

**JANUARY
UPCOMING
EVENTS**

January 2015



NEIGHBORHOOD **NEWS**

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**EVERY Monday 2pm &
Thursday 1:30pm**
MAH JONGG
paulaclarke@nc.rr.com

Wed. Jan. 7 • 7:00pm
BOOK CLUB
The Gravity of Birds
fitzhugh.karen@gmail.com

Fri. Jan 9 & 23 • 5:30pm
TRAVELING PUB
falconbridgepub@gmail.com

Starting
Sat. Jan 10 • 9 - 10am
Exercise Group (weekly)
paulaclarke@nc.rr.com

Sat. Jan. 10 • 10:30am
**Falconbridge Friends Annual
Meeting (Aging in Place)**
paulaclarke@nc.rr.com

Tues. Jan. 13 • 7:00pm
ALLIANCE BOARD MEETING
nrlaney@gmail.com

Thurs. Jan 15 & 29
9:30am
WOMEN'S COFFEE KLATCH
nrlaney@gmail.com

Tues. Jan 20 • 6:00pm
BOWLING NIGHT
lproctor12@nc.rr.com

Wed. Jan 21 • 7:30pm
POKER NIGHT
jnoble43@nc.rr.com

Time To Join the Alliance!

Message from the president

Get the New Year off to a great start by joining the Falconbridge Alliance! Our 2015 Membership Drive gets underway this month with a goal to reach every resident in the neighborhood. There are so many exciting things happening in Falconbridge, and joining the Alliance makes you part of the action. A membership flyer and application are included with this newsletter so please fill it out and return it today with a check.

The neighborhood survey that we conducted last September let us know that Falconbridge residents want to be able to use the Clubhouse more and that we would like to see it upgraded—especially the bathrooms! The good news is that renovations to the Clubhouse are now underway, being jointly funded by the Alliance and FHA (Falconbridge Homeowners Association). The first phase will include the front entry, foyer, and bathrooms,

which will become fully handicapped accessible. Alliance-sponsored groups can now meet in the Clubhouse free of charge thanks to our new cooperation agreement with FHA.

Your dues help to support all of the activities and work of the Alliance throughout the year. We are also raising funds specifically for the Clubhouse renovations. If you would



like to support this effort that enhances the vibrancy of the neighborhood (and all of our property values), you can make a tax-deductible contribution to the FVA (Falconbridge Village Association) which is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization. Give the gift that keeps on giving!

Best wishes for a Happy New Year,
— Nancy R. Laney

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• Aging in Place Annual meeting

Survey Results: Neighbors want upgraded Clubhouse, outdoor music & more

Thanks to the efforts of Mia Prior, with help from Lisa Anthony, a neighborhood survey was conducted in Falconbridge last September. An invitation to participate in an online survey was sent to all residents for whom we have email addresses. There were 169 respondents — 70% live in the single family homes and 30% in the town homes. Of these, 97% were Alliance members and 20% had children living in the home, most below school age.

Among respondents there was strong support for greater use of the Clubhouse and the need to make upgrades to the facility, particularly the restrooms. 77% said they would use the Clubhouse more if it were upgraded and available. When asked about social activities for the neighborhood, 95% wanted outdoor music events! There was some support (30%) for having a dog show or dog games. The kids' fishing derby garnered 20% support and the idea of a Valentine's dance was supported by 17% of respondents.

Current Alliance events ranked by popularity were: Luminaries (80%); Yard Sale (72%); Pool Opening Party (68%); 4th of July (66%); National Night Out Ice Cream Social (65%); and pot lucks (55%). There was a suggestion that there be some smaller area potlucks so neighbors could get to know each other. It was also suggested that a Thanksgiving potluck be held for those who don't have family in the area. The Halloween party and Easter egg hunts for children garnered support from more than half of the respondents.

Support for new neighborhood



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clubs included exercise groups (54%), garden club (36%), travel club (34%), and computer support group (31%). Other suggestions included a biking group, guitar meet-up, tennis, Spanish class, theater club and quilting group. The idea of a neighborhood service bulletin board was supported by 71% of respondents. 57% supported a neighborhood playground, 41% a CSA agricultural food share, and 31% a tool lending shed. Several people commented that they would like a community garden. Others want to refurbish the tennis courts and basketball court. Several want a dog park.

Thanks to all who participated in the survey. There were many specific comments for each of the questions which the Alliance Board will be considering as we move forward with our planning.

— Nancy Laney



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

GOURMET DINNER CLUB*

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

MAH JONGG*

Every Monday, 2 p.m., Thursday 1:30pm
Paula Clarke: paulaclarke@nc.rr.com

THIRD THURSDAY 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.

Newsletter Editor: Larry Charny
Newsletter Designer: Mia Prior
Copy Editor: Lisa Anthony

The Falconbridge Alliance, a combination of the FCA (Falconbridge Community Association) and the FVA (Falconbridge Village Association), is a voluntary membership organization run by and for residents of both town homes and single-family homes. Its mission is to enrich the Falconbridge neighborhood through building community, making it a safe, supportive and enjoyable place for all residents.

Why Join the Falconbridge Alliance?

Your annual dues and participation help make these things possible:

- CLUBHOUSE:** Be part of exciting changes happening at the clubhouse in 2015! Upgrading our space will increase neighborhood activities held in our clubhouse facility, as well as making it desirable to rent by residents for private special events.
- COMMUNICATION:** All Alliance members receive a monthly newsletter full of lively information about our neighborhood. Website has many valuable resources at falconbridgealliance.org.
- NETWORK WITH NEIGHBORS:** Want to know opinions about the best plumber to use? Our Alliance-sponsored listserv is the place to go.
- HELP WITH SHORT-TERM HEALTH OR OTHER CRISIS:** Trained neighborhood volunteers can help with transportation, meals and other services.
- PRINTED NEIGHBORHOOD DIRECTORY** is distributed to Alliance members annually.
- PURSUE YOUR INTERESTS** with a variety of sponsored groups (Maj Jongg, Gourmet group, exercise classes, Ladies Coffee Klatch, and more!).
- MEET AND BOND** with neighbors at numerous Alliance-organized events (Traveling Pub [bi-weekly], Easter Egg hunt for kids, 4th of July Parade, potlucks)
- FEEL MORE SECURE** knowing that Neighborhood Watch is on the lookout.
- FREE MAILBOX KEY REPLACEMENT** if you lose your key. *(Must be an Alliance Member)*



Already a member? Time to renew! Not a member yet? Join now!

Single-family homes:

One Person: \$50*
Two or more: \$75*

Town homes:

One Person: \$20*
Two or more: \$30*

* We have changed our dues structure to more accurately reflect the benefits of membership for households with two or more people.



2015 Membership Application/Membership Renewal Form ANNUAL DUES

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Please mail or deliver your check along with this form for new and renewal membership
(Your information might have changed from last year)

Mail checks to: Falconbridge Alliance, 21 Charrington Place, Chapel Hill, NC 27517

Hand deliver to: Nancy Laney, Membership Chair, 2403 Ridgefield Dr.
Questions? Call 919-945-4102 or email nrlaney@gmail.com

Please print clearly—this information will be included in the Neighborhood Directory (provided ONLY to residents who are Alliance members)

Street address _____

Landline/Home phone _____

Adult Resident 1:

Name _____

Cell phone _____

Email _____

Adult Resident 2:

Name _____

Cell phone _____

Email _____

Amount enclosed (please make check payable to Falconbridge Alliance): \$_____*

** Your additional tax-deductible contribution will support improvements to the clubhouse.
Please make donation check payable to "FVA". Thank you!*

Questions? Contact Nancy Laney, 919-945-4102
Falconbridgealliance.org

Change in Alliance Membership Dues this Year

After remaining unchanged for over 15 years, the annual Alliance dues are being changed this year to reflect the benefits of membership. Those benefits will continue to expand in 2015.

In the past, the dues were assigned per home, regardless of the number of people living there. Single people paid the same amount as couples and families. Instead of raising the dues for everyone, we have increased the amount when two or more people become members. The new rates for 2015 are:

	One Person:	Two or more Persons:
Town Home Owners	\$20	\$30
Single-Family Homes	\$50	\$75

The additional revenue will enable the Alliance to continue to expand its services to the residents of Falconbridge. Those services, including physical improvements to our neighborhood, will enhance the quality of our lives and the value of our property.

FALCONBRIDGE CARTOON CAPTION CONTEST.

...and tied for first place in the first Falconbridge Alliance Newsletter cartoon caption contest are:



A Hassidic, a Christian and an agnostic walk into a bar. Alarmed, the bartender calls the United Nations Security Council: "These people are drinking together, in this troubled world?"

— Lexy Durand

"Yes honey.....it's great for business. They get kicked out of Falconbridge for being unwanted solicitors and then they come here to drink."

— Creighton R. Moeller



Dude, What are you waiting For?

Come join your neighbors for a game or two or more. It will pull together your day. All are welcome. No restrictions on age or ability. No one is out of their depth.

When: Tuesday January 20 at 6PM

Where: The Mardi Gras Bowling Alley

Cost: \$2.79 per game and shoe rental \$2.79 (that includes both shoes)

Contact Lawrence Proctor at lproctor12@nc.rr.com to let him know that you will be there. Tell him the Big Lebowski sent you.

Christmas Tree Removal

The Solid Waste Management Department will collect Christmas trees from all solid waste customers until March 1. Trees should be placed at the curb by 7

a.m. on normal household garbage collection day. Leave the tree at the



curb for one week before contacting Durham One Call at (919) 560-1200 to report a missed tree collection. Trees taller than six feet should be cut in half. Remove all decorations and hardware. Residents are also asked to not place trees in bags. Trees may also be dropped off at the City's Waste Disposal & Recycling Center at 2115 E. Club Blvd., Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and Saturdays from 7:30 a.m. to noon at no charge until March 1.

Falconbridge Luminaries Raise Above \$7000 for Ronald McDonald House!

Thank You from Robin

I am pleased to announce that we made more than \$7,000.00 for our Luminary Donation this year. We can all be proud of our efforts and our generosity. Many thanks to all of you who gave your valuable time to make this contribution to Ronald McDonald House possible. As a big plus, the neighborhood looked beautiful on Sunday night and we had a lovely party to celebrate!!

Again, many thanks and happiest of holidays to all of you!

— Robin Hutchison

A Thank You Note from Ronald McDonald House

Dear Falconbridge Neighbors,

Thank you so much for all your years of amazing support for the Ronald McDonald House of Chapel Hill and our Light-A-Luminary project! This year you raised more than \$7,000 for the House that Love Built, a new record! Donations like yours provide more than beautiful holiday luminary decorations, and more than dollars and cents. They keep families together when they need it the most. Studies show that children heal faster when their parents can be with them, and we know that it provides peace of mind to mom and dad, too. With



your help, the Ronald McDonald House of Chapel Hill welcomes these families and children and provides a true home away from home in their time of need. We serve families from all 100 counties of North Carolina and many other states and countries, all who have a child receiving treatment at UNC Children's Hospital.

\$7,000 provides almost three months of nights of hope and healing at the Ronald McDonald House, including full lodging with hot meals, laundry services and social support. It's 90 nights that a parent can be close to their sick child to tuck them in and read them a bedtime story. It's at least 90 days that a child doesn't have to be alone in the hospital, all thanks to you!

This year the Ronald McDonald House of Chapel Hill has served more than 2,200 families, but we've had to turn away another 800. We are currently constructing a 24,000 square-foot expansion that is set to open in summer of 2015 to meet the growing need. We hope that you will join us for Light-A-Luminary next year to celebrate our House doubling in size! Visit www.makeroomfor-hope.com to find out more.

Thank you so much!

*Chase McBride, Special Events & Marketing Assistant
Ronald McDonald House of Chapel Hill, Inc.
www.rmh-chapelhill.org*



Photo by Al Bugg

(For more photos by Al Bugg [click here.](#))

Your comments about Luminaries:

I just took the dog out for a walk (11:30 pm) and the luminaries are still glowing from highway 54 straight down Huntingridge. From my house, I can also see the lights on Brookhollow and Bay-swater. The display is absolutely magical - I hope everyone got the opportunity to drive through Falconbridge tonight.

A big thanks to Robin Hutchinson and her group of volunteers for making sure this tradition continued in 2014.

— Conni Rivers

Echoed congratulations to Robin and her volunteers. What a lovely experience it was to walk our streets last evening.

— Pete Brown

Congrats to the luminaria team! The display was beautiful and I think that this is the best participation I've seen the in 17 years we've lived here--all good for the McDonald House.

— Myra

Our first year here. Last night was just breathtaking...thank you!

— Mary Livingston Azoy

Yes, it was stunning! My husband and I took a walk about 8:30 just to enjoy the magic. Thank you!

— Velma Ferrell

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 help with meals? Transportation? Babysitting? Household Help? Call Us!

This is a reminder to our Falconbridge neighbors that Aging-in-Place services as well as assistance to any family who may need help with transportation, meals, babysitting and other household help is available from a neighborhood group of volunteers. Checking the FalconbridgeAlliance.org website will provide you with a list of volunteer neighbors whom you may contact to request transportation assistance. These are individuals who expect to be called and asked. If the individual you reach is unable to assist you, they will direct you to contact someone else on the list until you are able to meet your transportation needs. Should you need help with a broader range of things which can include social

visits and picking up prescriptions, please contact Paula Clarke at paulaclarke@nc.rr.com; Nona Saling at nonasaling@nc.rr.com; Ronit Weingarden at ronitw1950@yahoo.com. We understand that it may feel awkward to ask for assistance in this way but you live in a neighborhood where there are folks who are committed to doing this. Individuals are discreet and will welcome anyone’s call.

The annual meeting for the Falconbridge Friends group is Saturday, January 10, 2015 at 10:30 am at the clubhouse. All volunteers and other interested folks are encouraged to attend.

— Paula Clark

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Falconbridge’s Man of Mystery

The novel can be pre-ordered from Amazon at [this link](#).

Falconbridge author Mike Mayo’s latest suspense novel, *Everybody Goes to Jimmy’s*, chronicling the continuing adventures of Jimmy Quinn, will be released on January 6th. If you would be interested in a “Meet the Author” event in Falconbridge, please RSVP to Bolton Anthony (BoltonAnthony@frontier.com).

About Mike Mayo

Michael Mayo has written about film for *The Washington Post* and *The Roanoke Times*. He was the host of the nationally syndicated *Movie Show on Radio* and *Max and Mike On the Movies*. His books include *VideoHound’s Video Premieres*, *Horror Show*, and *War Movies*. He is also the author of *American Murder: Criminals, Crimes, and the Media* and edited three volumes of *The DVD Guide*.



Mike Mayo is a member of the *Mystery Writers of America*, *The Broadcast Film Critics Association* and the *Professional Football Researchers Association*. Mike’s first novel, *Jimmy the Stick*, was published in 2012.

The First Club Falconbridge Sponsored *New Year's Eve Party*

The enthusiasm for the Club Falconbridge gala party has transferred itself to a New Year's Eve party. It featured the live music of the Doug Largent jazz trio (Mary Largent, Doug's mom, is a Falconbridge neighbor), noisemakers, wonderful goodies (contributed by attendees), wine, and a champagne toast at midnight. More than 50 folks attended the celebration – buoyed by the hope for a peaceful, healthy and joyous New Year for all – made more glorious by the riches of living in and engaging with all that the Falconbridge community offers.

— Paula Clarke



*Right:
Mia Prior,
Richard Perry,
Mike & Marcia
Mayo*



*Below L to R:
Bolton & Lisa
Anthony,
Dancers, Band
members, Paula
Clarke & Mills
Bridges*





WHY JOIN THE ALLIANCE? (see page 3!)

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, \$75 (2 or more)
Town-homes = \$20/year, \$30 (2 or more)

WEB ACCESS

www.falconbridgealliance.org

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

talismangementroup.com (Town Homes)

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/falconbridge> (Listserv)

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

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