

# The Mountain Breeze

## Four Seasons at Charlottesville

### Community Newsletter

#### Lakeside Common Area Cleanup Plans

Residents on Mistland Trail petitioned the Landscape Committee and the Board of Directors to allow them to clear the underbrush and top trees in the Common Area along the lakefront, behind their homes. The work is being done at no expense to the HOA, but rather paid for by the respective



homeowner, and will be supervised by a certified arborist. The Virginia Forestry and Wildlife Group and the Van

Yahres Tree Company met with homeowners to determine the scope of the work.

Afterwards, those homeowners who wanted to proceed were asked to submit a proposal to the Landscape Committee, who in turn sought Board Approval.

There have been major changes to the visibility of Lake Rucker as seen from the Common Area pathway since the homes were built. Much of the overgrowth is in the form of invasive non-native plant species that are choking out other

plant life on the lakeside. The scope of the work involves the removal of dead and invasive species trees in such a manner that will not disrupt the soil. Similarly, invasive native and non-native plant species will be removed in an environmentally safe manner. When application of pesticides is warranted, aquatic safe preparations will be employed. No root structures will be removed so as to retain the integrity of the lakeside soil and embankment and all debris will be removed from the site of the work. Because of the tenacity of some invasive species, the entire removal process will take at least two years.

Greg and Laurie Redfern summed it up nicely. "Having a two-year plan in place using Virginia Forestry & Wildlife Group, in conjunction with Van Yahres certified arborists, will ensure all residents will be able to see the lake and enjoy seeing the abundant wildlife while they walk on the path. No one will run the risk of being cut by thorns jutting out from invasive species as they access the walking path, a common problem in the spring and summer months. The two wonderful Hickory trees, which we think are unique to our community, will be majestic and assured healthy growth."

---Joanne Lattiak

## Letter from the President



The state of the Association four months into the 2017 fiscal year is good. We are on budget and all maintenance issues are being addressed.

The Association is currently working on an update to the Replacement Reserves Study; and a long-range planning group is being organized this summer to study and formulate future plans for the community.

If any homeowner wants to make an improvement to their home or lot, the Modifications Committee can help guide you through the process. A draft of the revised Design Guidelines is now posted on the community website.

The community has several ongoing games and activities at the Clubhouse that are doing well. Given the current small size of our active adult community, it often means that it may be difficult to reach a critical mass for organizing new activities. However, the Association encourages any new ideas. If you have one, then propose it to the community at large to see if there is enough interest to try it.

Even though we are a smaller community, the number of residents volunteering to help keep the Association running has been outstanding. I remain very impressed with the level of expertise achieved by our residents before they moved to this community.

Thanks to all who volunteer. If you have not been that involved before now, the Association invites you to help out in any way, big or small, that you may want.

---Larry Miller, Association President

## Four Seasons Hikers

The Four Seasons Hikers visited the Thomas Jefferson Parkway hiking area on April 12. This was our first time on the Lower Meadow Trail. From the parking area the trail went through a tunnel under the Park road. Shortly after, we chose the path to the right of the three alternatives. Although the trail was not very well marked with signs or blazes, it was easy to follow.



A gentle uphill walk at a steady pace took us about a mile from the starting point. We encountered no rocks and few tree roots, yet the forest around us was notable for the variety and size of the trees. Some trees seemed to be in excess of 100 feet. Close to our turn-around point, we couldn't miss seeing a recently fallen tree sporting the largest span of roots we had ever seen.

We would be pleased to add other names to our list of hikers. If you think you might like to join us, we leave every Wednesday from the Clubhouse at 9:00 a.m. sharp. Bring water and a smile. During the summer we leave at 8:00 a.m. to avoid some of the summer heat.

---Joe Brennan

## Nomination & Elections Committee News

The Nominating and Elections Committee is gearing up for another exciting year of elections. This year we will be electing two new members to the Board of Directors. It is the year to put in place your ideas of improvements and/or changes. The only way to do that is to become a member of our elected Board of Directors. The election will take place in September. This is a time of opportunity. Think about serving your community!

## The Thursday Bridge Group Invites New Players!

Come one, come all to play bridge Thursdays at 1:00 p.m. We have all levels of knowledge and we welcome anyone interested in playing. Many of us hadn't played in years and felt rusty, but that didn't last long! We know you're out there, so come spend the afternoon in the card room with us.

And congratulations to Doug Miller for high score at the Annual Bridge Marathon! A good time was had by all and we raised \$110.00 for the Ruckersville Elementary School weekend food program.

---Vibe Weber

## Community Ad

If anyone has an old banjo they are not using and would like to sell, please call [540-406-0400](tel:540-406-0400).

## Covenants Committee News

During April, the Covenants Committee revised the Complaint Procedure and Process as well as the Covenants Violation Form itself. These can be found on the [our4seasons.org](http://our4seasons.org) website (see Government).

The Committee has also decided to take a more active roll in educating and advising residents with respect to the Covenants. We are working closely with the Modifications Committee to ensure consistency in application of the design guidelines and covenants.

---Sue Miller, Chair

## Cornhole Games!

The two Four Seasons cornhole game boards and bags are under the shelter of the clubhouse back patio for the summer. Feel free to challenge your friends and neighbors to a friendly game.



When no other activity is going on in the ballroom, you can take a snack to the patio and enjoy a game of cornhole or horseshoes. The horseshoes are located in the bins on the patio. There is a grill there also available for your use. Take advantage of this wonderful 'back yard' this summer!

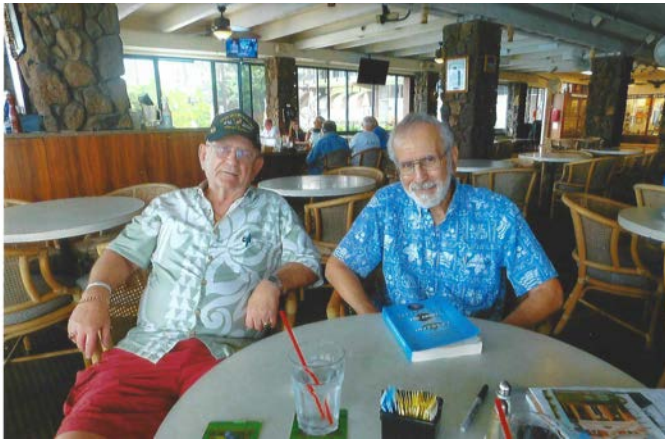
## Book Review

by Marty Cavanagh

### *Jefferson, the Army, and the Internet: How to Strengthen National Security, the Economy and Grassroots Communities*

By Harvey Meyerson

Harvey Meyerson is a friend and was a neighbor when he and wife Gladi lived here in Four Seasons, They now live in Hawaii.



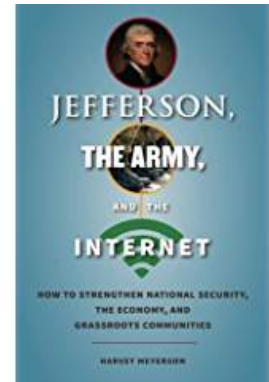
*Marty (left) with Harvey in Hawaii.*

Harvey has pursued successive careers as a journalist, congressional staffer, a scholar with a doctorate in American history, and policy analyst at a think-tank headquartered in the Library of Congress, and a staff member of the late Senator Spark Matsunaga of Hawaii. His books include a prize-winning report on the Vietnam war from the perspective of a province in the Mekong Delta and a scholarly Study of American domestic nation-building during the nineteenth century.

In *Jefferson, The Army, and The Internet*, Harvey takes us back to the early days of the development of America and how Thomas Jefferson, the father of West Point, manufactured the Army's early development, leading the drive west, developing outposts for early settlers, and helping to resolve Indian and settler difficulties. When the Civilian Conservation Corps came under

the presidency of Franklin Delano Roosevelt, it needed leadership and the Army provided that leadership.

Harvey eloquently takes us through all of that history and brings us to present day and how the Army could provide that leadership to our young millennials to lead us in the 21st century's quest to deal with the Cyber Threat. The



mission of Harvey's new American Resilience Corps (ARC) would be to maximize the entrepreneurial potential of the Internet and digital manufacturing by spreading it out into rural/small towns. This would make America less vulnerable to crippling cyber or other threats to over centralized critical infrastructure, including a national grid upon which Americans depend for virtually all essential services. It's a civilian-military mission in our nation's best tradition that would transform American and inspire the world.

Both Amazon and Barnes & Noble have the book available for \$16. I've seen quite a number of five star reviews. It was a good read and I enjoyed it!

## How's your Sacrificial Anode Rod??

Find out what and where and why and how on the link below where you'll find other useful information about your house as well!

[www.our4seasons.org/Maintenance.html](http://www.our4seasons.org/Maintenance.html)

---Jill Probst

# Elvis Sighting! Yes, Elvis was IN our Building!!

Uncanny Elvis lookalike was spotted at our clubhouse! Yes, Stewart Chapman, an Elvis Presley tribute artist, was seen on April 20th



performing for about 70 of our residents.

Experiencing a technical glitch after the storm, Stewart reluctantly had to resort to plan B during setup. The songs in this plan provided less opportunity for dancing and audience

participation. Thankfully, his silky tone, good looks and swagger were not affected by the mishap. He still put on a good show for all to enjoy!

---Hazel L. Sykes



Elvis flanked by fans, Tim & Rhonda Meyer!

# St. Patrick's Day Fun!

Residents certainly did enjoy the St. Patrick's Day festivities at the Clubhouse in March!



## Building & Streets Report

The Building and Streets Committee has been very active since the last newsletter. We meet monthly to identify and discuss repair issues for the Clubhouse (inside and outside), the streets and walking path, street lights, sidewalks, the gatehouse and the entrance tower. The committee is pleased to report that the following projects recently have been completed:

1. Aged straps were replaced on the pool rescue board and the AED has been serviced and is functioning normally.
2. The damaged barricade on Stodghill has been replaced and the Four Seasons Drive southern barricade was repaired.
3. Interior clubhouse overhead lights are being converted to LED for longer life. They are functioning well.
4. The large tree by the entrance tower was removed for improved visibility.
5. A large external crack under the back window of the lounge has been sealed and caulked.
6. The Dectron system appears to be functioning normally for the first time in many months.

Ongoing projects include:

1. MSC has scheduled the gatehouse roof and cupolas repair for 2017.
2. MSC will arrange for repair of sidewalks with Building and Streets Committee / Board of Directors input.
3. Cleaning and painting of clubhouse gutters.
4. Researching replacement earphone jacks for the exercise room.
5. Refurbish benches on the walking path and replace the damaged "no trespassing" sign in conjunction with the Landscape Committee.
6. The Building and Streets Committee and the Social Committee have formed a subcommittee who, in conjunction with Jeannie, meet when appropriate to review, discuss, and approve/deny events to be held at the clubhouse. There have been three this quarter.

The B & S Committee welcomes Chuck Probst to its ranks, which now has a full complement of members. Current members include: Joe Reece (co-chair), Tim Meyer (co-chair), Bill Groening (secretary), Spencer Crute, Len Lattiak, John Widomski, and Jim Wilson (board liaison).

Our committee invites residents to attend our meetings on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month at 10:00 a.m. to voice concerns and offer suggestions.

*--Tim Meyer and Joe Reece, Co-Chairs*

## Volunteer Opportunity!

Greene Care Clinic is looking for new board members. We would like to add members with experience in health care, health care management, business, and fundraising, as well as CPAs and lawyers.

We meet once a quarter on the second Wednesday of the month at 5:30 p.m. at the clinic in Stanardsville. (Jan, April, July, Oct).

I am sure you have a great many retired community members who may have an interest and skills to help us along

Please pass this news on to anyone who may be interested. You are welcome to attend our next meeting on July 12 and observe what the meetings are like.

Thanks,

Janet Call, Executive Director  
[www.greenecareclinic.org](http://www.greenecareclinic.org)

## Barn Quilt Tour

The Tourism Department and the Palette Art Gallery are teaming up to implement a Barn Quilt tour in Greene County.

A barn quilt is a wooden structure that has a quilt square design or any folk art style design. There are hundreds of barn quilt tours in the US and Virginia. Greene County will add to that number.

Artists at the Palette are painting the barn quilts. The BETA club at the high school is priming the wood for them. The barn quilts will be displayed on barns, sheds, fences and lawns throughout the county.



There are 18 in place now and when 20 are up, the Tourism Department will publish a map so tourists and residents can drive around to see them all. When an additional 20 are up, a new version of the map will be published. The

maps will be available at the visitor center on Route 29.

There are hundreds of designs for barn quilts on the Internet. Shown here is one that has been done so far.

---Cory Ryan

## Welcome New Residents!

Jim and Sandy Finley, formerly of Arlington, VA, have settled in at 368 John Rucker Drive. Married for 8-1/2 years, Jim is a native of Milwaukee, Wisconsin and Sandy is from Wilmington, DE.



Jim was a lobbyist for mental health providers and Sandy is a part-time social worker. They have three children. In their spare time Jim loves to swim and enjoys all types of music, while Sandy loves to cook, enjoys reading, baseball and knitting.

## Lost Emails?

ARE YOUR EMAILS GOING TO SPAM OR NOT BEING RECEIVED?

Not getting emails from Four Seasons? You should be sure our email addresses are white listed. Procedures for white listing our emails can be found on our website. White listing means you will accept emails from the sender. Click on the white listing item at top of page. The article will discuss how you can white list an email sender.

---Don Brady

# Skyline Harmony Chorus

## Concerts

Many of us in Four Seasons have heard Shelby Martin speak about the Skyline Harmony Chorus, and quite a few have heard them sing. They are a four-part a cappella group of women singing in barbershop style [and not your grand-daddy's style!!]. They have two performances coming up in May that you may find interesting.

The Louisa Arts Center will be sponsoring "The Art of Fashion" Benefit Runway Show with Dessert Reception, with a performance by the Skyline Harmony Chorus, on Saturday, May 6 at 7:30 p.m. at the Louisa Arts Center, 212 Fredericksburg Ave., Louisa. Tickets at [LouisaArts.org](http://LouisaArts.org) or 540-967-5200.

The group also will be performing at the 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Bach's Concert Series Lunch on May 11 at Christ Episcopal Church, 2<sup>nd</sup> & High Street, NW in Charlottesville. Concerts are free. Optional lunch box for \$7.

For more information, contact Shelby at 540-760-7550.

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## Live Healthy: A Free Prescription Discount Program

NACORX is a joint effort of participating county governments and the National Association of Counties (NACo). Greene County is included, and local pharmacies are CVS, Walmart, and Greene. Not insurance, but it might be useful for prescriptions that aren't covered by insurance and other discounts. It's easy to enroll. See the FAQ at [www.nacorx.org](http://www.nacorx.org).

---Jill Probst

# May Wine Tasting!

Our Social Committee has come up with yet another tantalizing event for May. "New Orleans Tasting & Tapas" by Pomme will take place on Friday, May 19 from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m.



The \$25 per person fee covers a tasty menu of Fried Oyster Rockefeller; Corn & Crab Bisque Shooters; Mini Muffulettas; Shrimp Étouffé; Chicken & Sausage Gumbo; and Bananas Foster, all paired with the appropriate wine.

Sign up at the Clubhouse by May 12. Make checks payable to "Four Seasons of Charlottesville."

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# Greene County Gov't Report

*Submitted by Vibe Weber*

## Zoning \*

For those of you who are concerned about areas of blight in Greene County, the Board of Supervisors is in discussion about creating a Blight Ordinance. It requires manpower and methods of enforcing the law before it becomes law. Stay tuned.

Greene County Board of Supervisors governs the issuance of Special Permits and Variances. It is a legislative process. Noncompliance results in a formal Notice of non-compliance and if that produces no results, a fine.

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Social Services \*\*

Financial

- Medicaid
- SNAP - Food stamps
- TANF – Financial Assistance for

Children

- Fuel – summer cooling and winter heat
- Child Care – provided if parent is working or in school

Investigative

- APS – Adult Protective Services include: protection of those 60yrs+ from abuse, neglect and /or exploitation
- CPS – Child Protective Services – Teachers and Drs. required to report evidence of mistreatment to Social Services
- Foster Care – about 10 children in foster care in Greene at this time

Counseling – Individuals, families and couples

At this time there are no shelters for homeless or abused individuals in Greene. They are referred to Charlottesville for assistance.

A new Greene County Resource Guide is due to be published in 2017

**REMINDER:** Factoid about waters in VA: According to Commonwealth of VA code, 62.-44.2, : The waters in VA – That is ALL streams, ponds, rivulets etc. are subject to protection from contamination, and chemical pollution. The issue includes drainage from those areas, which are also subject to protection. So be careful where you dump your garden spray and car washing leftovers!

\* Interview with Bart Svoboda, Planning and Zoning Administrator

\*\* Interview with Kevin Morris, Family Services Specialist

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**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