Burt's Pumpkin Farm and Amicalola Falls State Park. What a worthwhile and wonderful experience! There are also many exciting fall festivals around our beautiful area, so continue to get together and have lots of fun.

Barbara Mushlin, Lot 114

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Architectural Committee, Dick Duhaime

All permits for any work and/or repairs, except for emergencies, must be submitted by October 1, 2009. Please, please, please, before getting too far into any kind of improvement plans to your lot, check with the county for any permitting they may require. Thanks!

Nomination Committee, Nan Hohne

The Nomination Committee would like to thank the present and past PVC boards for all the tireless effort they have put forth for our park. Their donated time is greatly appreciated! As this year ends, four Board members are rotating off our Board. So, we are looking for anyone interested in being directly involved in our park's present and future. If you are interested, please see Nan Hohne on lot 40 or call at 706-219-1232.

When you see a Board member in and about the park, thank them for a job well-done!

Welcome Committee, Lanell Coons

Mark and Devon Lyons have actually owned Lot 135 for several years, but have not been able to come here until now. They will be at PVC for at least a couple of months enjoying the park and working on improvements to their cabin. They are an outgoing couple who enjoy hiking, photography and boating. The family includes a dog named Abbey and a cat called Riley. Mark and Devon (pronounced DiVaughn) have wintered in the desert for several years where they have an ice cream business. Take time to stop by the Lyon's Den and give them a warm welcome.

Please inform us if you know of any new owners that need to be welcomed. Thanks!

GET WELL WISHES

Please remember the following people in your thoughts and prayers.

- Deanie Dotson, Lot 46
- Virginia Hammond, Lot 110

THANK YOU

To:
Margaret Flanagan, Lot 127 for again taking the cans to be recycled at the Flea Market on 129. We appreciate your help!

Donna Winburn, Lot 266, for pitching in to type the August Pipeline in Barbara Baggot's absence. We applaud her kindness and professionalism!

Sam and Gail Owens for the hours they spent copying DVD's for all the girls in the walking exercise group. This will enable them to take their commitment to exercise and good health home with them for the winter season. Your kindness is greatly appreciated!

Gwen and Ken Andrews for donating 500, 16 oz. cups to the Activities Club. Much appreciated!

WORK CAMPER

The Activities Club would like to THANK our work camper, Ken Andrews, for all the hard work he has done to make life better and more pleasant for all of us. Setting up the pavilion for all the events that are scheduled there on a daily, weekly, and monthly basis has made events go so smoothly for those of us that usually have to schlep tables and chairs back and forth. He has a great attitude, and is always willing to help.

Some folks have asked what Ken's duties are. In checking with Board members, I learned that he is to keep the pavilion clean and organized including sweeping, dusting, pressure cleaning, and setting up tables and chairs for the various functions. Additionally, he is to clean pool furniture, pick up trash and debris, weed, water, monitor the area in front of the gate and work with volunteers on park cleanup days.

After chatting with Ken and Charlie Sundin, Ken's park contact, I was surprised to find a much longer list of accomplishments for this season. He has repaired pool furniture, pool equipment, replaced dryer vents and fluorescent tubes, repaired dryers, street signs, the farm tractor, the low voltage lighting for the entrance and gardens. He has relocated the microwave, repaired the kitchen faucet, patched sheet rock and cleaned gutters. Additionally, Ken has trimmed trees and plants near the front entrance. During the pavilion remodeling, he painted the three new rooms, installed vinyl flooring, and helped paint the pavilion floor. The list also includes repairing and replacing fences, installing the three entry signs, and pressure washing concrete and wood deck surfaces. I was very impressed with what I learned and was glad that I asked before writing this article. We are indeed blessed to have Ken with us this summer.

Please stop by and say "hello" to Ken and Gwen and extend a warm thanks for the "TLC" Ken has put into his job as our first work camper.

Thank you Ken...We are grateful for your commitment to PVC!

Submitted by Lanell Coons

TRAVEL NEWS

Bob and Elaine Lucas, Lot 119, will travel to Arizona to spend two months visiting their daughter before heading home to Florida.

Buck and Barbara Tidwell, Lot 16, are going to Renfro Valley, Kentucky, in Sept. for six days.

We wish them all a safe and happy trip as well as the folks who are leaving PVC for the season. Please drive carefully. We want to see y'all next spring!

REMINDERS

Dumpsters, up front, are for household trash only. Break down boxes before putting in the dumpster in order to make more room.

Recycle aluminum cans in designated containers next to the dumpsters.

Park speed limit for cars and golf carts is 10 mph.

Remember to turn off lights, fans, and A/C in laundry room, bathrooms and pavilion in order to conserve energy and \$\$\$.

Yard clippings and yard bags can be put in front of your lot for weekly pick up.

The roll off dumpster, over the hill, is for larger throw-away items. No paint or chemicals of any kind are to be dumped in roll off.

Thanks to all of you who read these reminders month after month and abide by them. It's important for the campground that we all work together.

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Tomato Casserole

6 medium tomatoes, chopped
1 small, chopped onion
2 tsp. sugar
1/8 tsp. pepper
1/2 cup grated Parmesan cheese
1 tbsp. butter, melted
1/4 tsp. salt
1/2 cup dry breadcrumbs

Directions:

In a large bowl, combine tomatoes, onion, sugar, salt and pepper. Transfer to a 2 qt. baking dish coated with cooking spray. Combine the breadcrumbs, Parmesan cheese and butter, sprinkle over the tomato mixture. Bake, uncovered, at 350 degrees for 25 to 30 minutes until the casserole is golden brown. Serving size 6

Submitted by Sharon Outland, Lot 115

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

Worse than a wise guy is a wise guy who's right.

Anyone who says things are 'dirt cheap' has never gone out and bought topsoil!

Cashew: Peanut with a cold.

For real sponge cake – borrow all ingredients

What has four feet, rests on four feet, waiting for four feet? A cat on a chair, waiting for a mouse.

Save your money – someday it may be of value again!

Beware of half-truths; you may get the wrong half!

Fall is that time of the year when the days are getting shorter and the shorts are getting longer.

THOUGHT OF THE MONTH

Autumn arrives so quickly. Even if you think you're ready for it, you're never quite ready. It comes so naturally, so easily. Once there were signs of growth all around you. Then the colors begin to shift, as life makes a turn. You realize that the time you have before you is less than the time behind. The possibilities you can entertain have narrowed. There is a tension in the air. You feel so young, yet you know you're growing older. You feel so sure, and also uncertain. You are so experienced, and so uninformed. You have learned so much, and you have much yet to discover. You have the autumn of your life, a rare opportunity. You can view your life from a perspective that you could not have had until now. You can see where your years have led you, what they have given you, how they have made you. Just as surely, you can look into your future and still plan, still hope, still dream. And you can take the time to look for something you have always been looking for, even if you didn't have the words for it: the meaning in your life.

James E. Miller

To know how to grow old
is a masterwork of wisdom,
and one of the most difficult chapters
in the great art of living.

Henri F. Amiel

YARD OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to Jim and Stephanie Adair for winning the yard of the month for September! To see their beautiful yard, drop by Lot 265.

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CLASSIFIED ADS

To list an item for sale (or wanted) in the Pipeline, please give your ad to Barbara Baggot, Lot 187. The price is \$2.00 for 3 lines. Money collected helps to offset the cost of paper to print the Pipeline. Any information or ads for the Pipeline need to be to Lot 187 by Monday of the last week of each month. Thanks!

Wanted:

Cabin rental, family of three adults with fifth wheel - needed 4 to 6 months starting 9/15/09. Contact Carol/Gary, Lot 32 706-348-7197

Happy Labor Day to all! This is the day to pat yourselves on the back for all the hard work that you have done over the years.