

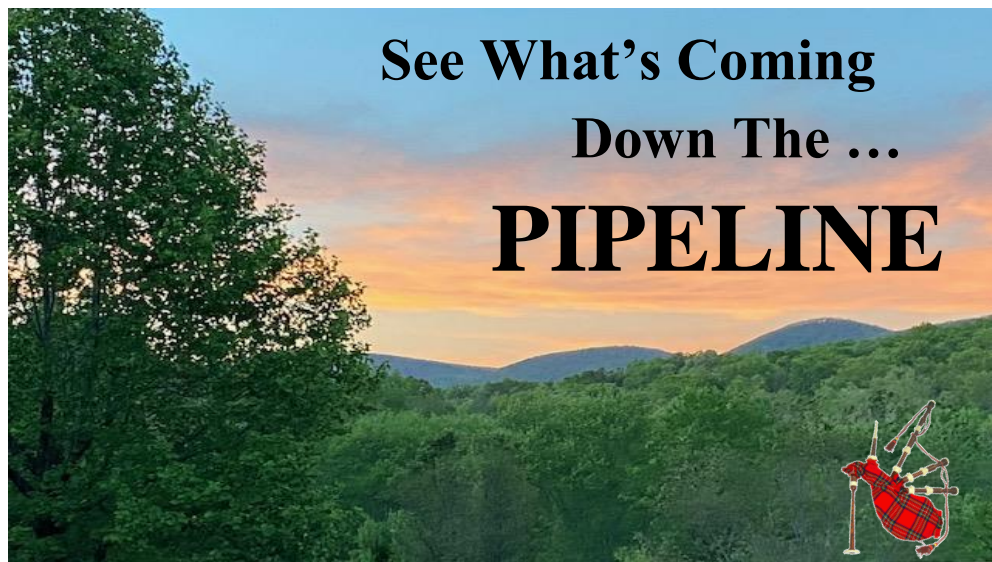


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# See What's Coming Down The ... **PIPELINE**



## **President – Clyde Camp**

It is that time of year to think about new board members. If asked to run, please think about it before answering. People complain about the same people always running. That is because no one else will and we have to have 7 Board members. We need new people to get involved with new ideas. Working to keep the park healthy and beautiful is a great feeling. The main thing is you must want to do it. You will get plenty of complaints, but the reward is seeing people enjoying the park.



## **Secretary – Elizabeth Carter**

I hope everyone enjoyed the Memorial Day weekend. Just a few reminders; the Maintenance fees are due by June 15<sup>th</sup>. If you have not received a statement, please contact me at 904-497-8989 or come by my lot 150. Also, if you would like to run for the Board of Directors or nominate someone, return the Nomination Form included in the envelope with your statement by June 15<sup>th</sup>. I am very sorry the directory is not available yet, but we are endeavoring to make sure we have everyone's correct information. If you have not registered on our website [paradisevalleycamp.com](http://paradisevalleycamp.com), I urge

you to do so. That is where you will find all the forms used by the Association as well as the directory. If you have any difficulty signing up, please contact Sue Riff at Lot 86. If I may be of further assistance to you, please contact me.

## **VP/Grounds – Darrell Williams**

Ride arounds are being done and letters are being sent out. Pool is open for business but BEWARE the water is cold! The roll off has temporarily been moved while construction on the ground continues. Please remember if full DO NOT ADD TO ROLL OFF AND TAKE BACK WITH YOU until roll off has been emptied.



## **Treasurer – Kathy Smith**

I hope everyone enjoyed the amazing weather this weekend (fall and Spring). It was a great weekend to be in PVC. Financials are good. April financials are on both billboards in the park, as well as on the PVCOA website. April was the end of the Season for 22-23. Year-to-date numbers are also posted. Dues are coming in daily. Have a great month and enjoy this weather.



### **Architectural – Scott Smith**

Hello everybody! Our 2023 season is now well underway. The park is beautiful and running well. Looks like we have several approved projects beginning. If you are new, please reach out to me before starting any work on your lot. Things you can do without a permit are repainting the same color, needed repairs, working inside your building, or most non construction landscaping. Things go a lot smoother when coloring inside the lines. Welcome back to everyone and let's have a great 2023 season!



### **Water & Sewer – Curtis Rooker**

W&S is looking for a few more Volunteers! As you can see from the garbage bins on Hidden Valley the park doesn't work itself. It's been a busy month as more and more of the convenience resources we have are showing their age. Get involved! We have projects planned for the next few months that may cause some water sediments but nothing that is unexpected or harmful, just flush your lines if noticed. Enjoy your time in the Campground.

### **Activities – Joanne Venditto**

Wow what a busy May. Vendor day was a great success. Everyone in the park contributed from helping with breakfast to transporting the vendors. Thank you everyone. Then we had the Mother's Day ice Cream Parlor and Memorial Day Cookout. Look for Blasts and calendar for upcoming activities in June such as Father's Day Potluck. I will be going home for a week or so this month. If you need anything for activities, please contact one of the ladies on my activities committee.



**VOLUNTEER**



### **Sunshine Committee – Shirley Williams, Lin Ewert and Lisa Meyer**

Hello Paradise from your Sunshine ladies! We Ask for continued prayers for Mu Fedderwitz and her husband Bob as they continue their cancer treatment. Get well wishes for Becky Sharpe, Barbara Nash, Bobbi Harden, John Nash and Darrell Williams all had surgery. Get well wishes also to Carol Cash. If you know of anyone who needs a card, please let the Sunshine Ladies know. Have a great month of June, and remember to keep smiling and make someone's day ❤️

**We at PVC are thinking of you all!**



**MARK YOU'RE JUNE CALENDAR!**  
*(Please remember items can change so check online calendar before you attend)*

June 17	Karaoke
June 18	Father's Day Potluck
June 23	Ice Cream Social and Card Bingo





# NEW OWNERS

If you have not been visited by the Welcoming Committee please let a board member know and they can get your WELCOMING SWAG BAG! We hope that you will enjoy our park as much as the rest of us! Our park is run by volunteers so please look for your nitch/passion and join right in!

**PARADISE VALLEY CAMPGROUND**

**SEASON 2023 IS UNDERWAY**

**JOIN THE FUN!!**



The Vendor Day and Breakfast were a success! Breakfast was awesome. We hope all found that perfect vendor that you were looking for! Thank you to all that helped to make the morning one to remember!

Mother's Day was extra special this year with Mother's Day Ice Cream Parlor at the Pavilion for all our mom's and their families! Made even more special being served by the men of the park!

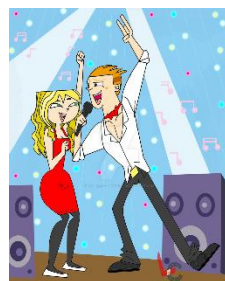




never seen so many play cornhole! Even though Bill and I lost but we had a great time! Some used the shady areas for their families and getting to know their neighbors!



Looks like El Campesino is the place to be on the third Wednesday of the month! Fantastic crowd and it looks like everyone had a great time! Be sure to mark your calendar for the June dinner!!



The May Karaoke was a blast, as usual! So many new faces and wonderful voices! Keep singing and dancing folks!!

The Memorial Day Cookout and Games had a great turn out! The Memorial before prayer was heart felt and informative. The food was exceptional, and I've

We're in Stitches kicked off the season by making storage pods! Great job ladies!



## RV CAMPGROUND VS RV RESORT

Not many people would disagree that the United States is in an inflationary period. Prices are on the rise from the grocery store to the fuel pump and to campgrounds across the country. Are costs really rising or has “greedflation” taken over RV campgrounds?

### No lack of customers

If you’ve experienced difficulties in making RV campsite reservations lately, you already know that campgrounds have no lack of customers. Since the

COVID pandemic, hordes of folks have purchased RVs and are hitting the highways in record-breaking numbers. High demand drives higher prices.

In some areas of the country, the lack of affordable housing has also provided campgrounds and RV parks with an abundance of customers. Folks who cannot afford housing see campgrounds as a viable option. Most RVs come with a price tag that costs less than purchasing a stix-n-brix home. People on limited income are taking advantage of this housing option.

### Why more fees?

Besides the reality of supply and demand, I asked one campground owner, “Why are prices rising so fast in RV parks?” Worker wages. He told me that, in his case, workers are demanding higher wages. “My wife and I aren’t getting any younger. We need outside help to keep everything going in the park. If we find and train a good, dependable worker, we must pay them higher wages so that they won’t go looking for work someplace else.”

Other owners of small, privately owned campgrounds noted that prices for food, goods and services, fuel, and more, are hitting their private budgets just like everyone else. To make their own ends meet, they will charge more for stays in their campgrounds.

### No end to fees

It may seem as if some RV park owners know no limits when it comes to inventing extra fees. Is this “greedflation” or simple economics? Here are a few of the extra campground charges I’ve seen recently:

- **Reservation fees.** Some campgrounds charge a fee for making a reservation, no matter how you reserve a space.
- **Utility fees.** Do not assume that your overnight charge includes basic amenities. Campgrounds may charge extra for utilities like electricity, water, and sewer hookups.
- **Cancellation fee.** Yes, some campgrounds get to your wallet both coming and going! Unless your plans are set in stone, check directly with the campground to get clarification on their cancellation fees. No one wants to pay for the night(s) they were unable to use due to weather conditions, vehicle breakdowns, illness, etc.
- **Extra vehicle fees.** Extra charges are sometimes imposed for any additional vehicles beyond the RV itself. Tow vehicles, motorcycles, or cars may be allowed only if you pay this extra fee.
- **Extra person fees.** Some campgrounds may charge extra fees for additional people beyond a certain number, such as guests or children. (I know it sounds bad, but park owners say they use the fee to help pay for liability insurance.)
- **Pet fees.** If you choose to bring your dog, cat, bird, ferret, or “other,” you may face an extra charge—even if you insist that your pet will remain *inside* your RV at all times. Campgrounds vary in how they assess this fee: Some parks will charge per pet, while others impose fees based on the length of your stay. *Note: Paying the “pet fee” does not mean that the campground will pick up your pet’s poo. That’s still a job you must do yourself!*
- **Resort fees.** It used to be that only high-end, resort-style campgrounds charged a resort fee. Not so anymore! Today, campgrounds that feature swimming pools, hot tubs, and recreational activities (e.g., sports courts, dog parks, fishing pond) may charge an additional fee for campers who want access to those amenities. (Related: [RV parks changing](#)

[their names to “RV resorts” so they can charge more, but no “resort” amenities to be found\)](#)

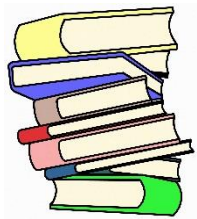
- **Late check-in fees.** If you arrive late or pull into the campground after-hours, you may see a late-check-in fee on your final bill.
- **Special dates.** If you reserve a campsite for a holiday weekend, don't be surprised to see that the nightly rate is significantly higher than for other non-holiday weekends. Again, supply and demand push this extra fee.
- **Resort tax.** This fee is often added for RV park amenities like laundry rooms, Wi-Fi, gym equipment, and more. (It's important to remember that some states require RV parks to charge this fee. It may be called a transient occupancy fee, hotel tax, or tourism tax.)

#### Check for yourself.

To avoid any unwanted surprises, it's important that you check each campground's policies and fees before making a reservation. Ask questions and then ask follow-up questions to make sure you know exactly what your final stay will cost.

AUTHOR: Gail Marsh

Gail Marsh is an avid RVer and occasional work camper. Retired from 30+ years in the field of education as an author and educator, she now enjoys sharing tips and tricks that make RVing easier and more enjoyable.



#### **Top 5 Summer Reads - 2023**

*Beach Trip: A Novel*    Author: Cathy Holton

Mel, Sara, Annie, and Lola have traveled diverse paths since their

years together at a small Southern liberal arts college during the early 1980s. Mel, a mystery writer living in New York, is grappling with the aftermath of two failed marriages and a stalled writing career. Sara, an Atlanta attorney, struggles with her own slowly unraveling marriage. Annie, a successful Nashville businesswoman married to her childhood sweetheart, can't seem to leave behind the regrets of

her youth. And sweet-tempered Lola whiles away her hours—and her husband's money—on little pills that keep her happy. Now the friends, all in their forties, converge on Lola's lavish North Carolina beach house to relive the carefree days of their college years. But as the week wears on and each woman's hidden story is gradually revealed, these four friends learn that they must inevitably confront their shared past, and a secret that threatens to change their bond, and their lives, forever.

*The Cabin, The Cellar, The Lost – 3 Book Bundle*

Author: Natasha Preston

The Cabin: When Mackenzie treks to a secluded cabin in the woods with six friends, she expects a fun weekend of partying, drinking, and hookups. But when they wake to find two of their own dead and covered in blood, it's clear there's a killer among them. As the police try to unravel the case, Mackenzie launches her own investigation. Before long secrets start to emerge, revealing a sinister web of sins among the original seven friends. The killer is still free. Every one of them is a suspect. And Mackenzie starts to realize that no one is innocent...; The Cellar: "Lily?" My stomach dropped as a tall, dark-haired man stepped into view. Had he been hiding between the trees? "No. Sorry." Gulping, I took a step back. "I'm not Lily." Before I could blink, he threw his arms forward and grabbed me. I tried to shout, but he clasped his hand over my mouth, muffling my screams. My heart raced. I'm going to die. For months, Summer is trapped in a cellar with the man who took her—and three other girls: Rose, Poppy, and Violet. His perfect, pure flowers. His family. But flowers can't survive long cut off from the sun, and time is running out... A rising star on Wattpad with more than 7 million reads, published for the first time! "Lily?" My stomach dropped as a tall, dark-haired man stepped into view. Had he been hiding between the trees? "No. Sorry." Gulping, I took a step back. "I'm not Lily." Before I could blink, he threw his arms forward and grabbed me. I tried to shout, but he clasped his hand over my mouth, muffling my screams. My heart raced. I'm going to die. For months, Summer is trapped in a cellar with the man who took her-and three other girls: Rose, Poppy, and Violet. His perfect, pure flowers. His

family. But flowers can't survive long cut off from the sun, and time is running out...; *The Lost*: It's a fight for survival in this new thriller from Natasha Preston, the #1 YA thriller author of the New York Times bestsellers *The Cellar* and *The Cabin*. In the small town of Aurora, teens go missing all the time. But when one of Piper and Hazel's classmates disappears, they are determined to find out the truth of what happened to her. While investigating, they meet some handsome and rich college students...who kidnap them. The girls are taken to a building in the middle of a privately owned forest. The building isn't just designed to keep them locked away—every room is a method of torture and a test of survival. And Piper and Hazel won't give up without a fight.

*Here's to Us*

Author: Elin Hilderbrand

Laurel Thorpe, Belinda Rowe, and Scarlett Oliver share only two things; a love for the man they all married, Deacon Thorpe—a celebrity chef with an insatiable appetite for life—and a passionate dislike of one another. All three are remarkable, spirited women, but they couldn't be more different. Laurel: Deacon's high school sweetheart and an effortlessly beautiful social worker; Belinda: a high-maintenance Hollywood diva; and Scarlett: a sexy southern belle floating by on her family money and her fabulous looks. They've established a delicate understanding over the years—they avoid each other at all costs. But their fragile detente threatens to come crashing down after Deacon's tragic death on his favorite place on earth: a ramshackle Nantucket summer cottage. Deacon's final wish was for his makeshift family to assemble on his beloved Nantucket to say good-bye. Begrudgingly, Laurel, Belinda, and Scarlett gather on the island as once again, as in each of their marriages, they're left to pick up Deacon's mess. Now they're trapped in the crowded cottage where they all made their own memories—a house that they now share in more ways than one—along with the children they raised with Deacon, and his best friend. Laurel, Belinda, and Scarlett each had an unbreakable bond with Deacon—and they all have secrets to hide. Before the weekend is over, there are enough accusations, lies, tears, and drama to turn even the best of friends—let alone three women who married the same man—into adversaries. As his unlikely

family says good-bye to the man who brought them together—for better or worse—will they be able to put aside their differences long enough to raise a glass in Deacon's honor?

*Beach Haven (The Carolina Coast Series)*

Author: T.I. Lowe

Free-spirited Opal Gilbert seems to have everything she needs to keep living a happy life in Sunset Cove as she refurbishes vintage furniture to sell at her funky ocean-side boutique, Bless This Mess. Until Lincoln Cole, a new-to-town ex-Marine nursing deep wounds and harboring hurts he can't seem to shake, wanders into her shop. Opal knows a person in need when she sees one and offers Lincoln a job in her workshop. But the brooding former soldier has no interest in Opal's offer. Thanks, but no thanks. But then a hurricane strikes, damaging Bless This Mess. Feeling guilty for how he treated Opal, Lincoln decides to help her repair the store. And soon it becomes clear Opal wants to restore not only her business, but also help Lincoln find restoration. As much as Lincoln tries to keep her at arm's length, Opal's well-meaning meddling begins to heal his wounds . . . and capture his heart almost before he realizes it.

*It Starts with Us*

Author: Colleen Hoover

Lily and her ex-husband, Ryle, have just settled into a civil coparenting rhythm when she suddenly bumps into her first love, Atlas, again. After nearly two years separated, she is elated that for once, time is on their side, and she immediately says yes when Atlas asks her on a date. But her excitement is quickly hampered by the knowledge that, though they are no longer married, Ryle is still very much a part of her life—and Atlas Corrigan is the one man he will hate being in his ex-wife and daughter's life. Switching between the perspectives of Lily and Atlas, *It Starts with Us* picks up right where the epilogue for the “gripping, pulse-pounding” (Sarah Pekkanen, author of *Perfect Neighbors*) bestselling phenomenon *It Ends with Us* left off. Revealing more about Atlas's past and following Lily as she embraces a second chance at true love while navigating a jealous ex-husband, it proves that “no one delivers an emotional read like Colleen Hoover.

## Happenings around the North GA Mountains

June 2023



Hiawassee, GA

June 10th – Travis Tritt 7 pm

Young Harris, GA

June 2 – NG Highlands Seafood Festival

June 2 1pm – 9pm

June 3 10am – 9pm

June 4 12pm – 5pm

Ellijay, GA

June 24 – Blue Ridge Mtns Wine & Jazz Fest

White Path Creek Farms 11am – 9pm

1211 Old Northcutt Rd. Ellijay, GA

Dahlonega, GA

June 10 – R-Ranch Rodeo 6pm

## Stay Informed...



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Password: HappyCampers

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"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 all our important information!



Join the fun and keep up with all the "happenings"  
around the park! Look for us on FACEBOOK @  
Paradise Valley Campground. Please keep in mind  
that this is not a park sponsored forum. If you need a  
response from a board member, please contact them  
direct. Numbers are found online @  
PARADISEVALLEYCAMP.COM.



## FRIENDLY REMINDERS...

The speed limit within  
the park for ALL TYPES of  
transportation is 10 MPH  
– You will be asked to  
SLOW down if believed to  
be speeding (please don't  
be offended) we want to  
keep everyone safe!!



There will be a donation box at ALL  
activities, all donations are for SHOP  
WITH A COP. The park matches all  
that we collect!



SAVE THE DATE... JULY 22<sup>ND</sup>  
Annual Margarita Party –  
everyone is invited -More to  
come, look for the BLAST !!

Until next time...

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