



## **It takes a committee to produce a Newsletter!**

### **Did you realize that?**

Following is a list of what it takes to get the Four Seasons newsletter sent out to residents bi-monthly:

1. Someone to help solicit and write up *articles about and from* our neighbors.
2. Someone to help write up *articles of interests* for the Four Seasons residents.
3. Someone to help write up *articles of events* happening in the local area that are of interest to our residents
4. Someone to interact with other Four Seasons committees for input of their happenings.
5. Someone to help proof read the newsletter.
6. Someone to help format the newsletter on the page.
7. Someone to help finish the newsletter and make it look “good”.



No one person needs to do it all. The Mountain Breeze has lost its editor. You can help the Communications Committee keep it going by taking one of the tasks involved.

All contributions of time and/or talent are gratefully accepted. The committee meets once a month on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month.

Are you that “SOMEONE” that can help out? Do you have what it takes? You just need the desire to serve on the Communications Committee. There is a place for you and we need you in order to continue producing a newsletter. Contact Don Brady (Committee Chair) for more information – [donbrady900@comcast.net](mailto:donbrady900@comcast.net)

## Survey - Incoming!

The Four Seasons Communications Committee is at a crucial point in its evolution. Over the last few years we have accomplished a great deal. We publish our newsletter, manage our website, create our directories, welcome new residents, maintain the email system, and generally keep our residents informed.

Recently *the Mountain Breeze* lost its editor and some committee members moved on. As a result, a committee with enough work for seven is now down to five.

Will you consider joining us? The distribution of our work among six (better still, seven) of us instead of five will enable each of us to be more effective, providing all Four Seasons residents with the information they deserve. Without some additional hands, we may have to curtail some of what we do.

You will shortly receive an email asking all residents to complete a short Communications Committee survey. It is a *SurveyMonkey* survey that we created to help us evaluate our “products” and their importance to the community. We need everyone to respond to the survey so that we can make meaning decisions about what we do. Please respond to the survey. It will only take a few minutes. Thanks for your participation.

-- *The Communications Committee*

## Monday Happy Hour, An Activity That Lives Up to its Name



It's 5:00 PM Monday and Teresa is at the front desk. Over the next few minutes, people straggle in, each carrying a bag. Soon tables are pushed together and covered with bounty for all to enjoy. For the next 90 minutes, libations flow, snacks are passed from hand to hand, and the conversation is lively. There is only one problem -- *you are not there!*

Has it been a while since you joined your neighbors at the Clubhouse?

When you watch your neighbors go about their day, are many of their faces unfamiliar? Monday's informal, unstructured Happy Hour would be a great way to get to know the people behind the faces. Bring your own beverage, adult or otherwise, and a snack to share. There's no



competition cook-off here; a bag of chips, cheese and crackers, or something from the frozen food department is perfect! (After all, we're all too busy to cook!) Best of all, there's no fee for our company.

Can't come every week? That's fine -- travel, guests and personal appointments prevent regular attendance for all of us. As a result, one never knows from week to week who will be there, and that's part of the fun! So, the next time you're home and looking to change your routine on a Monday afternoon, come join your neighbors at 5:00. You'll be glad that you did.

-- *Sandy Finley*

## Four Seasons LUAU

Our June 15th Luau was a blast! All attendees came dressed in their Hawaiian print attire. Each person was greeted with a hug and a lei before entering the ballroom. The atmosphere was festive with its beautiful luau decorations and Hawaiian music playing softly in the background.



The food served was plentiful and delicious. It was really no less than an authentic Hawaiian feast. Set up traditionally was Kalua Pig, Broiled Salmon, Teriyaki Chicken, Fried Rice and Guava Cake to name a few dishes.

It is not considered a true luau unless you have entertainment. We checked that box off too in a big way! Tracy Akers, the daughter of our own Jim and Marilyn Wienke, sang

Hawaiian songs, played the ukulele, danced and taught us how to hula. You didn't hear this from me, but the men's group performed better than the women's group----hands down! You go men!!!

I have to mention the picture taking behind cutouts, the tattooing, the puppet MC and the yummy pina colodas. A good time was had by all. Hope to see YOU at our next event!!!  
--Hazel Sykes



## Senior National Park Pass Alert

For anyone aged 62 or older who does not yet have a Senior National Park Pass but think you might want one, now is the time to get it. They currently cost only \$10 for a LIFETIME pass if you apply in person (\$20 if you apply online). Best bargain on the planet! The price will be going up to \$80 at some unspecified date in the future. Still a bargain, but why pay \$80 when you can get it now for only \$10? They are available at the entrance to Shenandoah NP.





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## Spring Activity Buildings and Streets Committee

There was a great deal of work for the committee when the developer first left the area. The original members of the committee had to confront everything from leaking roofs to barely functional equipment. Now that the bulk of the work to get the facilities functioning has been accomplished we are concentrating more on maintenance and repair issues.

### Street painting

We have been rained out several times, but the yellow curbs and white street lines are scheduled for repainting this summer.

### Sidewalk safety work

Later this summer a contractor will be here for a few days to correct some safety hazards with our concrete sidewalks and curbs. Their work levels

sections of concrete that have moved out of alignment to cause possible tripping hazards. The method used is a cutting process rather than grinding or replacement. For each section the work goes rapidly, the area will be left clean, and nearby grass or plantings won't be disturbed. An announcement about exact dates will be distributed before work begins. The Board has approved the use of Replacement Reserve funds for this project.

### Further work under consideration

Following the sidewalk work, there are some repairs to be done around pedestrian ramps at the street intersections and storm drain inlets, to counter deterioration of small sections of concrete work. MSC's own crew would probably handle the work, and disturbance would be minimal.



## Four Seasons HOA Nominating and Election Committee

As summer begins it is time to give serious thought to your role in the community and your personal interest in decisions which are made by the Board of Directors. Whether you have lived in Four Seasons for 10 years or one, a variety of viewpoints is valued and necessary for good governance. What you can bring to the table and what you will personally gain is limitless. Please submit your 200 word resume to Nancy Preston before August 4, 2017.

-- Vibe Weber

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## Greene County Government - July 2017

The Green County Board of Supervisors will hold a meeting on Wednesday, July 26th at 7:30 to discuss the zoning appeal of Mr & Mrs. Larry Hall who were issued a Special Use Permit for the land adjacent to Lowes on Rt. 29 in 2014. The permit allowed use of the land for recycling (of stone) until February 2017. They are now in violation of Condition B of the Special Use Permit.

For those interested in reducing blighted areas of Greene County, this is a meeting where you will hear how our county government deals with violations of Special Use Permits and consequences of violations.

-- Vibe Weber

## Supporting A Local Business

Some Four Seasons residents try to support as many local businesses as possible. If you want to do this and like to cook, you might enjoy subscribing to Horse and Buggy Produce, a local Community Supported Agriculture (CSA). This small business enables consumers to buy locally grown food directly from farmers. A farmer offers a certain number of "shares," consisting of a box of vegetables delivered on a regular basis.

This is a win/win for both the farmer and subscriber. The farmer receives payment early in the season, which helps with cash flow. Subscribers eat ultra-fresh food, with all the flavor and vitamin benefits this entails. Consumers are exposed to new vegetables and ways of cooking. In some cases, the farmer and subscriber meet, creating for some a greater sense of community and connection to what we eat and those who produce it.



Horse and Buggy Produce delivers to Charlottesville, Crozet, Lynchburg, and Richmond; and they will deliver to Four Seasons on Thursday.

They offer locally-grown fruits, vegetables, pasture-raised meats (beef, pork, and poultry), spring-raised trout, pasture-raised hen's eggs, goat cheese, and fresh home-baked breads and granola.

Complementing these items are farm-made products such as honey, maple syrup, apple butter, apple cider, and cut flowers. Most of their growers are members of a Mennonite community in the Shenandoah Valley who have been farmers for generations and employ timeless farming methods without using synthetic pesticides. Their life-style includes horse-drawn carriages for transportation, a choice that limits distribution to local areas.

A few words of caution: While you can control the size of your vegetable box and the regularity of

deliveries, your box will contain only what is in season -- no acorn squash in July or blueberries in February! And, you will be presented with things you have, perhaps, never cooked before, such as arugula or kale. Some people find this frustrating, while others see it as an opportunity for creativity in the kitchen. The H&P web site is filled with food

glossaries and recipes that will help. Also, you may wish to share a subscription with a friend; otherwise, you may find yourself wasting food. If you are interested, visit <http://www.horseandbuggyproduce.com> or call 434-293-3832. -- Sandy Finley

*Have you been on a discovery walk around our community lately?.. Much to see*

