

NOVEMBER
UPCOMING
EVENTS

November 2014

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NEIGHBORHOOD **NEWS**

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There is Much to Be Grateful for in Falconbridge

Message from the president

Thanksgiving is my favorite holiday of the year. It is a special time to reflect on all that we have to be grateful for in our lives. As I take on the presidency of the Falconbridge Alliance, I am grateful for a number of things. I am grateful to Jim Carroll for providing visionary leadership over the past year. He has led the way to an exciting new collaboration with the Falconbridge Homeowners Association to improve our community clubhouse. I am grateful for the many hardworking people who volunteer their time to support Alliance activities and events. And I am grateful to live in a neighborhood where I can feel confident that although it is already a great place to live, the best is yet to come!

Speaking of things to come, there are some exciting events planned to raise funds for the improvements to the clubhouse. On November 15, the clubhouse will be transformed (temporarily) into **Club Falconbridge**, an elegant venue for jazz music, wine and hors d'oeuvres. More fundraising events will follow, and donations are welcomed at any time. Your tax deductible contributions should be

made out to the Falconbridge Village Association and sent to John Noble, Treasurer, at 2111 E. Ridgefield Drive.

You will soon be receiving your notice about participating in the annual Luminaries event. This is a wonderful holiday tradition that brings neighbors together and creates a spectacu-



Photo of Falconbridge lake by Richard Perry

lar neighborhood display. The more neighbors who participate, the merrier (and more beautiful) is the result.

These are exciting times in our neighborhood. We invite your ideas, your participation and your financial support for the future of Falconbridge.

– Nancy Laney

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

Mon. Nov. 3, 10, 17, 24
2:00 pm
MAH JONGG
paulaclarke@nc.rr.com

Thurs. Nov. 6 & 20
9:30am
WOMEN'S COFFEE KLATCH
nrlaney@gmail.com

Sat. Nov. 8 • 7:00pm
WINE TASTING
thecharnygroup@gmail.com

Tues. Nov. 11 • 7:00pm
ALLIANCE BOARD MEETING
nrlaney@gmail.com

Fri. Nov. 14 & Nov. 28 • 5:30pm
TRAVELING PUB
falconbridgepub@gmail.com

Sat. Nov. 15 • 7:00pm
CLUB FALCONBRIDGE
Gala at Clubhouse
FalconbridgeAlliance@gmail.com

Mon. Nov. 17 • 7:00pm
FHA BOARD MEETING
At the Clubhouse

Wed. Nov. 19 • 7:30pm
POKER NIGHT
jnoble43@nc.rr.com



It's almost time for that magical night when the streets of Falconbridge glow with the light of thousands of candles. You'll soon be receiving an email invitation to participate by ordering kits of 10 candles and white paper bags. Be sure to reply to the invitation when you receive it so you don't forget and miss out on this 20+ year tradition in Falconbridge.

This year's event will take place on December 7 and includes a party at the clubhouse for all residents of Falconbridge.

The kits are \$10 and all of the money goes to the Ronald McDonald house in Chapel Hill. Buy some kits to line the street in front of your house and/or you may donate kits to be used to light the common areas of our community. Last year the project raised over \$5,600 to help the families of seriously ill or injured children who call the House "home" while undergoing treatment at area hospitals. Contributions are fully tax-deductible since volunteers in our neighborhood do all of the work.



Speaking of volunteers, **Robin Hutchison** has taken on the sizable task of managing the Luminaries program this year. She can use all the

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help she can get. Block captains are always needed. If you can help in any way please let her know at **robin-pie1@gmail.com** or **919-401-4145 (h), 919-606-1417(c)**.

Please place your order by November 15 so we can be sure to build enough kits for everyone. Then start getting in the holiday spirit!



"The Falcon Bowls"

Come join your neighbors for a game or more of bowling.

When: Tuesday November 18 • 6PM

Where: The Mardi Gras Bowling Alley

Cost: \$2.79 per game & shoe rental \$2.79

All are welcome. No restrictions on age or ability. (In fact, the less ability, the more fun the experience.)

Contact: Lawrence Proctor at **lproctor12@nc.rr.com** by November 11 if you can make it.



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
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GAME NIGHT GROUP*

Quarterly
Barb Carroll: jimandbarb@nc.rr.com

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Every other month
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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*

Join Falconbridge Alliance

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

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Club Falconbridge

What an Elegant, Swellegant Party This is!



Club Falconbridge Details:

Tickets are \$75 pp. Only 60 tickets will be sold.
Dress: Whatever makes an evening elegant for you.
Tickets are sold in the order payments are received.
Checks should be made payable and mailed to the
Falconbridge Village Association
21 Charrington Place
Chapel Hill, NC 27517
All contributions are tax deductible.

*Jazz & Socializing & Silent Auction
Fun for singles & couples!*

*Like a Truman Capote party,
I want to be able to say
I was there.*

For the first time in 20 years, there will be a benefit event in Falconbridge, for Falconbridge. The Falconbridge Alliance and the FHA (town home owners association) have now agreed to share the cost of renovating and improving some common areas. This event is the first to raise funds for that purpose. This is the time for ALL current residents to do their part to enhance the value of Falconbridge homes and the quality of life here. 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.

A live band will set the tone for this elegant evening.

- § Hors d'oeuvres will be served
- § Fine wine will be skillfully carafed by three carefully selected gentlemen of our community.
- § But it is the wonderful makeup of those attending that will make this evening so special -- socializing, engaging conversations and a shared vision of making Falconbridge an increasingly vital place to live.
- § And if that were not enough, there will be silent auctions for beautiful one-of-a-kind artwork and unique experiences. See the Alliance [website](#) for photos of some of the available items.

During this gala event there will be time to look at the proposed plans for the clubhouse improvements and new facilities, discuss the vision for Falconbridge's future, including increasing property value through such initiatives. **But the primary focus of this event is to have a very good time.**

Be an active participant in reshaping Falconbridge's future.

Due to space limitations, only 60 people will be able to attend the gala celebration, so hurry and get your tickets!

When Should I Call 911?

Here are a few thoughts on 911 calls and security strike plate replacements:

If you should call 911, the first thing that the operator will ask is your location. When you give the operator a Falconbridge address, he or she will see that you are in Durham Police Department District 3. It's a large piece of real estate.

You can take a look at a map [here](http://durhamnc.gov/ich/op/DPD/Documents/District%203.pdf): <http://durhamnc.gov/ich/op/DPD/Documents/District%203.pdf>

District 3 is the largest of the five that make up Durham City and County. It covers 29 square miles, including Southpoint Mall and Duke University. More than 80,000 people live in the district. At any given time, only twelve police cars are on patrol, and that assumes that the officers aren't appearing in court, on vacation, etc.

Calls reporting crimes that are in progress against people or property take precedence over calls reporting a break-in or burglary that has already occurred.

Early next year, we will have a Neighborhood Watch meeting to talk about 911 in more detail and to answer questions about how it works and changes that might be proposed.

Also, though we usually think about



calling 911, it is also possible to text 911. If you use T-Mobile, Verizon Wireless, AT&T or Sprint for your cell service, you can send a text message to 911 if a conventional voice call is impossible or inadvisable. For example:

- If the caller is speech-impaired
- If speaking is unsafe in an abduction or home invasion situation
- During severe weather, voice pathways for cell calls may become jammed, when texts can get through

Finally, the high security strike plate replacement program is still open. We have arranged with Cedar Grove Maintenance for a good discount on the installation of new strike plates. If you have any questions about the strike plates or would like to sign up, contact Conni Rivers or me.

— Mike Mayo

Where to go if you suspect fraudulent or deceptive business practices

The Federal Trade Commission works for consumers to prevent fraudulent, deceptive, and unfair business practices and to provide information to help spot, stop, and avoid them.

To file a complaint in English or Spanish, visit the FTC's online [Complaint Assistant](#) or call 1-877-FTC-HELP (1-877-382-4357). The FTC enters complaints into Consumer Sentinel, a secure, online database available to more than 2,000 civil and criminal law enforcement agencies in the U.S. and abroad.

The FTC's website (www.ftc.gov/) provides free information on a variety of consumer topics. Like the FTC on Facebook, follow us on Twitter, and subscribe to press releases for the latest FTC news and resources.


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HALLOWE'EN PARTY FOR KIDS!



A wonderful Hallowe'en Party was held in the Falconbridge Clubhouse with many excited, costumed kids and parents. Everyone enjoyed delicious pizza and drinks, provided free from the Falconbridge Alliance. Games were played and finally a parade went down the street to the residents of Wynwood. After that, everyone scattered into the night to trick-or-treat.

Many thanks to Katie Vick for organizing this event, and to all the volunteers who helped in countless ways to make it happen!



Alphabetabum: An Album of Rare Photographs and Medium Verses

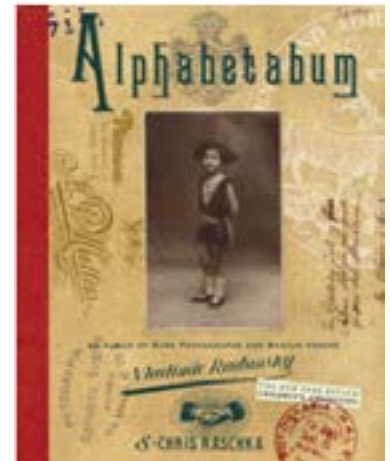
By Vladimir Radunsky and Chris Raschka

"This ingenious way to help little ones learn their ABCs uses the hook of vintage photos collected over decades from flea markets around the world...Even kids who don't understand all the words and concepts will enjoy hearing the alliteration spoken aloud and marvel at the get-ups from days of yore."

—*Working Mother*

"The photos, which come from Radunsky's private collection, are wonderfully evocative, inviting viewers to imagine the real lives of those depicted. The book is, thus, not only an opportunity to learn one's ABCs but also to indulge in an exercise in imagination. No small feat!"

—*Booklist*



● ● ● ● ● Cook's Corner ● ● "Pots, Pans, Gadgets & Gizmos" ● ● ● ● ●

All cooks have their favorite gadget, maybe a sharp knife or special tool for making a job easier or quicker, rather like the golfer or tennis player who has the special piece of equipment that helps his/her game.

In this area we have plenty of kitchen shops with a multitude of gadgets, pots & pans etc. We all know the large national stores like Williams Sonoma, Sur La table with their branded products and also our local Southern Season just branching out into Charleston and Richmond. My focus for this article will be on owner-operated kitchen stores.

In University Mall we have **Kitchenworks**, a locally owned and operated store by Martha Jenkins. Just last week, Martha proudly celebrated the store's 30th anniversary. She thanks her wonderful customers and staff for their support over the years. They stock from 10,000-12,000 items. Kitchenworks specializes in Cuisinart

replacement parts; in fact Martha says she has a PhD in Cuisinart parts! They always have knife specials on offer. At present their best seller is the Lilypad Silicone Lids; this handy lid creates an airtight seal and works with any smooth-rimmed bowl or pot. The heat-resistant, food-safe silicone lid allows for quick cooking, steaming and reheating in either the oven or the microwave. Also, Kitchenworks has a popular nationwide online business, which stocks regular cooking items you need every day but might not have a resource for in your home town. Martha and her staff are available for questions in the store, or you can call them on the phone and talk to a real person who can't wait to help you. www.kitchenworksinc.com

Another family-owned & operated kitchen store is **Whisk** in Cary, open for just one year. Owners Dan & Diana Saklan also stock a myriad of unique items (10,000-12,000) from

all over the world. They provide an average of 25 cooking classes a month with different chefs for those who love to cook. Corporate events or Girl's Night Out cooking classes can be arranged. At present their best selling item is a garlic twist which minces garlic or ginger. Like Kitchenworks in Chapel Hill, the Lilypad Silicone lids are also a top seller. An Epicurean Adventure is planned by Dan and Diana for September 6-14th and Sept 13-21st 2015 to the Emilia Romagna region of Italy. There will be 12 in each group and will include expert guided tours to learn about the areas; wine, coffee, cheese, vinegar and even a truffle hunting expedition. More details on Whisk's website. The owners, Dan & Diana, are in the store daily to answer cooking questions and show you the latest products. www.whiskcarolina.com

These independently owned and operated kitchen stores are well worth a visit. — Rosemary A. Hutchinson

● ● Durham's Primal Food Scream (but not for ice cream!) ● ● ● ● ●

Falconbridge residents are lucky that there are many good restaurants here in Southwest Durham—many of them locally owned one-offs. A new one caters to those diners who need, or prefer, gluten-free foods. Tim Lyons' Primal opened this summer in Southpoint Crossing, a bit down east from Falconbridge on Route 54.

Local foodies (Disclosure: I am one of them and a Tim Lyons fan.) know Tim's dedication to providing good, fresh food at his seafood restaurant Blu next to Vin Rouge on Hillsborough Road near Durham's Ninth Street. When Tim moved here from Key West several years ago, he gained his Durham-food land legs

as a Vin Rouge waitperson. He soon moved next door to open Blu.

Blu has no microwaves, no heating lamps on the "up" shelf, and a small freezer to chill salad plates and to store ice cream. Said freezer is too small to keep fish overnight. It's "fresh" at Blu.

At Primal, Tim continues his dedication to providing the best (this time, gluten-free) food you can eat away from your own home kitchen. Wood-fired entrees range from burgers and steak to pork chops to salmon to the largest chicken thighs seen in recent history. If shrimp and grits are your hankering, Primal offers them exactly the same as at Blu where I have seen

people scrape their plates.

You can craft a wonderful fill-your-stomach dinner without spending on the Mains offerings by choosing from Starters, Soups & Salads, and Sides. Yes! to grilled octopus, bacon-wrapped dates, and arepas (roasted red peppers).

Primal's full bar has surprisingly good wines and beers on draft, and signature cocktails, but lacks a full complement of after-dinner sips. That's a North Carolina thing. This Yankee lives with that.

Website: <http://primalfoodandspirits.com/>

— Rosemarie Kitchin

● ● *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**

Need a little help? Give a little help?



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**



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 needs—temporary 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.

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Carol E. Charny Interiors

- Carol lives/works right here in Falconbridge
- Interior design with New York flair
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"Let's have coffee and get creative together."

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WHY JOIN THE ALLIANCE?

With your Alliance Membership you can:

- Stay up to date on neighborhood news with our news-letter 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

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www.talismanagementgroup.com (Town Homes)

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