

# SUMMERHILL SOCIAL CLUB

"JUST HAVING FUN IN THE SUN!"

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## *Here Came the Sheriff!*

Well, his Lieutenant, anyway. **Lt. Nehemiah Wolfe** of the Sumter County's Sheriff Office joined us at our September 12 meeting to give us an update on the state of many issues affecting all of us in Summerhill and in The Villages in general. Selecting from a list of questions our members submitted (the list covered four and a half pages, by the way), Lt. Wolfe shared a variety of technical and philosophical viewpoints with the almost 80 members in attendance. Most of the issues he addressed concerned the recurring themes of speeding golf carts, stop sign abuse, and crime prevention. Among the specific points he covered during his hour and fifteen minute discussion were:

Underage golf cart drivers – citations will be issued to drivers found to be under the age of 14. These citations prompt sanctions by the State of Florida that will subsequently impact that individual's ability to obtain a driver's license in their home state when they attain the proper age.

Golf cart speed limits – the legal speed limit is 20 mph. Through last year, only warnings were issued. Beginning this year, situations involving speeding golf carts result in a citation for operating an unregistered motor vehicle.

Stop sign abuse – between Dec. 12 and June 6, 1300 stop sign citations were issued. In December of last year, 21 citations involved golf carts. Regarding the white stop posts, while citations cannot be issued for failure to stop, individuals involved in an accident as a result of failing to stop can be cited for reckless driving.

Potential growth in crime – as The Villages grows, so does the staffing in the Sumter County Sheriff's office, but obviously there cannot be a police presence everywhere all the time. Consequently, Lt. Wolfe stressed the importance of all residents being vigilant about reporting suspicious happenings in their area via 911.

Many, many more points were discussed by Lt. Wolfe during the evening. If you would like to listen to a tape recording of the discussion, call **Gerry Hafer** at 751-3643.

The next time you run into Lt. Wolfe (and I sincerely hope it's not because *he* flagged *you* down), be sure to thank him for taking the time to be with us on September 12...and for his candid treatment of the topics we all raised.

## *Looking Ahead to our October 10 Meeting*



Are you ready for some **Clogging**? Two months ago we had a spectacular night of line dancing, and now this month we're stepping up the energy level with an exhibition from The Villages Cloggers. While there are many versions of the history of clog dancing in the United States, it is generally accepted that clogging is an expressive style of American dance with origins in the folk dances of the British Isles, Africa, and pre-Columbian America. Although clogging is generally thought to be a combination of the various native dances that settlers to the Appalachian region brought with them, you'll see at our October meeting that The Villages' Cloggers have applied their own style to make this a home-grown show. Come out in force and enjoy the show. BYOB and get yourself in the spirit to dance, and you just might be invited to join the Cloggers on the dance floor!

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## *Don't Forget Our Sunshine Club!*

If you know of any club members who have been hospitalized or who are suffering with an illness, drop Patty Ekaitus an email at [patty07@comcast.net](mailto:patty07@comcast.net), or call her at 259-1140 so she can drop them a note from the club.

## *Summerhill Women's Club News*

The next meeting of the Women's Club will be held Thursday, October 18 at Churchill Recreation Center, beginning at 10:00 a.m. **Virginia Jensen** reports that this meeting will feature an auction to support a needy Wildwood family, and all Summerhill ladies, both members of the club and residents, are asked to help us raise money for this family in to make their Christmas brighter. Each lady is asked to bring either two or three items that they are not using or can do without to the meeting and we will auction the items off, with the amount bid to be divided between the lady who brought the item and the "Christmas Family." If the lady would like she can donate the full amount to the fund. We are asking for nice, in good condition items, something like white elephant items.

Also, at this meeting we will have a list of items that our "Christmas Family" has on their Christmas list. Members can select an item or two from the Christmas Tree and then purchase the item. At our November meeting we will wrap the gifts and make arrangements for delivery to the family before Christmas. Please join us in making the upcoming holiday season brighter for this family.

## *Fall Shuffleboard League Starts Friday, October 5*

A total of sixteen teams have been formed for the fall, 2007 Summerhill Shuffleboard League, with play scheduled to get underway Friday, October 5 at 1:00 pm at Laurel Manor Recreation Center. Eight teams (teams 1-8) will play in the first slot (1:00 to 2:30), with the other eight teams (teams 9-16) playing in the second slot (2:30 to 4:00). Of course, since we're promoting fun and flexibility as the primary drivers, these times are not too rigid, although we'll need to certainly start on time.

The sixteen teams, as well as the substitute list, was set based on those who attended the September 12 planning meeting. The schedule will be posted on the bulletin board as soon as it is available from the Recreation Department but, in the meantime, anyone interested in signing up as a substitute is encouraged to call **Barb Press** at 751-6395 or **Gerry Hafer** at 751-3643. **WE WILL NEED SUBSTITUTES!!!**