

JULY UPCOMING EVENTS

July 4 • 10:15am-3pm
**4TH OF JULY PARADE,
LUNCH & GAMES**
(details inside)

July 3, 17, 31 • 9:30am
WOMEN'S COFFEE KLATCH
nrlaney@gmail.com

July 7, 14, 21, 28 • 2pm
MAH JONGG
paulaclarke@nc.rr.com

July 8 • 7pm
ALLIANCE BOARD MEETING
jimcarrollnc@gmail.com

July 11 & 25 • 5:30-7:30pm
TRAVELING PUB
falconbridgepub@gmail.com

July 12 • 11am | Clubhouse
FALCONBRIDGE FRIENDS
paulaclarke@nc.rr.com

July 12 • 7pm
WINE TASTING GROUP
roseron61@gmail.com

July 17 • 7:30pm
POKER NIGHT
jnoble@nc.rr.com

August 6
BOOK CLUB
Reading: *The Curious Incident of
the Dog in the Night*
by Mark Haddon

July 19 • 7pm
GAME NIGHT
jimandbarb@nc.rr.com

July 29 • 6pm
BOWLING NIGHT (Just July)
lproctor12@nc.rr.com



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NEIGHBORHOOD **NEWS**

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Does Falconbridge have Covenants?

Message from the president

"I never knew there were any covenants affecting Falconbridge."

I've heard this statement from many Falconbridge homeowners. Although realtors are supposed to provide a copy of our neighborhood's Restrictive Covenants to every buyer, in many cases they do not. That sometimes has led to unpleasant surprises. But Falconbridge's developer and early residents established our covenants for very good reasons. And, there are good reasons why all of us should be aware of their terms and benefits.

Covenants set a minimum standard for courtesy, orderliness, and consistency throughout a neighborhood. If you've ever seen neighborhoods with boats parked in front yards, dogs roaming freely, and unsightly eight-foot solid fences, you know why neighborhood covenants are so common. We all want to enjoy our community and don't want an eyesore on our street decreasing the value of our homes.

Neighborhood covenants are usually filed with the county and are included by reference in any deeds for property in the neighborhood. They are legally binding on homeowners, even new owners who were not informed of their existence. In our case, any property owner can enforce the covenants by bringing suit against another owner they believe is in violation—although

that has rarely happened. The covenants can be changed at any time with the written approval of at least two-thirds of the property owners.

Our Falconbridge covenants are fairly standard and set a base for the appearance and operation of the neighborhood. They prescribe the Architectural Review process and authorize the FCA (part of the Falconbridge Alliance) to review plans for improvements in individual lots. See Ed Holland's article on page 5 of this issue for a good example of how that worked for a recent fence installation.

Townhome properties in Falconbridge are subject to different covenants and requirements than our single-family properties' covenants. The townhome covenants are monitored by the Falconbridge Home Owners Association (FHA).



**Please read through
the covenants on the Alliance website**
<http://www.falconbridgealliance.org/information-for-residents/restrictive-covenants>
and the Architecture Review process
http://www.falconbridgealliance.org/app/download/8974684471/architectural_application.pdf?t=1400201861

By complying with the covenants and using the Architectural Review process, we all can keep Falconbridge the friendly and beautiful place we love.

—Jim Carroll

**INSIDE: Pubs • Bowling • Doing
Good Work in Falconbridge •
Safety Issues • Foodies & more!**

● ● **UPDATE:** Alliance-Sponsored **Social Groups**

Mah Jongg Mondays in our Neighborhood



Another fun activity, Mah Jongg, has been added to our neighborhood's activities offered by the Alliance. Our resident Mah Jongg expert Conni Rivers has taught some novice players and will offer more free classes to neighbors interested in learning the game in July.



We play the American version of this Chinese game. Generally four independent players are at a table, but the game can be played by three individual players too. Mah Jongg is a game that combines luck and skill, provides a backdrop for social interaction, and offers some cognitive challenges.

Our group would love to have more neighbors join us. Regular games are scheduled on Monday afternoons beginning at 2:00 p.m. on a rotating basis in individual homes.

For more information, please call or email me, the organizer of the group, at 919-489-0133, or paulaclarke@nc.rr.com.

— Paula Clarke

Getting in Touch with Your Inner Rip Van Winkle

When was the last time you went bowling?

Falconbridge bowlers and wannabe bowlers are playing at The Mardi Gras in the strip mall next to our neighborhood on **Tuesday, July 29, at 6 p.m.** The cost will be \$2.79 per game, with shoe rental \$2.79.

Do you feel you might be out of your league? No problem. Regarding ability, un-



less you rack up scores in the negative numbers, no one is going to comment on your game. We are coming to-

gether to bowl for the fun of it all and a chance to be with friends, neighbors and children—with an emphasis on children. Who knows, this may be the unexpected opportunity to form a league of one's own?

Lawrence Proctor, lproctor12@nc.rr.com, is starting the ball rolling and needs to know by Tuesday, July 22, who will be joining in the fun so that he can make reservations.

Falconbridge Hold 'em

Flush with success from the first Third Thursday Poker Club session, organizer John Noble reported that six players showed up, raising \$30 for the Alliance's general fund. The \$20 initiation fee has been waived, so the cost for a poker evening is \$10, of which \$5 goes into the Alliance's treasury, and \$5 goes for playing chips.



The next Third Thursday Open Poker game at the Noble house will be Thursday, July 17, beginning at 7:30 p.m. Alliance members that sign up with John Noble jnoble43@nc.rr.com are in that evening's game.

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.
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*

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Enjoy the Fourth of July in Falconbridge

Don't miss all the July 4 festivities in our wonderful neighborhood!

The Independence Day festivities will begin with our annual parade. Everyone is welcome to join the parade: decorate bikes, stroller, or wagons; and/or walk behind a fire truck and a convertible driving our neighborhood Grand Marshall. There will be music to march to. (And, rumor has it a pony will also be in our parade!)

Our parade participants will congregate for a **10:15 a.m.** start at Hunt-

ingridge and Knotty Pine, proceed to Falconbridge, stop at Shallowford for water balloons, and then go to Wynwood Assisted Living before ending at the Falconbridge clubhouse.

Lunch (hamburgers & hot dogs) will be served from **noon to 1:30 p.m.** at the clubhouse for all (Please bring a side dish or dessert.) Pool games with prizes for children of all ages will follow lunch. Swimming will be open to everyone in the neighborhood that day.

Please plan on joining your neigh-



ors for a fun and memorable event. If you can help with any of these activities, please sign up on the Volunteer Sheet at the clubhouse.

For a glorious July 4th cinematic moment, click here.

Going PUBLIC

Thinking about Pub Night in Falconbridge, I decided it would be of interest to do some research on pubs—such as the origin of the word “pub.” As it turns out, pub is the more recent abbreviation of “public house,” as distinguished from a private house. In many places around the world, especially villages, a pub can be the community’s focal point. Writer Samuel Pepys described the pub as the heart of England.

In some respects our Traveling Pub is the heart of our Falconbridge community. It meets every alternate Friday from 5:30—7:30 p.m. at private homes that become, for those two hours, a public house. It is informal; there are no dress requirements; you do not have to be a member of the Falconbridge Alliance to attend; you can arrive and depart as you please.

All that is expected of Pub attendees is that they bring their beverage of choice—wine, beer, liquor, soda,

juice, or water. Traveling Pub hosts provide glasses, ice, and modest snacks. Our Pub provides a charming



opportunity for people in the Falconbridge community to meet other people in the Falconbridge community. Multiple groupings of people form and reconfigure during the evening’s course. The conversations are varied—

from issues and events relevant to Falconbridge to new movies, books read, restaurants, travel, and other social topics. Some individuals make plans to get together socially on other occasions.

Pub Night is not cliquish: it is meant to be inclusive and inviting. It is a great opportunity for new residents to become acquainted with their neighbors and to learn, on a deeper level, what Falconbridge and its larger surrounding community are about.

So, here is your standing invitation: new residents, please come (we all wear name tags so you will not be at a loss for addressing others by name); residents who have not come to Pub Night for a while, rediscover the pleasures of this social engagement; and you regular attendees—keep coming; we love the pleasure of your company.

— Larry Charny

● ● **Neighborhood Watch:** Notes

Beware: Daytime burglaries more common

This is a slightly condensed version of a recent email concerning home burglaries from Capt. David Addison of the Durham Police Department:

“We are seeing more burglaries during the day compared to the evening hours. Sundays, Mondays and Tuesdays are the most common days for criminals to break into residences. We have and continue to conduct operations that have allowed us to gather more information about the criminals and make arrests but we need your help; we need your calls.

Continue to call 911

“I cannot emphasize enough the importance of your phone calls. Please continue to call 911 for suspicious individuals and activities. Before posting a suspicious person or activity on your neighborhood listserv, call 911. This reduces the chances of the persons leaving the community before officers arrive.”

At a recent PAC3 meeting, Capt. Addison defined “suspicious behavior” by telling the story of a citizen who saw a well-dressed man walking slowly down a residential street and carefully looking at all of the houses on the block. Nothing too suspicious about that, but this gent was carrying a pair of bolt cutters in one hand and a crowbar in the other. The citizen took a cell phone picture but did not call 911.

They are dressed nicely

Addison’s email continued: “Criminals are not subscribing to the stereotype of yesterday. They are dressed nicely and seem very pleasant. They will scour communities during the day looking for easy residential targets. They may walk up and ring

your doorbell to determine if someone is home. If someone answers the door, they pretend to want to sell

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you something while looking past you into your home. An alternative is walking up and ringing your doorbell: if no one responds, they go to the rear of the residence and kick in the back door.

“Since the beginning of the year, Durham police have tracked an increase of juvenile participation in these crimes. As of June, we have arrested 11 individuals for burglaries, of which seven are juveniles. In some crimes, an adult accompanies the juveniles. Some of these offenders have transitioned to repeat offenders and are becoming more brazen.

“I know working together we can bring these crimes down. If you want a free home security survey, please contact Master Officer J. Fair at 919-560-4404, extension 29417 or email him at jeffery.fair@durhamnc.gov. We look forward to working with you.

Captain David W. Addison
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TIP:

Police remind us that if you are called to your door, do NOT open it, but answer through the door or let the person see you, with a cordless or cellular telephone clearly visible in your hand.

Good Neighbors Make Good Fences

And good neighbors make attractive neighborhoods!

Carey and Tammy Greene made significant landscape improvements two years ago when they moved into their home at the corner of Ridgefield and Knotty Pine Drive. Recognizing the need to safely corral their two-year daughter Eva and energetic dog Molly, the Greenses most recently added an attractive back-yard picket fence that meets their safety goals and maintains visual harmony with the neighborhood.

The fence project represents an excellent example (and a reminder to all) of how the Falconbridge property Covenants (*see sidebar for links to covenants*) help enhance the visual appeal of our neighborhood.

Neighbors were consulted

The final design was the result of several versions of an initial proposal that the Greenses submitted to the Falconbridge Alliance Board for architectural and landscape review. Of particular importance was buy-in by adjacent neighbors, who were also consulted before the Board approved the final plans. Everyone involved



has been especially satisfied with the results. "The fence has completely changed the appearance of our yard and allowed us to use it in many ways we never could before," said Carey Greene.

For readers' information, the deck style picket fence was designed and built by the Fortress Fencing Company of Carrboro. Six-inch posts are spaced 10 feet apart, with 1.5-inch x 1.5 inch x 4-foot pickets separated by 4-inch gaps. All treated pine picket points and post cap bevels were cut on site during construction. The fence will be stained in the near future.

Congratulations to all for a very successful project!

—Ed Holland

... We keep the wall between us as we go.
To each the boulders that have fallen to each.
And some are loaves and some so nearly balls
We have to use a spell to make them balance:
'Stay where you are until our backs are turned!'
We wear our fingers rough with handling them.
Oh, just another kind of out-door game,
One on a side. It comes to little more:
There where it is we do not need the wall:
He is all pine and I am apple orchard.
My apple trees will never get across
And eat the cones under his pines, I tell him.
He only says, 'Good fences make good neighbors'....

— From *Mending Wall*, Robert Frost

Architectural Covenants
can be found on the
Falconbridge Alliance
website:

falconbridgealliance.org

Please click on
these links below

Restrictive Covenants

Architectural Guidelines

Falconbridge Foodies Enjoy Local Fare

How lucky we are that Falconbridge is the epicenter of the Triangle's food and culture explosion! Whether you go to museums, walk in botanical gardens, attend poetry readings, or live theater or a variety of music and dance concerts, culture abounds and gustatory adventures are not very far away from them.

And to maximize our enjoyment, many of us combine dining and culture to complement an evening or matinee of pleasure. And what choices we have! Whether in Durham or Chapel Hill or Carrboro, there is good food close to the art, music, theater or dance you want to enjoy.

Durham has DPAC, The Carolina Theater, Duke's Reynolds Theater, the Hayti Center, or Manbites Dog Theater and a host of smaller jazz,

blues, and rock venues. And close by are tasty joints like Piedmont, Matteo, Pizzeria Toro (when it reopens this month), as well as the American Tobacco Campus full of restaurants

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DURHAM RESTAURANT GUIDE

surrounding a dramatic water feature. Just a few blocks west off Ninth St. and Broad Street respectively are Vin Rouge and Watts Grocery, rated two of the best in the whole Triangle.

Back in Chapel Hill and Carrboro, Memorial Hall, Hill Hall, Playmakers Theater, Deep Dish Theater (in University Mall), The ArtsCenter, and an impressive number of other performance venues offer great variety, and

fine food is nearby to complement. Park free in the new lot next to the Hampton Inn in Carrboro; walk to Kipos Greek Taverna, Crook's Corner, Elaine's, Lantern, the Hickory Tavern, or Venable Rotisserie Bistro, and then walk back to The ArtsCenter or Cat's Cradle. Check out the Sunday jazz brunch at Weaver St. Market in Carrboro.

Parking in downtown Chapel Hill is tougher, but there are good eats at the Carolina Inn, Top of the Hill, La Residence, or Lime and Basil before your evening at Memorial or Hill Hall or an afternoon stroll through the Ackland Art Museum.

What are your favorite combinations of food and culture? Let me know at 919-408-0535 or adelriaandbjack@earthlink.net.

— Bob Jackson

Cook's Corner ●● Heightening the Flavors

Have you tried blueberry balsamic vinegar drizzled over vanilla ice cream? It is wonderful. Or, maybe try dark chocolate balsamic vinegar instead.

The sensational tastes that can be created with oils and vinegars from Glenda Keenan's Blue Sky Oil & Vinegars on Elliott Rd. in Chapel Hill or Hope Valley Commons in Durham are endless. Just using a little balsamic vinegar, EVOO (extra virgin olive oil) or flavored salt can change an ordinary meal into a special dish. Soft sweet apricot white balsamic vinegar pairs well with chipotle EVOO for a great marinade or salad dressing. It also pairs well with almond oil. Quinoa salad with blueberries, raspberries and peaches with apricot balsamic and lemon oil is another good pairing.

One of my favorite salad dressings

is blood orange EVOO blended with tangerine balsamic vinegar. Black truffle olive oil on pasta is both aromatic and flavorful, touching the senses of taste and smell. Black cherry balsamic vinegar with lime oil is also a good salad dressing, especially if the salad has a strong cheese in it.

Blue Sky Oil & Vinegar also sells a variety of different salts. Thai ginger salt sprinkled on grilled veggies or fish heightens the flavors. Believe it or not, the same salt is delicious on brownies or caramel. My favorite of all time for heightening flavors is black truffle salt. It is ideal sprinkled on eggs. It lifts everyday scrambled



eggs to the gourmet class. The salt also goes well with pasta, mashed potatoes, red meat, and especially popcorn. Hawaiian Alaea pink salt contains purified Alaea clay that is high in minerals. Its mild flavor and fine grain makes it a great replacement for ordinary table salt.

Let me know (at 919-408-0490, or rosemaryhutchinson@hotmail.com) of your favorite places to shop for specialist items or a special recipe you'd like to share, maybe one that is handed down from your mother or grandmother. Falconbridge obviously has a lot of good cooks as shown by the variety and flavorful dishes at our potluck meals.

— Rosemary Hutchinsson

● ● **Aging in Place:** Falconbridge Friends

Neighbors are helping neighbors in Falconbridge Community

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 Group 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**

Our Aging In Place program in Falconbridge, especially the Friends component, continues to be viewed as a model for other neighborhoods. While the focus for the development of neighborhood-based services to help people remain in their own homes as long as possible (whether concerns are related to aging, disability, short-term health or family crisis) has been primarily and most successfully in Chapel Hill communities, Durham groups such as Woodlake are working hard to develop their own version of assistance to neighbors in need.

Requests for assistance continue to be received on a regular basis, despite the fact that asking for and accepting help is not an easy thing for many of our neighbors. If you are aware of a neighbor in need, please let them know of their neighbors' availability to provide support.

In addition, improving transportation continues to challenge us, in spite of the generosity of neighborhood volunteers here in Falconbridge.



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The next meeting of all Friends volunteers will be on Saturday, July 12, at 11:00 a.m. at the clubhouse. It will last no more than one hour and will address communication issues that inevitably arise.

We will welcome any new faces and your interest in participating in these neighborhood services, no matter how old or young you are!

For further information, please contact me at 919-489-0133, or paulaclarke@nc.rr.com.

—Paula Clarke

**Falconbridge Friends volunteers will meet
Saturday, July 12, 11:00am at the clubhouse.
New volunteers welcome!**



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

WEB ACCESS

www.falconbridgealliance.org

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

talismanagementgroup.com (Town Homes)

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

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

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