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RIPPLES - Happenings At Runaway Bay

Hello

This is the inaugural issue of our newsletter. From time to time as developments warrant this newsletter will inform property owners concerning matters that we believe are of interest. Going forward, we encourage you to let us know what you would like us to include in future issues of this newsletter. Information concerning how to reach us is provided at the end of this newsletter.

This first issue - **JUST THE FACTS** - is intended to give you a base line of information concerning Runaway Bay. Anything that we miss is entirely the fault of the author, who shall remain nameless to protect the guilty.

What is Runaway Bay?

This residential community consists of 299 lots encompassing 758 acres. 61 homes have been constructed since the community was developed more than 15 years ago. 31 homes are full time residences.

Originally the rolling hills of what is now Runaway Bay were mainly timber land. Now, this is a community of well sited homes connected by a network of hard surface roads maintained by the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT). There are no unsightly electrical or telephone wires to mar the landscape.

While **Runaway Bay** was not immune from the "Great Recession" of 2008, we have still witnessed the construction of eleven new homes since the end of 2008.

In short, this is a viable, growing community.

Life on the Lake

Leesville Lake is 17 miles long. The lake meets all of the Virginia water quality standards. No portion of the lake is "impaired". The environmental sciences department of Lynchburg College conducts the water monitoring program for the lake.

The Leesville Lake Association (LLA) (www.leesvillelake.org), a non-profit, member supported organization, is devoted to keeping the lake safe, clean and beautiful. LLA is actively engaged with American Electric Power and the Tri-county Lakes Administrative Commission to ensure that the interests of our community are well represented.

On many mornings residents of Runaway Bay can watch the sculls and shells of the Liberty University crew team working out, with their coxswains keeping the rowers in rhythm. The crew stages out of the Leesville Lake Marina which is located directly across the lake from Runaway Bay and offers a

variety of services for Runaway Bay boat owners.

Have we mentioned fishing? The Virginia state record striper was caught in Leesville Lake. Fishing tournaments are a regular feature of life on the lake.

Who are we?

We are an active, relaxed, kid friendly adult community. Our full-time and part-time residents actively participate in the economic, social and cultural life of the cities and counties around us.

We came from cities and states throughout the eastern and southeastern U.S. We have very diverse personal and professional backgrounds. We work hard and we play hard. We understand the pressures of high stress jobs and deadlines. But when we are here we do not take such things so seriously. Mostly, we value each other, support each other and respect each other.

You may arrive here as a stranger but, in short order, you become a friend.

What should you know about this area?

More than a half-million people live and work within a 60 mile radius of Runaway Bay. The region possesses virtually all of the facilities and amenities of a modern urban area.

What we do not have is the noise, traffic and pollution of many urban areas. The noise we hear consists mainly of geese flying overhead. Wild turkeys occasionally cross our roads. As for pollution, you only have to look up into the night sky to get your answer.

Schools, Colleges and Universities

Virginia takes pride in its schools. This region is no exception. Pre-school, elementary and secondary schools, public and private, are less than an hour away. Some of the finest colleges and universities in the country are within one to three hours drive. Your nest may be empty but your flock can come home to roost.

How to contact us:

We invite you to visit our web site (www.runawaybayhoa.org). In addition to finding a great deal of authoritative, useful information you will also find the e-mail addresses of our officers. We want to hear from. Be sure to send us any suggestions you may have for topics that you would like us to include in future issues of **RIPPLES**.

Finally

If you received this inaugural issue of **RIPPLES**, you are already a property owner, part time resident or fulltime resident of **Runaway Bay**. So relax, put your feet up and think about being here on a nice day (most of them are). Imagine taking a stroll down to the community gazebo. You see an American eagle fly by. You say to yourself you made the right call.