Trimming of the Greens - 2012

Stirred by a 45-year tradition of holiday cheer, the Village Green Garden Club is partnering with the Homeowners Association – and Villagers like you! – to hang some fresh new decorations on the Village street signs and neighborhood entrances this year. The groups are finalizing plans for a decorating event in November, hosted by the Garden Club, complete with delicious seasonal refreshments served from the “project headquarters” in the Clubhouse.

Volunteer enlistment is underway now, especially for able-bodied ladder climbers and assistants who will enjoy a two- or three-hour outdoor service activity to beautify our neighborhood for the holiday season. If you are interested in participating in any way in the Trimming of the Greens 2012 event, please contact Sandra Dean, Garden Club president: 966-8356, or John-Paul Renier, VGHA President: 966-3139.

Russgate Entrance to VG Repaired

Louis Morris recently lead a team to fix the VG Russgate Entrance sign. He led a team of volunteers to repair the letters on the sign, clean-up the area, trim the bushes, and several other projects to make this entrance to Village Green off Kingston Pike beautiful again.

Louis is a Boy Scout and did this project as his "Eagle Project" – a community service project required to earn the Eagle Scout rank. Thank-you Louis.

Local History: President Regan's Visit to Farragut

Thanks to Mary Lou Koepp, Village Green resident and first Town of Farragut employee, for this glimpse into local history.

On June 14, 1983, Ronald Reagan, President of the United States, visited Farragut High School. It was an exciting event for our three-year-old city.

Some serious planning was required to make sure everything ran smoothly. The Secret Service called the town hall office, at that time located in the back portion of what is now Prestige Cleaners, wanting to know where they could find Farragut High School. Town Administrator Jack Hamlett made arrangements to meet the Secret Service at the school. Upon seeing the size and openness of the Farragut commons area, the Secret Service was very concerned about security. After all, it was only two years since President Reagan had been shot by John Hinckley.

Farragut High School also had some planning to do—they had to put together a ‘class’ for the President to visit. The staff went through the records of all students registered for summer
President Regan Visit – continued

school to select a ‘class’ of 20-25 students who had never been in trouble at school. These students ended up being Shirley Mynatt’s English class.

For security reasons, the town was not told which route the president would take from the airport to Farragut High School. This was a problem because we wanted any roads the President would travel to look as neat and clean as possible. At that time, Pellissippi Parkway did not extend south of Kingston Pike as a route to the airport. So thinking the most likely route would be I40/75, and then down Campbell Station Road, we had our rights-of-way contractor do an extra special job mowing, weedeating, and cleaning up all trash on Campbell Station Road at a cost of $5,000. In those days this was a good bit of money from our modest budget.

Bob Jones, owner of Jones Automotive on Watt Road, stopped in the office a day or two before the presidential visit and asked me who planted the ‘flares’ in front of the Kingston Pike entrance to the high school. I had no idea who planted the ‘flares,’ but suggested it may have been the Tennessee Highway Patrol that put out the flares. Mr. Jones then said, “Well, they sure are pretty.” My understanding of the Tennessee accent wasn’t as good as I thought it was. I then informed Mr. Jones that the high school PTA had planted the ‘flowers’ in front of the entrance.

After all this planning and misunderstanding, President Reagan landed in a helicopter on the circular drive right in front of the high school. He never saw the pretty flowers or how nice Campbell Station Road looked. Security was tight. The closest most of us were able to get to the high school was to go behind Mili Bass’s Veterinary Clinic on Kingston Pike and peek through the chain-link fence.

At noon, there was a luncheon at the school for President Reagan and about thirty people including Governor Lamar Alexander. After some serious negotiating, we were able to have our Town of Farragut Mayor, Bob Leonard (a Village Green resident), included as a luncheon guest. The President’s favorite food, macaroni and cheese, was served. It was purchased the night before from the Kroger deli across the street. The White House chef supervised the luncheon preparation.

The President traveled with approximately 250 newspaper reporters and had a group of about 108 guests. For one glorious summer day, Farragut High School, the Town of Farragut, and the State of Tennessee were in the national spotlight.

Thanks to all the people that volunteered to be on next year’s VGHA board. Now, we only need two or three additional volunteers. The board meets only once a month for a couple hours and the remaining available positions on the board require just a few hours a month. So, please volunteer by contacting Bob Hunter at vgha@VillageGreenWeb.com.

Attention New Residents

If you have moved to Village Green recently, please contact Bob Hunter, at vgha@VillageGreenWeb.com or 300-8871. Bob publishes our newsletter and would like to include you in the new resident section. In addition, we would like to bring by some information about living in Village Green and answer any questions you may have.

Clean-up month!! Remove all spent annuals and cut back perennials. Spade vacant spaces in border and leave rough for winter. Mulch azaleas, rhododendrons, dogwood, camellias, and other acid-loving plants with well-rotted sawdust, oak, or pine needles. Save leaves for mulching or compost heap. Plant tulips as well as other bulbs until ground is frozen. Cut tall rose bushes back to prevent damage from wind. Hill with compost or topsoil. Compost leaves. Finish pruning of summer and fall-blooming shrubs and trees.

Welcome New Neighbors

Trace and Angela Barlow
204 Crofton Lane
Children:
   Caitlyn (13) & Lily (4)
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Diane and Jeff Alton
308 Governors Lane
Children:
   Shaun (16), Stephanie (14) & Justin (11)
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Byron and Nikki Wood
500 Old Tavern Circle
Child: Ty (1)

Gardening Ideas from the VG Garden Club

October 2012

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Upcoming Events

Oct 30  Ladies Bunco
Ladies Bunco meets the last Tuesday of every month at 7:00 pm at the Clubhouse. Bunco is a fast-paced dice game that is very easy to learn. Please plan to come even if you have never played. Please bring $5 for prize money and the drink of your choice.

Nov 11  VGHA Board Meeting
The Village Green Homeowners Association Board meets monthly on the second Sunday of the month, 7:00 pm at the clubhouse, unless that is a holiday. Then, the new meeting date will be announced. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Nov 12  Garden Club Meeting - All VG residents are invited to attend!
At 10:00 am, the garden club will meet at the Rotunda of the Farragut Town Hall for a tour of the Farragut Folk Life Museum, presented by Julia Jones, the museum director. Afterwards, there will be lunch and a short meeting at Aubrey's.

Nov 15  Book Club Meeting
The VG Book Club is reading "Wild" a memoir by Cheryl Strayed for September. Julienne Weathers will be hosting at the Clubhouse on Thursday, September 20th at 7pm. This book was an Oprah’s Book Club 2.0 pick of 2012 post-Oprah Winfrey Show Club.

Nov 27  Ladies Bunco
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