

Notes from Camp

July 2008

Historic Preservation Meeting with Volusia County

The Historic Preservation Committee invites you to attend a meeting on July 9, 2008, at the Andrew Jackson Davis Building at 5:30 P.M., concerning the Camps historic protection with Volusia County.

Julie Adams Scofield, AICP, Historic Preservation Officer with Volusia County will be present to answer any questions and address any concerns that you may have regarding this endeavor, therefore, enabling us to move forward with protection for Cassadaga.

The Preservation Committee feels that it is time for us to make a decision as we have learned recently of the paving of Mantanza Road which connects to Cassadaga Road. Development and encroachment is becoming very real since being listed on the endangered list by the County on November 2007.

Please mark your calendars and plan to attend this very important and beneficial meeting.

Mini-Readings Throughout the Summer

Mini-readings will continue throughout the summer on the first and third Mondays of the month. If you would like to participate please call the office and let us know. This is a great opportunity to introduce the public to Camp services and to meet new clients who attend these events.

Extreme Dry Weather, Hurricane Season, Lack of Fire Hydrants, Government Budget Cuts

Yep, you get the good news up front. This is to remind you that, as you have known all along, when it comes to emergency services; - Cassadaga is on its own. However, you do have time to plan a bit. If you needed to leave town right this minute . . . what would you take, how would you get there, where would you go? Please take a few moments to seriously consider, if you realized that you had a very limited amount of time to leave the area, how you would answer those questions. There are emergency preparation information packets available at many supermarkets. If you need help, NOW is the time to arrange it. Please call the office if you need additional assistance .

Phone Tree

The Camp recently purchased a Phone Tree system that automatically sends recorded phone messages. The program will send emergency information, event reminders, and messages to phone numbers in the system. The system is being installed. There will be Camp members trained to remotely access the system in case of weekend or evening emergencies.

Stray Animals

Volusia County policy for roaming animals will be enforced in the Camp. Recently there have been many animals dropped off in the area. To prevent future problems of feral cats, and dogs in packs, etc., Volusia County Animal Services will be called to patrol the area for animals without collars. All animals will be taken to the pound. Pet owners are responsible for their pets. All pets should have shots and tags. There is currently low cost spay/neuter bus that visits throughout the County.

2009 Annual Program and Activities

Advertising is still being accepted for the Annual Program but deadlines are quickly approaching. Please contact the office for availability.

Activities bring in new people to the Camp. People who join the church, take tours, attend seminars, purchase items in the bookstore, volunteer. Share your knowledge with our visitors. Invite others you know to hold an event in the Camp. There are many locations to hold an event, inside and outside areas are available. Lets expand our outreach to people in the surrounding communities and watch us grow!

Information from Board of Trustee meetings held the second and fourth Mondays of the month.

New Statues in the Parks

Recently three statues were purchased for the parks. Perhaps you have noticed them. St. Francis in Blackhawk Park, Christ with outstretched arms is in the Harry Fogel Park, Mother Mary is located in Seneca Park. The statues were purchased for \$200 from the Lilla estate. These were paid for with private funds. If you would like to help with the cost please send a donation to the Camp office and note that it is for the statues.

It is hoped they will remind everyone that we are surrounded with sacred space. If you would like to donate another statue please let the office know.

Davis Building Beautification

The Camp has recently been improving the front of and the Cassadaga road side of the Bookstore. Potted flowering plants have been added to the Cassadaga Road area to make the area eye-catching and more inviting. A landscape timber and mulch walkway now runs along side the building . This will help to slow the erosion in that area as well. A new sign was painted and donated by Irma Wilkes. Irma is currently working on a sandwich board style sign to go in front of the building. The building and all the front benches have had a fresh coat of paint applied. Additional seating has made the street side areas a bit more inviting for visitors waiting on others having readings. A food vendor has been approved for the summer and will be in front of Eloise Page Park to make refreshments readily available.