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MEMORIAL DAY

PRESIDENTS THOUGHTS

How many times have you heard the phrase "have I got a deal for you?" Or, "I'm going to give you something for nothing?" Well, this one's a classic for the books. I attended an emergency meeting Friday, April 21, of the Village, Community Development District #1. Item #2: Discussion and necessary action relating to El Largo Lago. This is reference to the "Lake" which is not more than a retention pond that is drying up. If you bought a piece of property on the North side of the road and the price hypothetically was, \$21,000.00 but you wanted to be on the South side of the road and the lot cost you \$30,000.00, and the lot's were advertised as overlooking a lake. But low and behold it is no more than a retention pond. The solution to retaining water in this pond, according to Mr. Wahl, would be a cost of \$300,000.00. This cost will be shared by four entities. One being CDD #1, CDD #2, the Contractor, and the Developer. Each of whom will pay \$75,000.00 each. Now remember one thing, when you bought the more expensive lot that overlooked the so called advertised "Lake," you already paid for the "Lake" privilege, now you are going to pay for it again. The Developer transferred the "Lake," El Largo Lago, to the CDD in 1995, with the stipulation that along with such transfer the CDD's are responsible for upkeep and maintenance of this "Lake" therefore, when you get something for nothing, beware. Item #3, on the agenda, supervisors request. Now, remember one thing Mr. Frank Topping is up for re-election. Mr. Topping should be handed an academy award for the BS, in the comments made in what I call, his campaign speech to the members present. Mr. Topping did everything but go up and kiss the Developer. Mr. Topping also made the comment publicly that everybody should be under the same form of government that the VCCDD and CDD's operate under, Statute #190.

Well, Mr. Topping, if you are satisfied living under a government, that could borrow any amount of money that it sees fit, and spend that money anyway that they wish, without any VOTE from the people that they are getting the money from, I am sure that you are in a minority not a majority of the people. In closing, if BS was worth a penny a pound, Mr. Topping, would have walked out of that meeting a Billionaire. —Tom Poss—

Happy Mother's Day



PART OF PINOCCHIO THEORY

I am being facetious and certainly am not demeaning our 'Pledge Allegiance to the Flag', but I think more appropriate words (I found this version several years ago) for this pledge from the residents of the Villages should be: "I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the injustice for which it stands. One nation under politicians, lawyers, and other hypocrites with liberty and justice for some." This pledge certainly blends in with my 'Pinocchio theory'.

Recently I found out that the parking lot in front of the food markets and other places in the downtown center are owned by the Lady B Cattlemen's Association. Knowing this, one wonders when they might decide to close the parking lots and move the buffalo in to graze. Or could the buffalo be just another tax dodge?

I would like to close with another famous quotation: "Oh, what a tangled web we weave when first we attempt to deceive!"

—Russ Day—

ARMED FORCES DAY



STATE STATUTE 190

Back a few months ago, the Property Owners Association had a petition, of which more than 50% of the residents of the Villages signed. We were asking the legislators to consider changing state statute 190, under which the community development districts are regulated to add an amendment to state statute 190.

"Whereby, every resident of the Development Districts who pay amenities to pay for the recreational facilities and bonds of these districts would have the right to vote on the board of directors of districts of this type".

We the residents pay more than \$12,000,000, each year in amenities fees. We can go to their meeting voice our opinions, but these opinions fly off a wall. The board has already made up their minds. This board is preselected by a few landowners, who are the builders of this Development.

We the people do have to elect representatives to our state legislators this year. Let us think whom we are going to vote for, representatives who are going to work for the people, or the developers. Our present legislators have only been thinking of the Developers and not the people. Our Developer has already raised massive funds for our present State Senator, who saw our petition and filed the same.

The Villages' are no longer a community of four thousand homes which I was promised, but an area of 20,000 people from one area to another is more than six miles. When the new Marion County area is added, it will be an area covering more than 36 square miles or ten million thirty six thousand square feet.

We need to have a say on how our Amenities money is used. They might decide to float more bonds. —C. Harvey—

WHAT IS THE TRUTH ?

At our April meeting, it was brought up that at one time the Developer was telling people not to join the P.O.A.. We were also told that buyers were receiving letters with their closing papers stating that they should not join the P.O.A.. The member who brought this to everyone's attention was not believed, and some people wanted proof. Well, here is a direct quote, taken from that letter.
 "We have repeatedly refused to recognize the Property Owner's Association as an organization that represents the residents of Orange Blossom Gardens and we do not accept or respond to suggestions or demands from that organization. We do not feel that the POA will be a positive influence on the Gardens or your retirement lifestyle and see no reason why you should waste your money for membership dues".

This letter was signed by Harold S. Schwartz, Pres. We will have copies of the full letter for you, at our May 17, meeting. —C.Poss—

TO TAKE A TRIP OUT OF COUNTRY

It has been brought to my attention that planning a trip out of the country can be a wonderful experience: NOT.....

A trip was in the making, the place and dates were finalized, and the tickets purchased. Then it dawned upon my friend, what about emergency health problems? What about insurance to cover my health? Will my wife and I be covered by our US health providers insurance company or by Medicare?

My friend searched for answers for his problems. Did you all know that a travel agency will suggest you taking out health insurance for your trip, but only, if you did not have a serious health problem? You could be covered by the travel company's plan, but you should be advised that your insurance company or Medicare would not cover any emergency out of the country.

I was taken back by this information and so was my friend. So, with this information at hand, he begged off from his trip, canceled his trip and got his money refunded.

Residents, I do suggest you look into this problem, for it could become a **Big Problem**.

—J. Gottfried—

BELIEVE IT OR NOT

By: Tom Poss

Are you tired of fast food and portion on control? I found a restaurant in our local area where coffee is still only 89 cents a cup, and the quality of food still exist. Do yourself a favor the next time you are hungry and do not want to take out a loan to pay for it, stop at the Cottage Inn Restaurant, on 441 in Lady Lake. The Hot Beef Sandwich that they serve is so large that it can feed two people. The only place that I have found that comes close to the quantity and quality of this one sandwich is Angels located in Orlando Florida. Do yourself a favor and try it you will love it.

The Cottage Inn not only serves quality food for reasonable prices, but you also get quality service from friendly people.

Believe it or not good restaurants still exist. I would like to hear from you, phone, 352-750-5469, Fax: 352-750-2320 e-mail Teposs@Aol.com. Until next time this is Believe it or not, —by Tom Poss—

SERVICES FOR POA MEMBERS

Charlotte Poss, POA Treasurer, offers the members of the POA the following services:

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50 cents a page - must be dropped off and picked up

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If members are house bound, arrangements can be made for Charlotte to visit your home.

For additional information or service, call Charlotte Poss - 750-5640. —ck—

KUDOS TO CANGE'S NURSERY

A resident on E. Schwartz, called the P.O.A. for assistance, with the invasion of Bamboo trees, springing up in their backyards. Their homes are adjacent to the Lakes of Lady Lake Golf Course. I called Cange's Nursery, on Hwy 466, to get advice on how to handle this problem.

I mentioned to Frank, the present owner, that I had not made any purchases for sometime. His reply was, "I understand, you haven't needed anything", but never the less you have a problem. I'd be more than happy to help. After further conversation and advice, a return call was promised.

The follow up and the extension of courtesy, to me and the residents in distress was deeply appreciated.

The reason for the short version of the conversation, prompted me to write this article of appreciation, for service rendered without charge.

So, if you should ever need any Landscaping or Supplies, Please remember Cange's Nursery Hwy 466, Lady Lake, phone 753-4544. Thank you —S.A. Woollard—

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NEWS

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CDD#4, Sumter County meeting is held on the 4th Thurs. of month at 1:00 P.M., in the meeting room above the Bank on the Square.

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**THREE IMPORTANT DAYS FALL IN
MAY**

MOTHERS DAY MAY 14th: Mothers Day to honor, the ones who gave so much of their Love and Devotion, to the home, to raise us to be responsible and upstanding individuals. Thanks Mom.

God bless all mothers young and old, for a job well done.

**ARMED FORCES DAY MAY 20th:
MEMORIAL DAY MAY 31st:**

Patriotic Days, to honor those Military Persons, who gave so much, to keep "OLD GLORY" proudly waving, and "Our beloved country free".

Thank you! God Bless America. Don't forget to fly "OLD GLORY". -SAW-

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MORE INFORMATION

We ran out of flyers' about free medication and discount Rx's. We will have more flyers' at the May meeting. -C.P.-

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COPS AND KIDS DAY

Saturday, April 15th, was Cops and Kids Day. This event sponsored by Drug Free, Inc., is an annual event, held at the Boys and Girls Club grounds, in Leesburg. The Boys and Girls Club supplied the Buses for the transportation. We had volunteers participating in the Fund Day Events, from all walks of life.

Some of the participants were, to name a few, the Leesburg, Fruitland Park and Lady Lake Police Dept.'s. The Sheriff's Dept., Rev. Rex and his S.W.A.T. Team, Lady Lake Clown Alley #179, Dr. Ron Mousette and many others too numerous to mention.

There was a raffle of two bicycles and numerous other items. All Donated.

Children participating had to be enrolled in grades K thru 5.

Would you like to become a member of Drug Free, Inc.? Then please call Cliff Robertson president at 750-3487. Thank You.

-S.A. Woollard - (Secretary Drug Free)

I TOLD YOU, TWO YEARS AGO

It makes me mad when I take the time out of my life to go to the VCCDD meetings and tell them (The five so-called leaders) that when the contractor was finishing the Morse Blvd. Circle, by Saint Timothy's that the workmanship of a said contractor was poor and in time it would have to be redone. That was two years ago. The Board told Pete Wahl to look into it, well, look at it now, it's breaking up, so guess what? The time has come to fix and the cost of course will come from the people of the Villages, because the so-called leaders said two years ago, everything was O.K. Again the people are wrong and leaders know all.

Why should they care, it's not costing them a thing, they don't live here. -Joe G.-

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Mother's Day!



MONTHLY COMPUTER ROUTINE

If you need disk space, or even to keep your computer working well, you should do the following on a monthly basis.

1. Delete all files in the History folder.
2. Delete all files in the Temp Internet folder.
3. Delete all files in the Temp. folder.
4. Run Scandisk.
5. Run Defrag.

Here's how:

Right click (RC) START.

Left Click (LC) Explore.

In left column scroll (under windows) to History Folder.

In right column will be all the files in that folder. LC on the first item to highlight it, Holding down CTRL key, LC on last item. All should highlight. LC on File, LC on Delete to delete the files in the folder.

Repeat for TEMPORARY INTERNET and TEMPORARY folders.

LC START, ACCESSORIES, SYS TOOLS, SCAN DISK. This will take a while.

LC START, ACCESS, SYS TOOLS DEFRAGMENTER. Sometimes you may want to DEFRAG even if it says you don't need to DEFRAG now.

TAKE OUT THE TRASH

RC on RECYCLE BIN. Select PROPERTIES. Move the sliding scale to 3%. LC the APPLY button. LC, OK.

-Win Shook, VP-

HOW CAN WE BETTER SERVE YOU

The POA is trying to solve some minor problems.

Would you be willing to help? How? Suggestions - bringing a neighbor or resident friend to the meetings - signing up a business ad- pay your dues - contribute your comments to the Bulletin- Let's hear from you. Thank you -SAW-

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P.O.A. MEETINGS

Board of Directors - 7:00 PM

1st Tuesday of the Month

Charlie Chaplin Rm - Paradise Center

(all POA members welcomed)

General Meeting - 7:00 PM

3rd Wednesday of the Month

Paradise Recreation Center

Refreshments Served

(ALL RESIDENTS WELCOMED)

Littering Is A Community Problem:

- It takes 13 years for a cigarette butt to decompose.
- It takes 50 years for a Styrofoam cup to decompose.
- It takes 200 years for an aluminum can to decompose.
- It takes 400 years for a six pack ring to decompose.
- It takes 450 years for a disposable diaper or plastic bottle to decompose.
- It takes 600 years for a monofilament fishing line to decompose.
- Rubber tires and glass NEVER decompose.

- C.Poss-

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MAY 17 - POA GENERAL

MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Our next meeting is scheduled for Wed. May, 17th, 7:00 PM. Paradise Rec. Center. Our guest speaker will be Ms. Bernie Frybrych, from the Red Cross. Ms. Frybrych will be speaking on Hurricane Awareness. It is time to start thing about that season again and be prepared. There will be a question and answer session.

**COME AND JOIN US---- MAY 17 th,
ALL RESIDENTS WELCOMED**

SCHEDULED CDD MEETINGS

All CDD & VCCDD Meetings are held at the Savannah Center.

VCCDD - Villages Community Center Development District - last Friday of the month.

CDD#1 - Meets on the last Friday of the month.

CDD#2 - Meets on the first Friday of the month.

CDD#3 - Meets on the first Friday of the month.

CDD#4 -

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**WHAT PEOPLE WILL DO WITH
THEIR POWER**

If you missed the February meeting of CDD #one, I will be only too glad to tell you what Carl Bell and Frank Topping got passed at that meeting. The entrance of Hacienda South, off Morse Blvd., at Soledad Way, the Village where Frank Topping lives. It now has five islands of trees and flowering bushes. But, Frank Topping states they are not colorful enough to please him, so, lo and behold, the board approved the planting of 300 annuals to be changed four times a year. At the Patio Villas, where Carl Bell resides, 90 annuals for his entrance to be planted and changed four times a year. This means an additional \$7,000, a year maintenance fee for these two areas. But! No mention of annuals for where Russ Day lives. Poor Russ. I hear through the grapevine that Frank and Carl may not run again this coming November for the CDD Board. Good, I may save a few bucks if they are not there spending our money.

Onto other things that were discussed at that meeting. Russ Day stated that since CDD # 1 is built out, there are thirty five-hundred homes there, that everyone should share the same amount for the maintenance fee, and not to use the formula they use now. With someone like Carl Bell who pays \$124 a year and someone like Carl who pays \$300 a year, is that fair? But! Carl Bell and his clique turned that suggestion down in a hurry. I would like to close with the saying that Carl Bell printed in his monthly "throwaway" newspaper. A new word that another writer recently used, "Remember, that this is your Money that is being spent." Doesn't anyone out there care?
—Joe Gottfried—