



October 2014

NEIGHBORHOOD **NEWS** 

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# TRAVELING PUB falconbridgepub@gmail.com Mon. Oct. 6, 13, 20, 27 Our Falconbridge Clubhouse: Some very good news!

## Message from the president

Over the years we have received dozens of great ideas for expanding the community activities supported by the Alliance. But lack of an appropriate facility has often blocked such plans. Now I'm very happy to report that the Alliance has reached agreement in principal with the FHA (townhome owners association) to greatly expand the use of the clubhouse for community activities. Since the clubhouse needs significant improvements, the Alliance has agreed to provide half the cost of the improvements in exchange for the increased usage. Details are still being worked out, but it's a win-win for everyone involved.

Alliance members will win with more activities and opportunities to join community groups. We hope to find volunteers to manage open hours for a lending library, regularly scheduled children's play dates, hobby clubs and more. If you have an idea for an Alliance-sponsored activity, and are willing to help organize it, please email us at FalconbridgeAlliance@gmail.com.

Townhome owners also win by getting the much-needed clubhouse improvements done with only half the cost to the FHA budget. The little-used clubhouse will now generate half of the funds for its own remodeling. An improved clubhouse is also

expected to increase rental income for the FHA. Of course town home owners who are also Alliance members win on both scores.

The Alliance is now preparing plans to solicit bids for the most urgent task: remodeling the bathrooms. Both the FHA and Alliance boards will have to approve the bids and fund the work. Since both organizations operate with tight budgets, additional funding will certainly be required. The Alliance is planning fund-raising events to let members of the Falconbridge community contribute while enjoying the improved clubhouse. See the "Club Falconbridge" article in this newsletter for details of the first event.

I'm very happy and proud to make this announcement. In the past year the Falconbridge Alliance has greatly increased its services and its value to the people of Falconbridge. The coming year will see even more ways for townhome and single family home residents to meet, play, learn and socialize.

See page 3 for information about the elegant *Club Falconbridge* and the Annual Meeting Oct. 12

– Jim Carroll

paulaclarke@nc.rr.com
Thurs. Oct. 9 & 23

2:00 pm

**MAH JONGG** 

WOMEN'S COFFEE KLATCH nrlaney@gmail.com

9:30am

Sat. Oct. 11 • 6:00pm
DINING CAR GOURMET CLUB
inoble43@nc.rr.com

Sun. Oct. 12 • 5:00pm

ANNUAL MEMBERS
MEETING,
BOARD ELECTIONS,
POTLUCK SUPPER!

Tues. Oct. 14 • 7:00pm

ALLIANCE BOARD MEETING jimcarrollnc@gmail.com

Wed. Oct. 15 • 7:30pm

POKER NIGHT jnoble43@nc.rr.com

Mon. Oct. 20 • 7:00pm

FHA BOARD MEETING
At the Clubhouse

Fri. Oct. 31 • 5- 6pm

Halloween Party for kids deltakate1@gmail.com

Sat. Nov. 1 • 7:00pm GAME NIGHT jimandbarb@nc.rr.com

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## UPDATE: Alliance-Sponsored Social GroupsNews Updates

### **LAST CHANCE!!**

### YOU COULD WIN A \$50 GIFT CERTIFICATE! Just Take the Alliance Survey by October 8.

Neighbors, we want your input! You should have received your email about the Alliance neighborhood survey of your interests, hopes, and dreams for activities and facilities to enhance our quality of life here in Falconbridge. It's simple and quick to complete online, mostly with check marks, but there are also spaces to write your ideas for the Alliance Board.

There's also a chance to win a \$50 gift certificate—you may enter after you've completed the survey!

Drawing for the gift certificate will occur at the Annual Meeting and potluck on Sunday, October 12 at the Clubhouse.

Survey deadline is October 8. Here is your chance to have input about your neighborhood. If you have not already done so . . .

## **TAKE SURVEY NOW**



Annual Meeting Sunday, October 12. 5:00pm POTLUCK SUPPER

• Bring a dish to share • Lots of news! Don't miss it! Falconbridge Clubhouse Drawing for \$50 gift card!





Calling all ghosts, goblins, princesses, Supermen, witches ..... and more!

On Friday, October 31, from 5-6 p.m. there will be a Hallowe'en party AND pizza at the Clubhouse, before kids go trick or treating. RSVP! Please contact Katie Vick if you and your child/children can attend: deltakate1@gmail.com or (919) 360-4479. We need to know how much pizza (and what kinds) to order!

## Don't Miss the Annual Meeting and Potluck Dinner October 12!

In October each year, the nine-member Alliance board holds a special meeting for all members to discuss the fiscal year just ended (Sept. 30) and plans for the coming year. It's your best opportunity to hear what's going on and to contribute your suggestions for improvements. There is a potluck meal right after the meeting.

The annual meeting this year will be held on Sunday October 12 at the clubhouse at 5:00 PM. There will be reports from each area of Alliance operations: financial, social, Neighborhood Watch, architecture, membership and neighbor services. This has been a dynamic year so there is much to report. There will also be a discussion of the proposed improvements to the clubhouse. Paula Clarke and Jim Carroll will stand for reelection to the board. The remaining opening on the board has not yet been filled.

So come to the annual meeting to catch up on what's happening in Falconbridge!

— Jim Carroll



## ALLIANCE-SPONSORED SOCIAL GROUPS

#### TRAVELING PUB

For all neighbors
Every other Friday, 5:30-7:30 p.m.
Barb Carroll: falconbridgepub@gmail.com

#### **BOOK GROUP\***

Monthly

Karen Fitzhugh: fitzhugh.karen@gmail.com

#### **GAME NIGHT GROUP\***

Quarterly
Barb Carroll: jimandbarb@nc.rr.com

#### **DINING CAR GOURMET CLUB\***

Every other month
Liz Hallgren: Lhallgren@nc.rr.com

#### **MAH JONGG\***

Every Monday, 2 p.m.
Paula Clarke: paulaclarke@nc.rr.com

### THIRD WEDNESDAY POKER\*

Monthly
John Noble: jnoble43@nc.rr.com

#### **WINE TASTING GROUP\***

Every other month
Ron Hutchinson: roseron61@gmail.com

#### **WOMEN'S COFFEE KLATCH\***

Every other Thursday, 9:30-11:00 a.m. Nancy Laney: nrlaney@gmail.com

\* Must be a member of the Alliance to participate

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Join Falconbridge Alliance

The Falconbridge Alliance newsletter is distributed monthly to all Falconbridge Alliance members.

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On November 15, for the first time in 20 years, there will be a benefit event in Falconbridge, for Falconbridge. This special night will be the first of several events in the next year to allow Falconbridge residents to directly help renovate and enhance the common areas of our community.

Due to space limitations, only 60 people will be able to attend the gala celebration. A live band will set the tone for an elegant evening of socializing and a silent auction with some unique prizes/experiences. The clubhouse hasn't hosted such a special event in the history of Falconbridge. Proposed plans for clubhouse improvements and new facilities will be presented during the evening.

#### Why the big deal?

Because its time has come. For 30 years this community has enjoyed the benefits of the common areas around the pond, pool, tennis courts, and clubhouse. We play, walk, and socialize there, and every realtor points out the added value of these features to prospective buyers. But because the maintenance of the common areas has been borne by just the 163 townhomes, only critical repairs and maintenance have been performed. The pool alone has consumed the FHA's budget for common areas for many years. The tennis courts have deteriorated badly. The clubhouse is no longer an attractive option when residents want a nice place to meet

**CLUB FALCONBRIDGE EVENT!** 

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15 • 7:00 to 10:00pm

TICKETS: \$75 pp. Only 60 tickets will be sold.

DRESS: Whatever makes an evening elegant for you

MUSIC: Doug Largent Trio, jazz.

Dancing under the stars... optional

SILENT AUCTION

**ELEGANT** wine & delicious hors d'oeuvres

TICKETS are sold in the order payments are received.

Checks (tax deductible) should be made payable and mailed to the Falconbridge Village Association

21 Charrington Place, Chapel Hill, NC 27517

Send any questions or comments to: FalconbridgeAlliance@gmail.com

and socialize.

Because the original developer of Falconbridge, J. P. Goforth, failed to include mandatory HOA dues for the 289 single family homes, their owners have not had to contribute to the upkeep. Some previous funding requirements have been met with voluntary contributions from all residents of Falconbridge as happened in the 1990s.

Now is the time for current residents to do their part to enhance the value of Falconbridge homes and the quality of life here. The Falconbridge Alliance and the FHA (townhome owners association) have now agreed to share the cost of renovating and improving some common areas. This

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event is the first to raise funds for that purpose. Other events will be scheduled throughout the year. All contributions should be made to the Falconbridge Village Association and are tax deductible (\$55.00).

Don't miss your chance to attend this unique event!

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## ● • Neighborhood Watch: Notes

## **Neighbors Encountering Solicitors**

Recently, many Falconbridge residents followed a discussion on the listserv and via emails concerning solicitors roaming the neighborhood.

The most recent incidents involved a tree-trimming service where workers were knocking on doors, apparently at random. The conversation about them went in several directions: how to handle these people, whether they were legitimate or not, when to call 911, etc. Even a Picasso entered the mix. However, I believe we may have lost sight of the most important point:

## Any kind of soliciting in Falconbridge is illegal.

It's not a new problem. We've dealt with it before. Conni Rivers outlined the situation perfectly in her open letter to the neighborhood (slightly edited for space):

Dear Falconbridge Neighbors,

Falconbridge is a "no soliciting" neighborhood. Your Neighborhood Watch worked with the Falconbridge Alliance, the Falconbridge Homeowners Association and the Durham Police Department to have signs installed at major entrances and some intersections which state 'no solicitation'.

For clarification: there is no ordinance prohibiting door-to-door solicitation in Durham County. ALL SOLICITORS must have obtained a permit through Durham County. This permit is laminated and MUST be on their person and on display at all times. And 'solicitation' includes not only selling, but any other door-to-door activity – commercial, religious or political.

Many solicitors think Falconbridge is in Orange County, which has no ordinance for door-to-door selling. We are in Durham County and do have some recourse. Our street signage gives us the right to inform solicitors that Falconbridge is a "no soliciting" neighborhood and ask that they leave the neighborhood. The Police say if any solicitor refuses to leave promptly or engages in any threatening behavior – physical or verbal – call 911 immediately. THIS IS AGAINST THE LAW. Neighborhood Watch also encourages you to call 911 and report solicitors in the neighborhood – simply ask the operator to send the next available patrol car to Falconbridge to escort them out.

A large number of solicitors are not legitimate; they are "casing" the neighborhood and/or your individual home. If no one answers the door and they hear no activity (television/dogs/people) they may go around to the back or side of your home for entry to burglarize.

Never answer your door to a stranger. But let them know you are home by yelling through the door asking who it is. Tell them you are not interested. If you feel you must answer the door - always go with your cordless or cell phone - dialed to 911 but not pressed to "send". Should something go wrong, push "send". Even if the phone is knocked out of your hand, the call is instantly flagged by the emergency system. (In addition, most newer phones have a GPS system that can help the police identify the physical location of the phone.) Hang up 911 calls are not ignored.

Your Neighborhood Watch Coordinator is more than happy to contact the home office of any solicitors and explain the rules and regulations. Please keep me informed of any solicitors, as they do not always come to all homes.

- Conni Rivers, Coordinator Falconbridge Neighborhood Watch falconbridgenw@gmail.com 919-294-6703

## A Strike Against Intruders

Falconbridge Neighborhood Watch is offering their Strike Plate Program to any interested residents. Most home door locks have an industry-standard strike plate installed with very short screws. It doesn't take much for a burglar to kick in the door.

NW has contractors that will install heavy-duty strike plates with 3" long screws on your doors. It is recommended they be placed on front, back and garage doors – any place that might be an entry point for a burglar.

The cost for a strike plate installation can run as much as \$60 per door. With volume orders, Neighborhood Watch can offer the service for \$30 per door.

Neighborhood Watch goes to each residence with the contractor. In many cases, the homeowner is at work and gives us a key to let the contractor make the repairs. NW then locks up your home. We will try and work with your schedule.

Falconbridge Neighborhood Watch is sponsored by the Falconbridge Alliance. We are happy to be able to offer programs and information about crime prevention.



If you are interested in participating or have additional questions, please contact us.

#### Mike Mayo,

Alliance NW Representative mikewmayo@gmail.com 919-908-6984

Conni Rivers, NW Coordinator riverstilbury@yahoo.com 919-294-6703

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## • Architectural Review Committee: Tips

## A Flock of Responses to the Woodpecker Problem

I recently raised the question about how to handle the sudden appearance of a woodpecker pecking at wood above my entrance door. Presented below is a bouquet of suggestions and recommendations from friends and neighbors. All of them are of value and hopefully will be referenced in the future by others presented with such a problem. The only suggestion that I thought had little value and therefore not included was a detailed description of how to dress up as Wendell Willke and recite several of his speeches until the woodpecker expires from boredom.

We've had them. They are probably looking for food. So check where they are pecking to see if your wood is rotted or something.

And for a detailed rundown from the experts, check this link (our tax money at work):

http://www.ces.ncsu.edu/nreos/wild/wildlife/animals/birds/woodpeckers.htm

-BB

Pound on a wall in the vicinity of the woodpecker (from the inside works—don't have to go outside). Scares them off.—MA

I had a problem with a woodpecker that made a hole in my garage cedar siding. I hung an artificial owl from the hardware store (about 1 foot tall) nearby that moves with the wind. I guess that scared the woodpecker away, as I haven't had the problem since.

— *KF* 



Have you actually seen the woodpecker? I've had cardinals tapping on my windows when they see their reflection.

- SF

We had success by spraying them with a garden hose. Also have used a device we bought on the Internet that makes a noise like a dying woodpecker to scare them away. Before that they did thousands of dollars of damage to our siding, so I rec-

ommend trying to get rid of them ASAP.

-MC

I had heard that woodpeckers would only rap on your house if there were insects in the wood which meant that an exterminator was needed to resolve the problem. I did find other reasons at this link:

http://birds.audubon.org/faq/why-woodpecker-damaging-my-house-and-how-do-i-stop-it

Apparently this could also mean that the woodpecker is trying to find a mate and he likes the sound of your siding - I believe that this is the wrong season for that though.

The third reason is that he wants to make a nest. I think that the season is wrong for that as well.

-VN

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If you stand outside with a baseball bat the entire time, they will stay away.

*− CM* 

They love the type of wood your trim is as it is not pressure treated and has bugs they eat. You will end up with holes and eventually replace the trim with composite never-rot-ever trim. Give it up.

— JN

I asked at garden club this morning about woodpeckers taking on houses. Universal reply was simple foil pie pans placed close to where the pecking is ongoing. You might need a ladder and a hammer and some good insurance. I would try placing some shiny pie tins on a stake in the ground first.

-MM

– Larry Charny

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## ••• Cook's Corner • • Let them eat pane di Altamura ...

Everyone who moves to this area always looks for good bread. Well, I have discovered there are plenty of choices, as there are over 30 bakeries in the Durham area and around 20 in Chapel Hill baking bread, biscuits, Cakes, and pastries. Some also have a restaurant or café where you can have a meal or snack and coffee, and they also sell groceries. Some have baked goods for vegans or those with food allergies. Others have food trucks they take to events. Here are a few we visit and whose products we enjoy.

- Loaf, Bakery, Food & Grocery, 111 Parish St., Durham. Also in Durham Farmers Market and Chapel Hill University Mall Farmers Market on Saturdays. Some favorites are: country ham & cheese scones, various flatbreads including vegan; casatiello, a brioche with cheddar, pepperoni, country ham & Paris ham.... Wonderful! They also make many different breads: chocolate hazelnut, multigrain, gougere cumin, garlic cheddar, to name a few.
- La Farm Bakery, Authentic French bakery in the Heart of Cary. 4248

Cary Parkway. Lionel Vatinet, Master French Baker & Owner has married European technique with local stone ground heirloom flour. The bakery produces over 15 varieties of artisan bread daily. Whole Foods also carries their bread. There is a restaurant attached to the bakery which serves breakfast, lunch, dinner & brunch. They also have cooking classes. The aroma of the different breads wafts to you as you enter. Our favorite at the moment is their Asiago bread, which we use to make tomato sandwiches using Duke Mayonaise, salt, & pepper. You'd better have a napkin ready to catch the stray juices that run down. I heard someone say the other day that she'd had a "sinker" for lunch, which turned out to be a tomato sandwich eaten over the sink!! Sometimes that's the best way! www.lafarmbakery.com

• Scratch, More Than a Bakery, serving real honest handcrafted food. Serves lunch & brunch. 111 Orange St Durham, NC. Open Tues-Fri 7am -6pm, Sat 8 am-2 pm. Owner, Phoebe Lawless is a James Beard Foundation Finalist in 2012 & 2013 for Out-

standing Pastry Chef. They have an abundance of pies, e.g., tomato, dark chocolate chess, Mexican chocolate cream. Crostatas, cakes, tarts, and breads of all kinds.

www.piefantasy.com



• Guglhupf, 2706 Durham & Chapel Hill Boulevard. Artisan bakery, café & restaurant with a German twist. Casual dining (breakfast, lunch, dinner & brunch) using seasonal ingredients, specializing in breads, cakes & tarts. e.g, chocolate raspberry mousse torte, Black Forest torte, raspberry & blueberry fruit tarts. You will find baguettes, batards, brezels, ciabattas, multigrain loaves, Muesli Rolls, Croissants, Danish and Scones. www.guglhupf.com

- Rosemary Hutchinson

## **Durham E-Waste Recycling & Shredding Event October 4**

## Free & Convenient Event Open to All Durham Residents & Businesses

DURHAM, N.C. – Durham residents and businesses waiting for the next free opportunity to recycle electronic waste and shred confidential documents should plan to attend the E-Waste Recycling and Paper Shredding Event to be held Saturday, October 4, 2014, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the visitor side of the Durham County Memorial Stadium, located at 750 Stadium Dr. Event staff will be on hand to unload old electronics and paper.

Durham residents who can't make this event can still

safely and conveniently recycle their old electronics at the City's Waste Disposal and Recycling Center (Transfer Station), located at 2115 E. Club Blvd. The facility is open Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturdays from 7:30 a.m. to noon.

For information about items accepted at this event or the City's recycling facilities, contact Durham One Call at (919) 560-1200 or visit <a href="http://DurhamNC.gov/ich/op/swmd/Pages/wr\_transfer.aspx">http://DurhamNC.gov/ich/op/swmd/Pages/wr\_transfer.aspx</a>



## Aging in Place: Falconbridge Friends

#### MEDICAL EQUIPMENT

available for loan to
Falconbridge Alliance
members through
Falconbridge Aging in Place
and Falconbridge Friends.
Includes walkers, bedside
commodes, shower chairs.

Please contact
Claudia Stephens at
919-490-1397 • 919-489-0133



The Falconbridge Friends
Groups welcomes new
volunteers as part of our
Aging-in-Place effort.
Please contact

Paula Clarke at paulaclarke@nc.rr.com or call 919-608-8560

## Need a little help? Give a little help?

Falconbridge friends and more...

A large group of neighbors continues to welcome requests for assistance with routine tasks when you are unable to manage these yourself because of illness, family emergency or other circumstances. In addition, many of this group will help, when available, with transportation needs.

Check the Falconbridge website for the names of volunteers, and if you are interested new volunteers are always welcomed. At this time, our requests for help are limited. Confidentiality is emphasized among our team members, and our teams promise supportive assistance, based on your requests and needs. Contact:

Paula Clarke 919-489-0133 Ronit Weingarten 919-489-9976 Nona Saling 919-419-7888

—Paula Clarke



#### **Falconbridge Village Friends**

provides practical, emotional, and spiritual support for people who need help with caregiving so individuals and families will not have to cope alone. Falconbridge Village Friends form teams of neighbors, family, and friends who work together to help with health-related needstemporary or longer-term. These support teams do not replace professional services, but focus on the ways in which friends and family members can help someone get through a difficult time.



Last year's concert

Be sure to RSVP to JUDY KONANC at 919 493-5491 or e-mail to jkonanc@hotmail.com.

## Special Neighborhood Outdoor Concert Oct 4!

Another special Falconbridge tradition continues. On Saturday, October 4, the 12th Annual Sweet Zephyrs Concert/Picnic will be held at 5:00 PM at 2408 Shallowford Lane, the grassy lot by the lake (also known as Oak Hollow). The woodwind quintet will play music for children and the young-atheart. This year's program, especially for children, features spirituals and music from the popular opera "Hansel and Gretel." Dramatic narration will be provided by Falconbridge resident Doris Thibaut.

This annual concert is organized by Judy Konanc and her fellow musicians. In addition to providing beautiful music, Judy, her husband Engin, and their neighbors Bob Jackson and Ann Deloria prepare a complete picnic supper for everyone who attends. The meal includes grilled hot dogs, slaw, lemonade and tea. Music-lovers are invited to bring whatever picnic food they wish to share.

Be sure to bring folding chairs or blankets for seating and to wear bug spray! Don't forget to thank Judy and her friends for creating this wonderful event for the people of Falconbridge. Hope to see you there!

Special Note: if the weather is cold or wet, we will have to cancel. Here's wishing for a week of sunshine.

## Around the Falconbridge Community

## **CityLife** Explains New

## **Downtown On-Street Parking Rules**

When you visit American Tobacco, West Village, Brightleaf or Durham Central Park, do you have a hard time finding parking? If you answered yes, than you're like many who love these areas, but dread trying to find on-street parking. Beginning October 1, new parking rules go into effect that should help you more easily find a coveted parking space.

In this new episode of CityLife, host Beverly B. Thompson is joined by Mark Ahrendsen and Thomas Leathers of the City's Transportation Department to talk about the new parking rules, why they're needed, and what the surge in downtown development will mean for the future of parking in Durham.

Watch it now on Durham Television Network (Time Warner Cable channel 8, 97-5 and AT&T U-verse channel 99) or at http://youtu.be/ oWy-FF8 FE.



#### About CityLife

CityLife, a talk show that features information on current City issues and upcoming events

- Airs daily at 8:30 a.m., 12 p.m., and 7:30 p.m. on Durham Television Network (Time Warner Cable channel 8, 97-5 and AT&T U-verse channel 99)
- Also available at: <a href="http://YouTube.com/CityofDurhamNC">http://YouTube.com/CityofDurhamNC</a>.
- For more information, call (919) 560-4123, or follow <a href="http://Twitter.">http://Twitter.</a> com/CityofDurhamNC.

## Carol E. Charny Interiors

- Carol lives/works right here in Falconbridge
- Interior design with New York flair
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- First class work delivered on time
- Reasonable hourly rates



"Let's have coffee and get creative together."

Carol Charny • 914.610.0736 carolcharny@yahoo.com

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We Make Great Neighbors! Phone: 919-606-1417 (c) • 919-929-7100 (o)

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## You can now buy advertising in the Falconbridge Alliance Newsletter!

Low cost, and a great way to promote your business to the Falconbridge neighborhood. Advertising proceeds help to support the Falconbridge newsletter. Email Larry

Charny for details thecharnygroup@gmail.com

\$25-8TH PAGE • \$50-QUARTER PAGE CLASSIFIED AD: 25 words or less: \$10, FREE if under 18 years old

SEE WEBSITE FOR DETAILS!!

#### Chidren's Corner

## Beginning a dialogue:

## The Role of Cursive Writing in Today's Schools



#### A parent from North Carolina:

"Wake County, NC, added cursive to the curriculum about half-way through the year for third graders last school year. My son, who is not a big fan of writing enjoyed it and actually found it easier to write in cursive than in block letters. But as far as I know, it will not be continued or encouraged in fourth grade. I think learning how to write in cursive also helped him learn how to read cursive, something that's not very easy for young children. To make cursive useful though, teachers need to enforce cursive handwriting for assignments, notes, and writing in general, or it will just become another 'filler on the schedule' and have little to no long-term value."

## A Superintendent of Schools in Texas:

"Texas has removed the requirement that students in elementary grade levels learn to write in cursive. Our district has chosen to continue to teach cursive writing because of research-based findings that show its value, especially for students who struggle with dyslexia or similar issues. I'm curious as to what other districts are doing regarding cursive handwriting."

#### A parent and educator from Texas:

"...As a father, my daughter personally sought to learn cursive writing because she observed my writing and wanted to emulate it. As a family, we bought resources and taught cursive at home. However, there was zero demand for this skill in her elementary schools. Today, she's a middle-school learner and some of her teachers expect her and her peers to write in cursive....This is a mixed message and unclear expectation at best.



"As an educator, I believe Generation X may be the last cohort to value cursive writing and penmanship (and not by much.) Millennials (especially post-Y2Kids) have very few com-

munications that require cursive in practice or work product.

"Is it important for cursive writing to be a part of the identity and repertoire of a well-learned person in our modern age? Would not teaching cursive writing rob students of a vital part of their heritage (reading first-party historical documents, creating intimate communications) or rob them of their future (deny access to opportunity because of this skill deficit?) "

Let me know what you think about this issue. Send your comments to me and I will place them in next month's newsletter. (For this assignment, cursive or block letters will be accepted.)

> – Larry Charny thecharnygroup@gmail.com



#### 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 your interests with a variety of sponsored social groups
- Participate in special members-only events
- Feel more secure knowing that Neighborhood Watch is on the lookout
- 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

#### **CLICK HERE TO JOIN TODAY**

Single family homes = \$50/year Townhomes = \$20/year

## **WEB ACCESS**

### www.falconbridgealliance.org

(Falconbridge Alliance) - [Newly launched, constantly being improved, an increasingly vital source of information - progressive and historical. Do visit often.]

www.talismanagementgroup.com (Town Homes)
http://groups.yahoo.com/group/falconbridge
(Listserv)

http://www.FalconbridgeAlliance.org/pool (CCF - Pool and Clubhouse)

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