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RIPPLES - Happenings At Runaway Bay

Hello-

Six months have passed since our last issue of Ripples. Spring has given way to summer and the arrival of football season presages the beginning of fall. Speaking of beginnings, we want to start with our sincere thanks for your excellent responses to our questionnaire. Your response rate far exceeded the norm for such efforts.

As we promised, this issue (number three) will review your responses and apprise you of what we are doing to address your concerns. As we noted in our last issue, our effort to promote the growth and preserve the character of our community demands commitment over time. Achieving all of our goals may well take three to five years. So, we have much work to do.

Virtually every response to our questionnaire urged that we do

more to publicize Runaway Bay. We heard you. Working together with officials from Campbell County, Pittsylvania County and soon to be joined by officials from Bedford County, representatives from the Leesville Lake Association and the sixteen communities on the lake have begun to identify steps that will attract new residents, promote tourism and improve property values. A key effort will be expansion of broadband coverage of the Leesville Lake area. If you have not already done so, we urge you to log onto RUOnline.virginia.gov or call (877) 969-6685, identify yourself as a resident or property owner at Runaway Bay and answer a few questions.

We are all concerned about property values and your responses reflected that fact. In late May a group of Runaway Bay residents and several local realtors reached out to realtors across that area to attend a gathering at the Runaway Bay

Pavilion. The turnout was excellent. The meeting was followed by a tour of houses that are for sale here as well as a driving tour to give realtors an appreciation for the beauty of the Runaway Bay area. This visit has been followed up by several realtors who have brought potential buyers to our community. In addition, realtors have been active participants in the publicity effort described in the preceding paragraph.

Several respondents expressed concern about the remoteness of Runaway Bay with regard to medical facilities. Recent evaluations by our government as well as independent authorities have ranked hospitals and medical facilities in the area among the best in the country. Closer to home Runaway Bay residents, working together with Emergency Medical Services have ensured that Runaway Bay roads and residences are well known to EMS personnel. Helicopter landing sites in Runaway Bay have been established and approved by EMS and County officials.

Beginning in July our "Curb Appeal" effort got underway. This long term effort is aimed at significantly improving the first impressions of both casual visitors and potential buyers. As we are sure you can appreciate, cost is always a factor in such efforts and we are very mindful of this factor. That said, while pace and scope may be resource constrained, this effort is very much a part of our current plan.

Some of you have expressed interest in building a home here in the near future. While the Architectural and Community Standards Handbook is available online at runawaybayhoa.org we recognize that the prospect of building a home in an unfamiliar area can be daunting. If you are considering building a home here, please contact us at hoaboard@runawaybayhoa.org and we can put you in touch with someone who can help guide you through the process. We also suggest you check out our website to see the new information that has been added concerning reputable service providers in the area.

**You can also fax us at (434) 309-1747
or contact us by mail at:**

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**If there is a subject we have not
addressed, please contact us using
the contact information above. If
you are a property owner visiting the
area and wish to stop by to ask a few
questions of a resident, let us know
and we will identify someone who
can help you.**