



McLendon Hills

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Rachel Carr

Social Committee

The events that we planned for late spring (Community Yard Sale, Memorial Day Monday, and Flag Pole Dedication Ceremony) have proven that McLendon Hills is "OPEN" for Social Business. We had an extraordinary amount of donated items for our yard sale and sold to over 100 shoppers. The nine individual sellers also reported doing extremely well. Every year we are amazed at your generous contributions. Thank You!! Since the Social Committee does not receive monies from P.O.A dues, we must raise enough capital to afford the various events and activities that we sponsor throughout the year. The Yard Sale is our biggest fundraiser!!

Memorial Day Monday Celebration recorded the most attended Social Committee event EVER!!! From the catered Southern Fried Chicken Dinner, Flag Cake with ice cream, neighborhood youth servers, kids galore, to the glorious weather, one could not have experienced a better 'Kick-Off' to summer. And the best thing ever . . . NO ONE wore a mask. Woo Hoo!

Our Flag Day/Flag Pole Dedication Ceremony, a most impressive patriotic program, had in attendance of 55-60. The participating Veterans, the young choir, raising of the flag, the National Anthem, the mixing and mingling over the Army themed cake and punch, all contributed to an awesome salute to McLendon Hills.

SAVE THE DATE FOR THESE EVENTS

July 4 – Sunday, All America Cook-Out 1-3:30pm, Pavilion

September 6 – Labor Day at the Lake catered BBQ dinner from 5:30– 8 pm

October 2– Fun'N Fall Yard Sale 7-12 pm at the Sales Office

October 16 – Partnering with Equestrian Connection– Poker Run

Detailed information will be provided to mailboxes of residents and through the POA website, emails, and Face Book.

**Submit your ideas or photos for the Fall newsletter
to Danette Grider**

**Communications Committee Chairperson
before September 10, 2021**

Independence Day Trivia

(Answers on Page 3)

1. In which year was the Declaration of Independence adopted?
2. In which city was the Declaration of Independence signed and first distributed?
3. Which statesman and future President was the principal author of the Declaration of Independence?
4. Apart from the principal author, which other signer was later elected President?
5. On what day and month did the Continental Congress vote to declare Independence?
6. How many signatures are on the Declaration of Independence?
7. In what city is the original Declaration of Independence kept?
8. Independence Day celebrations increased dramatically after the end of which war?
9. Why was Independence Day celebrated on the 5th of July in 1779?
10. What were the "Dunlap Broadside"s?
11. Who is the only President born on the 4th of July?
12. Which three Presidents all died on the 4th of July?
13. Held since 1785, which parade is the oldest continuously Independence Day celebration?
14. Which signer of the Declaration of Independence became the first US Ambassador to France?
15. Which bird did Benjamin Franklin propose should be the national bird and symbol?
16. Which two of the following were not among the original 13 colonies to sign the Declaration of Independence? (Rhode Island, Vermont, Maine, Delaware)
17. Approximately what percentage of Americans watch a fireworks display on the 4th of July?
18. Who was the Commander in Chief of the Continental Army?
19. Who initially was the Commander in Chief of British forces at the beginning of the Revolutionary War?
20. Who painted the "Spirit of '76" which is among the most famous paintings of the American Revolution depicting three men {musicians} on a battlefield?

Flag Day at the Pavilion



Flag Day was celebrated in conjunction with the dedication of the new flag pole at the Pavilion funded by contributions most notably by former resident Georgia Johnson. Participating in the ceremony were veterans Wayne & Maggie Boor, Jay Powers, Curt Goodrich, David Leathers, Matt Yelcich, Byron Johnston, Henry Van Liew, and Ed Schoeler. The Social Committee provided cake, punch, and a patriotic themed goodie bag.

Ladies Lunch

Louise Ashbridge

McLendon Hills Ladies Lunch Bunch is anxious to socialize again. We are going to see if we can find venues that can accommodate our group and when they can anticipate being able to do that. As soon as we figure out the when and where, we will let you know! Lunch Bunch is open to all ladies of McLendon Hills. Please feel free to contact me for any information.

Equestrian Connection

Faith Broulliard

The Equestrian Connection has some exciting events planned for 2021. Oct 16th we are joining forces with the Social Committee to offer a Poker Ride (horse), hike, bicycle, and golf cart event to include the entire community. You will have a chance to win cash prizes for the four best poker hands and of course a cash prize for the worst hand. There will be two trails marked, one for equestrians only and a second for hikers, bicyclers, and golf carts. This will be a pre-registration event only. Lunch will be included in your registration fee provided after the event. Details and registration forms will be in your mailbox a month prior. We will also hold a tack sale in conjunction with the fall yard sale. Lastly, The Connection will host an open barn tour around the holidays, date TBD, that will be open to the community and will be chance to come see the pretty barns decorated for the holidays, visit with the horses, and have some holiday cheer.

Ladies Book Club

Rachel Carr

Our McLendon Hills Ladies Book Club has resumed face-to-face meetings and are enjoying lively interactions. In April, we met at the home of Nancy Seitz and discussed Luncheon of the Boating Party by Susan Vreeland. This truly rich novel offers a vivid exploration of one of the world's most beloved paintings by Renoir. In May, Dwaine Sawyers welcomed us into her home to discuss Patient H.M. (a true account of memory, madness, family secrets and the history of brain surgery) by Luke Dittrich -- which was not a club favorite. On Monday, June 21st, Maggie Boor hosted and treated members to low country fare at the Pavilion at 3 pm where we discussed the *New York Times* #1 best seller, (124 weeks) Where the Crawdads Sing by Delia Owens. (I loved this book!). As a rule, Book Club does not meet in July or August, but we are playing catch-up from 2020, so we will be meeting on Monday, July 19th at 3 pm to discuss The Island of Sea Women by Lisa See, set amid sweeping historical events and on the remote island of Jeju. Lynne Johnston, who spent time on this Korean island, will be leading our discussion and sharing personal experiences. We will not meet in August but will return in September at the home of Anne Holway to discuss Last Boat Out of Shanghai by Helen Zia. We are a very informal group of book-lovers and always welcome new folks to join us.

Lake and Wildlife Committee

Mark Hainline

Members are reminded that boats used on our lake must be registered with the Lake and Wildlife Committee and display stickers. In addition, in response to concerns from lake residents, fishermen are requested to cease the practice of discarding unwanted fish on to the banks of unimproved lots. Instead, fish should be taken from the lake and dispose properly.

Men's Grub Gang

Jim Lasswell

Like the Ladies Lunch Bunch, we meet once a month at a restaurant near us.

Ladies Day-Time Bunco

Bunco has started again!! The day-time group met on Tuesday, June 8th at the Pavilion. From all the noise - A great time was had by all. There are currently three openings in the day-time group for regular players. If you are interested in socializing with other women in the community as well as having fun rolling dice, please join us. We meet on the second Tuesday of every month at 2 pm at either the pavilion or in the hostess's house. It costs \$5.00 to play, but you get snacks and a dessert along with a chance to win prize money. If you would like to join the group as a regular player or a sub, please contact me.

Danette Grider



Ladies Evening Bunco

It was wonderful getting together in April at Carolyn Protz's home and in May at our newest member Jo Guenther's home! We were all so glad to be together again. Safety measures were taken but everyone in the group has been fully vaccinated. Our hostesses going forward for the summer are June-Kaye Zalkan, July-Rachel Carr, and August-Susan Auster. We play the last Thursday of every month. We welcome our second new member for 2021, Lara Vance, who will begin playing in June replacing Marilyn Dotto. In addition, we are seeking another regular player.

Karen Marshall

Woodworking Club

Great news that the McLendon Hills woodworking club (MHWWC) will be starting up again. We just had our organizational meeting and we are all excited to get going. We will be meeting on the 3rd Saturday of the month starting in June. We already have our first project lined up: We are going to be making a new community boat rack as the boat and kayak racks we have currently are at 100% capacity. No experience is necessary, just a desire to learn. If you are interested in joining us please reach out to Matt.

Matt Holway



Turtle Docks for Sale

Fishing Tournament Sponsored by the Lake and Wildlife Committee

On behalf of the members of the Lake and Wildlife committee I would like to express our thanks to those who participated in this year's May Fishing Tournament, and their family members for their support. We had

31 people of all ages take part in this year's event. A total of 74 fish were caught and the weather was perfect for a morning of fishing. The winners of the tournament were :

- 12 and under Girls: A tie with 2 fish, Charlotte and Cecilia Grider
- 18 and older Ladies: 3 fish, Denise Luckenbach
- 17 and under Boys: 8 Fish, Brandon Bowyer Jr.
- 18 and Older Men: 8 fish, Barry Luckenbach
- Largest Bass: 1.38 pounds, Thom Giangrande



And the most successful fisherman of the day, from 12 and under Boys: Lucan LaBarre with 31 Fish!

Thanks for the help and support from the members of the Social and Lake and Wildlife Committees that participated to make this event successful. We look forward to having more Tournaments in the Future.

Answers to trivia questions: 1. 1776; 2. Philadelphia; 3. Thomas Jefferson; 4. John Adams; 5. July 2nd (two days before the actual declaration); 6. 56; 7. Washington, DC; 8. War of 1812; 9. The 4th was a Sunday; 10. The first printed copies of the Declaration of Independence; 11. Calvin Coolidge (in 1872); 12. Thomas Jefferson, John Adams, and James Monroe; 13. Bristol Rhode Island; 14. Benjamin Franklin; 15. The Turkey; 16. Vermont and Maine; 17. About 50%; 18. George Washington; 19. Thomas Gage (recalled after the battle of Bunker Hill); 20. Archibald Willard.

Garden Club

On the eighth of May, the McLendon Hills Garden Club initiated a return to gathering and a relaunch of our club activities that was indeed a labor of love! Thanks are due to the generous gardeners, both members and energetic neighbors, who gave of their time and talents at the Pavilion on a warm and sunny Thursday to plant and mulch rings of golden mop false cypress, loropetalum, soft touch holly, and liriope around our new Flag Pole Circle. Thanks to our intrepid volunteers, beds along the walkway to the Pavilion are now bright with begonias, and perennial day lilies outline the sides of the building. With POA funds buoyed greatly by donations provided by the Garden Club, the Social Committee, and several generous individuals, the Amenities Area is now enhanced by the beginnings of colorful accent gardens for the enjoyment of all the neighbors of McLendon Hills. On September 9th, Garden Club activities will resume with a tour of the kitchen gardens of the Ironwood Café arranged for us by Carolyn Protz. Following our tour, we'll enjoy a Dutch Treat luncheon on the patio. Our October 8th program, orchestrated by Rachel Carr, is a fieldtrip to Lightwood Farms to hear from historian and ecologist Jesse Wimberly. This area native is incredibly knowledgeable and an excellent speaker whom you won't want to miss!

Nancy Seitz

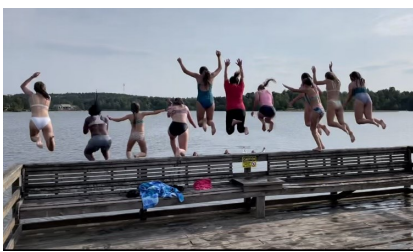


Tribute to a Veteran — Byron Johnston

At a ceremony celebrated at the Pavilion, Karen Marshall and Amy Makson, co-chairs of the Quilts of Valor effort for the Sandhills Quilters Guild, presented a quilt to honor Byron in recognition of his military service. Byron retired with 28 years of military service including 14 years active duty, 10 years Army Reserve, and 4 years in the National Guard. The quilt shown on the right was given to his wife Lynne in recognition of her service as a wife and mother. The stars recognize his overseas deployments to Panama, Turkey, Kosovo, Japan, Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia, Romania, Nigeria, Iraq, and Afghanistan (twice).



West Pine Middle School Soccer Team—End of Year Party at the Pavilion



Real Estate News

Cristy Hunt

We would like to welcome several new property owners:

David and Carla E. from Raleigh NC (Lot 109)

Alex and Maryanne B. from NJ (Lot 142)

Greg and Donna V. from NY (Loot 262)

Antonio and Jill R. from Cary NC (Lot 310)

Steve and Ana B. from Spring Lake NC (Lot 224)

New owner testimonial:

Not only is McLendon Hills a gorgeous place to live, but the people are so friendly and helpful. We arrived mid March and are now getting ready to build our dream home. Thank you all for making us feel so welcome here.

Mark and Vicki



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