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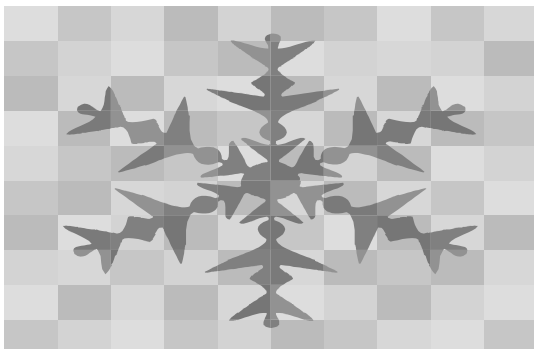


Upcoming Events in Dunnellon

Enjoy *"Girls Day Out"* with your friends in
Dunnellon's Historic Village, Tuesday,
January 5, 2010 from 10 am–5 pm.
Refreshments & In-Store specials

Come enjoy the
"First Saturday Village Market"
January 2, 2010 at the
Historic Village Shops
of Dunnellon from 9 am–2 pm.

"Green Market Tuesday"
every Tuesday from 2–6 pm.
Buy Fresh—Buy Local



FOR THE TROOPS!

We are anxiously waiting for all the stockings to arrive at their destinations in the Middle East. We sent a total of 250 stockings to Afghanistan, Kuwait, Iraq, Qatar, and Yemen. Men and women alike enjoy the goodies and movies. The remote group received a bag of toiletries in addition to their stockings. We want to thank the Williston Peanut Company who donated 30 pounds of peanuts for the troops. Each soldier in the small groups received a bag of peanuts along with their stockings.

Dunnellon Christian Academy wrote letters that were included in the Christmas boxes. The soldiers have already answered some of the letters. Check the Riverland News for the article that includes a sampling of the letters.

One LTC wrote, "Thank you so much for all you and your ladies do for those deployed overseas. It is a special moment when you see the eyes of a paratrooper as he receives a care package from someone he has never met and realizes that people are thanking him for what he does. It truly lifts the spirits."

A Captain wrote, "I know that I cannot wait to get home, it should be a very emotional event to say the least. Your efforts are going to make the event very special." He is going to give his troops our stockings as they get off the plane. His troops have finished their tour in Afghanistan and they are going home.

If you would like to make a donation, please call Martha Kyker at 352-489-2525 or come to the sales office. Thanks for SUPPORTING OUR TROOPS.

Property Owners' Association

www.RainbowSpringsPOA.org

ANNUAL ASSESSMENT: The Board of Directors has approved an increase in the annual assessment to \$100.00 per year for 2010. Statements were mailed to each property owner in December. Payment is due January 1, 2010 and is considered late if not paid by January 31, 2010. A 1% per month late fee will be added to all assessments not paid by January 31st.

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING: The Property Owners' Association 2009 annual membership meeting is scheduled for 10am, January 20, 2010 at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church Hall on Highway 41 near Highway 40 in Dunnellon, FL. The doors will open at 9:00am and the meeting will start at 10am. Please advise the POA office in writing by January 9, 2010 if you wish to be on the agenda to speak at the meeting. We urge all members who cannot attend the meeting to return their meeting proxies as soon as possible to insure that there will be a quorum for the meeting. Meeting booklets with proxies will be mailed to each property owner in December. Included in the proxy this year will be a section to elect 8 directors for 2010. There will be no other items to vote on this year. All proxies will be returned in a self addressed stamped envelope to Collier, Jernigan and Goedert, P.A., an independent accounting firm for tabulation. Assessment payments should not be returned in the same envelope as the proxy. Ballots will be available at the meeting for members who did not complete a proxy.

MONTHLY BOARD MEETINGS: The monthly board meetings of the Property Owners' Association will be held on the second Tuesday of each month at 10:30am at the Dunnellon Public Library. Food and drinks are not permitted in the meeting room.

ENTRANCEWAY SIGNS: Four new entranceway monument signs have been installed; 2 on the east and west sides of Hwy 41 on SW 88th PL Road, 1 at SW 102nd St Rd and 1 at the entrance to the Forest on Highway 40. The new signs are illuminated internally and are constructed of all aluminum to resist rotting and other problems associated with the old wood signs. We are hoping that all of the electrical work can be completed by January. The smaller internal signs are scheduled to be installed by February.

DEED RESTRICTIONS: The deed restrictions that we all have to abide by include all areas of Rainbow Springs; Country Club Estates, Woodlands, Forest, Grand Park*, Grand Park North*, Boundary*, Foxtrace areas* and St.

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Andrews*. (*- additional specific association restrictions apply). Sheds, fences, and storage of RV's may be permitted on lots over 1 acre in size, however they require written ACB approval. There are certain requirements that have to be met before they can be approved. Our deed restrictions are enforced equally across all areas.

MECHANICAL EQUIPMENT: Mechanical equipment, especially well water tanks, pool and spa heaters, large propane tanks, generators, etc. if visible from the road shall be completely shielded by shrubbery or by an enclosure approved by the Architectural Control Board.

COMBINING OF LOTS: Approval from the Declarant is required before any lot can be subdivided, combined or any lot lines changed. Refer to page 18, section. 12 of our Restrictive Covenants - "No lot shall be subdivided, either by plat or by sale in parts or its boundary lines changed, except with the written consent of Declarant (Developer)". This includes for example; combining 2 lots into one, etc.

SIGNS: The only signs permitted to be displayed in your front yard are for sale or rent signs not greater than 5 square feet. All other signs including political, commercial or religious signs, etc. are not permitted.

Call Marion County for the following: Pot-holes, DRA blockages, etc., Road Dept., 671-8686; Unleashed dogs, excessive barking, etc., Animal Control, 671-8900, DRA mowings, runoff problems, etc., Engineering, 671-8686.

Call 911 for fire, medical or criminal emergency. Security can be reached at any time on cell phone # 322-0261. If you cannot reach the cell #, leave a message on voice mail and they will call you back. You can also reach the Guard House at 465-9064 and leave a message if they are not there.

The next regular scheduled monthly Board meeting for the Property Owners' Association is Jan. 12, 2010 at 10:30am in the Dunnellon library.

Please call the POA office (489-1621) for any name, address or telephone # changes. POA office hours are 10am to 2pm Mon. thru Fri.

R.S. Garden Club

It's time to look forward to fresh new ways to enjoy our beautiful environment, whether it's in our own yards, our friends' yards, or the many public places that we can go to restore our minds, bodies, and souls. One way to do this is to join a group on a walking tour of one or both of the newest parks in our area.

Following the slide presentation by Walt McClellan at the Dec. meeting, 17 people signed up for a guided tour of the new Nature Park located in the Woodlands. Walt McClellan volunteered to lead a walk through this 44-acre tract of land that belongs to the POA, and therefore, to all the residents of Rainbow Springs, not just Woodlands residents. The beautiful low land is considered non-buildable, fortunately, and is the habitat of many native wildlife and plant species, including old oaks and a large stand of long-leaf pines which were almost extinct due to over-development of native habitats in Florida. The land is flat with hard sand that is easy on the joints for enjoyable walking. The group agreed to tour the park on a Wednesday this month at 10:00 AM. Anyone interested in joining the group may still sign up by calling the secretary, Jewel Pontius, at 465-0310. Emails or phone calls will be used to notify the group of the exact date of the walk. Plan on bringing water for this walk.

On another sign-up sheet, 17 people signed up for the walk through the Blue Run of Dunnellon Park on the Rainbow River, guided by Paul Marraffino, also this month. This group chose to walk on a Saturday morning, and will be notified of the exact date by email or phone once it is established. You may still sign up for this walk as well by calling the secretary and leaving your phone number or email.

We will resume our regular monthly meetings on the 4th Thurs. of each month, with this month's meeting on Jan. 28th, at 1:30 PM, at 7620 S. US Hwy 41. The program will be presented by club member Alice Kennedy, who will demonstrate the art of making stepping stones for your garden. The winter months are ideal for planning and creating hardscapes for your gardens while your softscapes (plants) are dormant. Alice has made many stepping stones for her yard as you may have seen during our spring garden tour. The creative possibilities are endless and you will surely be inspired to add some stepping stones to your own gardens.

Another order of logo aprons and polo shirts are being compiled for anyone interested in getting an item. Tote bags are also available as well as baseball caps. Pricing, style, and color details will be posted at the next meeting. Payment is required with each order placed.

A plant of the month will be featured and given as door prizes, there will be a 50-50 drawing, and refreshments will be available for a \$1.00 donation. For additional information, please call Brenda Noah, President, at 465-0541.

Listings offered by Rainbow Springs Community Realty, Inc.



3 BR, 3 BA, 2+-car Garage & Pool
2,739 sf la—Priced at \$280,000.
Call Yulee Commander P/010



3 Bedrooms, 2.5 Baths, 2-car Garage
2,233 sf la—Priced at \$274,000.
Call Sharon Graley 154/012



3 BR, 2 BA, 2-car Garage & Pool
1,748 sf la—Priced at \$219,000.
Call Janet Pigeon 168/034



2 Bedrooms, 2 Baths, 1-car Garage
1,180 sf la—Priced at \$130,000
Call Janet Pigeon 182/005



3 BR, 2 BA, 2-car Garage & Pool
1,887 sf la—Priced at \$177,500
Call Yulee Commander M/009



3 Bedrooms, 2 Baths, 2-car Garage
2,400 sf la—Priced at \$269,000
Call Sharon Graley 061/015



3 Bedrooms, 2 Baths, 2-car Garage
1,715 sf la—Priced at \$189,000
Call Sharon Graley 142/015



3 Br., 2 Ba., 2-car Garage, Pool
2,317 sf la—Priced at \$309,900
Call Janet Pigeon P/003



4 BR, 2.5 BA, 2-car Garage, Pool
2,604 sf la—Priced at \$398,000
Call Yulee Commander FE/024

News from "Friends of Rainbow Springs State Park"

The Friends of Rainbow Springs now have a new website describing our mission and our activities. You can find us on the web at www.friendsoftherainbow.com.

Here is a great way to start the New Year. Sandra Marraffino will be conducting two beginning birding classes at the park on Wednesday, January 6 and Saturday, January 9, from 9 to 12 o'clock. There is a \$10.00 fee for this class and registration is required so our instructor can have enough materials for each participant. Even if you do not plan to become a serious birder, the information Sandra has to share is very interesting and will add to your enjoyment of a walk in the park or sitting in your own backyard. Classes are limited to 15 people, so sign up soon for this wonderful opportunity. Many of the volunteers and staff members have already participated and found it very worth while.

There will be a two hour bird walk on Saturday, January 16th, 2010. Meet at the Visitor Center at 8 a.m. The headsprings and upper picnic area will be the focus as we search for species that winter in the park. Wear comfortable clothing and shoes and bring a hat. If you have binoculars and a birding field guide, please bring those along. There is no charge for this walk.

Every Wednesday the Wednesday Walkers meet at 9 a.m. on the verandah to walk the park and its nature trails. Just show up a few minutes earlier and join this energetic and friendly group to get some exercise and learn about our park.

The FORS quarterly board meeting is Monday, January 11th, at 10a.m. If you are considering joining this organization, this is a good introduction to the work that we do for the park. Members are always welcome. Mark your calendar now for Cracker Days that will be the weekend of February 27th and 28th. Living history plus craft demonstrations, music, and local historians will be present for your entertainment and enlightenment. This is always a great event. For information about these and other happenings at the park, please call 465-8555.

R.S. Residents Organization

The 2010 officers and directors of the RSRO are Chuck Gilmore—President; Judy Larsen—Vice-President; Barney Reagan—Treasurer; Wayne Sloan—Secretary; Jill Branch—Director, Social; Maryann Demirjean—Director, Membership; Roz McMurray—Director, Publicity; Jim Reeser—Director Welcome; and Dick Mennera—Director, Past President.

The 2010 Pipeline and Membership form, along with corrections to the 2010 telephone directory, will be mailed in mid-January. You must be a resident of The Village of Rainbow Springs if you wish to join the RSRO.

The RSRO calendar will soon be posted on our website and on the bulletin board at the Country Club.

On Friday, January 22, Burt Eno and the Rainbow River conservation group will do a presentation at the Country Club. The public is invited.

You do not have to be a member of the Country Club to attend RSRO meetings or functions at the Country Club.

The next regular monthly meeting of the Rainbow Springs Residents' Organization Board of Directors will be held Wednesday, January 6, at 10am at the Country Club.

New Incentive Program

Rainbow Springs Limited is offering an incentive program to Rainbow Springs residents who bring a friend or relative to construct a new home in the community. All you have to do is register a prospective buyer that is not already registered with the Sales Office and if they buy a new home to be constructed within six months of registration you get \$1,200 just for introducing them to Rainbow Springs. For more details concerning this program contact one of the Sales Associates at 489-2525 and discuss any questions you may have.

"Loving God's Children's"

By the Christian Women's Connection

With the new year the Dunnellon Christian Women's Club, a division of Stonecroft Ministeries, is hoping you all had a blessed Christmas and Happy New Year.

The next meeting will be at 10:00 am on January 27, 2010 at the Rainbow Springs Country Club located at: 19220 SW 83rd Place Road, Dunnellon, FL. Our Planning team will feature, "Is Your Face In Style?". Our guest speaker Gaye Martin will be talking on "Some Have the Magic and Some Don't".

To make reservations for you and your friends please call: Dot at 352-465-1158 or e-mail to: Shirttail1934@yahoo.com. Reservations or cancellations must be in by January 22nd. If not kept, reservations must be honored.

The colors are white with any other color. So come and join us for great laughter and fun at the 1st meeting of 2010.

Travel News

*Joyce A. Stumpf 352-465-5215
P.O. Box 3402 Dunnellon, FL 34430*

Jan. 12th—Come and meet with me and see what trips and cruises I have available at Rainbow Springs Golf & Country Club Member Appreciation Event—Rainbow Room from 1-4:00 pm. 465-5215.

Jan. 13th 2010—Tampa Downs Horse Races and Luncheon. Group Favorite—Horse Racing at it's best. Includes: Daily Racing Program, Reserved Seating. A Race in honor of our Rainbow Springs Group, Buffet Luncheon (Carving Station, Roast Beef & Roasted Turkey Breast, assortment of salads, veg. and dessert, coffee, tea). Price: Motor Coach and Driver gratuity. \$48 p.p. Leave from Winn Dixie at 9:00 am. Call ASAP to see if space is still available on the bus.

Jan. 14th - River Ship Romance - St. John's River, Sanford, Fl. - A 4-Hour Narrated River Cruise on-board the 98-foot triple-decked RIVER SHIP. Gourmet entrees are served in casual elegance while you soak up the splendid scenery in climate controlled comfort at your reserved table. LUNCH IS SERVED IN

Travel News—Cont.—

THE EARLY AFTERNOON. Live entertainment and 25 miles of river scenery add to this Special River Getaway. Price: \$75.p/p. Includes: River Boat Cruise, Luncheon with tax and tip, Bus and Driver gratuity. Fun on the bus going down and a movie upon return. Leave from Winn Dixie at 9:00 am. Only 5 seats left at time of writing.

Feb. 3rd—A Day in St. Augustine w/ Luncheon at the Famous Columbia House. Price: \$60 p/p. Includes: Luncheon w/ tax & tip, motor coach and driver gratuity. At. Augustine is the nation's oldest city and Columbia House is located in the heart of all the stores and attractions. Come for a relaxing leisurely day, in St. Augustine. Motor coach leave Winn Dixie at 9:00 am.

Feb. 5th—Friday Evening Dinner show—Seven Brides For Seven Brothers, Hudson Dinner Theater. Depart from Winn Dixie at 4:15. cost: \$65. p/p—includes Show, Dinner Buffet, Motorcoach and Driver Gratuity. If interested, you need to book this show asap to hold our space.

Feb. 15th—Seminole Hard Rock Casino—Tampa. You will receive \$25.00 in Free Slot Play and a \$5.00 Meal Voucher. Cost: \$30 p/p. Also includes Motor coach and Driver Gratuity. Leave from Winn Dixie at 9:00 am.

Many Cruises are available for 2010. Call for information. Ships: Holland America, Princess Lines, Royal Caribbean, Celebrity, Carnival, NCL, MSC Poesia (Italian Lines), and River Cruises, UNIWORD, Trafalgar, Viking, Globus, etc. Just let me know where and when you want to travel, and I'll find a cruise tailored for you, or with a group, or call and see what cruises I have available. 352-465-5215.

April 17, 2010—Bermuda—7 Night cruise from Ft. Lauderdale on the MSC Poesia (new Italian Lines) - Paradise In Pink!! 8 Days/7 Nights—come join our group. Call ASAP if interested. Still some space left.