



A New Four Seasons Event!

The Four Seasons Variety Show

Coming Thursday, April 16 in the
Clubhouse Ballroom

Thanks to the efforts of organizers **Hazel Sykes** and **Alice Wallwork**, April 16 will see the debut of the first (annual?) Four Seasons Variety Show. Residents have volunteered to premiere over a dozen acts, ranging from comedy to singing and poetry.

Fun, fun! Don't miss this!

For more information, or to volunteer to help, contact Hazel Sykes (985-2995).



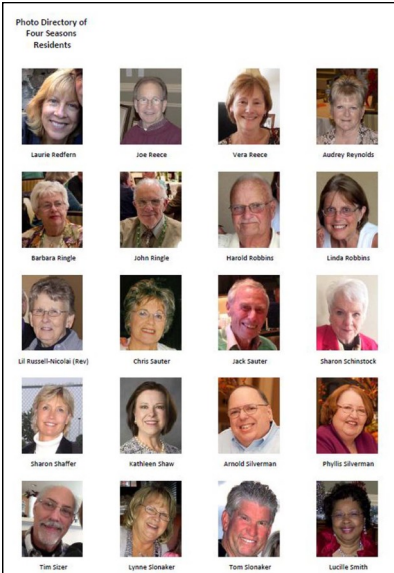
**New Photo Directory of
Four Seasons Residents**

The Communications Committee is excited to announce that the new photo directory of Four Seasons residents is now available for viewing or printing on the Four Seasons website, our4seasons.org.

Thanks to the wonderful support of residents in providing photos or approving photos culled from the newsletter archives, we were able to populate the directory with over 160 photos, out of about 210 residents and MSC staff. See the sample page on the right, or go to the website and see how your photo came out.

If you didn't make the first issue of the directory, but would like to be included in future issues, just contact **Terry Pratt** by email or phone. He can take your photo or scan and crop any photo you would like used.

We hope this directory will be a useful tool to help residents connect with other residents.



Sample Photo Directory Page

~ Meet Your New Newsletter Editor ~
Joanne Lattiak

The Communications Committee is pleased to announce that **Joanne Lattiak** has been named to succeed Terry Pratt as newsletter editor.

Joanne will tell you that she acquired this position in an unusual way. “I was walking into the clubhouse to attend my first Communications Committee meeting,” she explained. “I met Terry in the parking lot and we walked in together. As we headed down the hall, he asked me about my experience with newsletters. I told him and before we even walked into the meeting room, he said he was retiring from the newsletter editor position and was going to nominate me for the job!”



Writing under her maiden name, Joanne DiMaggio, her writing career has included hundreds of feature articles in local and national magazines and newspapers. She currently is the editor of *Real Estate Weekly* and is an associate editor for the soon-to-be-published magazine, *Awareness: Exploring Spirituality*. Her first book, *Charlottesville: A Contemporary Portrait*, was published in March 2002. She has since published two other books focusing on a form of inspirational writing she calls Soul Writing, and was one of

the writers featured at the 2012 Virginia Festival of the Book.

Joanne and her husband Len are relative newcomers to Four Seasons, having closed on their Mistland Trail home in July. They are originally from Chicago, but they have lived in Charlottesville since 1995. They have two children—a daughter Marianne who is a 5th grade teacher at Ruckersville Elementary School, and a son Michael who is a product manager for a software company in Austin, Texas.

Joanne brings a wealth of experience to the Editor position. She has had an eclectic career as a writer, editor, and advertising/marketing/public relations professional, both in a corporate environment and in a freelance capacity. She has extensive experience working with non-profit organizations as a communications professional. She has written and produced newsletters and handled public relations for these organizations, including two homeowner associations and several non-profits dedicated to the parent-child relationship, women’s issues, and esoteric studies. Let’s not forget my eight years as a Beatles fan club president!” Joanne added.

Joanne has given talks on the subject of soul writing to audiences across the country and has been a guest on over 40 radio programs. In April 2013 she founded the Unity Holistic Healing Center, a service of Unity of Charlottesville, where she maintains a private office. While her hectic schedule has prevented her from participating in many of the events held in our community, she is hopeful that her position as newsletter editor will give her the opportunity to meet and get to know her neighbors better.

Many residents saw the nice description of Four Seasons that Joanne included in a longer article about “Why Seniors Love Central Virginia” in a recent issue of *Real Estate Weekly*.

Joanne would love to hear from you and learn more about what you’d like to see in the newsletter. You can reach her by phone or email (see the Four Seasons directory on our website).

Four Seasons Welcoming Committee

Many Four Seasons residents have noted that our community has lacked a way to provide an “official” welcome to new residents. Now we do!

After several discussions in the Communications Committee, Vera Reece volunteered to put together an official welcoming committee that can meet new residents and provide them with information about useful resources, such as our Four Seasons directories, our website, the newsletter, and the community map. **Vera and Joe Reece** will be joined by **Larry Baker** on this welcoming committee. Larry has often done this informally on his own, so now he will have help in providing a warm welcome to new Four Seasons residents. Thanks Vera, Joe, and Larry!

~ Volunteering With JABA ~

Editor's note: Since 1975, the Jefferson Area Board for Aging, JABA, has been serving the needs of the aging community in the Thomas Jefferson Planning district (the city of Charlottesville and the counties of Albemarle, Fluvanna, Greene, Louisa and Nelson).

One of the most useful services provided by JABA is to connect volunteers with programs that need volunteers. One of these JABA programs provides volunteers to mentor students in local schools. It is called FISH—Friends in Schools Helping. Below is a story about a FISH volunteer in our local elementary school.



To learn more about volunteer opportunities through JABA, as well as the wide range of other programs that JABA provides, check their website at www.jabacares.org.

A Volunteer's Story: Mentoring Through Music

Music does so much for the soul: it can make you dance, relax you, energize you, sooth you, even remind you of events in your life...and a few months ago, Beverly Pree used music to teach a little girl the English language.

Beverly Pree moved to Greene County a few years ago to be closer to her grandchildren but unfortunately she still felt very isolated until she found JABA's FISH (Friends In Schools Helping) volunteer mentor program which has really given her a purpose in life. She mentors two girls, both first generations from Hispanic speaking countries and says "It has been so rewarding, I feel like I am making a real difference."

She started volunteering for the FISH program in November of 2014; she travels by Greene County transit (since she has no car) between Nathanael Greene and Ruckersville Elementary school. Initially she came to JABA-FISH with an interest in working with 3rd to 4th graders who speak Spanish since she has a background as a music teacher working in Bolivia.

At Ruckersville Elementary she was paired with a young girl who recently moved from Honduras and wanted to learn to play the recorder. Beverly was a great match for her since she spoke Spanish, knew music, and understood what it was like for kids who live in third world poverty. The little girl was without a mother until recently because her mother's visa



was denied; she was very scared and knew very little English. However, with Beverly's help she has not only started to learn English but is now raising her hand in class to answer questions. It was the music that allowed Beverly to break through the language barrier with this little girl. Beverly is so happy to be a part of

this little girl's life; she spends about 38 hours a month in total for preparation, transportation and in class time with these girls.

For Beverly and her students, this is truly a life changing experience! The FISH program looks for mentors from all walks of life. We believe that mentoring happens in many different ways from music to math - it is not as much about the helping with the academics as it is about the caring relationship that forms during this time shared. If you have a special skill/talent you would like to share with a child in need of an adult who cares, give us a call! But please DON'T feel you need to be a retired teacher or worry if you don't have a musical or artistic bone in your body because mentoring comes in many different forms. The only real requirement is dedication, kindness, respect and a caring attitude. Be the difference in a child's life - it only takes an hour a week!

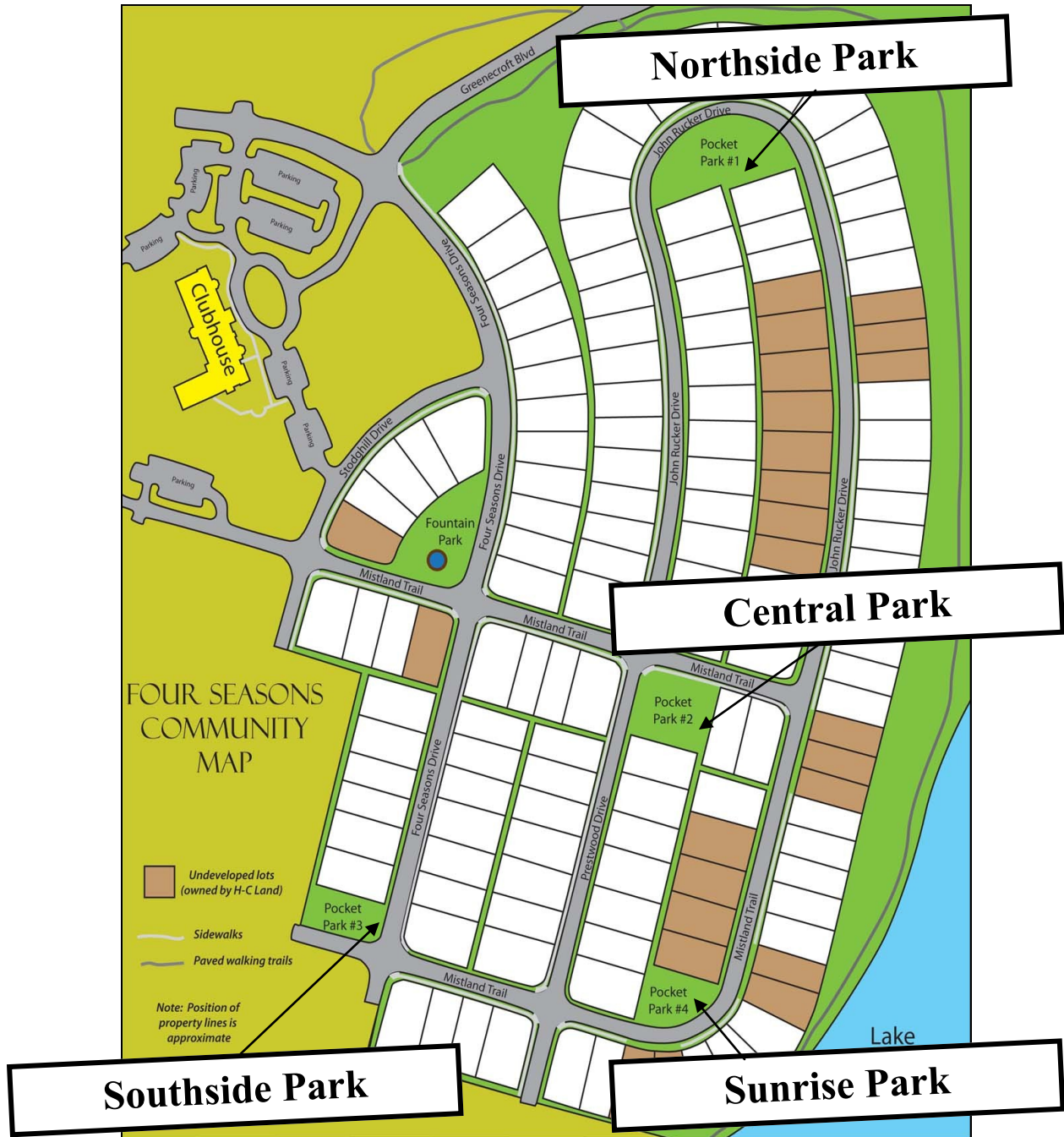
If you would like to hear more about helping a child, please contact Dana Johnson at FISH-Greene@jabacares.org or call 434-817-3551.

Come FISH with Us!!

~ Landscaping & Grounds ~

Thank You

to all the residents who submitted names for the pocket parks in the community!
The names for the parks that the Committee chose are shown below.



~ *January/February Community Events* ~

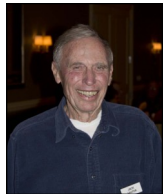
Computer Users Group Has First Meeting

Don Brady has taken the initiative to organize a Four Seasons Computer Users Group. The first meeting was held on February 26, and a regular meeting date of the first Tuesday of every month was set.

There was a nice turnout, as about a dozen Four Seasons residents attended, including some with extensive computer experience and others just learning their way around all the technology of computers and the Internet.



Ladies Lunch Bunch
Friday, February 27 saw the Ladies Lunch Bunch get together in the Clubhouse Ballroom.



January 15 “**Soup and Chili**” TTT
Sixteen varieties of homemade soup and chili. Yum!



February 19 TTT catered by **Restaurant Pomme** of Gordonsville.

Lots of fun stories and photos about Four Seasons events are now being posted regularly on the Four Seasons website. If you haven't visited recently, you might want to check it out. Just follow this link to our4seasons.org.

March and April Dates to Remember

Sunday, March 8
Daylight Savings Time Begins



Tuesday, March 17
St. Patrick's Day

Friday, March 20
Spring Begins!



Sunday, April 5
Easter Sunday



Upcoming Community Events

Thursday, March 19
Third Thirsty Thursday

St. Patrick's Day Party
*with dinner catered by
the Bavarian Chef and
an Irish music sing-along led by the Ragged
Ramblers*



Wednesday, March 25, 4-6pm
Board Meeting at the Clubhouse

Thursday, April 17
Third Thirsty Thursday
Four Seasons Variety Show
(see page 1)

~ Reminders ~

Spring Clean Debris from Your Garden and Shrubs

The **Modifications Committee** reminds all residents to begin taking measures to clean up your landscaping and plantings. The spring season soon will be upon us!

Old dead plants, especially ornamental grasses, will be blown all over our neighbors' yards and our streets if not cut and disposed of before the stiff springtime winds begin. This bit of "spring cleaning" will prepare us better to enjoy the lovely spring colors as tulips, crocuses and other early flowers make their appearance.



Passover begins the evening of Friday, April 3 and ends the evening of Saturday, April 11

Please Don't Put Your Trash Cans Out Too Early!

The **Covenants Committee** wishes to remind the community that trash containers should not be kept visible once trash has been collected. It has also been reported that some residents are putting out their trash cans days before the scheduled collection.

This is contrary to the Covenants section 10.17: Trash Containers and Collection ... In no event shall such containers be maintained so as to be visible from outside the principal structure on a Dwelling Unit unless they are being made available for collection and then *only for the shortest time reasonably necessary to effect such collection.*

Please help keep our
community beautiful!

~ Classified Ads ~

This section is for residents only and features any thing or service that you might want to sell or give away to other residents. Ads will usually be run for one issue of the newsletter and then removed. If you would like your ad to be run again, please contact the Newsletter Editor.

Small Electrical Services. Call Harold Robbins, 434-985-7202.

Free Notary Service. One day advance notice will be helpful. Email atrjs4p@virginia.edu or call **Rauzelle Smith** at 434-985-3395.

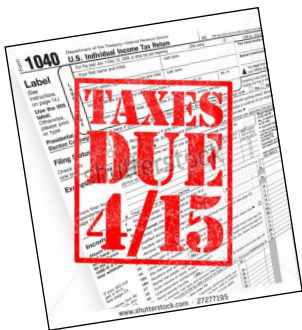
*Classified Ads Needed!
Send us your ads!*



Slow Down!
The speed limit throughout Four Seasons is 25 miles per hour.
Please don't speed!

Got a Good Story to Tell Us!

Send pictures and details to blueridgebreeze@gmail.com



Phone Numbers to Remember

Club House — 434-990-2012

Emergency — 911

Greene County Sheriff's Office — 434-985-2222

Identity Theft Hotline — 877-438-4338

National Do Not Call Registry — 888-382-1222

Better Business Bureau of Central Virginia — 804-648-0016

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April 1st



Many thanks to those people who have submitted articles for the newsletter. If you do not see your article in this edition, we will try to include it in a later issue!

The Communications Committee reserves the right to edit any article for length or clarity.

**The deadline for the 2015 May/June issue is
April 30**

Send all submissions to

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