

PVC PIPELINE

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

It's hard to believe that it is September already! Thought you'd like an update on the situation of the wells. The tank on well #2 has been cleaned, painted, flushed out, and set on a cement slab. The system will be flushed at least once a week, which should help eliminate some of our problems. Mr. Matt Stickney, an environmental specialist with the Georgia Dept. of Natural Resources, made a visit to the park to check on a complaint made about our wells. Mr. Stickney checked both wells and took water samples. He also checked our flush out systems and the locations. He stated that he thought we had some minor problems with well #2, but with cleaning the tank and flushing the system on a regular schedule, that would take care of the problem. Mr. Stickney will continue to monitor our wells and if we continue to have a problem, he will inform us what needs to be done to correct the problem. It has also been suggested that campers on well #2, in the lower section, flush their water about ten minutes every morning.

Buck Tidwell
President

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES

* September 6th B Saturday, the wedding of Dot Hodges and Bill Holcomb at 4PM in the pavilion, everyone is invited to attend

* September 13th B Board Meeting, 10 AM

* September 13th B Pot Luck Dinner, 6PM, beverages, plates, cups, utensils provided

* September 18th B Activities Club Meeting, 2 PM

* September 20th B Breakfast, 8-9:30 AM, eggs, bacon, sausage, toast, grits, juice, coffee, \$4.00

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Sunday

Texas Hold-Em, 7 PM

Monday

Bridge, 1 PM

Ladies Bingo, 6PM, Amer. Legion, Hwy 75S

Monday Night at the Movies, 7 PM, popcorn, pretzels, soda, donations gladly accepted

Tuesday

Crafts, 10 AM

Mah Jongg, 1 PM

Hand and Foot, 7 PM (couples)

Men's Poker, 7 PM

Wednesday

Line Dancing, 10 AM (everyone welcome)

Hand and Foot, 1 PM (ladies)

Thursday

Bowling, Yonah Bowl, 10 AM (just for fun)

Mexican Train, 7 PM

Poker, 7 PM (couples)

PVC ACTIVITIES CLUB

Our monthly breakfast on August 16th was enjoyed by all who attended. The new 60" TV even provided an update on the location of hurricane Faye while we were munching. Big thanks to the cooks, waitresses, and clean-up crew:

Jeanette Constantine	Kay Bushyager
Kathy Gibson	Judy Ellis
Pat Grice	Helen Czerwinski
Sandy Hertzner	Barbara Mushlin
Jo Roshkosh	Barbara Tidwell
Mel Chapman	Pat Szlosek
John Romano	Lanell Coons
Mary Romano	

Without all of the helping hands, we couldn't have had such a delicious and happy morning.

Our Labor Day Cook-Out and Auction was absolutely fantastic! 100 campers enjoyed the delicious dinner followed by a fun-filled real live auction! Enormous thank you's to all of the generous PVC'ers who donated and bid on merchandise. We raised \$464.00 and all proceeds will go to improvement of the pavilion! Now that's "no drop in the bucket"! Thanks so much to all the many people (too numerous to mention everyone!) who made the Labor Day Celebration such a huge success: from the cooks, clean-up, auction volunteers, and, of course, hats off to all the ladies who donated the delectable side dishes and desserts which added to the marvelous Boston Butt and Brunswick Stew (Barbara Tidwell's specialty!) Thanks so much, y'all!

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Monday Night at the Movies, our newest activity, at 7 PM has turned out to be a very much anticipated weekly event! The 60" TV makes watching the video most enjoyable. Half way through, we stop and have an intermission with popcorn, snacks, and beverages. So, come on out and enjoy Monday night at the Movies with your fellow PVC'ers! Donations gladly accepted!

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Covenants B Bernie Berk, Covenants Review Committee Chair

This is a brief history of our covenants changes that have occurred since the

establishment of our campground. Some of the major changes are listed.

Initial covenants were written in 1992 and they were amended 13 times before they were revised in 2006. There were two Fifth Amendments filed by error (1996 and 1997) and this was corrected by a Scriveners Affidavit which was filed in 2000. Many of the amendments were filed merely to incorporate new phases of the campground.

First Amendment B Increased allowable sizes for RV's to comply with current sizes available.

Third Amendment B Marine toilets with holding tanks required.

Fourth Amendment B Reference to 50 ft. setback from creek or stream added. Prohibited washing machines in out buildings. Prohibited garbage disposals.

Fifth Amendment B Specs for screen rooms added...320 SF, 60% screened, and 75% openings.

Ninth Amendment B Prohibited permanents awnings.

Twelfth Amendment B White aluminum awnings were approved. Prohibited truck campers and pop-up trailers.

Thirteenth Amendment B Clarified specs for aluminum awnings. Revised some specs for storage buildings.

2006 Revised Covenants B This was a major revision of our covenants, elimination of all references to the original developer of the property, and adopting numerous amendments. These are basically the current set of covenants along with the First Amendment to them.

First Amendment to 2006 Revised Covenants B Establishes specs for "Rubbermaid type" buildings.

Also, in 2007, our By-Laws were revised and a mandate was passed providing dedicated reserve funds for Roads and Bridges, Water and Sewer, Pavilion Building, and Contingencies.

Grounds B Jim Baggot, Chairman

Thank you to the crew of volunteers who worked on the blueberry bushes, spreading mulch and beautifying the side of the hill. What a change it made!

Dwayne Lehigh	John Morris
Traveen Hawlett	Nancy Morris
Buck Tidwell	Lanell Coons
Barbara Tidwell	

A reminder again to please help with yard trash (branches, leaves, etc.) by tying the branches in 4' bundles and placing all trash by the roadside in front of your lot. Do not place large limbs and branches on roadside without breaking them down. This is the most economical way to dispose of yard trash. The roll off dumpster can be used for yard trash, but it should be used as sparingly as possible. We can save PVC at least \$1200. a year by bundling yard waste and putting it in front of your property. Thanks.

GET WELL WISHES

Please keep the following people in your thoughts and prayers:

Flo Tancek, Lot 86, Linda White's mother

Jim Baggot, Lot 187, recovering from bypass surgery

Paul Merritt, Lot 154 recovering from shoulder surgery

Daughter of Phil and Barbara Cheatham, Lot 54, recovering from surgery

Sandy Schulze, Lot 212, recovering from surgery

SYMPATHY

Our deepest condolences go out to Holley Watkins, Lot 5, and family on the passing of his beloved wife Pat. Pat was an integral part of PVC and loved being here. She will be missed very much.

Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to Bob and Elaine Lucas, Lot 119, on the passing of their son.

Our deepest sympathy goes out to Helen Czerwinski, Lot 100, and to her family on the passing of her husband Richard.

Please keep all of them in your prayers.

THANK YOU

To:

Jet and Jerry Lightner, Lot 211, for \$100 donation to grounds

Jean Campbell, Lot 236, for donation of \$15.00 to Activities Club

Kathy and Rod Gibson, Lot 18, who donated a grill for the kitchen

Mark and Diane Couch, who donated \$25 to the Activities Club

Arvella Auer, Kay Bushyager, Mildred Pelt, Pat Szlosek, Donna Winburn, Barbara Tidwell who donated 16 afghans and various hats and scarves. They crocheted and donated these items to the Circle of Hope. We are very proud of these talented and generous ladies!

From:

Suzanne Dow, Circle of Hope, Aug. 12, 2008

Dear Paradise Valley Campground girls,
Thank you so much for your recent donation of handmade knitted afghans, hats and scarves. The children in the shelter will stay warm this winter and are blessed to be the

recipients of your support. It is only with support from organizations like yours that Circle of Hope can continue to offer life saving services to victims of domestic violence.

The women and children we serve, staff, volunteers, and Board of Directors appreciate your commitment of helping us help others.

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From: Paul Merritt, Lot 154

Thanks to all of you for the cards you sent. Someone asked Bonnie if I was back to normal. She told them it wasn't that kind of operation. All the doctor did was fix my shoulder. Really glad to be back with our friends.

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Dear Friends,

Thanks so much for all the visits, thoughts, prayers, and cards sent my way during my recent surgery. Thanks also to those who helped Barbara and me out during my stay at the hospital. This was an unexpected event in my life and so many came through for me. I'm deeply grateful. Sincerely, Jim Baggot, Lot 187

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Keep On Dumping
Article submitted by Richard Peavy

Some points to make regarding the efficient evacuation of a black-water tank. First, you don't need to fill your tank twice with water to accomplish this feat. The key is a rapid voluminous flow of water across the floor of the tank, sweeping away the debris to the drain. Filling the tank fully or partially followed by draining does not create a flushing flow of water across the floor of the tank. The water mainly drops straight down to the drain, with minimal side to side action.

The author's finding is that the best way to flush the tank is to fill a 5-gallon pail of water and pour it as quickly as possible down the toilet. Do this after emptying the tank to the sewer. For really stubborn solids, it may take two to three such flushings.

It also helps to make sure the tank is tilted toward the exit drain; otherwise, you will not be completely draining the tank. You can achieve this by using your RV levelers.

This article is from Highways Magazine, Feb. 2008, Phil Schoner, Baltimore, Maryland

RECIPE FOR THE MONTH

Chocolate Scotcheroots
(Arvella Auer Lot 64)

1 cup sugar 1 cup corn syrup
Stir together and heat till it bubbles, remove from heat

1 cup peanut butter
Add to mixture and mix well

6 cups rice krisipes
Add to above mixture and stir

Press mixture into buttered 9 x 13 pan
1 cup chocolate chips
1 cup butterscotch chips
Melt chips together, spread over bars and cool and cut into bars

PLACES TO GO

Now that fall is approaching, a ride to Amicalola Falls State Park is a real treat. Take highway 115 to Dahlonega. When 115 meets highway 52 continue on 52 west for about 18 to 20 miles. Follow the signs to the state park. When leaving the state park turn right and head down the road about 1/2 mile and you will see Burt's Pumpkin Farm on the

left side of the road. It's quite a place to visit in the fall. It usually opens in mid September.

Amicalola Falls State Park is a 400 acre park, centered on a majestic 729 foot waterfall. There are hiking trails above and below the falls. There is a Lodge where you can get a full dinner/lunch, or picnic tables for your picnic lunch.

Plan to spend a full day on your visit and please don't miss Burt's farm. It's a must!

DEFINITION OF A CAMPER

Submitted by Paul Merritt

1. A person with wilderness skills and the ability to rough it at a resort. Usually, he/she resides in a 5th wheel, motor coach, or park model with two or more slides. The comforts include: cable TV, water and electricity and a covered deck leading to a cabin furnished with water, electricity, cable TV, etc. Outside there is usually a sign with a permanent address, lot number and, of course, a golf cart.
2. An inexperienced person with a tent.

THOUGHTS FOR THE MONTH

Kindness is an old basic law of life that always gains good results. Be kind to one another, for kindness works wonders, makes one happy inside, and gives power and delight on the outside.

More food for thought:

Don't let other people's actions govern yours.

You've never gone so far down the wrong road that you can't turn around.

If you're going to hoot with the owls, you have to soar with the eagles.

A clear conscience is a soft pillow.

We all can't be lighthouses. Some of us have to be candles.



Enjoy the rest of your stay in Paradise and if you are leaving this month please drive safely, we want to see you here next season.