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# PIPELINE

## NEWSLETTER

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### President – Tom Hutchinson

We continue to have some bear activity in the park. I am in contact with Casey Jones of DNR, and he is responsible to trap bears, and places trap(s), when available. Please continue to put away all attractants (bird feeders, no trash left out, no pet food, etc.) The bear is hungry and wants food. He keeps coming back because he is finding it. The trap is a live trap and if captured, DNR will relocate him. He said he gets called about once a year from this park about bears. Hopefully, the bear will move on. We dodged a bullet with the arrival of Fred. The creek was right at the edge of going over the banks. A lot of areas in the park had excessive water. We received anywhere from 7" to 9" of rain. Please check your drains, culverts and ditches. Keep them cleaned out. John got complaints, and responded, but what do you really expect? He can't stop the rain. Once again, thanks to those that donated their time to help with projects and activities. We had the first wine tasting, and the adult swim party. Both were successful. Linda Hackett has done a great job assembling her crew and organizing activities. Bob Hingst, our work camper, broke his leg, and will be laid up for a while. I visited him, and he is getting around very well. We have extended his contract through the end of the next season. Board Meeting was canceled last month, due to a possible Covid exposure. I don't think anything

became of it, but Clyde made the decision in caution for our owners. Clyde will be filling in for me on this month's meeting, as we will be in California for Norma's Mother's Services. Thank you for all the thoughts and prayers. She was 96 1/2, lived a full life, and died peacefully at home. 2022 Board Members election is on Saturday, Sept 4th. Carole Winters will provide details in her section. Thank you to those that accepted the nominations. I put this out last month, but it needs repeating. I want to inform you of all your sources for information: We have our monthly newsletter, the "Pipeline" (this publication). There is the official website: [www.pvcoa.com](http://www.pvcoa.com), Blasts and "What's Happening" emails are sent out to your registered email address. If you're not receiving these, we do not have your correct email address. We also have the "What's Happening" board on the mailbox area. For unofficial sources we have John Coons' website: [www.pvc4u.net](http://www.pvc4u.net). Facebook is another unofficial site. Pages are: "Paradise Valley Owners Group". "PVCR Paradise Valley Campground Riders" is for PVC motorcycle riders, and "PVC on 3" is for PVC trike, CanAm, Slingshot, etc. riders. PVC Financials are posted on the bulletin boards, and the PVC website. Cindy Gregory and Bob Fedderwitz are responsible for the website and getting blasts out. Cindy does the "Pipeline" and makes some great margaritas! (Thanks Tom!)

Scott Smith, Lot 195, is the Architectural Chairman. Contact him to discuss improvements. He is also following up on progress of outstanding permits. I can't say enough about our volunteers! We get a lot done and share camaraderie while improving our park. If you are new, and want to meet people, volunteer for an activity. Please remember your board is here to represent the best interests of the park. We are also volunteers, so we may not be available 24/7. I'm constantly told that we have the best park in the area...we are trying to retain that. We try to be reasonable, but this is a homeowners association governed by a set of Covenants and Rules. These are available on our website, [www.pvcoa.com](http://www.pvcoa.com), and in the Owner's Book. If you want a change in rules or covenants, we will convene a new rules and covenants committee after the election. Volunteer, and bring your ideas forward. Finally, the board is not the 24/7 park police. We will address matters, as needed, but will not stand guard at the dumpsters, roll-off, or front gate. We are all adults, should know the rules, and should abide by them. Additionally, we are not trying to raise money by imposing fines. If we can warn violators and get desired results, I'm for that. Fines and letters leave a bad taste for years to come. Follow the rules and enjoy your park!

On another note, I will ask ya'll if there have been changes in mailing or contact information from what is currently in the Paradise Valley Booklet, please send an e-mail with the updated information my way so we can correct it for next year's publication. Also, if you are a new owner and you haven't provided your contact and mailing information please do so. You may email to me directly at [Winter@atlantic.net](mailto:Winter@atlantic.net) or to [PVCOA 2012@yahoo.com](mailto:PVCOA 2012@yahoo.com). Without that information we will not be able to send you key pieces of information throughout the year or contact you with important information when necessary. This will also help to ensure that future mailings will be sent correctly. Hope to see everyone on the 4th, stay well.

### **Architectural – Scott Smith**

Hello good friends and neighbors. This August I have seen an increase in requests for permits in the park. That's great news! It means people are improving their properties and are being considerate of our community rules and covenants. I am aware of several properties being purchased in PVC, and that usually brings some property improvement with that. I have been here 3 years and the park has really had some positive improvements. Probably the most improvements in years. Let's be thankful of the direction the park is going. Be a good F.A.N.



### **Secretary – Carole Winter**

Hi everyone, it's that exciting time of year when we get ready to fill the 5 open BOD positions for 2022. Ballots have been mailed and the election meeting is scheduled for September 4th, the Saturday before Labor Day, as specified in our By-laws. Please return your ballots in the return envelope prior to September 4th or you may hand deliver them that morning between 9-10 at the Pavilion. We will gather at 10:00 AM on the 4th at the Pavilion for a brief meeting, adjourn and then proceed with the ballot count. A special team will be in place to count the ballots. After all, have been counted and nominees advised, the new board will elect a president and appoint the individuals to their positions for the upcoming year. We will reconvene at 2:00 PM to formally introduce the new 2022 BOD.

### **Treasurer – Karen Cantrell**

Happy September everyone. Finances are in good shape. We have received several administrative and initiation fees on sold lots, see financials for amounts. We also have only 2 outstanding maintenance fees currently. Liens have been placed on the properties. There are mailboxes available should anyone need one. Be sure to join us for a great Labor Day cookout.





**Activities– Linda Hackett**

August was a very unusual rainy month. Despite that we had all our planned

events. Many for the first time. The wine tasting party was a new event that went extremely well. We thank Renata Hebert and Don & Gail Mette for organizing and getting all the generous donations. The proceeds of \$150.00 went to the Charles Smithgall Humane Society. We received a beautiful thank you letter posted on bulletin board. The Adult Pool Party went well. A beautiful night and nice group. We missed Bob Hingst (per accident) as he bought us the lights and music for pool. Sang Happy Birthday to him and will do again when he is ready. Send prayers for speedy recovery. The Stepping Stone Project by Terri was messy but fun! Thank **you** for all the great ideas and organizing. Saturday, August 21st we finally had BUNCO night! Had six tables, lots of musical chairs, snacks, and prizes. Thank you, Sandy Schulze, for a great night. Many have missed playing.

**Water and Sewer – Clyde Camp**



This year we have been very lucky with few problems with water and Sewer. My committee and I would like to thank everyone for that. We have a situation with a filter on side 2 but it will be corrected when you read this.

**Grounds – John Nash**



It was a really hot. and rainy August, but we all seem to have survived. We continue to maintain our common areas and as always appreciate the volunteers who make this possible. After our most recent major rainfall, I think we all know the importance of keeping your drains and ditches cleaned out so we can prevent any major disaster. Hope everyone has a good Labor Day. We continue to wish Bob our best wishes and prayers as he recovers and thank you

Patty for helping the park out as he recovers, we're very thankful they chose PVC as their home

**Sunshine Committee-**



Feel Better Soon Bob Hingst!

We would like to offer prayers and our sincere condolences to Don Barrett for the passing of his son, Chuck.

We would also like to extend our condolences to Norma Hutchinson for the loss of her mother.

We are thinking of you all and your families during this difficult time.

*Sympathy*



*may your memories exceed your sorrow*



***NEW OWNERS!!***

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|------------|-----------------------------------|
| Lot 65     | Greg & Lisa Johnson               |
| Lot 167    | Phillip & Michele Stephens        |
| Lot 162    | Catherine Perkins                 |
| Lot 168    | Linda McFarland                   |
| Lot 204    | Judson & Donna Olson              |
| Lot 193    | Deborah John's & Jacquelyn Watson |
| Lot 16     | Robbie & Angie Miller             |
| Lot 59     | Michael & Amy White               |
| Lot 84 and | Bill & Joann Venditto             |
| Lot 190    |                                   |
| Lot 125    | Ronny & Cheryl Foster             |
| Lot 249    | Linda & David Casey               |
| Lot 238    | Rose Giansanti and Bruce Chase    |

Be sure to get your Park Directory from our Secretary of the Board, Carole Winter. If you need to make changes to your information within the directory, please also contact Carole.

**Tropical Storm Fred Visited PVC.** Our creeks reached their limits, but we faired pretty well!



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The purpose of the meeting is to assign patrols for the 22-week off-season.

**Wednesday Sept 29 at 7 pm.**

- Meeting is for caretakers only.
- If you're not a caretaker, please do not attend.
- If you cannot attend this meeting and you are on the caretaker list, please contact Joe Cuce at 352-238- 0916.
- If you do not attend or call, it could result in you being omitted from the caretaker list.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

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## Fun Around the Park...



### Terri's Art Class/Stepping Stones

The class was great fun and they turned out beautiful!



*There were lots of BIKE and "other" rides in August, folks making memories (and eating well!!)*



## THANK YOU!

From: **Maureen Richards**

I want to thank all of our BOD's for working so hard, going above and beyond and always trying to make the right decision to keep us all safe! Yesterday, when it was pouring rain and our beautiful creek was threatening us.... Clyde Camp and John N Nash were out there, once again, working "overtime". Checking with some of us to make sure we were ok and trying to keep us safe by keeping a close eye on the bridge.... when they could have been at their places taking care of their own little piece of Paradise. Each and every one of us have our own opinions about what could/should be done in certain situations, and we are not all going to agree.... BUT....I feel like we need to all have a little more respect for the folks WE nominated and not always jump to point fingers if we don't "100%" agree with the decisions that they make. We all love Paradise and let's all try to make it "Just another day in "PEACEFUL" Paradise!

## BEAR(S) IN THE PARK!!



**Please continue to keep your garbage, pet food and bird feeders put away until our visitor(s) leave!**

### *Superstitions of North Georgians*

- ✚ It is bad luck to pick up a penny found tails up.
- ✚ If you walk barefoot in the first snow you won't get a gold the rest of the winter.

- ✚ Good luck can be expected when the back of your hand perspires.
- ✚ It's bad luck to borrow salt.
- ✚ If your left hand itches you'll receive money.
- ✚ If you kill a cat, skin it and lay it on a grave you can be rid of warts. (not recommended)
- ✚ If a crow lands on your chimney you will have bad luck.
- ✚ If you see cows laying down it will rain.
- ✚ If you have arthritis turn shoes upside down before you go to bed and the pain will be gone the next day.
- ✚ If you hear a whip-o-will outside your house, someone will die.
- ✚ If you open your knife and someone else closes it – you will loose it.
- ✚ If you find an inch worm on you – you will receive the present the same color as the worm.
- ✚ You will get a dollar for every pea you eat on New Year's Day.
- ✚ If smoke comes out of the chimney and goes to the ground it will snow.

### *The Cherokees of North Georgia*

*By Dawn Garrison*

Standing on the steps of the old Crescent Hill Church in Nacoochee Valey near Helen, gazing across the fields toward the historic Indian Mound one feels a deeper, richer history. The limited January breeze will tell the story of a people that lived in harmony with Mother Earth. The Cherokee of North Georgia were the most "civilized" of all the North American tribes. They lived in wood structures with grass roofs instead of teepees. They were the only tribe to formulate an alphabet and have their own newspaper (The Cherokee Phoenix). Their style of dress was more "white" than the traditional feathers of other Indian tribes. Their daily lives consisted of mere survival; weaving baskets of white pine to carry their load, hunting and fishing to feed their young and teaching their children the art of using a blow gun (their weapon of choice). With the influx of white settlers, they adopted more and more of the white man's ways, living in peace with them. One woman from Young Harris tells the story of "why if it hadn't been for the Indians, my Great Grandfather said he wouldn't have made it through the first

winter. They were very helpful". All their "civilized" ways didn't help them in 1838, however. Once gold was discovered in the area, the white man wanted the Indian out. General Winfield Scott and 7,000 of his men rounded up the Cherokee and began the march to Oklahoma that is known today as "The Trail of Tears". The Nacoochee Valley Indian Mound itself was not built by the Cherokee, although they built one in their villages around the mound. It is believed to have been built during the Woodland Period about 1,000 BC to 800 AD. The mound was a place of burial, therefore is considered sacred ground and today stands as a symbol of a time long forgotten by most. In 1915 a joint expedition of the Museum of the American Indian, Heye Foundation, and the Bureau of American Ethnology of the Smithsonian Institution unearthed 75 burials. The graves were discovered at varying levels, showing the burials took place over a number of years. The difference in artifacts found indicate a slight change throughout the mound, showing use at varying levels. In the mound, none of the remains were in a state of preservation to enable measurement, all of them being so decayed as to be beyond recovery. Many years later the Cherokee Tribe used the mound site for their townhouse and ceremonial rites. Ignorant as to the original purpose of the artificial hill. The dwellings of the village proper (some reports state 200 houses) were erected in the surrounding flat land near the river. Of the 75 skeletons unearthed, 56 were of adults, 7 of adolescents, 4 of children and 8 were unidentifiable as to the age. With respect to orientation, the dead were interred with the head directed in varying compass directions. One was buried in a sitting position and two were buried face down. In regard to age, the direction of burial bears no special significance. Flexion of the body especially of the legs, was quite common. Of the determinable burials 47 were flexed in varying degrees (6 being flexed backward), while 4 were buried extended full length. Artifacts were found with only 27 of the burials, the others had no accompaniments of any description. Today, the Bear Clann, a mixed blood band of the South-Eastern Cherokee, meet once a month in Helen. They are working to keep the Cherokee history alive and correct. The Bear Clan this year has been granted permission from the

Hardman family (the owners of the mound property) to periodically clean the area. They are also working on a plan to bring back the bones taken from the mound by the Heye Foundation. The bones are presently sitting in the basement of the Smithsonian Institute. When you visit Nacoochee Valley as the wind blows across your face remember the silent drums of a lost culture and the ancient history of a simpler life.

### ***First In White County***

White County was laid out in 1858. The contract for building the courthouse and jail was awarded to Edwin P. Williams of Nacoochee. Williams was paid \$10,000 in Confederate money for his work. The jail was torn down and a new one built around 1900. Mt. Yonah Baptist church was the only Baptist Church in town and stood where the Baptist Church is now. School was taught in the church and court was also held there while the courthouse was being built. In 1860, the first census was taken in White County. The population was 3,315. After the finding of gold in the Dukes Creek area, the population more than tripled. In the 1830 census, the records list a population of 10,671, however, at this time, White county was still a part of Habersham County. Several small mineral deposits have been found in White County. The only ones that were ever mined to any degree were gold and asbestos. Some iron was mined during the War Between the States.

The first gold found in the state was discovered in White County near Dukes Creek in 1828 by two people. John Witheroods of North Carolina found a three ounce nugget and a servant of Major Frank Logan of Loudsville Georgia, also discovered gold in the creek. One merchant in the Nacoochee Valley purchased and shipped one to one and have million dollars worth of gold in thirty years. For over a century gold was mined in White County, and one-third of the states gold came from here. Sidney Lanier was in White County when he wrote his poem, "The song of the Chattahoochee". "The Circuit Rider's Wife", was written by Lundy Harris's wife Cora. This book was the theme for the movie, "I'd Climb the Highest Mountain." It was filmed in the County in 1950.

# Stay Informed...



Join the fun and keep up with all the "happenings" around the park! Look for us on FACEBOOK Paradise Valley Campground



WI-FI IN THE PAVILION

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WI-FI NETWORK PASSWORD: 8ftvk53kb4

Register on PVCOA.COM

Go to "Info/Log-in" and then in the upper right-hand corner one can "register" to receive notifications of Activities, Water & Sewer, Grounds, general Board of Director announcements, access to forms, financials, covenants, rules, and bylaws. Some pages may be password protected, so you will want to register for an account to access these.



# Friendly Reminders

Be ready for the 2022 Season, you can find all the necessary forms and information for Architectural and Site Improvement on PVCOA.com. The page is "Architectural Site Improvement"

If you are interested in the Caretakers Program, please be sure to visit that page in PVCOA.com. There are lots of documents that should help you stay informed!

Also, please take a moment and review the PVC Governing Documents/Elections Info found on PVCOA.COM. Get familiar with the park rules and covenants!



# Until next time...

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