# PVC Pipeline

**Paradise Valley Campground** 

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#### President's Corner

The season is coming to a close, and we have had a great summer. We accomplished a lot this year and are looking forward to doing even more next year.

Thanks to the folks that pitched in and helped make all the improvements in the park this year--GREAT JOB!

Please don't forget to winterize your property. Last winter we spent about \$3,000 because some property owners let the water run rather than winterizing their RV's and/or screen rooms. This caused pipes to freeze, burst and flood the sewer system. If we have damage to the sewer and water system this year, the responsible property owners will pay for the damages.

We are moving the garbage dumpsters to a central location. This is being done to help with heavy truck traffic on our new roads. Please be advised that we will also restrict the loads for concrete and gravel trucks.

We will have the washhouse repaired and open in the Spring. The pool may not open until later in the Spring due to making State required repairs.

Please bundle and tie your limbs in 4' lengths, sack leaves, and don't put leaves in the ditches. Place the bagged leaves and tied limbs at the edge of your yard, and we will have them picked up.

Thanks,

Ridley Nolan, President PVC Owners Association, Inc.

#### **Thanks**

We had a great turn out over the Labor Day Weekend and lots of fun! The Spaghetti Dinner was awesome!! Thanks to Chefs Nick Coman and Bob Lucas. Also appreciated are server duty and kitchen clean up from Jan Coman, Elaine Lucas, Helen Czerwynski, and Joe and Judie Ellis.

Sherry Ivie's \$100 Raffle and the Silent Auction were both successful money makers for us. Thanks to all of you who donated time, money, auction items, talent, etc. Auction donors are as follows; Sherry Ivie, Nick and Anne Raptis, Richard and Helen Czerwynski, Bernie and Roz Berk, William and Barbara Camp, Dwight and Donna Winburn, Bobbi Harden, Jack and Mildred Pelt, Buck and Barbara Tidwell, Mark and Diane Couch (Tidwell's daughter), Rogers Hulsey, Bob Lucas, Bill and Deanie Dotson, Bill Holcomb and Dot Hodges.

A special thanks to Anne Raptis who so graciously designed and printed the silent auction sheets and name cards while at home suffering with a virus.

Our last Big Bubba BBQ cook out of the season was enjoyed by all. The chicken was quartered this time and cooked longer. Thank you, Don Canerday and Buck Tidwell for your grilling skills and for enduring the heat for the several hours the chicken required. Side dishes were provided and served by the following: Bobbi Harden, Marti Liebel, Pat Szlosek, Barbara Tidwell, Donna Tobin, Annette Boettger, Helen Czerwynski, Lanell Coons, Elaine Lucas, Judie Ellis, Deanie Dotson, Barbara Mushlin, and Dolores Wells.

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#### **Special Activities**

- Saturday, 10/8/05 Chili Dinner 5:00 p.m.
- Thursday, 10/13/05 Activities Meeting 2:00 p.m.
- Saturday, 10/15/05 Pavilion Breakfast - 8:00—9:30 a.m.

#### **Weekly Events**

See Bulletin Board on Camptown Trail by trash container.

#### Schedule of Fall Festivals

- → Sept. 15 Nov. 5- Octoberfest, Helen, GA
- → Oct. 1-2 Georgia Marble Festival, Jasper, GA
- → Oct. 1-2 Indian Summer Festival, Suches, GA
- → Oct. 6-16 Cumming County Fair & Festival, Cumming, GA
- → Oct. 7-9 Sorghum Festival, Blairsville, GA
- → Oct. 7-16 Georgia Mountain Fall Festival, Hiawassee, GA
- → Oct. 8-9, 15-16 Georgia Apple Festival, Ellijay, GA
- → Oct. 15-16 Gold Rush Days Festival, Dahlonega, GA
- → Oct. 21-23 Mountain Moonshine Festival, Dawsonville, GA



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#### Announcements

### A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU

To All My Caring Friends:

To say "thank you" is just not enough for all your well-wishing prayers, cards, and phone calls. They have lifted my spirits and inspired me tremendously. Also a BIG Thank You to the Garden Angels for keeping our fish and flowers alive and beautiful. It is very much appreciated.

Ray and I are looking forward to seeing everyone, if not this season, hopefully in the Spring. Sincerely, *Sandy Schulze* 

→ Sally and Ray Jones celebrated their 56th wedding anniversary on September 17. That's lots of years of love. God bless both of you and

welcome to your new puppy, Daisy, a delightful addition to the family.

Anne Raptis, our Crafts Director, coordinated our First Annual Crafts Field Trip to Clarksville on September 13th. There were over 20 girls in attendance. We shopped at the Mill for a few hours, and then headed to Sharkies for sustenance. We have a GREAT group of girls in Crafts class; and needless to say, we had a blast getting away to play for the day. Thank you to who attended, and THANK YOU, Anne, for coming up with the game plan. You are a super leader and a loving friend. We all look forward to next year.

→ Directories are quickly vanishing. Just a few left! If you don't have yours yet, please see Barbara Tidwell, Lot #16, or Lanell Coons, Lot #264.

#### Travel

Buck and Barbara Tidwell are visiting Renfro Valley, KY, for a week, while Nick and Jan Coman just returned from a family visit in Marysville, TN. Bobbi Harden is headed North to Niagra Falls and exploring the Northeast with her family from England. Troy and Elizabeth Carter are headed to South Carolina to visit their son. Liz and Duane Ratigan are traveling, as well. Our travel prayers are with all of you as you are away from the campground.

#### <u>Activities Committee Information</u>

The Activities Committee is hosting a FREE Chili Dinner, complete with "Door Prizes", in appreciation for the tremendous owner support enjoyed during this season. We will serve chili, crackers, beverages, and *ice cream*. The event will begin at 5 PM on Saturday, Oct. 8, in the Pavilion. Elizabeth Carter and Barbara Tidwell are the chefs for this event, with Gwen Boozer doing her normal outstanding job of decorating.

There will be lots of door prizes donated by Activity members and the entire group will be up front to award these prizes. Take this opportunity to thank all the volunteers! We look forward to seeing you there. Again, THANK YOU all for your support. Also, if anyone would like to donate a prize for the event, please see Elizabeth Carter, Barbara Tidwell, or Lanell Coons. Gifts should cost around \$5. Thanks!!!

Again, I want to thank everyone for their support in time, money, donations and talent for the 2005 Season. Activities Committee has accomplished a lot this summer, and it is because of YOU!!!

To date, we have purchased a Sears storage shed, a stand up freezer for the kitchen, and a Super Dupper Bubba grill for years of BBQ cooking. We installed an American flag complete with 12-volt lighting in the entry garden, as well as landscaping the front part of that garden. The triangle garden has seen a beautiful face lift complete with new statues. Our final improvement of the season is restoration and repainting of our main PVC sign out front. The sign had a lot of rot and decay and was rapidly deteriorating. We are proud of the accomplishments, and you should all pat yourselves on the back for being a part of positive improvements. THANK YOU!

I have truly enjoyed serving as Activities Director. Your support has been wonderful. My endof-season thanks go to a tremendous bunch of girls that made Activities successful! We have all worked hard; we have had lots of fun; we have much to show for our efforts; and we have formed some close friendships that will last a life time.

I can't thank Barbara Tidwell enough for all she does and has done for this campground. Her love for this place shows in everything she does, and her extraordinary management of the kitchen shows every time we have an event. We all love you Barbara!

As treasurer, Lin Ewert has done a fantastic job of handling our Activities money. She has kept the records organized on computer and has presented a complete and comprehensive report at each Activity meeting. You are very professional, Lin. Thanks for being there for us.

Donna Winburn, our little (no pun intended) computer wiz, has done an awesome job with keeping the flyers up to date monthly as well as getting the newsletter out each month. She always has a big smile on her face and produces documents in no time flat. We thank you and love you.

Elizabeth Carter has been in charge of cards and games this season. She loves Bingo and cards

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and it shows as she calls the games. She has quite a turnout from all who love to game in the evening. We are lucky to have you, Elizabeth, not only in the campground, but heading up games for us. Thanks!

Annette Boettger has worn several hats this summer and worn them well. She heads our Bible Study on Wednesdays and, even though we would like to see more of you attend, we still had a good turn out. She is also in charge of sending get well and sympathy cards out from the Activities Committee; and lastly, she has directed our Variety Show two years in a row. Thank you for all your hard work, Annette.

Anne Raptis, thankfully, joined us in June as Crafts Director.

She is amazing and all who have enjoyed crafts this summer will attest to that. Crafts has grown by leaps and bounds, and we are having a blast. She is a wonderful Christian lady who exudes her warmth and love to everyone she meets. Anne, from my heart, Thanks....

Thanks to Mildred and Jack Pelt for kicking off the recycling venture. We look forward to even more success in this area next year.

I feel like, as a whole, the campground has grown much closer this summer. I know, thanks to ALL of you, it has been more peaceful and loving. We have had less gossip and more loving thy neighbor. Each of you should be proud of your efforts to turn the other cheek and lend a helping hand when possible.

#### Recipe

#### Nick's Spaghetti



 1 lb. <u>Each</u> Ground Beef and Jimmy Dean Sausage
 1 Med.- Large Onion, Chopped
 2 Large Jars Traditional Ragu Sauce Italian Seasoning to taste
 1 - 2 Tbsp. Brown Sugar

Brown meat with onion. Drain. Add sauce, seasoning, and brown sugar. Other vegetables such as green pepper, mushrooms, etc. may be added, if desired. Cook on low heat at least six hours or on low in crock pot. Serve over your favorite pasta. YUM, YUM! Thanks Nick.

#### Welcome New Owners

A warm welcome to new owners Joe and Maryann Tew, Lot #193, from Lilburn GA, and Doug and Boo Collyer, Lot #251, from Duluth, GA. Boo and Doug, off to a good start, were the smiling winners of the \$100 cash raffle donated by Sherry Ivie, Creekstone Realty. We all want you to feel like part of the family here at PVC.

Here are four lot owners that were not announced (my error) at the beginning of the summer: Bill and Barbara Camp, Lot #170, are from

Mableton, GA, while Jim and Barbara Baggot, Lot#243, are from Englewood, FL. Robert Strong, Lot #255, is with us from Gainesville, GA, and Becky Baker, Lot #250, is from Bradenton, FL.

Many of you know these folks; but if you don't, make sure and go out of your way to introduce yourself. Incidentally, Bill and Barbara Camp, and Robert Strong kindly donated to our July 4th Silent Auction. We are delighted that you have selected PVC as your summer home.

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Again a special thanks to Barbara Tidwell, who lines up all the volunteers and consistently and lovingly keeps our tea made and the kitchen ship shape.

It was fun to have the "boys" cook pancakes for us this month! Everything was yummy and the girls appreciated the break! Thanks to Nick Coman for your recipe and hard work, and Buck Tidwell, John Coons, John Gardner, Carl Boettger, and Bob Lucas for your kitchen duty. We also appreciated Don Canerday and Charles Preslar for handling ticket sales for the food and raffle. You guys are great!

Buck Tidwell, our Grounds Committee chair, called a work day Monday, September 19, to place rocks to help alleviate a drainage problem in the greenbelt area between Lots 171 and 173 extending toward the drainage culvert between Lots 140 and 174. You should have seen that big rock pile disappear as one wheelbarrow load after another was put in place!

MELCOME

Many of the girls spent time weeding the entry, triangle, and pool gardens.

The worker bees included Grady and Runnell Crawford, Jack and Mildred Pelt, Cecil and Dianne Lyle, Buck and Barbara Tidwell, Tom and Pat Grice, Rogers Hulsley, Troy Carter, Don and Norma Canerday, Angleo Constantine, Joan Moerhring, Marilyn Yankee, Chuck Pschier, Roger Smith, Stephanie Adair, Helen Czerwynski, Pat Lydell, Pat Szlosek, Bob Lucas, and John and Lanell Coons. Carl and Annette Boettger kindly delivered homemade coffee cake for a midmorning snack for the rock workers

and gardeners. Thank you all for your neighborly efforts.

#### Illness/Sympathy

Candi Moore, Russell Pruitt, Teah Nolan, Angelo Constantine, Ruthie Johnson, Dot Hodges, Jim Baggot, Gil Bard, Kathy Gibson, Ray and Sally Jones, and Sandy Shulze, all appreciate your thoughts and prayers as they are recovering from different medical difficulties.

Our condolences go out to Liz Force on the loss of her sister, Charles Williamson with the passing of his sister, and Dale Opland with the loss of his mom.



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### Peavy Reveals Road Delay

Just before press time, Pipeline interviewed Board Member, Richard Peavy, questioning the status of our roads contract and the starting schedule. As it turns out, Richard had just returned from an extensive conversation with the successful bidder, Northeast Georgia Paving Co. We got the latest information just before going to print, and the news is not good!

Like all of us impacted by high fuel prices, Northeast Paving is having asphalt-pricing problems! They are unable to secure a price for asphalt that will hold for the duration of our road work. As a result, Richard reports that Northeast is unable to provide firm pricing to us. The hurricanes Katrina and Rita have disrupted and destabilized petroleum product markets.

At this point, Northeast suggests that we delay the start of our road work until petroleum prices settle



down. This will permit us to proceed at a later time (Spring?) knowing that the work can be completed within our budget.

Pipeline believes that this is far from the last word on this subject, but delay of some sort seems a certainty now.

#### **Quote of the Day**

"Keep away from people who try to belittle your ambitions. Small people always do that, but the really great ones make you feel that you, too, can become great."

Mark Twain

#### Recipe

Sour Cream Banana Coffee Cake by Annette Boettger

1/2 Cup Butter
1 Cup Sugar
3 Eggs
3 Cups Sifted Flour
1 tsp. Soda
1 1/2 tsp. Baking Powder
1 tsp. Cinnamon
1 tsp. Vanilla
2 Large Bananas, mashed
1/2 Cup Fat Free Sour Cream
1/2 Cup Chopped walnuts

Cream together butter and sugar. Beat in eggs. Add remaining ingredients reserving a touch of cinnamon, sugar and nuts to sprinkle on top of batter. Bake in a 9 X 13 inch pan at 350 degrees for 35 to 40 minutes.

(This was the coffee cake that was enjoyed on the work day.)

#### **Crafts Celebration**

On September 27, Anne Raptis, our Crafts Director, hosted an End of Season Tea Party for the crafts class. As usual, she went above and beyond the call of duty by having the Pavilion set up with place mats and real *china*. Everyone participated in the fun by bringing a sweet treat to share.

In class the previous week, Anne had taught us how to make angels and tie wreath bows. Our homework, to be completed by this party, was to have our little angels decorated. Although all the girls did a wonderful job of specializing their angels, Pat Grice took First Place with her creative Halloween angel. As she has done in the past, Anne graciously provided prizes for the winner.



After competition, we had a show and tell of some individual crafts; then we were off to the goodie table. It was a delightful morning and a perfect ending for a wonderful season of crafts. Thank you, Anne!

## Variety Show Plays to Overflow Crowd

We had our Second Annual Variety Show directed by Annette Boettger on Wednesday, the 28th. As usual, the show was great fun, both for the performers, as well as the audience. Richard Peavy and Carl Boettger brought the house down with

their barber shop skit, while Annette Boettger, Elizabeth Carter, Nick and Jan Coman, and Fran Force did a great job acting out readings and music. There were several hilarious readings by Judie Ellis, Gloria House, and Jan Coman. Donna Tobin surprised us with a recitation from her familv of Romeo and Juliet. It was totally memorized and she did an outstanding job of telling the story. Helen Czerwinski and Gloria House had lots of fun singing "Five Pounds of Possum in my Headlights," and Helen did her usual great job on the bagpipes. With the exception of the cast trying to sing "I Like Mountain Music" on key, the evening was a huge success. A special "thank you" to new owners Donna Tobin, Jan and Nick Coman, Fran Force and Judie Ellis for stepping up to the plate this year. Your involvement is greatly appreciated.