

Sky Valley Times

*Adventures
Await*

July, 2024

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Sky Valley's Vision

Our Vision

- Responsive, Quality Service
- Protection of our Resources
- Integrity and Innovation in City Government
- Sky Valley, a world-class city



Sky Valley's Mission

Our Mission

- To enrich the quality of life for our citizens
- To protect and enhance our scenic beauty
- To ensure a safe and secure community
- To enhance our resources
- To develop and follow a vibrant plan for our city's future

Mayoral Comments

From the Desk of Mayor Hollie Steil

- Our Independence Day Event was very well attended. Our city employees, city entities, and citizen volunteers once again made this event fun and memorable.
- It is great to see our new Pickleball court and resurfaced courts being used and enjoyed by our citizens and visitors.
- Ridgepole Drive and McClure Lane have been paved and striped. They look great.
- We say goodbye to Chief Estes as he enters a new phase of his career as an instructor at South Dakota State University. We wish Chief Estes well and thank him for his years of service to Sky Valley.
- Our Sky Valley Planning and Zoning Commission continues to review and develop revisions to our Building Codes, Tree Ordinance, and future residential Solar Power Ordinance.
- Work continues the Sky Valley Septic to Sewer initiative. The Council signed an agreement with EMI (Engineering Management, Inc.) to assist with our \$3,000,000 grant and bring this project to fruition.
- The City continues discussions with Harrison Merrill, Inc. to cooperatively design future development of the property around the Old Lodge.

🔗 THESE ARE EXCITING TIMES IN SKY VALLEY.

Hollie

Code Enforcement

From the Desk of Jim Pyburn

The dog days of summer are in full swing. Another excellent demonstration of appreciating American Freedom was on full display at our recent Sky Valley 4th of July celebration. Thanks to all the volunteers and city employees that made this happen!

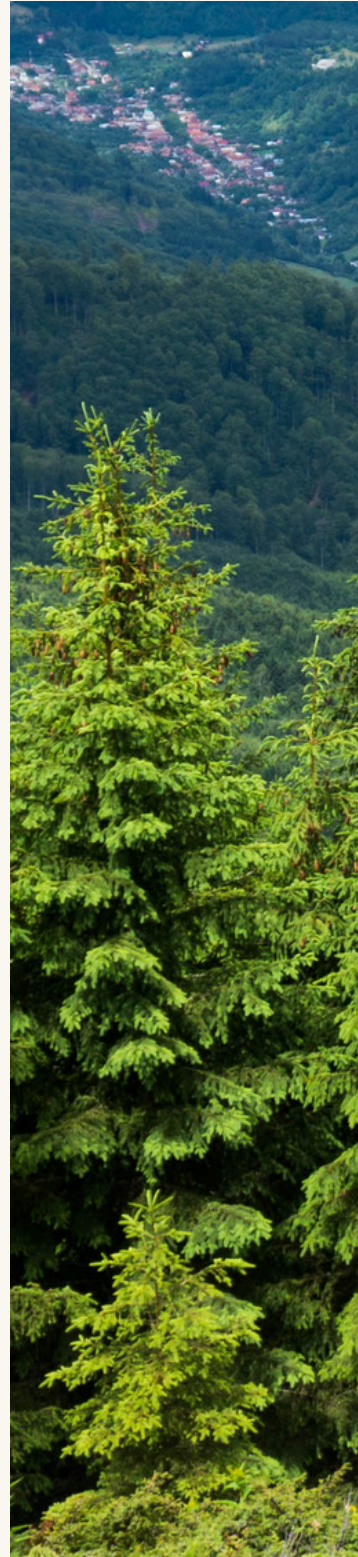
PROCEDURE FOR ISSUANCE OF A TREE PERMIT

Any landowner in the City of Sky Valley wanting to cut, trim, top or remove a tree, or trees, must first complete an application for a tree cutting permit on forms designated the City of Sky Valley and file said application with the office of the City Clerk.

1) The application should:

a) **IDENTIFY** by location on a sketch, plat, or survey EACH tree to be cut, trimmed or removed. In order to identify a tree by location, the applicant must, prior to submitting the application **MARK** each tree by placing a ribbon or tape around the circumference of the tree at approximately 3 to 4 feet off the ground. The applicant must designate on the plat or sketch whether the tree is to be cut, trimmed or topped and the total number must be listed.

b) **DESCRIBE** the purpose for cutting, topping, trimming or removing the tree or trees.



Code Enforcement

2) The applicant must certify familiarity with the terms of this ordinance and the applicant must certify that the person or business entity actually cutting, trimming, topping and removing the tree/s is familiar with the ordinance.

3) Cutting, topping trimming or removing trees on another person's land will require a signed written permission from that landowner, as well as the application be in the landowner's name and sent to City Hall before a permit can be issued.

4) Below must accompany the application fee:

- A **sketch** showing which trees are to be cut.
- Trees to be cut **marked** with a ribbon or tape.
- Application **signed by the contractor** or **notarized property owner affidavit**.
- Your **phone number** and the **contractor's phone number**
- **Fee paid**



Public Works

From the Desk of Jerry Shope and Cody English

The City of Sky Valley **Public Works Department** is moving right along through the summer months. The crew has completed tons of projects such as mowing right-of-ways, weedeating throughout the city, flail mowing, Independence Day festivities, and redefining ditches. As most of you know the city is busy this time of year, and we squeezed in resurfacing Ridgepole along with McClure Lane, The Public Works department would like to thank each of you for your patience through that process. We will continue to mow, trim, redefine ditches, pick up brush, daily work orders, patch potholes along with other miscellaneous projects throughout the next few months.

On the water side

Over the last few months the crew has fixed/replaced several minor water leaks. We have had a couple main line breaks since April. The city is underway with the lead service line project as well. We will be replacing a faulty fire hydrant near the old lodge in the near future. Please be advised that if you are not signed up for mail chimp please do so at city hall. Getting alerts will help you know what is happening in Public Works.

As always thank you to the Mayor, council, city staff and great people of Sky Valley

Police Department

From the Desk of Chief Vaughn Estes

We would like to welcome everyone to our city.

Please make sure you use extra caution while driving, the increase in visitor vehicles on our narrow roads continues to grow. The speed limits are posted at 25mph, please be observant of them.

Keep in mind that from the timeshare office to past the post office is a 15 MPH zone. We continue to receive resident requests to slow vehicles down on our city streets.

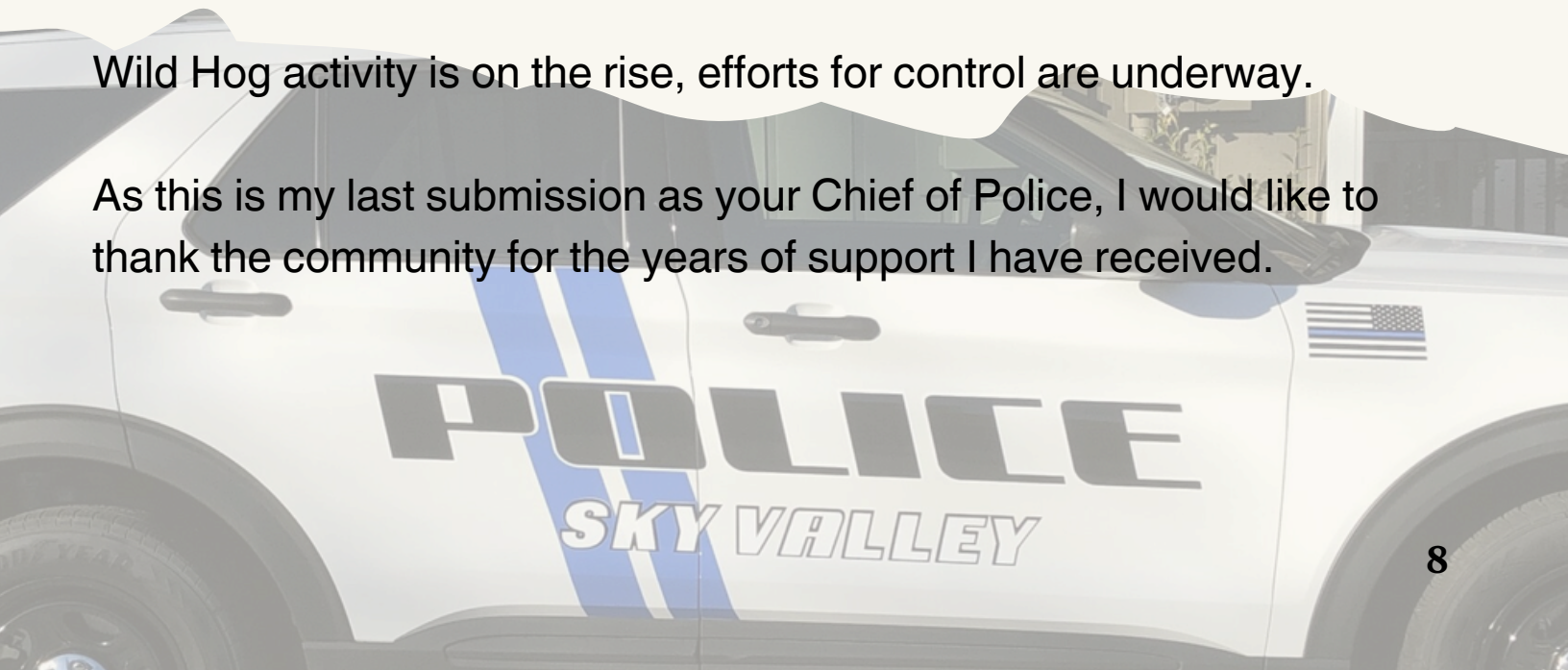
There are also several road and residential projects currently underway.

We have increased our efforts in slowing traffic but are bound by the 25/15 mph limits.

There have been complaints regarding parking vehicles on the sides of the roads. Efforts are being taken by the city to address this issue.

Wild Hog activity is on the rise, efforts for control are underway.

As this is my last submission as your Chief of Police, I would like to thank the community for the years of support I have received.



City of Sky Valley

Unpaid Property Tax 2014-06/2024

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Housing & Development Departmental Data Report		For month ending June 30, 2024	
	June 2024	YTD	2023 YTD
New Residential & Commercial permits issued	1	3	2
All other addition, remodel and repair permits	16	66	68
Certificates of Occupancy issued	1	4	8
Total New Construction not yet finalized	5		0
Total Other Construction not yet finalized	19		0
Notices to Comply issued	2	2	3
Stop Work Orders issued	0	0	0
Tree Cutting permits issued	19	39	33
Code & Ordinance Violations cited	2	2	0
Fees Collected			
	June 2024	YTD	2023 YTD
New Residential or Commercial Permits	\$2,986.00	\$10,649.00	\$6,493.50
Other Addition, Remodel, Repair Permits	\$1,100.00	\$7,032.00	\$3,030.00
Tree Cutting Permits	\$325.00	\$3,050.00	\$2,220.00
Land Disturbing Permits	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Fines Collected for Ordinance Violations	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$0.00



Police Department

Monthly Count Sheet, April May, June 2024

	04-2024	05-2024	06-2024	YTD
Fire	0	0	0	0
Med Call	0	0	2	13
Accident	2	6	4	30
Family Viol.	0	1	0	1
Fight/Assault	1	0	0	1
Death/Suicide	0	0	0	0
Missing Person	0	0	0	0
Burglary/Break in	0	0	0	0
Theft	0	0	0	3
Susp. Activity	0	0	0	0
Susp. Person	1	2	4	12
Susp. Vehicle	0	0	0	0
Alarm	2	1	0	11
Investigation	2	1	3	11
DUI/PUI	1	1	1	3
Drug Related	0	0	0	0
Juvenile	0	0	0	1
Traffic Control	1	3	3	24
Traffic Stop	86	71	66	446
Warning	35	39	35	226
Citation	51	32	31	220
Mutual Aid	7	5	3	24
Animal	0	9	8	26
Lost and Found	0	0	0	0
Complaint	0	6	0	6
City Ord.	1	1	0	13
Public Assist	6	11	21	64
Resident Check	2,313	2,867	2,374	15,364
Business Check	2,184	1,690	1,436	11,386
Welfare Check	1	3	1	16
Visitor Escort	4	5	4	15
Arrest	1	5	1	3
911 Calls	18	36	18	129
Mileage	5,247	5,255	5,544	32,648

Announcements & Events

Relocating Sale

Golf clubs * Piano * Furniture * More

JULY 27
9AM-4 PM

CBC Sky Valley



Scaly Mtn. Women's Club

Pancake Breakfast

Raising funds for local scholars!!!

Date: Saturday July 27nd
Time: 8:00am - 10:30am
Where: Scaly School House
Cost: \$8 Adults
\$6 Children
No more than \$30/family

We will have fun games for the entire family with prizes at the end of the summer



CASH, CREDIT or CHECKS ARE ACCEPTED!!!

Sid Weber Memorial Cancer Fund

RUMMIKUB



Tuesday, July 30th, 10:00 – 2:00

Cost: \$50, includes Lunch
Beginners Welcome
Reservations Required

Call Jan Mason at 850-326-4860 for more details

Announcements & Events

COME JOIN THE HEROIC MISSION
OF SKY VALLEY: SAVING LIVES!

GIVE BLOOD, GIVE LOVE



NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

AUGUST 1, 2024
10 AM - 2 PM

AT SKY VALLEY CITY HALL
3608 HIGHWAY 246
706-746-2204



POA Meeting--1st Annual Purple Heart Celebration

August 7, 2024
3:00 at the Clubhouse

**Guest Speaker: Retired Army
Colonel Roger Glenn**

**Please join us as we celebrate
this amazing day in America.**



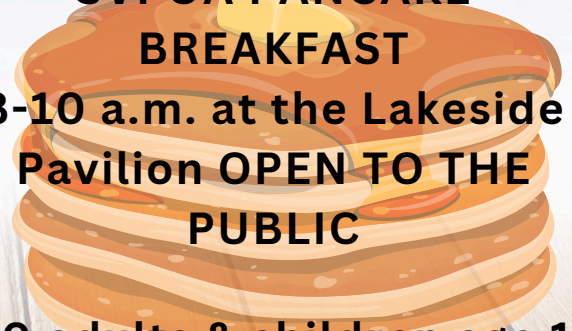
Dillard, Georgia
August 2 & 3, 2024

Advance tickets to the 2024
Dillard Bluegrass Festival are now
available for purchase through
our website! Please spread the
word and we look forward to
seeing you at this year's festival,
August 2nd and 3rd, 2024!

Saturday, August 3rd

**SVPOA PANCAKE
BREAKFAST**

**8-10 a.m. at the Lakeside
Pavilion OPEN TO THE
PUBLIC**



**\$10 adults & children age 12
and older / \$5 children age
5-11 / no charge for children
age 4 and younger**
Cash or checks ONLY

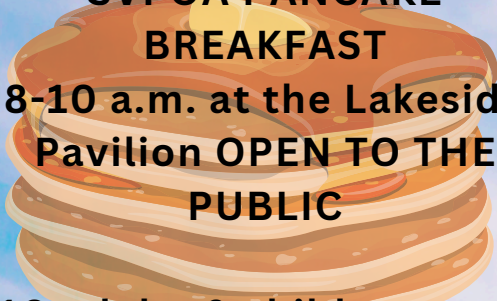
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Saturday, August 31st

SVPOA PANCAKE

BREAKFAST

**8-10 a.m. at the Lakeside
Pavilion OPEN TO THE
PUBLIC**



**\$10 adults & children age 12
and older / \$5 children age
5-11 / no charge for children
age 4 and younger
Cash or checks ONLY**

**Downtown
Clayton** **BLOCK PARTY
& CRUISE-IN**
**AUGUST 10
4-8 PM**



Car Show | Food Trucks | Music

**2024 POA Directories
are Available**

Contact Grace Guess
at
**guess_grace@hotmail.
com**

POA Members Only

**SKY VALLEY
FALL
FESTIVAL**

Saturday, October 19, 2024

10 AM - 4 PM

**ARTS & CRAFTS, CAR SHOW, HAY BALE TRAIL,
HAY RIDE, DOG COSTUME CONTEST, LIVE MUSIC
FOOD TRUCKS & MORE**



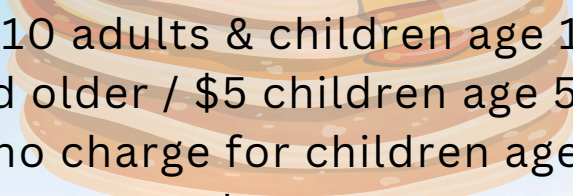
**Arts & Crafts
Car Show
Food Trucks
Children's
Activities**

Announcements & Events



Saturday, October 26
POA Going Away Party
6:00 p.m. at the Clubhouse
\$30 for members
\$45 for guests
Cash or Check only
Email Grace Guess for
reservations at
guess_grace@hotmail.com
Blue Jazz will perform
Cash Bar Available

Saturday, October 5
SVPOA PANCAKE BREAKFAST
8-10 a.m. at the Lakeside
Pavilion OPEN TO THE PUBLIC



\$10 adults & children age 12
and older / \$5 children age 5-11
/ no charge for children age 4
and younger
Cash or checks ONLY

**SEE YOU
SOON**

Announcements & Events

HELP US WISH
CHIEF ESTES
THE VERY BEST!



*Stop by City Hall
and let Chief of
Police, Vaughn
Estes, know how
much he will be
missed by our
community.*

JULY 26, 2024

2:00 PM

SKY VALLEY CITY HALL

CAKE & REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED.



You are invited!



Independence Day

SKY VALLEY STYLE



Independence Day

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Independence Day
SKY VALLEY STYLE

Sky Valley Golf



- Fresh air
- Cool temperatures
- Scenic, first class golf experience

Sky Valley Golf

Discover the semi-private Sky Valley course, a year-round haven for golf enthusiasts of all levels. Whether you're planning a tee-time, group outing, or tournament, this 18-hole championship course promises an unforgettable experience. With its breathtaking views and challenging holes set amidst pristine bent grass greens, fairways, and tees, it's a must-visit destination.



Sky Valley's golf legacy dates back over 40 years, rooted in the original vision of course architect Bill Watts. Taking advantage of the valley's natural contours, Watts crafted a timeless layout that remains the highest course in Georgia. Its elevation ensures cooler temperatures, making it a refreshing escape during the summer months.

In 2007, the course underwent a significant renovation led by renowned designer Bill Bergin. Bergin's expertise transformed Sky Valley into a championship-caliber course, marked by lush textures and strategic enhancements. By leveraging previously unused land parcels, he expanded the course by 500 yards to its current length of over 6,900 yards, accommodating players of all skill levels with five sets of tees.

Sky Valley Golf

The Sky Valley Country Club boasts a comprehensive golf learning center, complete with a practice range and expansive putting green. PGA Professional and Golf Manager Mark Carlson offers personalized instruction tailored to individual, group, and tournament needs.

Additionally, our Food and Beverage Director curates a diverse menu, ranging from casual fare to exquisite cuisine and signature cocktails, ensuring a memorable experience for you and your guests.



- Par – 36-36-72
- Elevation – 3500 feet
- Course Architect – Bill Watts
- Redesign by Bill Bergin in 2007
- Play – Semi-Private, open for members, guests & the general public
- Facility Hours – Year round weather permitting, 7 days a week
- Grass – Bent grass from tee to green
- Course Record – 61 by James Mason, Sky Valley resident, Member of Senior PGA Tour
- Practice Facility – Complete practice facility with driving range, target greens, grass, all weather tees, putting and chipping greens. Lessons via utilizing “state of the art Full Swing Golf Simulator”.

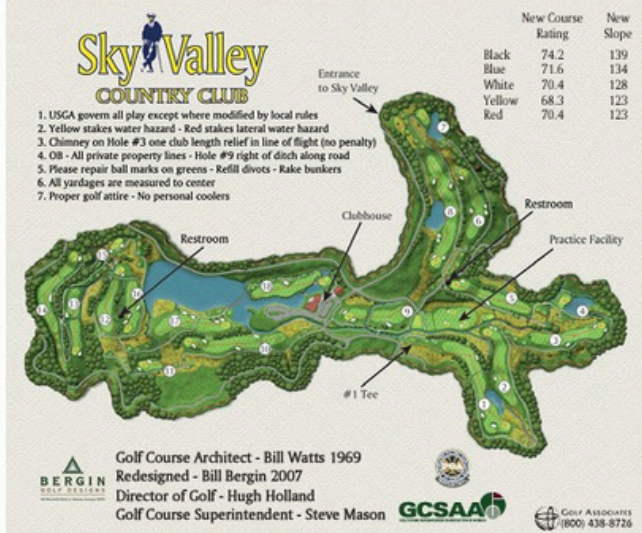
Sky Valley Golf

10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	IN	TOT	HCP	NET
541	178	388	422	500	143	334	412	437	3355	6961		
472	162	371	350	455	130	310	390	390	3030	6370		
467	162	372	343	436	130	310	370	366	2956	6116		
6	14	10	2	8	18	16	12	4				
5	3	4	4	5	3	4	4	4	36	72		
433	135	331	319	386	105	281	326	265	2581	5379		
407	120	235	287	371	97	223	316	262	2318	4817		
342	115	230	216	286	92	148	260	225	1914	3811		



HOLE	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	OUT
BLACK	74.2/139	553	445	376	166	455	386	204	597	424 3606
BLUE	71.6/134	515	417	352	142	424	360	175	571	384 3340
WHITE	70.4/128	464	389	325	142	416	360	155	553	356 3160
HANDICAP	3	5	13	17	1	9	11	7	15	
PAR	5	4	4	3	4	4	3	5	4	36
±/-										
YELLOW	68.3/123	421	359	317	119	342	330	125	468	317 2798
RED	70.4/123	333	354	289	96	314	298	106	392	317 2499
GREEN		286	242	205	91	252	213	101	305	202 1897

DATE: _____
 SCORER: _____
 ATTEST: _____



“Sky Valley is like ‘heaven on earth’ and in its own category.” said Doug Hollandsworth, founder of *Georgia Golf Trail*. He continued to say, “Georgia is lucky to have such an outstanding destination for golfers and those who are true outdoor recreation enthusiasts in our state and for those visiting from the nearby surrounding states.”

6 Surprising Tips for Living a Longer Life

Taken from Better Report Magazine

Some common advice for living a longer life is sound yet obvious: eat fruits and veggies, stay active, get enough sleep, prioritize your mental health, etc. But what if we told you there are other things to focus on that aren't as obvious? What about playing cards, learning ballroom dancing, eating chili peppers, and reading novels? These doctor-approved secrets to longevity are sure to surprise you.



1) Make New Friends

Medical researchers say “the more, the merrier” regarding friendships, as social connections benefit our mental and physical health. Studies show having solid relationships can significantly increase longevity, regardless of age, gender, and health status. “Our relationships form a lattice of support that constitutes the largest single factor in the overall well-being of most people,” says Stanford research scholar Steven Crane.

6 Surprising Tips for Living a Longer Life

2) Play More Games

You're never too old to play! Brain teasers, crosswords, trivia games, and puzzles stimulate cognitive function, improving attention, memory, response time, and logical reasoning. These activities are especially beneficial for older adults, as maintaining cognitive function is a predictor of health and longevity. Playing games with friends and loved ones has the added benefit of providing a social connection that, as we know, can improve your overall health.



3) Spice Things Up

According to research by the American Heart Association, eating chili peppers is associated with lower instances of cancer and cardiovascular disease. One reason may be that chili peppers have anti-inflammatory and antioxidant properties thanks to capsaicin, the chemical that makes them spicy.



6 Surprising Tips for Living a Longer Life

4) Read More Books

A study published by Yale University revealed that bookworms live two years longer than people who don't read. Researchers separated participants over 50 into three groups: non-readers, those who read three-and-half hours a week or less, and those who read three-and-half hours or more each week. After tracking them for 12 years, they found that the group who read more than three-and-half hours weekly lived 23 months longer than those who didn't read at all, regardless of gender, wealth, education, or health.



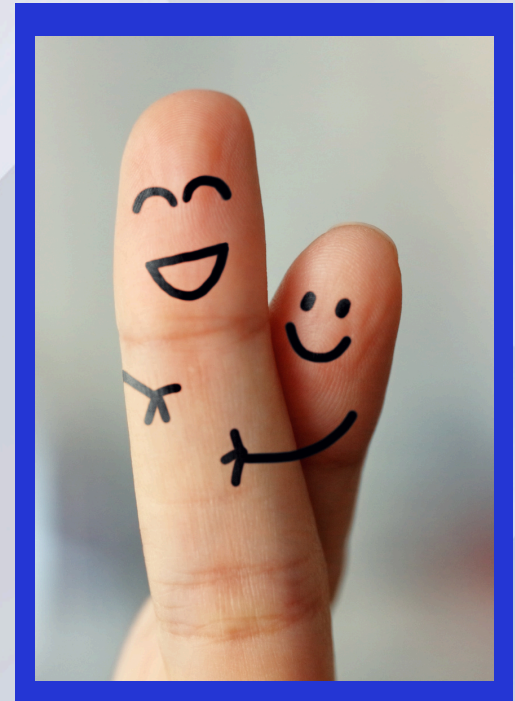
5) Spend Time With Your Pets

A study by the American Heart Association revealed that owning a pet reduces mortality rates by 24% on average due to a list of health benefits, including lower blood pressure and improved mental health. This applies to any kind of pet. Additionally, tending to animals outdoors, such as walking a dog or riding a horse, has the added health benefit of exercise.

6 Surprising Tips for Living a Longer Life

6) Forgive and Forget

“There is an enormous physical burden to being hurt and disappointed,” explains Dr. Karen Swartz from Johns Hopkins. It can also lead to chronic anger, which increases the risk of diabetes, heart disease, and depression. Forgiving and letting go of negative feelings can reverse those health issues. Feeling less angry also helps you sleep more soundly, which is key to your physical and mental health.



A Johns Hopkins-led study of 6,200 men and women over eight years found that those who adopted four smart behaviors reduced the chance of death from all causes within that time frame by an astounding 80 percent.

How to live longer? Here are those four factors, all within your control.

- 1. Don't smoke. Smoking affects coronary arteries and lungs, and smokers also have increased rates of cancer and risk of stroke.**
- 2. Maintain a healthy weight.**
- 3. Make healthy food choices.**
- 4. Get up and move!**



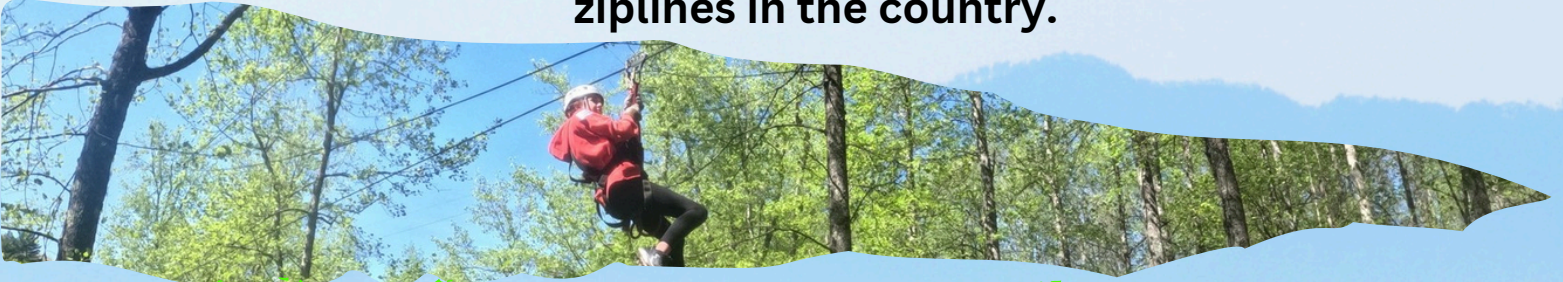
Highlands Aerial Park
9625 Dillard Rd
Scaly Mountain, NC 28775



Highlands
AERIAL PARK

Sightseeing, Meet Adventure

Get ready for a thrilling adventure combined with breathtaking scenic views. Our canopy tour takes you through 95 acres of stunning North Carolina scenery, offering epic vistas as you ride some of the best ziplines in the country.



Full Mountaintop Zipline Tour

- 8 thrilling ziplines
- Ziplines up to 250' high & 1,550' long
- 1.5 to 2 hours of fun
- The best views of Highlands
- 17 unique aerial elements
- 2 super fun, experienced guides



Half Mountaintop Zipline Tour

- The first 4 lines of course
- Ziplines up to 45' high & 400' long
- 1 hr (avg)
- Beautiful views of Highlands
- 9 fun aerial elements
- 2 super fun, experienced guides



A Rainforest Zipline & Ropes Course Built for Little Adventurers

Experience an exhilarating journey from tree to tree in this challenge course nestled in the woods of High Holly Mountain. Designed for nearly all ages (primarily for ages 4-10 and their families), Zippy's Tree Top Adventure includes two ziplines and seven challenge elements that will test your group's skills in the great outdoors. Who will coast across the suspension bridge? Who will conquer the balance beam? Claim your Zippy's Tree Top Adventure bragging rights!



A Scenic Meandering Through Rich Beauty & History

Fully guided passive (guides drive) 60-90 minute UTV trail ride over the 95-acre forested property. Included are Upper Middle Creek Falls, a beautiful scenic overlook looking towards the Appalachian Trail and Albert Mountain Fire Tower, (both perfect sites for photos), a historical briefing of the area, and seasonal botanical side trips. This will be a fun attraction for all ages. Especially for all those who have opted out or otherwise are not able to participate in height activities.

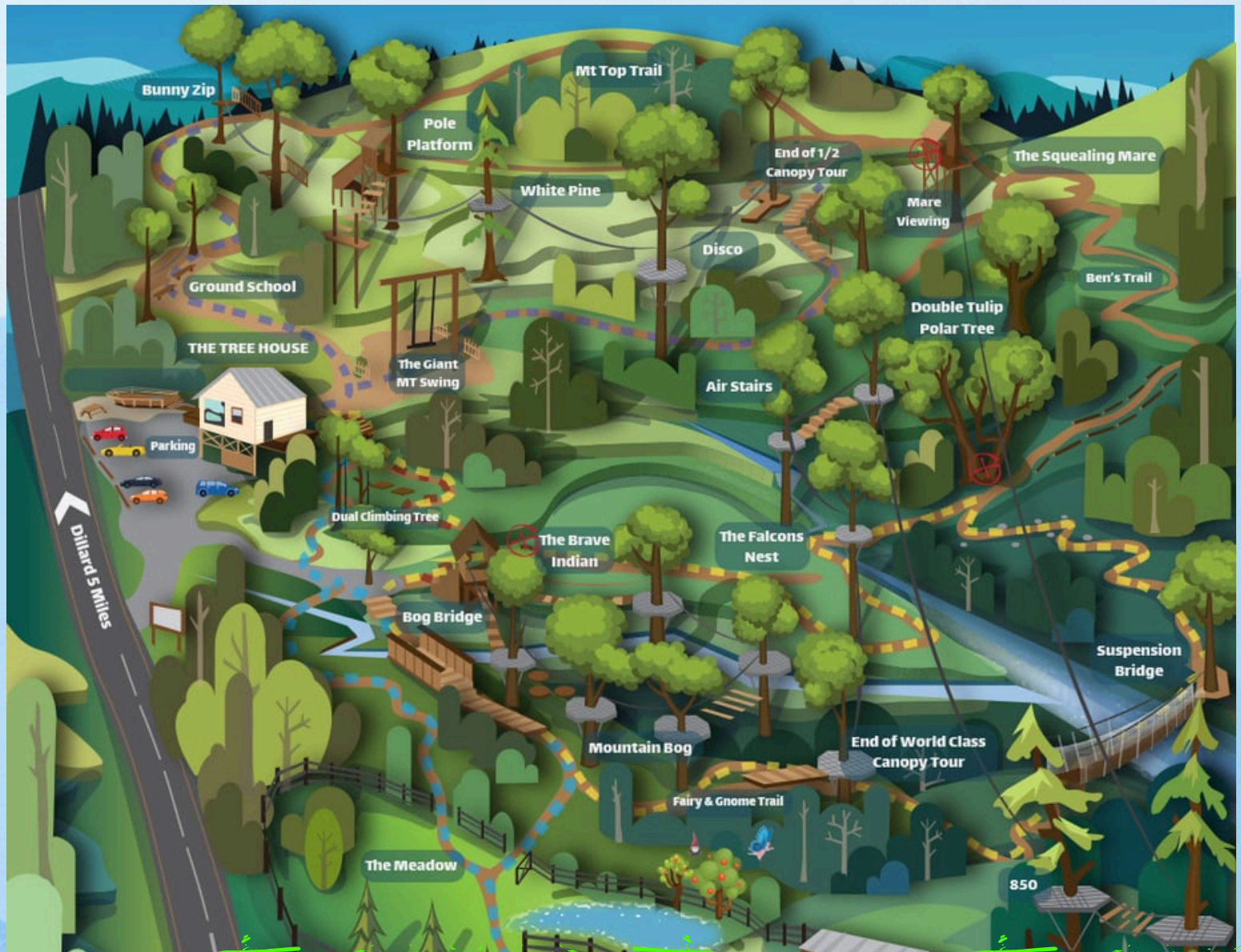


Giant Swing

It's like your backyard swing on steroids. Nestled among towering pines, our triple-seater swing suspends one to three brave adventurers high in the treetops, delivering a thrill reminiscent of your first playground experience. We lift you four stories high, then one member of your trio pulls the ripcord—sending you into an exhilarating 80-foot arc through the trees.



95 Acres of Fun



Highlands Aerial Park has something for everyone. Whether you're an adventure enthusiast, nature lover, or thrill seeker, make plans to visit this exciting destination soon!

- **Giant Mountain Swing**--A thrilling 4-story giant swing.
- **Dual Tree Climb**--Race a friend up our 40 foot tree climb.
- **Scenic UTV Tour**--Fully guided 1-1/2 hour UTV trail ride over the 95-acre forested property.
- **Hidden Falls Nature Trails**--Free walking trails to one of Highland's most stunning waterfalls.

Do you know the signs of Alzheimer's?

Forgetfulness is a normal part of aging. It might be misplacing your keys or not remembering someone's name. Memory loss is common for older adults.



Is it Memory Loss or Alzheimer's?

There are some differences between typical memory loss and early signs of Alzheimer's disease.

Some early signs of Alzheimer's include:

- finding it hard to remember things
- asking the same questions over and over
- having trouble with simple math problems or paying bills
- getting lost
- losing items or putting them in odd places

Most people forget things now and then, see your Primary Care Provider if you get these symptoms on a regular basis.

Alzheimer's	Normal Aging
makes poor decisions often	makes poor decisions occasionally
difficulty handling monthly bills	forgets to pay a bill occasionally
loses track of the day or time	forgets which day it is, but remembers later
trouble holding a conversation	sometimes forgets which word to use
frequently loses items or puts them in odd locations	loses items from time to time

A Few Tips to Improve Memory

If you're having trouble with your memory, consider these activities:

Take a walk.

Aim for 30 minutes a day. Physical activity improves blood flow to the brain.



Get social.

Get off your phone and out into the world. Make time to be with other people.

Acquire a new skill or hobby.

Tackle a Sudoku or crossword puzzle, go dancing or join a book club.



Reduce stress.

Stress produces a hormone called cortisol, linked to short-term memory loss in older adults. Try yoga, join a community or get active to reduce your stress!

Memory Loss Isn't Always Alzheimer's

A variety of things can cause problems with memory. Medication side effects, vitamin B12 deficiency, tumors, infections and blood clots in the brain are just some of them.

If you're concerned about memory loss, reach out to your primary care provider. A good place to start is your annual wellness exam.



Fun for All on the River

Adventures for All

Whether you're an amateur or expert paddler, we have an excursion to suit your skill level and excitement preferences. Our guides are masters at moderating the adventure so everyone can enjoy the scenic ride at their own pace.

Memories to Treasure

Share the thrills of rafting down the Chattooga River's rapids with your near and dear. When you hop aboard, you will be creating priceless moments that will last for years to come.

Southeastern Expeditions

When you raft with Southeastern Expeditions, there is one thing that is guaranteed for sure – an unforgettable day out. So, Pack your bags, gather your friends, and get ready to make beautiful memories on the water.

Contact Us:

Phone:

1-800-868-7238

Address:

7350 Highway 76 East
Clayton, Ga 30525

Website:

southeasternexpeditions.com



Outdoor Adventures in the North Georgia Mountains

Join one of our Local Guides on an Outdoor Adventure in the US National Forest - Beginners to experienced outdoor adventure seekers welcomed.



**Experienced Guides
take you on Fully
Outfitted Fly Fishing
Trips on Mountain
Streams including The
Wild & Scenic
Chattooga River.**

AUTHENTIC OUTDOOR EXPERIENCES

**Shady Creek Expeditions offers Outdoor Adventures
in the Northeast Georgia Mountains near Clayton –
FLY FISHING TRIPS, BOTANICAL IDENTIFICATION
HIKES, FOREST TO TABLE WILDCRAFT DINNERS,
WATERFALL HIKES & WEEKEND BACKPACKING TRIPS
for individuals, families & groups.**



**With access to private mountain
properties, miles of hiking trails,
and over 15 fly fishing streams,
including the Chattooga River, our
expert local Guides can set up the
perfect experience for you. Contact
us at 678-986-5167 or
www.shadycreekexpeditions.com.
Visit our Outfitter and Guide Shop
at 56 N Main Street in Downtown
Clayton, GA for fly fishing gear,
specialty knives and axes, lifestyle
apparel for men & women, and
quality gifts & goods.**



Interesting Facts about Older Adults

Taken from Seniors Bluebook



Getting older is an inevitable part of life. It's something that we all must face, and although it has its challenges, it also has its perks. Here are some interesting facts about getting older:

Your brain is getting sharper. Contrary to popular belief, your ability to learn, process information, and think critically actually improves with age.

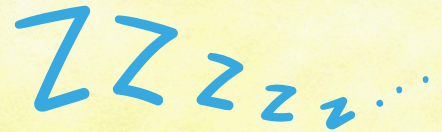


Your taste buds change. Your taste buds become less sensitive as you age, which can actually make certain foods taste better.



You're more resilient than you think. Studies have shown that older people are often more adept at dealing with stress and handling challenge.

You may need less sleep. As you age, you may find that you need less sleep to feel rested, which can free up more time for other activities.



You're wiser. With age comes wisdom, which can help you navigate life's ups and downs with greater ease.



Our sweat glands shrink we age, so there's less sweating and less need to manage body odor, at least under our arms. The sweat glands react less to heat as we get older, too.



No Bake Lemon Blueberry Dessert

By Sweet Ordeal



Ingredients

- 3 cups graham cracker crumbs
- 3/4 cup butter, melted
- 2 - 8 oz. pkg. cream cheese, room temperature
- 1 cup granulated sugar
- 1/3 cup lemon juice
- 1 cup 2% milk
- 3.4 oz. box instant lemon pudding
- 21 oz. can blueberry pie filling
- 16 oz. tubs frozen whipped topping, thawed



Instructions

1. Mix graham cracker crumbs with butter. Set aside 1/2 cup for optional topping. Press crumbs in bottom of a 13 x 9 dish, and let crust set up in the frig while you work on the next layer.
2. In a large bowl, beat mix cream cheese and sugar until light and fluffy. Add the lemon juice and milk, mix thoroughly. Add dry pudding last, beat until thoroughly mixed. Batter will be thick. Drop by dollops onto the crust and spread gently into an even layer.
3. Drop pie filling on top of lemon layer by spoonfuls to reduce having to spread it. Gently spread into an even layer.
4. Top with frozen whipped topping layer and optional reserved graham cracker crumbs.
5. Allow dessert to set up in refrigerator for at least 2 hours. Keep refrigerated and enjoy!



TO THE SKY VALLEY TEAM

If you've called or visited Sky Valley City Hall within the last month, you've probably met our new Deputy Clerk, Summer Murphy. She brings a warm smile, a wealth of experience, and a deep love for our community to her new role.



Summer is married to her high school sweetheart, Robert Murphy. They have two children: Lainee, 15, and Ryder, 9. Originally from Lawrenceville, Georgia, Summer and Robert moved to Clayton in 2007, where they built their home. Their careers took them to Tennessee and Florida, but they returned to Rabun County about eight years ago, drawn back by the charm and community spirit of the area.

Summer's professional background is diverse. She has experience as a bank teller and worked at Northeast Georgia Heating and Air. She considers herself "blessed with this position" at Sky Valley City Hall, where she can now apply her skills and dedication to serving our community.

Beyond her professional life, Summer has a passion for all things art-related. She also enjoys hiking and camping with her family, making the most of the beautiful natural surroundings that our area has to offer.

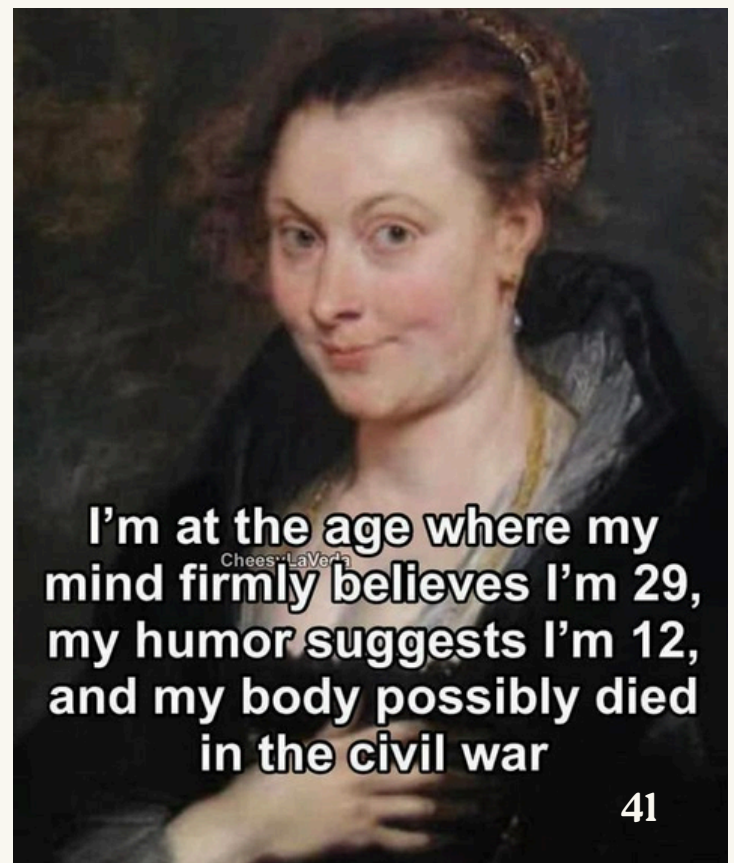
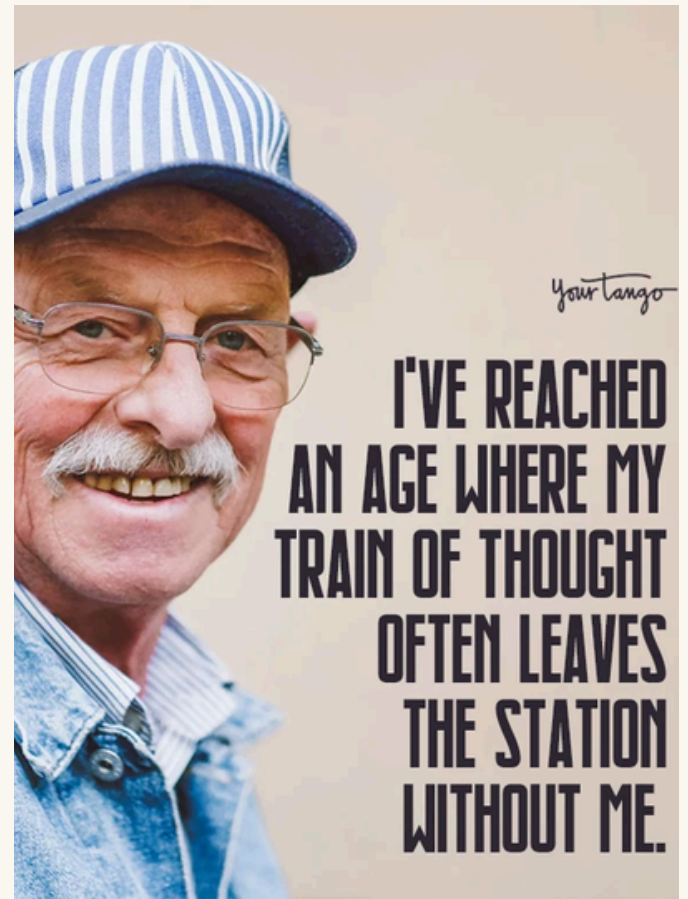
We are thrilled to have Summer as part of our team at City Hall. Her enthusiasm, experience, and commitment to the community are already making a positive impact.

Please come by and meet Summer—you'll find her ready to assist you with a friendly and welcoming demeanor.

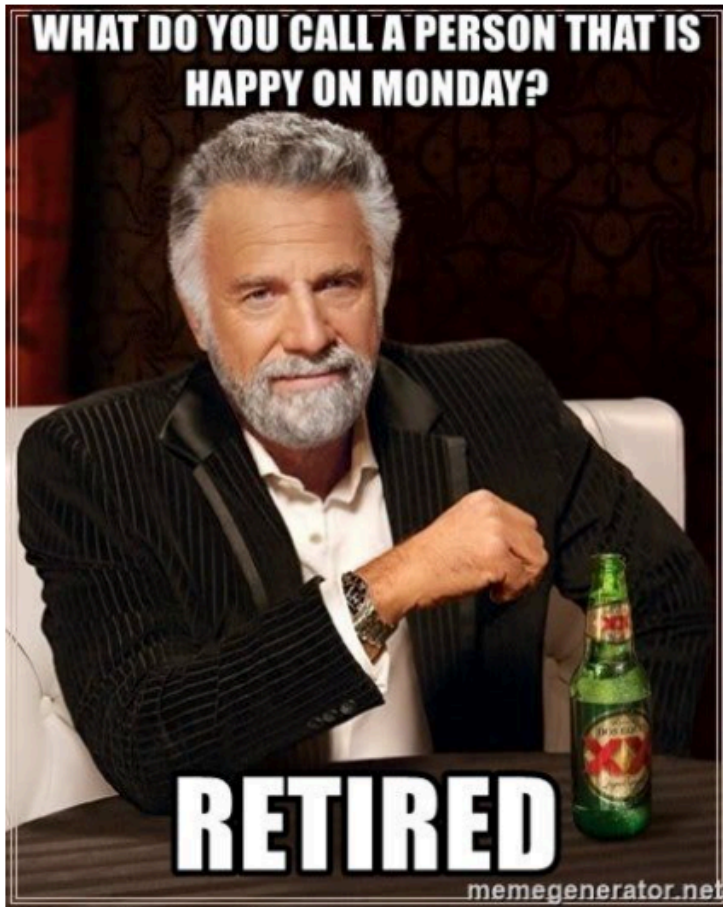
Welcome, Summer! We are happy to have you with us.



Just for Fun...



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“One of the shortest wills ever written: ‘Being of sound mind, I spent all the money.’ — Arthur Bland”

