

...for the holiday concert scheduled by the group for the Cherokee Room on Dec. 8 and 9. Recently appointed leader of the organization Patty Evans brings a wealth of experience in choral conducting and arts administration. She served for 12 years as executive director of Choristers Guild, an international children's music publisher based in Garland, Texas, and for five years as the



Marshall Seymour and Patty Evans



The Connestee Chorale is shown presenting its Spring Concert titled, "Music, Music, Music"—last May 12 and 13 in the Cherokee Room; the Chorale is in rehearsal currently for the holiday program scheduled for Dec. 8 and 9, with Patty Evans, director.

executive director of the Fellowship of United Methodist Musicians. She also served for 18 years as music director of Lake City United Methodist Church in Lake City, S.C. While living in the Dallas area, she served on the music staff at Highland Park and the Northaven United Methodist Church. During the same years, she was on the administrative staff of Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University, serving as assistant in the master of sacred music program and associate dean of

community life for the seminary.

Born in Panama City, Florida, and raised in Georgetown, S.C., she is an alumna of Columbia College, Columbia, S.C. In addition to her life-long involvement in music, she enjoys gourmet cooking and handcrafts and has become a skilled jewelry maker. Patty has two daughters, three grandsons, her husband Bill Johnson, who tells us he is a "musician of sorts," and will sing with the Chorale.

Board Of Directors Accepts Environmental Stewardship Plan

The Environmental Stewardship Committee recently submitted the Environmental Stewardship Plan for Connestee Falls to the Board of Directors, and the Board has accepted it.

Many sections of the Plan deal with issues primarily of interest to Administration and the Board. In the interest of brevity, we have summarized below those sections of particular interest to the Board.

Plan Summary

The Plan has three major sections: (1) Environmental Issues, (2) Animal Issues and (3) Safety Issues. (In front of these sections, the document contains a general description of Connestee Falls and a brief description of the current environment.) Within the three major sections, the following topics of interest to residents are included.

Environmental Issues:

Architectural and Environmental Committee — A description of the committee's activities and process, and how that is productively shaping the Connestee Falls environment.

Community Appearance — A summary of how preservation of native trees and shrubs has kept Connestee Falls as a "natural wooded environment" by screening houses from wide open view. While some building sites are steep enough to require tall foundations, for the most part most houses are merged into the woods. Screening is essential to keep this appearance.

Lake Quality Management and Fishing — Our lakes continue to be in pristine condition. Due especially to careful controls on siltation and pollution, Fishing Club surveys of lake conditions show we have maintained very pure lakes.

Control of Biocides and Exotic Species — Recognition that we can all do our part by being very careful with pesticides and limited use of exotic plants.

Hiking Trails Location and Maintenance — A review of the locations and process for choosing locations, and of the maintenance of hiking trails in Connestee Falls.

Animal Issues:

Do Not Feed the Animals — An analysis of the reasons why both the animals and residents will benefit if people do not feed the wild animals.

Safety Issues:

Community Fire Safety Plan — A plan for increased precautions when dry conditions persist for two months or more. More will be published about this plan. The General Manager will invoke measures contained in the plan when very dry weather suggests the need for caution.

* The first level is "Alert — Level One;" residents comply with a "no-burning" order, clean up yard debris and review the Connestee Falls Evacuation Plan.

* The second level is "Activation — Level Two;" the General Manager may stop contractor use of heavy machinery and equipment.

Connestee Falls Evacuation Plan — This has already been published in the Connestee Falls Telephone Directory.

Household Fire Safety Suggestions — These were published in the *Connestee Falls News* in the April 2004 issue, and will be published again from time to time.

Fire Safety Issues Requiring A&EC Action — A suggestion of items for A&EC to consider which would tighten some appearance and fire safety issues. The A&EC has already adopted many of these suggestions in the current *Rules and Regulations*.

In all of these topics, the review by the Environmental Stewardship Committee concluded that we are doing things the right way. Connestee Falls is "what it is today" because the owners and the Administration work together to maintain the "wooded environment."

Actions

The areas of greatest day-to-day interest to residents and homeowners are the actions they should take. Each topic in the Plan has a list of actions by the constituencies relevant to that topic. We have extracted those actions from the topics.

With Respect to the Architectural & Environmental Committee

Owners apply for an A&EC permit for any action listed as needing one in the current Connestee Falls *Rules and Regulations*. Upon A&EC approval of the permit, owners are free to personally, or through a contractor, carry out the proposed actions listed in the permit.

Managing the Lake Berms

Lakeshore Homeowners

1. Refrain from building structures (steps, light posts, boat racks, walls, etc.) in the right-of-way that will impede the passage of machines needed to perform routine or emergency maintenance.

2. Must not plant trees and shrubs that will grow into the right-of-way space.

3. When walking on the berm, be on the alert for leaks in the sewer line and immediately report such leaks to Security at the Main Gate (885-2121) and Transylvania Utility (1-800-222-5291).

4. The homeowner is permitted to maintain the vegetation on their property between the level berm and the water's edge in accordance with the policy approved by the CPOA Board of Directors, Dec. 8, 2004. The policy in brief states that there shall be no trees over eight feet high and openings must be made in the vegetation to permit observation for sewer leaks.

Boating Public

1. People in boats have a particularly good vantage point to spot oil slicks or water entering the lake from leaking sewer lines.

If either is observed, immediately call the numbers above.

Lakes Quality Management & Fishing

Owners obtain Connestee Fishing licenses, and comply with relevant Connestee Falls *Rules and Regulations*.

Control Of Biocides And Exotic Species

Owners will design and install landscaping plantings (A&EC permit may be required), perform pest control chemical application or hire professionals to perform applications on their property. Owners may participate in committee activities to identify threatened plant species in Common Areas where the qualifications apply, but may not perform any plant removal or biocide application.

Do Not Feed Animals

Owners and renters will refrain from attracting and/or feeding any wild animals.

Community Fire Safety Recommendations

During Alert Level One: Residents comply with "no burning" order, clean up yard debris, review the evacuation plan and take other requested steps.

Connestee Falls Evacuation Plan

In the event an evacuation is implemented, all residents should follow recommendations covered in the Evacuation Plan.

Household Fire Safety Suggestions

Owners can improve fire safety at their premises by following the recommendations listed.

The Environmental Stewardship Committee will publish articles and flyers to inform residents about relevant aspects of the Environmental Stewardship Plan.



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