

THE RUPA RELAY

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P.O. Box 24318 St. Simons Island, GA 31522

SEPTEMBER 2008

ANNUAL TOWN HALL MEETING

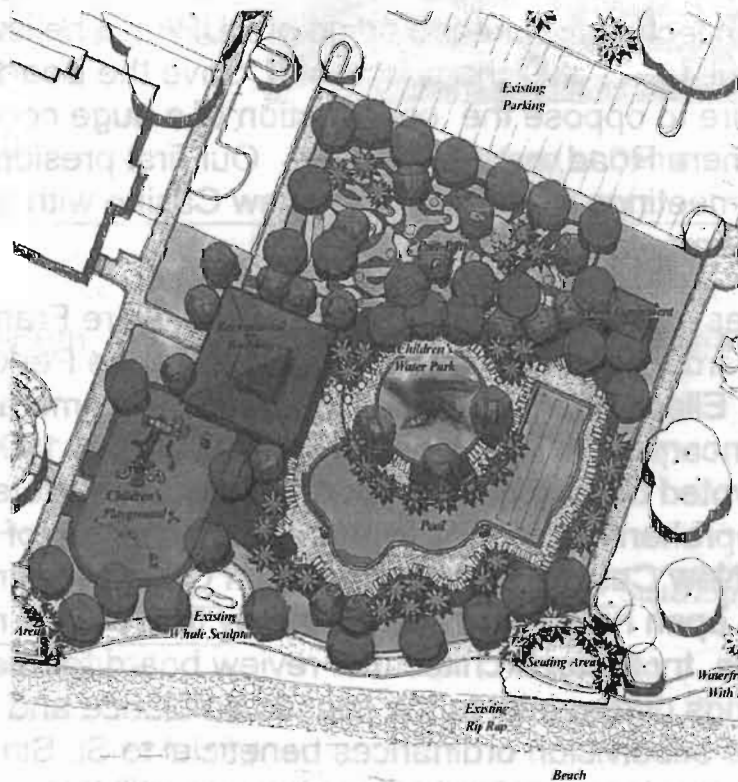
Tuesday, September 30

7:00 pm in room 108 Village Casino

Meet the District 2 Commissioner-To-Be
Tom Sublett

Learn About the Village Master Plan from
Robert Ussery

Snacks and soft drinks followed by Town Hall Meeting



Village Family Zone

Come to the annual Town Hall meeting and meet the District 2 Commissioner to be...

TOM SUBLETT.

And ask him about his views on issues which concern you. Also meet and hear...

ROBERT USSERY

Chairman of the Village Master Plan Project.

The Village Master Plan will revise Village ordinances. He can clarify how the ordinance will affect structures and how the ordinance changes will affect the Village.

The Village changes continue:

- ⇒ The Neptune Park pool is gone.
- ⇒ The playground and miniature golf course will be moved to the Family Zone.
- ⇒ A new pool with concession stand and bathhouse will be built.

What other changes are coming for the Village?



RUPA Recollections

Recollections about the origin of RUPA... I believe it was started about 1992, after the successful "Save the Beach" effort and the desire to oppose the construction of a huge condominium project on Demere Road, near the airport. Our first president was Jack

Caldwell. Our monthly meetings were held in the new Casino with speakers from local government and environmental agencies.

Many of the early names instrumental in the organization were Frank Quinby, Nancy Thomason, Victor Howard, Dick Wiederhorn, Lee Noel, Laurie Perkins, Ruthie Cobb, Bill Dismer, Laura Bell, Eileen Hutchison and Bob Burke, to name a few. The first big project was a drive to incorporate St. Simons. It was initiated in 1996 and was a very valiant effort, but was voted down by the county. Various other projects have been advancement of a comprehensive tree ordinance, establishment of our own Planning commission, save the New Casino, monitor the Glynn County Planning Commission, participate in the DNR open house, provide testimony to the DNR regarding undue invasion of the wetlands, try for an architectural review board for the Islands, and appeal various re-zonings detrimental to the Islands ambiance and charm and recommend changes to subdivision ordinances beneficial to St. Simons. All in all, the traditions started then have been maintained and we are still the "watch dog of the community"!

By Rusty Jensen, our second president.

Butterfly Garden in Demere Park

The Live Oaks Garden Club and the Glynn County Department of Recreation and Parks are teaming up to beautify Demere Park with the addition of a butterfly garden. The garden club and Friends of Demere Park approached Commissioner Uli Keller about adding a butterfly garden in the park earlier this year. This request happened to come at a time when the county was drawing up plans for renovating the park. Landscape architect Roger Steffens is designing the garden which will be located where the old firehouse stood for many years. The preparations for the garden will begin soon and planting will begin by the end of the year. In addition to beautifying the park, it is intended that the butterfly garden will serve as an educational tool for local schools.

The county has recently made some enhancements to the park and many more are planned. The play equipment has been refurbished and moved to a shady location under the oaks. New benches have also been added. Thanks goes out to Commissioner Keller and the county, the Live Oaks Garden Club, and Friends of Demere Park for their effort to preserve and beautify this important park.



Play Area at Demere Park

Remember to Vote!

Register by October 6th, Vote November 4th and be sure to have your Photo ID

MEMBERSHIP FORM

Name: _____

Address: _____

City _____ E-mail: _____ State/Zip _____

Phone: _____

Please check desired membership level.

Renewal

New Member

\$25 Basic

\$50 Sustaining

\$100 Patron

\$500 Benefactor

\$1000 Life Member

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The RUPA Board:

Chairman, Dennis Beacham, Nanette Blumenfeld, Dona Colglazier, Bill Gussman, Rem Johnston, Stan Kyker, Kitty Larkins, Ellen Leigh, Meredith Trawick and Ray Colglazier, Administrator.

Visit the County website www.glynncounty.org and the RUPA website

<http://rupa-ssi.org> to keep up on meetings and issues.

ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY

Join us for our Adopt-a-Highway pick up. The next date is in October.

**If you are interested, call and leave a message with our Administrator
at 638-3258 (Ray Colglazier)**

