



**WHAT'S HAPPENING
SEPTEMBER 2018**

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Each Tues • 9:00-10:00am
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Each Thurs • 9:30-10:30am
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Each Sat • 9:00-10:00am
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Tues Sept 4 • 7:00pm
ALLIANCE BOARD MEETING
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Wed Sept 5 • 7:00pm
BOOK CLUB
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Wed Sept 12 • 7:15pm
WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB
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Fri Sept 14 & 28 • 5:30pm
TRAVELING PUB
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Sat Sept 15 • 7:30pm
MOVIES @ THE CLUBHOUSE
Ocean's 8

Mon Sept 17 • 6:00pm
FHA BOARD MEETING
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Tues Sept 18 • 7:00pm
3RD TUES. POKER NIGHT
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Thurs Sept 20 • 9:30am
WOMEN'S COFFEE KLATCH
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Fri Sept 21 • 7:30pm
CINEMA 8 1/2 @ THE CLUBHOUSE
The Straight Story

Tues Sept 25 • 6:00pm
BOWLING AT MARDI GRAS
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Message from the Alliance Board

Big Changes On the Way

It's been a busy active summer with much done and more to come. Big changes are on the way.

Pickleball is rapidly gaining steam and popularity, thanks to the energy and efforts of **BJ Attwood**. Be sure to see her article on page 3 in this edition.

The Alliance Board will begin a new term in October with five brand new Directors. All Alliance members will have an opportunity to vote on a slate of nominees at the October 7 Annual Meeting & Potluck Dinner. The slate includes **BJ Attwood, Stephanie Curtis, Walt De-Grange, Sara Morris, and Van Noah**. Although new to the Board, none are new to the community and all are committed to Falconbridge. Brief bios and photos will appear in the October *Bridge*.

Options are being considered for relocating or discouraging the numerous Canada geese who also enjoy living in Falconbridge. They're a messy nuisance and contribute an unwanted load of nutrients to our already-stressed pond. Feel free to contact **Mike Mayo** with any comments or suggestions. Thanks to **Catherine Alguire** for her piece (page 8) on the geese.

Thanks also to the 156 readers who responded to our recent survey about your preferences for *The Bridge* newsletter. Our own **Elizabeth Taylor** won the \$50-dollar Harris Teeter gift card drawing. All survey respondents who



opted in were eligible.

A strong majority support the newsletter's existing format, content, and monthly schedule, and many readers provided valuable comments and suggestions. Based on this strong support, the Alliance Board recently authorized payments of \$250 per issue to attract and sustain a paid editor beginning in January. We already provide \$250 per month for newsletter layout and design, but the editor's job has always been voluntary. Please contact **Mike Mayo** if you or someone you know may be interested.

So, that's the news for now. Please mark your calendars for the **Annual Meeting & Potluck on Sunday, October 7 at 4:00 pm in the Clubhouse**. Be on the lookout also for proxy voting opportunities if you can't be there. No proxies for the Potluck, though!

—Mike Mayo
Alliance Board Co-Chair



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Last Chance to Join October 28 ART WALK!



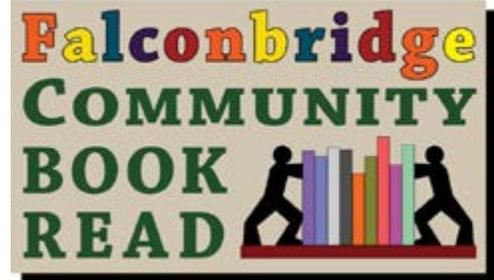
– SAVE THE DATE –
THE THIRD
FALCONBRIDGE ART
WALK COMING THIS FALL!
Sunday, October 28, 2018

Contact Rae Thompson at
raetch@gmail.com
for more information.

Have you signed up yet to participate in the third Falconbridge Art Walk? If you have original art (jewelry, photographs, paintings, glasswork, etc.) to display and sell at the event, you must provide your entry fee and promotional materials to **Susan Frost** no later than Thursday, September 6.

Contact **Susan** for the details at susanfrost3@gmail.com or 919-247-2439.

–Rae Thompson and Susan Frost



An Idea Whose Time Has Come?

UNC and Duke select a book each year as summer reading for incoming freshmen. We could do something similar this fall (and perhaps again in the spring) and conclude the experiment with a post-Thanksgiving event at the Clubhouse: a guest author's lecture, a group discussion, or a World Café conversation (a kind of intellectual speed-dating that's great fun).

It will take a village to pull this off: a book committee to field residents' suggestions; a second committee to manage the concluding event. Intrigued? Let Bolton Anthony know: (1) whether it's likely you'd participate, (2) book suggestions that come to mind, and (3) whether you'd be willing to help with a planning team.

– Bolton Anthony

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National Night Out a Success

Many Falconbridge residents turned out for National Night Out on August 7, an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer, more caring places to live. Some folks enjoyed playing pickleball, some jumped in the pool, and almost everyone appreciated the cookout and Mapleview Farms ice cream and cake. It was one of the largest NNO events held in Falconbridge thus far. We welcomed and fed several police officers and members of the sheriff's department. Thank you to all the volunteers who made this event a success!



Seeking Coordinator For New Falconbridge Neighborhood Skills List



Have you ever had an issue with a computer, electronics, yard task, or repair, and had no idea where to start? If so, then perhaps a neighborhood skills list would help.

The Falconbridge Neighborhood Skills List (FNSL) would provide a website that lists Falconbridge neighbors and the skill that they would be willing to share with others.

How would this work?

Perhaps you have a question about why your computer will not work. You could look at the FNSL and find a neighbor that has the troubleshooting computer skill. You would contact this person and schedule a time and date for a visit. During the visit, the volunteer could resolve the problem or suggest the next steps in the process. The intent of the project is not to solve everyone's problem but rather to solve small problems and provide additional insight and recommendations if there are larger issues.

To ensure the success of this project we are looking for a volunteer project leader to serve for one year.

The FNSL project leader would be responsible for developing the business rules and processes for managing the program. The website and web form are already designed and tested. The time required for the project leader would be approximately one hour a month. Outstanding issues to address are developing a disclaimer and clearly defining the roles and responsibilities of the volunteer and recipient. Neighbors will be able to self-register. The project leader would need to periodically delete or edit records requested by the volunteer, and regularly spend a small amount of time grooming the list, as volunteers will not have access to update the website. (This task would require logging into the website and deleting a row in a spreadsheet.)

If you are interested, email ltwalt@gmail.com and we will provide an overview of the website and form.

— Walt DeGrange

Pickleball Growing in Falconbridge



Pickleball has gotten off to a very successful start on the re-taped Falconbridge tennis courts. There have been several open play days and times, and each has been well attended. There are over 40 people on the email list, and we are adding more each time we play. Lessons are free, and we have loaner equipment.

Pickleball is the fastest growing sport in the country, and we are enjoying playing in our own neighborhood.

If you are curious, please join us! You don't need a partner or a court reservation — just show up for open play. Each game lasts about 15 minutes, and players rotate after each game. You will have more fun if you get our free orientation before playing. Email BJ Attwood at attwoodbj@gmail.com to set up your first lesson.

Open play is Wednesday evening starting at 6:00, and Sunday morning starting at 9:30. Other days and times can be added if there is interest.

We are planning several pickleball parties, so get

your name on the email list now!

We would also like to start teaching neighborhood children to play. Children learn quickly and find it easier than tennis. Any children older than seven who would be interested in pickleball, please email and let us know their age and days and times that would work. We will coordinate the response and get back to you. At least two groups are anticipated: middle school and older, and younger kids. An adult must accompany the participants, and proper tennis shoes are required.

—BJ Attwood

attwoodbj@gmail.com



PICKLEBALL OPEN PLAY

Wednesday evening starting at 6:00pm

Sunday morning starting at 9:30am

at the Falconbridge tennis court



FALCONBRIDGE HOMEOWNERS ASSN.

September 2018

FHA Board
meets **Monday,**
Sept 17 at 6 PM
at the **Clubhouse**



Tuesdays with Danielle

Tuesday, Sept 11, at 10:30 am
Tuesday, Sept 25, at 10:30 am
at the Clubhouse



Message from Marese Casey, FHA PRESIDENT

SUMMER IS COMING TO A CLOSE, and I hope everyone enjoyed it as much as I did.

Though the 2019 budget needs to be approved in the late fall, budget planning has already begun; and the Board's annual retreat, on August 20, was devoted largely to that purpose.

After the status of the current budget — year-to-date — was reviewed, we took our first stab at projecting next year's expenses:

- How many homes will be painted?
- How many roofs need replacing?
- Once the Bloomsbury clean-up is finished, what other landscaping needs demand attention?
- Are there drainage issues on the horizon?
- How much will it cost to get the pool ready for the 2019 season?
- Are there capital improvements that must be made to the pool?
- And then, there's the pond . . . road repairs . . .
- And how much will each of these "big ticket" items cost?

We will, of course, continue to have the usual expenses for utilities, the Clubhouse, mulch, tree removal, termite inspections, landscaping, street lighting, gutter cleaning, and the myriad of issues that all turn into work orders.

How do we pay for all of this? Our assessments, of course. However, our assessments are not going as far as they used to. Over the last few years — in order to meet operating costs — we have had to transfer less and less money into reserves. The monthly contribution to reserves has declined from \$11,000 to \$8,500. This puts us in a vulnerable position. We as a community must address how we can build, rather than deplete, our reserves — and how we can do this *and* maintain the community to a standard we all deserve and wish for.

During the fall and winter we will be holding a series of block meetings and town halls to allow the community as a whole to grapple with the assessment issue. Our deliberations will be assisted by the "Full Reserve Review" done by the firm Criterium-Giles Engineers, Inc. The 46-page study projects capital repairs and replacement reserve requirements over the

next 20 years. It makes clear why what we are currently collecting will not meet our future needs and underlines some of the hard choices the community will need to make. The series of block meetings and town halls will be a way for us to develop together a plan that will work for everyone and that will build a strong financial base for the future.

Common Areas Upkeep

As everyone by now should know, in the original covenants of this development, the town home owners' association was given ownership and fiscal responsibility for the common areas. These included the pool and Clubhouse, the pond and the dam, and the tennis and basketball courts.

With one exception — the Clubhouse, where FHA and The Alliance shared equally in the cost of a long-overdue facelift (and, in doing so, demonstrated what is possible when the whole neighborhood joins together) — our common areas have suffered a decade plus of benign neglect. Pool "improvements" were limited to whatever was needed to pass the yearly inspection. We only coughed up funds for the pond because of a crisis (the fish kill several years ago) or a new city regulation (a mandated "Emergency Flood Plan"). The tennis courts are virtually unusable . . . *for tennis* (though they may have a future as pickleball courts). And jungles have sprouted behind Bloomsbury and Dartford, because the landscaping funds could not be stretched far enough.

We are in the unhappy position of owning and maintaining the amenities that enhance the entire neighborhood. And this brings us back to our budget and how far we can stretch our assessments.

— Marese Casey

Painting Process Report

THE SUMMER'S PAINTING CYCLE is proceeding apace. The 7 town homes on **Wellesley** are completed, and work on units 5-15 on **Weybridge** is well underway. The painters will then move to the 6 units on **Banstead**. The 18 units on **Dartford** will be done last.



As is to be expected, some challenges have surfaced. Most notably, our contracted "repair and paint" process is leaving some of the patio stucco walls in less than satisfactory condition. To try and address this, we will have a stucco wall expert inspect the walls and provide cost estimates for recommended remedies. At that point we will face the all-too-familiar situation: what can we afford to do — which may be different from what we would like to do.

Landscaping Report

THANKS FOR YOUR PATIENCE with our Landscaping "ups" and "downs." At the restructured Landscaping Committee on August 30th, committee members volunteered to "own" certain streets (similar to the way Neighborhood Watch operates). The "owners" will ensure that areas of concern or neglect on their streets are reported to Marese who will coordinate with Terra Vista. We successfully used this street-centered process to identify dead, diseased, or hazardous trees for removal and accepted a bid from Traynor Trees to do the work.

After receiving quotes from two different contractors, we chose Trosa to clean up the jungle behind the Bloomsbury homes. The work will be completed the week of September 10. Homeowners will act as volunteer "monitors" during the clean up. Once we assess the success of this project and what remains in our budget, we will schedule a cleanup of other areas, with Dartford high on our list.

Our turf rejuvenation program started in August with the lawn outside the Clubhouse being our top priority. The other areas to be addressed will be identified in the near future.

— Marese Casey and Jean Sellers
Landscape Committee Co-chairs



Showings begin at
7:30 PM
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Saturday, Sept 15

★ Ocean's 8 ★



Five years, eight months, 12 days and counting — that's how long Debbie Ocean (**Sandra Bullock**) has been devising the biggest heist of her life. She knows what it's going to take — a team of the best women in the field, starting with her partner-in-crime Lou Miller (**Cate Blanchett**). Together, they recruit a crew of specialists: a jeweler, a street con, a suburban mom Tammy, a hacker, and fashion designer Rose (**Helena Bonham Carter**). Their target — a necklace that's worth more than \$150 million.

Friday, Sept 21
The
★ Straight ★
Story



See article on page 6

● ● **Neighbor Services/Aging in Place**

We're Magnetic!

One call or one email does it all when contacting Falconbridge Friends!

Every Falconbridge household received a refrigerator magnet with Falconbridge Friends' contact information (phone number and email address) a couple of years ago, and every new resident gets one.

Call **919.391.8210** or write FalconbridgeFriends@gmail.com when you want to request help, either a "one-off" ride to a medical appointment or ongoing help from a Friends team that will support you and your family during an illness, after a surgery or childbirth, or through a period when you need help. Use the same phone or email if you want to join the three-dozen neighbors who are "Neighbors helping neighbors," our Friends motto. A Friends co-coordinator will be in touch within a day or so to organize your Friends' activity.

The Friends phone and Gmail accounts connect to the Friends co-coordinator currently "on duty" so no Falconbridge resident needs to remember whom to call or write. If you don't have that helpful Friends magnet, please contact Friends via phone or email (above) to have one delivered to your home.

Friends leadership is changing

Rosalie Dominik will coordinate Friends' activity for the next few months, and **Sharon Meginnis** and **Peg Pratt** will work with her as co-coordinators.

But...you don't have to remember Rosalie and Sharon and Peg's names if you want to volunteer or request help. Just call or write Friends, and we'll be there.



Upcoming Friends Semi-annual meeting

The next meeting, open to all Falconbridge residents, will be Sunday afternoon, Oct. 14, at the Clubhouse. We will recap Friends' activity, plans, and the group's confidentiality policy. Friends requires attendance at one meeting per year to remain an active member of our volunteer group.

—Rosemarie Kitchin
rkitchin@aol.com
Friends' co-coordinator



Save the Date!
Friends Semi-annual Meeting

Rethinking Aging

Multiple choice

(courtesy Gray Panthers founder, Maggie Kuhn):

Older folks are . . .

- A. Just card-carrying members of Leisure World and midafternoon nap-takers
- B. Tribal elders [and] society's futurists, testing out new instruments, technologies, ideas, and styles of living

Here are three opportunities for Falconbridge residents to explore the uncharted territory of later life:

Cinema 8½ Monthly Film Series



The fall series opens on Friday, September 21, with *The Straight Story*. This 1999 David Lynch classic chronicles the improbable journey of Alvin Straight who rides his 1961 lawnmower from Laurens, Iowa, to Mt. Zion, Wisconsin, to seek reconciliation with his dying brother. The film — with an unforgettable performance by Richard Farnsworth — is an example of an emerging film genre, the Elderquest; this new kind of “road movie” offers alternatives to outdated narratives that equate aging with decline and age 65 with the end of further personal development.

The three fall films are scheduled for the 7:30pm the third Friday of each month at the Clubhouse. The series will continue in the spring with three additional films. Brief remarks at the beginning will introduce each film.

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Conscious Aging Circle

Want to explore in greater depth the issues raised by the Cinema 8½ series? Then join us each Wednesday morning following the film showing. This will not be a film discussion group. Rather it will be an opportunity to use the film to reflect on our own life experiences and to share those experiences with peers in a safe and affirming environment. The elder circles will meet from 10:30-noon at the Clubhouse. The first meeting is Wednesday, September 26.

You will find fuller descriptions of both the film series and the follow-up discussions at this on the [Movies at the Clubhouse](#) page.

Conscious Aging Bookshelf

The free lending library at the Clubhouse has a new section of books. To give you an idea of what you'll find there, here's a sampling of some of the books' subtitles: *The Unexpected Pleasures of Growing Older*; *Making Room for*

Before you choose, you should know that B comes with the awesome responsibility of “safeguarding human survival and protecting the health of the planet.” And why should this fall on the shoulders of elders? Because, as Maggie Kuhn explains, we “have the freedom to do so” — no family to raise, no boss to please, no rung on the career ladder to scale. And “we have nothing to lose.” As Pope Francis said, when he declined the protection of the bullet-proof Popemobile: “Let's face it, at my age I don't have much to lose.”



What Really Matters; How to Finally, Really, Grow up; Romance and Relationships in Later Years; and Awakening Human Potential in the Second Half of Life. The full

list with brief annotations can be found at this [link](#). Since these are my books, I hope the informal check-out system will insure they find their way back. But then I thought: Let's face it, at my age I don't have much to lose!

— Bolton Anthony
(919 402-1814)

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NOV. 6 ELECTIONS ALERT: *Constitutional Amendments*

The 2018 midterm ballot for North Carolina will be long, despite the absence of national Senate or Presidential races. In addition to key municipal and state-wide races, there could be up to six proposed Constitutional amendments to vote FOR or AGAINST. (Note: Several of the six are being challenged in court and may or may not be on the ballot.)

What you should know: The amendments will **not** be numbered, captioned, or fully described. The language used on the ballot is, in part, what is being challenged in the courts. Plus, five of the six amendments contain no implementing language, making it difficult to know precisely what we are voting on. If passed, the General Assembly will devise implementation plans in late November.

Know before you go: Since the ballot itself will offer little information, it's a good idea to learn as much as we can about the proposed amendments before we vote. There is much online and in the news about how and why these amendments were developed, as well as the views of supporters and opponents. [CLICK HERE](#) to see an overview of the amendments (what the ballot will say and what the law would change) created by the Durham nonpartisan organization **You Can Vote**.



SUMMARY

One amendment would require a voter photo ID, one would lower the cap on the state income tax, two would transfer powers of the Governor to the General Assembly, one would expand current victims' rights, and one would make hunting and fishing a Constitutional right.



Can You Speak “Medicare Supplement?” Senior PharmAsst Does

Are you frustrated by the quagmire called health care insurance? If you are age 65 or older, you are entitled to Medicare services, but may well be a victim of this bureaucratic nightmare. Medicare is a language and a culture unto itself, so if you are trying to use your Medicare benefits, first you have speak the language. Except the language keeps changing.

The only way to wade through these swampy waters is to join forces with someone who drives an air boat like the ones you've seen in the Florida Everglades. Better still, there are people locally who speak this convoluted Medicare-speak and continually upgrade their skills to meet the demand.

Among these agencies is one called **Senior PharmAssist**, a free service offered by the city of Durham. The amazing staff and volunteers of this

organization focus solely on helping individuals navigate the Medicare system in two primary ways: 1) provide financial assistance through prescription cards that may be presented to pharmacies, and 2) offer program advisors to help you choose the most appropriate supplemental insurance and prescription plan.

As the medication formularies change every year, as well as the affiliation with pharmacy programs, reviewing your options yearly can save you a substantial amount of money. As confusing as these options can be, Senior PharmAssist can help. Make an appointment, bring in a list of your medications, and their helpful volunteers will guide you to a smart buying decision.

Senior PharmAssist is its own independent agency, located in the Durham Center for Senior Life building (406 Rigsbee Ave). Consultations are unbelievably helpful, and better still, they are free. Of course, donations are welcomed but not expected.

Neighbors **Pam Richey** and **Meri-Li Douglas**, among others, have had firsthand experience benefiting from these services. They cannot say enough about how much PharmAssist has simplified their ability to navigate the system.

You can review their services at: seniorpharmassist.org or call them at 919-688-4772 for a consultation. Make an appointment to simplify the process today!

—Meri-Li Douglas and Pam Richey



Fouling Fowls

The Canada Geese flock has flourished in Falconbridge. Geese are taking daily hikes up the power right-of-way to the single-family home lawns, going up to the front doorsteps of townhomes, and even checking out the pool. And pooping all the way! A bird range map from 1980 indicates that these geese were not found in the Piedmont – they’ve only recently invaded but are proliferating.

Why our pond?

To quote the experts: “It’s our lifestyle that helps them thrive: Their primary food is short, tender grass that is high in protein, like that grown on lawns ... You give them a paradise and then you wonder why they’re there.” “They have few predators and are not hunted as much as migratory geese because they tend to gather in urban areas.”

Why the concern?

“Canada geese are loud, aggressive and annoying, but worst of all they poop everywhere... The poop can make humans sick and pollute waterways.” “An adult goose drops 2 pounds of fecal matter daily — goose fecal matter has been linked to the spread of diseases and bacterial infections.”

Getting them to leave an area is a challenge, since Canada geese typically return to the same nesting site, have a lifespan of 24 years, and can lay up to 12 eggs per nest, per year. One proven strategy is to establish a “riparian buffer” along the pond. This is a wide unmowed strip along the pond’s edge, with taller plants that might hide a predator (e.g. fox, dog). The riparian edge has to be dense, however, as geese will venture out where it is sparse or non-existent. (Geese can only land on and take off from water – they have to walk in/



out to the land.)

Recently, Pond Committee volunteers put up stakes and rope (and some reflective tape) at the open spots along the pond’s edge. So far, this experiment seems to be working – it’s quieter, and lawn walks are again possible without stepping in goose poop. Nevertheless, this will have to be a sustained effort until the

riparian buffer is consistently established – unless someone has a Border Collie to herd them off the shoreline!

Sources: <http://www.canadagoosemanagement.com>, www.Audubon.org, www.nypost.com, Center for Disease Control, Peterson Field Guide: Eastern Birds (1980)

—Catherine Alguire
alguire.catherine@gmail.com

●● New Neighbors



WELCOME to Falconbridge



Grace and Cliff Price

Street Address: 2101 Ridgefield Dr.
Cell phone: 919-360-7293
Email: accord6711@gmail.com
Interests/Hobbies: Enjoy hiking

Falconbridge welcomes new neighbors with open arms...and lots of information. Members of our townhome and single-family home Welcome Committees visit new arrivals as a way for us to learn a little about new folks—making it easier for us to connect around shared interests and build new friendships.



Mysterious Motorbike at Clubhouse Leads to Discovery

On Thursday, August 9, **Lawrence Proctor** was the Manager on Duty (MOD) at the Falconbridge pool. (Members of the Recreational Facilities Committee rotate MOD duties. Those duties include making sure that everything is in order in the Clubhouse at the end of the day—umbrellas down, bathrooms clean, an assortment of healthy and surprisingly affordable snacks available for a modest donation, etc.). Around 9:00pm, as Lawrence was finishing up, he noticed a strange motorbike in the parking lot.

A young man came around from behind the Clubhouse, got on the bike and rode away. Something about the situation seemed not to be right. Lawrence rode his scooter up to the gas station where he got a soft drink, dawdled for a time, and then went back. He saw the bike return to the parking lot and then watched the young man walk back behind the Clubhouse.

By then, the situation was definitely not right. Lawrence called the Durham Police Non-Emergency



number (919-560-4660) and explained the situation. In less than 10 minutes, an officer met Lawrence in the parking lot. They went behind the Clubhouse and saw a motorcycle helmet on the picnic table near the lake, and then the young man.

The officer spoke to the young man who admitted to being “down on his luck.” The officer suggested that he find a shelter, and the young man complied peaceably. The next day, Lawrence and his wife Kelly found evidence around the picnic table that suggested our “camper” had been with us for more than one night.

It’s worth noting that Lawrence did precisely the right thing. This was not an emergency that required a call to 911. There was not even a threat, but

Lawrence knows most of the motorcycles and trailbikes in the neighborhood. Because he did not recognize that one, it seemed odd to him that it would be parked in the Clubhouse lot at night.

Strange motorbike in the parking lot in the middle of the day—not a big deal.

Strange motorbike in the parking lot after dark when the pool is closed—possibly a very big deal.

By the way, we have no reason not to assume that the police respond to all non-emergency calls in the same manner. But our Neighborhood Watch program has maintained close relations with the Durham Police Dept. and the Partners Against Crime program for several years now. The officers know who we are, and they know that we support them. If that means we get special treatment, so be it.

Don’t forget: If You See Something, Say Something.

*Mike Mayo
Neighborhood Watch
falconbridgenw@gmail.com*

● ● Message from Our Board

The Alliance Board wants you to know what we discuss and decide, so here’s a summary of our August 8, 2018 meeting. And we welcome your attendance at our monthly meetings, held on the first Tuesday of every month.

–Alliance Board

Summary of August 8, 2018 Alliance Board Meeting

Board action and discussion included the following:

- Received the July 31, 2018 financial report.
- Approved the recommended slate of four nominees to the Falconbridge Alliance Board of Directors to be voted on at the October 7 Annual Meeting: B.J. Attwood, Stephanie Curtis, Sara Morris, and Van Noah.
- Received a progress report from B.J. Attwood about pickleball opportunities at the tennis court.
- Revised the draft outline of proposed guidelines

for considering the potential use of Alliance funds to improve or develop facilities on property currently owned and maintained by the FHA. Agreed to transmit draft to FHA for comments.

- Discussed neighborhood poll results regarding *The Bridge* newsletter. Strong majority of respondents support the existing format, content, and monthly schedule. Board authorized \$250 per month to attract and sustain a paid editor beginning in January (in addition to the \$250 per month already provided for newsletter layout and design).

Further details are available from Ed Holland or Mike Mayo. *(Minutes continued next page)*

● ● Message from Our Board

(Minutes continued from previous page)

Summary of August 8, 2018 FCA (Single Family) Board Meeting

Board action and discussion included the following:

- Received July 31, 2018 financial report.
- Approved Architecture Review applications to construct an outdoor storage shed at 8 Foxhall Place and a sunroom addition to the rear of the home at 6716 Glen Forrest.
- Approved the nomination of Walt DeGrange to the FCA Board of Directors. Election to be held during the October 7 Annual Members Meeting.
- Agreed that an amendment to the FCA bylaws be presented for vote at the Annual Meeting such that the

quorum requirement for conducting business at an Annual Meeting be reduced from 20 percent to 10 percent of FCA membership.

- Agreed to defer removal of the 19 wooden street signs in the single family neighborhood pending evaluation of the voluntary “adoption” of 6 signs by neighbors who have agreed to repair and maintain those signs at their own expense.

Further details are available from Petra Epple, Ed Holland, or Linda Sheer.

Watch for bio-sketches and photos of the nominated board members in the October 1 *Bridge*, and please mark your calendars now for the Annual Members Meeting and Potluck at 4:00 pm Sunday, October 7.

● ● Calendar & Contacts

Falconbridge Calendar: September 2018						
SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
						1 WATER AEROBICS 9:00am
2	3 YOGA @ THE CLUBHOUSE 9:30am MAH JONGG 1:00pm	4 FIT FOR LIFE 9:00am ALLIANCE BOARD MEETING 6:30/7:00pm	5 BOOK CLUB 7:00pm	6 FIT FOR LIFE 9:30am MAH JONGG 1:00pm	7	8 WATER AEROBICS 9:00am
9	10 YOGA @ THE CLUBHOUSE 9:30am MAH JONGG 1:00pm	11 FIT FOR LIFE 9:00am	12 WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB 7:15pm	13 FIT FOR LIFE 9:30am MAH JONGG 1:00pm	14 TRAVELING PUB 5:30-7:30pm	15 WATER AEROBICS 9:00am MOVIES @ THE CLUBHOUSE <i>Ocean's 8</i> 7:30pm
16	17 YOGA @ THE CLUBHOUSE 9:30am MAH JONGG 1:00pm FHA BOARD MEETING 6:00pm	18 FIT FOR LIFE 9:00am POKER NIGHT 7:00pm	19	20 WOMEN'S COFFEE KLATCH 9:30am FIT FOR LIFE 9:30am MAH JONGG 1:00pm	21 CINEMA 8 1/2 @ THE CLUBHOUSE <i>The Straight Story</i> 7:30pm	22 WATER AEROBICS 9:00am
23	30 24 YOGA @ THE CLUBHOUSE 9:30am MAH JONGG 1:00pm	25 FIT FOR LIFE 9:00am BOWLING 6:00pm	26	27 FIT FOR LIFE 9:30am MAH JONGG 1:00pm	28 TRAVELING PUB 5:30-7:30pm	29 WATER AEROBICS 9:00am

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* Must be a member of the Alliance to participate



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www.falconbridge.org

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FalconbridgeHOA.org
(Townhomes)

groups.yahoo.com/groups/FalconbridgeAlliance
(Listserv)

www.Falconbridgehoa.org/pool.htm
(Pool and Clubhouse)

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/153955664771981/>
(Falconbridge Families Facebook)

WHY JOIN THE ALLIANCE?

With your Alliance Membership, you can:

- Stay up to date on neighborhood news with our newsletter and website
- Share information with your neighbors via our listserv
- Look up a neighbor in our Falconbridge directory
- Meet your neighbors at our numerous social events
- Pursue interests with a variety of sponsored social groups
- Receive discounts on some Alliance-sponsored classes and events
- Participate in special members-only events
- Feel more secure with our Neighborhood Watch
- Be reassured that trained neighborhood volunteers can help your family with transportation, meals, and other services if you have a short-term health or other crisis
- Ensure the continued growth of programs and activities to enhance the lives of all Falconbridge residents

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