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PRESIDENTS THOUGHTS

Last week I read an article in our local fish wrap and bird cage liner, by line "FreeMed Connection finds sources of free medication." It took three columns in the paper to let you the people know about this program.

It seems that this newspaper has had its head in the sand because: The Property Owners Association has been distributing this same material for the last three months. You do not have to write anybody or call anyone, just attend one of our meetings and pick up the literature free and you don't even have to be a paid member of the POA. Further more if the writer of the article would have mentioned that the POA had distributed this same material at their meeting for public benefit for the past three months the writer would have been fired. Because: Guess who owns the paper the Developer.

Additional programs available are:
55 Plus Club from, LRMC, OF WHICH MISTER RUSSELL DAY IS ON THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE. We also have applications for Members' Choice Pharmacy Program.

One of our members Charles Harvey used the Medical Program and got a \$250.00 prescription for the next three months for only five dollars.

The POA will always bring to your attention, any programs that will benefit you, the residents of the Villages. If you are interested in any of the Rx programs that are available come to our meetings which are the third Wednesday of every month or stop by my house and pick up the material.

— Tom Poss —

KUDOS

Drug Free, Inc., gives a Big Thank You, to Dan Sells (Running for Sumter County Sheriffs) and his campaign manager, for their donation to our raffle sales. Thanks also, to the members of the P.O.A., who were also very generous in buying raffle tickets. Drug Free is raffling off a 19 inch color TV with a combination VCR.

— Cliff Robertson, President Drug Free —

Happy 4th of July



BELIEVE IT OR NOT

by Tom Poss

IT IS THAT TIME AGAIN ELECTIONS.

Not only does the Developer have full control of everything and everyone in the Villages, of what to do, when to do it and how to do it, BUT, their objective is to control the Town of Lady Lake also.

Remember one thing, the Last person who won a commissioner position in the Town of Lady Lake was the Developers hand-picked candidate. If this is what you the people of Lady Lake want, than just sit home and do nothing. Ward 1, in the Town of Lady Lake will have an opening, and I strongly suggest that you come up with someone to run for this position.

With Mr. Gibson leaving the Commissioners position in Ward 1, representing the Town of Lady Lake there will be an opening and an election for that Ward. If you the Voters do not want another hand-picked candidate from the Developer, it will be your responsibility to come up with a candidate and support him or her. A candidate search starts NOW.

I always want to hear from you, 750-5640, Fax 750-2320 e-mail Tcposs@Aol.com
Until next time this is Believe It or not by.

— Tom Poss

PARADISE LOST?

Lake Paradise is gone! Will it come back? Probably. Will it be the same? Never. The lush growth of grass in the Lake bed is more fit for the buffalo than for the wild life that made it home. The fish? Gone! Gone to the drought, and the insatiable thirst of development.

Not only the Villages Developer. Certainly they started it, bringing in thousand of people to Lady Lake, and then to the rest of this tri-county corner of Central Florida.

They have done, and are doing, an excellent job of development. The sheer number of people who buy here month after month prove this.

But, with the population growth comes also the growth of a service industry to support them. Service stations, drug stores, restaurants, banks, car dealers, and Wal-mart. All use water.

I believe the newspaper reports that the Villages Management practices conservation as they can. That they are as concerned as I am about this vital resource. But, if drawing millions of gallons annually to water golf courses results in extreme water-use restrictions for everyone, the, perhaps the priorities are not in order.

All of us, Residents, Management, and City and County leaders are in this together. Is there some manner that we can all profit from a logical discussion of the subject? I hope so! Are we willing to try?

Thank you for your attention.

—Win Shook, VP—



"THE LOOSE CANNON"

Do you remember those Saturday matinees in the local movie theater? And all those swashbuckling films with the fearless pirate captain, and the beautiful princess from somewhere who always had to be rescued from someone or something. Then there were those wooden ships and their unforfeitable cannon. Each cannon was set on a carriage with wheels. After firing, the cannon would recoil, and its wheels helped the gun crew to get it back into position, and ready for the next salvo.

While the wheels were a necessity in battle, they were a real danger in rough weather. For, although each cannon was secured to the deck in a storm, quite often when a ship rolled sharply, the heavy weapon exerted such a force on the lashings that they snapped, and a cannon broke free. Then that dreaded cry of "loose cannon" would be heard throughout the ship. The person, who feared those words most, was the captain. He was the master, in complete control of ship and crew, yet he could do little to control the cannon careening around his deck.

So, this month's article was practically written for me, when I overheard an individual in the OBG restaurant linking the name, Russell Day, with a loose cannon. What irritated me most was that this remark didn't come from the developer's controlled media, or his paid ideologues, this person seemed to be an average "Joe Home Owner." How could he be so ungrateful as to criticize a man who, against all the odds, has been working for more than six years to make our lot better than it would have been without his efforts? Ruminating on the attitude of this ingrate, kept me awake most of that evening. In fact, it wasn't until the sky began to lighten, that I came up with the only possible solution. Perhaps he didn't mean his remark to be taken in a derogatory sense, but only that Russ was a force to be reckoned with.

The simile being that on one hand we have the master of a ship, with the ultimate power over both ship and crew, yet whose worst nightmare start with the words "loose cannon," as he cannot buy or intimidate a piece of artillery. On the other hand, we have the master of a retirement community, with ultimate power over the community and its residents, yet whose worst intimidated. As the years pass, my respect and admiration for this man grows. My final thought is, that if Russ is to be labeled a "loose cannon", I think the good Lord that he is "our loose cannon".

- Frank Renner -

ATTENTION REC DEPARTMENT DIRECTORS

I have lived here going on six years, and I must admit that it has been very interesting. My husband and I have participated in many an organized game or two or three, with the recreation department over all these years. We were fortunate to win a Valentine Day bocci competition between the Villages who participated and stood high in many finals. We were even so good, that we were on the traveling bocci team, who had the privilege of playing against, Silver Springs Shores development and the Plantation development for many weeks. We were so proud, so happy.

Now, I wish to express my feelings about the abundance of food on our Rec Director's plates. Their cup also "runneth over". When do these Rec'ers get time to wreck? They were so overworked and underpaid, that many a day, there wasn't a water jug available to us or a Rec'er to start us off, supervise or be a sub. We missed them. NOW, you want to take them father away from US, yes, US who live here, who need all the help we can get and share them with our grandchildren, WRONG.

When my grands come down, we love to play bocci, shuffle, swim, bowl and just what have you, TOGETHER. I find that they are a little shy about getting together with strangers. And, they should be. After all they came down to be with US, their grandparents. Well, maybe your plan is to also invite the adults, and yes at a cost. Come on now we can play together for the cost of NOTHING and you all want to change that. I don't think it is necessary. — J. Gottfried —

WATER

What will happen when there is none? Have you ever asked why we are so eager to waste this precious commodity? Watering grass and golf courses when it is 90 plus degrees outside. Watering the streets with broken sprinklers? Start watching and reporting. — CP —

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

June 14, 2000

Dear Sir,

I received a notice that I was not allowed to conduct my practice in my home because it created a traffic problem. The client parked the car in my driveway. There is a traffic problem when vehicles with trailers come into the Villages to new lawns and park on both sides of the street.

I went to Pete Wahl to see if I might continue in my home for a week or two until I could find an office outside of the Villages. In a very curt manner, he told me I had to stop immediately or I would hear from the Village attorney. As it turned out I was able to rent an office a few days later in Lady Lake.

The upside is that after spending a few minutes in Pete Wahl's office, if I am fortunate enough to make it to heaven and have to appear before the Lord, I already know how it is going to feel, although I am certain the Lord will be more humble and considerate than Pete Wahl, who seemed to revel in his own splendor, and I do mean splendor.

Respectfully, Ralph Miller, DCH

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COVENANTS

It is real interesting to pick up your Restrictive Covenants and review them once and awhile, mine are 5 pages long and some of the items are real nice to know about.

Item 4.- Services to be performed by Developer or Sunbelt Utilities Inc.

4(1). The Developer shall perpetually maintain the recreational facilities and common grounds.

4(4). Each owner agrees that as additional facilities are requested by the owner and the creation of such additional facilities is agreed to by the Developer that upon a vote of 1/2 of the owners approving such additional facilities and commensurate charges there for, the monthly assessment as provided for the owner shall be increased accordingly without limitations. For purpose of all votes the Developer shall be entitled to one vote for each lot owned by Developer.

2(8). No Aerials, Satellite Reception dishes or antennas of any kind are permitted in the subdivision.

2(12). All owners shall notify the Developer when leaving their property for more than a 7 day period and shall simultaneously advise the Developer as to their tentative return date.

2(16). Only one (1) Dog may be kept by an owner provided however that at all times the animal, when not within the confines of the home, shall be restrained by a leash.

4(10). Developer reserves the right to enter into a management agreements with any person, firm or corporation.

These excerpts come from unit 12 as registered in Public record of Lake County Florida.

Isn't it strange that the cul de sac on the east side of 441 are not taken care of although the common facilities are supposed to be maintained by the Developer or his agent.

Have the owners in each area ever requested the facilities before they were built and did we vote on these facilities.

How many satellite dishes do we now have in the Villages?

Do you notify the Developer every time you are gone?

They mention only one dog per family but don't ever say anything when a family has more than (1) dog, no mention of cats, or any other kind of pet.

The VCCD is the manager for the Developer but have they ever checked all of the restrictive covenants? Have they a record on everyone who has left for 7 days or more?

How many of the covenants mention amenities and how many maintenance, there is a difference. - Charles M. Harvey-

NOTICE

Villages Sub Station Phone # 352-259-1016, for Sumter County Sheriff Dept. Will service Leesburg, Fruitland park and Lady Lake.

-SAW-

"OUR WATER WOES"

When are the ones on the St. Johns Water Authority Board going to come to their senses?

They keep writing in the paper to be careful in your use of water because of the Aquifer getting so low.

Then they approve all the water for the Villages that the Villages requested, for the golf courses.

When I brought copies out of the papers and asked if what they said would effect us, Mr Gary Moyer said no, that is in the South West. A few days later an article on water restrictions appeared stating Residents of Sumter County portion of the Villages are reminded that lawn watering has been imposed. Now who is right and who is wrong?

We have been getting a lot of sand in our toilet tanks, so we requested that something be checked.

On June 12, they came out and flushed the fire hydrant out on the adjacent property. You should have seen the sand that came out.

The workers stood and watched me watching them. Can you imagine what that would have done to the fire equipment if there would have been a fire.

When are the board member going to wake up and protect our water.

One of these days we will not have any water only a bunch of sink holes.

The water pressure is so bad that you can not depend on it. Some days you have pressure and other days you only have a dribble.

- Rose Harvey-

WHAT WILL THE VILLAGE PEOPLE PAY FOR THE SAVANNAH CENTER?

Before the end of the year - The VCCDD will buy the Savannah Center and the new pool at Saddlebrook for twenty one million dollars, (\$21,000,000.). How do I know? A little birdie told me. Mark it down and about September or October call Pete Wahl and ask.

- Joe Gottfried -

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-Win Shook, VP-

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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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MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Our next meeting is scheduled for Wed. July 19, 7:00 PM. Paradise Rec. Center. Our guest speaker will be: RON PALADINI, Instructor Supervisor for,

CITE CENTER FOR THE VISUAL IMPAIRED

There will be a question and answer session.

**COME AND JOIN US— July 19,
ALL RESIDENTS WELCOMED**

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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)



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.
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