

Sky Valley Property Owners Association
Newsletter – July 6, 2021

Independence Day festivities

What a great Independence Day celebration we had this year!

The **SVPOA pancake breakfast** served 430 hungry folks. This is the biggest attendance ever; the next highest attendance was in 2015 with 358 attendees. Many thanks to coordinator Luke Fogarty for having adequate food...and to all the volunteers who set up, cooked, served, and cleaned after breakfast!

The **rubber duck race** had almost 200 entries in the creek across from the old lodge, with children, families, and friends cheering them on before the parade started. Thank you, Caroline Warren and friends, for managing this event.

The **Grand Parade** had 30 colorful entries in all shapes and sizes. Sky Valley Way was lined with spectators, and drones buzzed overhead taking photos and videos. Councilor Tony Allred announced entries as they passed the reviewing stand in front of the old lodge. A big “Thank You!” to everyone who participated...and to Mayor Hollie Steil for organizing one of the most enthusiastic parades Sky Valley has ever seen.

A **free hot dog lunch** at the City Pavilion was donated by the Timeshares, and cooked by Sky Valley-Scaly Mountain Fire Department volunteers. The firefighters also provided free rides on the big fire truck for kids and families. Thank you, Timeshares and firefighters.

The **Sid Weber BBQ** served some 400 dinners with proceeds going to help Rabun County cancer patients with non-medical expenses such as housing, gas, utilities, and groceries. Thank you to the volunteer servers and to all the residents and visitors who enjoyed BBQ and supported our larger community.

Fireworks over the lake capped a fun-filled day of celebration. Thank you to the City of Sky Valley for providing a spectacular show and for locking in fireworks for the next two years.

We hope to see you at upcoming SVPOA meetings:

3 PM in the Lakeside Room at the Sky Valley Country Club

- July 21 - State of the City report by Mayor Hollie Steil
- August 19 - Wander North Georgia (Thursday to accommodate Sid Weber Golf Tournament)
- September 15 - Mountain Lakes Medical Center update
- October 28 - Annual membership meeting

Sincerely,
Ed Steil, president