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PRESIDENTS THOUGHTS

Who to believe and who not to believe. How many times have you heard the first liar does not have a chance? There have been many articles in the paper regarding the post office. Two of the articles, one of which was written by Sandy Mott, who is manipulated by the Developer and Jerry Lester, who is employed by the Developer. So of course you hear only one view. A one-sided story.

There does not seem to be anyone that wants to speak for the people and use good old common sense. What is wrong with mail being delivered to your home? Only in America or should I say the Villages do you pay \$100.00 for your mail box and still have the privilege of going to get your own mail. I have a letter from the United States Postal Service of which I will only site one paragraph of the letter.

"Specific Concern was expressed regarding the mode of delivery at the Villages. The method of delivery is established in the initial planning stages of any development. Whichever method is adopted must be by permission of, in agreement with, and approved by the developer/management of the property. Our records reflect the developer opted to provide delivery to residents of the Villages at a centralized delivery mail room."

The entire content of the above-mentioned letter is available for anyone to read. This letter was dated April 30, 1997.

In one of the articles in the paper, it was said that the Developer would give the postal authority the land to build on for \$1. Now I hope that the Postal Authority has more brains than our school board had when they accepted property from the Developer for the school. This property cost more money to develop than what it was worth. Now remember one thing. The Developer took this off his Taxes as a public donation. But at the same time this property was taken off the tax rolls and who makes up the difference? You do, John Q. Public. **The best way to solve the problem of the postal question is HOME DELIVERY.** This would also eliminate the many traffic problems that have occurred in the area. — Tom Poss —

WHO IS TOM POSS?

Recently the Daily Sun ran a column on the closing of the contracted post office at La Grande Blvd. Evidently Daily Sun reporters just stopped into the Post Office to get informal comments from employees and customers regarding the closing. The paper printed and clearly identified each person who made a statement by name, rank, and serial number - EXCEPT Tom Poss! He was, Tom Poss says "....."

I find this a little strange. The editor, every Sun reporter, and every person connected with management knows who Tom Poss is. **Tom Poss is President of the Property Owners' Association of the Villages (POA).**

Did anyone else pick up this little intentional snub and wonder about it?

— Carol Kope



VOTE - VOTE -

Labor Day is also the official starting date for the election



campaigns from the national level (including Congressional seats) right down to the Villages' CDDs.

The results of the national elections will determine the future direction of our country. The more localized elections will directly affect Villages residents and all Seniors in the State. And, we will be bombarded with all kinds of propaganda - some true - some not true. So, we will have to be very diligent when trying to sift through all the distorted material. Don't let the news commentators and/or reporters influence you - most are biased and intentionally report slanted versions of the news.

I'm sure we would like to believe that our public servants are all devoted, respected, honest representatives. But, we know this is not true. So, we must be doubly cautious and informed about the candidates.

Most important of all **VOTE.** Remember, Seniors are a huge and powerful voting block. — Carol Kope

THANK YOU PETE!

SOME THINGS CAN COME BACK TO HAUNT YOU.

Several months ago I wrote an article which basically stated that some people paid inflated prices for property that over looked a lake in the Villages. I been looking for a definition of a lake vs. a retention pond, my answer came in today's Daily Sun paper dated Aug. 22nd page A6. Comments by Administrator Pete Wahl. Of course my loyal critics told me that I should know the difference between a lake and a retention pond.

The article in the paper states: "The Village Center Community Development District is in the process of filling in several sinkholes near Santo Domingo Lake with lightweight expandable concrete, according to Administrator Pete Wahl. This procedure is standard in filling sinkholes.

The sinkholes, could have made Santo Domingo Lake's water levels drop considerably, but Wahl said that a healthy amount of rain will help to bring levels back up.

All of the lakes in The Villages are water-retention ponds, Wahl added, which means that no water is rerouted from an underground aquifer. They are formed from natural storm water, and retains their water supply from storm water runoff and rain showers."

If you bought property in the Villages and were told that you over looked a lake, and with the above comments from the Administrator, I am sure that this would be a good argument for an attorney.

Thank you, Mr. Wahl for making my point. — Tom Poss —

HAPPY LABOR DAY



BELIEVE IT OR NOT

By Tom Poss

The Town of Lady Lake is surrounded by different retirement communities. Thus, leaving the residence of Lady Lake in the middle. Several months ago the Town Commissioners of the Town of Lady Lake, nominated a Parks and Recreation Committee. As one of the members of that committee, along with the other members we have donated many hours of our personal time to achieve the goal to make sure the youth in the area have the facilities necessary for them to become active members in our community. We also have a concern of our senior population which is not part of the retirement developments. The committee has come up with a projected five-year approach that we expect will benefit the youth and seniors together in the Town of Lady Lake. There will be a special workshop of the Town commissioners and the nominated board of Parks and Recreation sometime in the first part of October. If you the people of Lady Lake are concerned about the future of our youth, please attend the meeting and let your commissioner know that you are concerned.

In the meantime you have the right to go into the Town Hall and go into the finance department and request documents of the different departments and their expenditures of these departments. This information is available through the Freedom of Information Act. The finance department will of course charge you for this service and it will be performed at a time that will not interfere with their immediate duties. I have personally taken advantage of this and have come up with some interesting reading. Do not forget that you are paying the bill on everything that goes on in your Town. Take advantage of your right to know. Believe it or not this is your right. The right to be informed.

I would like to hear your views, 750-5640, Fax: 750-2320, e-mail: Tposs@aol.com. Until next time this is Believe it or not,

— By, Tom Poss —

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Do not forget that the Property Owners Association has information about how to get **Free or discounted** prescription drugs.

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— C. Poss —

**VOTE, VOTE, VOTE
DO NOT FORGET TO USE
YOUR RIGHT TO CAST
YOUR VOTE ON ELECTION
DAY.**

ISN'T IT GREAT

Isn't it great to live in a community or area with six different regulating bodies? The town of Lady Lake, CDD 1, CDD 2, CDD 3, CDD 4 and of course the VCCDD, which controls and spends your amenities money.

We are in Postal Districts that cover Summerfield, Lady Lake, Oxford and Wildwood. Each area has a post office supported by the U.S. Postal Service and a private corporation paid and supported by your purchases. No government funds are used on your post offices today. Why should we who live in the Villages get preferential treatment over Stone Crest, Spruce Creek, etc., who also have golf cart use in their communities?

All my life I lived miles from any post office if I couldn't make it my neighbors gave me help to get my packages to the post office and also pick up stamps.

According to the large bill boards of the Villages, this is the friendliest community. If this is true then it's time for every resident to work and help each other.

The excuse is that many of our residents only have golf carts for transportation. Golf carts can not be driven on town and county roads. Therefore, it is time for their neighbors to help.

Each governing body of the Villages has regular meetings. Do you attend them to see what their doing for the area?

When I moved here to Orange Blossom Gardens there was only one governing body the Town of Lady Lake. We went to their meetings and voiced our opinions on what they were enacting and changing and we were successful on many items.

I still live in Lady Lake. The name was changed by the developer without the residents knowledge.

Oh yes, today there was an article about a place called "The Villages" in Banok, Alaska. Is this one of our far flung residents?

— Charles Harvey —

THE HORROR

To find yourself at the bottom of the Sea, cold, wet, in the dark and running out of air. I cannot begin to imagine what these 118 men must have had on their minds and in their hearts. What horror to know that you will die in such a cold and dark place.

My heart and deepest sympathy goes out to the families of these brave men. Nothing said by anyone could take the pain these families are facing away. My prayers and I am sure all of yours are with these families in Russia.

— Charlotte Poss —

MEN & WOMEN WANTED

Election time is coming, election time is coming. Our country needs good qualified men and women to hold offices. The best words are those of, Ralph Waldo Emerson.

"Not gold, but only men can make a nation great and strong; Men who for truth and honor's sake, stand fast and suffer long.

Brave men, who work while other's sleep, who dare while other's shy. They build a nation's pillar's deep, and lift them to the sky".

With election time around the corner this quote seemed appropriate. —CP—

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Only in the Villages will you find that drivers pay no attention to emergency vehicles. Apparently when they moved here they lost all sense of road rules.

During my life I have driven in numerous other countries and in just about every state of the Union. In all of these places, drivers pull over, slow down, or even stop to make as much room as possible for an emergency vehicle.

Recently I was driving down Morse Blvd, approaching the postal station when I saw in my rearview mirror an emergency vehicle, siren blasting, lights flashing. I pulled over to the side of the road and continued to watch in my mirror. Guess what? Some idiot pulled out in front of the ambulance!!!

Fortunately, the other drivers on the road had made a clear path for the vehicle allowing it to pass the idiot and avoid what could have been a disastrous accident.

You don't need to know road rules, just apply common sense. Give the emergency vehicle as much room as you possibly can. You might be saving your own life as well as that of the operators of the emergency vehicle and the victim needing the vehicle. Remember, ambulances, fire trucks, and police vehicles are all emergency vehicles when their lights are flashing and sirens blasting. Get out of their way.

- Russ Day

PRAISE WHERE PRAISE IS DUE

I finally got out to the swimming pool for the first time this year. I enjoy going to the Paradise family pool. I enjoy seeing the children having fun and it lessens my loneliness for my own grandchildren lessen a little. What a great job the monitors are doing. I was told that the Recreation Department under John Rohan's supervision is having a time out for the children every hour on the hour gives or take a little. This give the adults time to swim without running into a child. The children have time to go to the restrooms and after about 10 minutes it's back in the pool for everyone.

This sure was a wonderful idea for someone to come up with. Not only does it give the adults time for a couple of laps, but is also being helpful to the parents and grandparents. Sometimes it is hard to get a child to leave the pool for hygiene purposes or to go home, so when there is a time out it makes it easier for the parent to say it's time to go home and do other things.

The children do not seem to mind having to get out of the pool for this short period of time. They listen and obey the Monitor. Fun is had by all, when there is this type of cooperation.

Thank you Recreation Department you had a great idea. Keep up the good work. To the Monitors, a Job Well Done. — C Poss —

OUR LOOSE CANNON

I hope everybody read Frank Renner's article in the August Lady Lake Magazine, "Loose Cannon" He replied to a derogatory comment he overheard a Village resident make implying that Russ Day was a "loose cannon". He turned the negative definition of "loose cannon" into a positive statement by saying - to the effect - that yes, Russ Day is a loose cannon because he is a force to be reckoned with.

Frank compared the Villages management to that of an old time ship's captain and crew when they heard the cry "Loose Cannon". Panic and fear gripped everyone - they knew they could not control the rolling cannon and disastrous results could result. When Villages management hear "Russ Day", they have the same reaction.

I have known Russ for over seven years. He is man of the utmost honesty and integrity. He is a warm compassionate person with a wonderful sense of humor.

Russ is a fighter. He speaks softly but carries a big stick. His big stick is documentation he has spent years accumulating - much of which Management has reason to be concerned about. Russ cannot be bought-off, scared, or intimidated. So, folks, let's be proud of Russ and thankful that he is "Our Loose Cannon".

- Carol Kope

STRAIGHT TALK

Senator McCain started it. It's too bad the 'good old girls and boys' system caught up with him. The 'good old boys and girls' system reminds me of the those three monkeys, "see no evil, hear no evil, speak no evil". It appears that things work backward here.

In the Constitution we formed a 'republic' not a democratic government. But, now big money is controlling both parties. Big money can be overcome in the November 7th elections. Regardless of party, this is the day you can throw the 'bums' out. You know who these people are: they raise money by contributions from "special interest" groups and make promises to lower taxes and increase programs but fail to tell you where the funds to increase these programs will come from. Most of these candidates do not talk on these issues in public forums.

I want to emphasize that you listen to the candidates. Ask them questions. Do not vote for a candidate because he has more signs up than his opponent. Signs and slogans do not mean a thing. Sincerity, trust, respect, and solid workable solutions and forward, progressive plans are what really count.

Throw the bums out!!!

- Russell G. Day



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