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Fra Presidenten,

Our April Lodge event featured a spring buffet, tusen takk to everyone who attended and thank you to our visitors - I hope that you enjoyed the Lodge and will consider attending our next Lodge event - and hopefully join Sons of Norway.

Takk to Dee Bumpers who continued our ongoing book discussion series by presented Chapter 4 of "Between Rock and Hard Places", which discussed the Norwegian farms and farmers.

Syttende Mai is our next event and I hope that everyone will be able to join us on Sunday, May 21st in Maryville. This is one of most popular events and we encourage you to bring your Norwegian flags if you have them. This is a rain or shine event.

Takk to Linda and Francis Turmo who are hosting the Lodge at the pavilion at Asbury Place. This relaxing afternoon will celebrate Norway's Independence Day and, as in Norway, VOTS will have our own parade and picnic, along with members of the Trollkretsen Dancers!

A reminder that while the Lodge will be taking a break for the summer months, with no month Lodge events from June through August - members will still remain active with a variety of activities. The baking and cooking demonstrations will continue through the summer.

And, of course, we will pull out the "Viking Ship" and participate in the Farragut Independence Day Parade on July 4th!

Joleen



Make plans to join the Lodge members on
Sunday, May 21st to celebrate
Norwegian Constitution Day from
4pm - 6pm

This a a family friendly celebration - so bring
the whole gang to Asbury Place in Maryville
2648 Sevierville Road, Maryville, TN 37804

To assist with menu planning, please Rsvp to Linda Turmo at
(865) 233-7411 or email at turmolat@charter.net no later than
Friday, May 19th

The picnic menu will include hamburgers, hot dogs and buns,
baked beans and watermelon which will be provided by the
Lodge, however, feel free to bring an alternative meat to grill if
you prefer.

Lodge members are asked to a bring side dish such as potato
salad, chips/dip, coleslaw, or other picnic fare, fruit, or a
dessert. Beverages provided will include water, iced tea and
lemonade, but Lodge members may choose to to bring their
own!

Bring your Norwegian Flags, and join us in a short parade to
celebrate.

Driving Directions to Asbury Place in Maryville 2648 Sevierville Road, Maryville, TN 37804.

From Kingston Pike in Knoxville using the Mississippi Parkway
towards Maryville

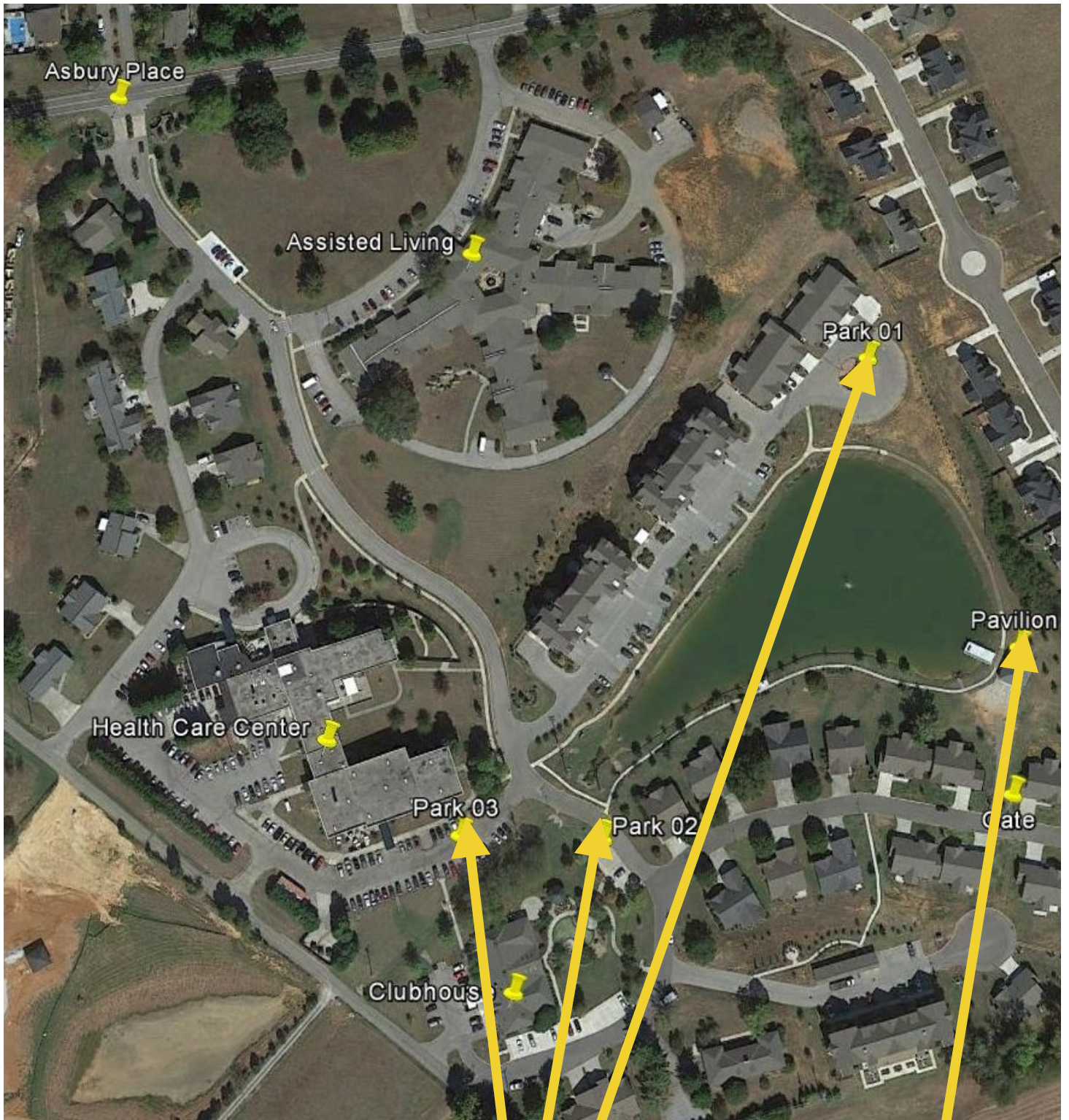
1. Mississippi Pkwy (I-140/TN 162)
2. Take exit 14; turn right East Broadway Ave (TN-33)
3. Turn left onto Brown School Rd
4. Turn right to stay on Brown School Rd
5. Turn left onto Sevierville Road
6. Turn right at entrance to Asbury Place; proceed to the stop sign
7. Continue down hill to second left, Wilder Chapel Lane 0.2 miles
(The first left is St. Clair Lane; Wilder Chapel is past the lake.)
8. Proceed to the entrance to the pavilion area 0.1 miles

The pavilion is at the east end of Lake St. Clair. There is a gate on Wilder Chapel Lane that leads to the pavilion. The gate should be open. There are only three spots to park vehicles next to the pavilion. These spots should be used for handicapped or for unloading supplies.

Parking

1. St. Clair Lane. There are parking places all along St. Clair Lane. The spots closest to the pavilion are farthest in on the circle. It's a short walk around the east end of the lake to the pavilion from here.
2. This area is close to the Clubhouse. From here, walk to the pavilion using the sidewalk on the south side of the lake.
3. This spot is near the Health Care Center. From here, walk to the pavilion using the sidewalk on the south side of the lake.

Map of Asbury Place



Parking

Pavilion

From the Treasurer

Our net income for April 2017 was, \$4.07 compared to again of \$218 last for April 2016 (due to rescheduling of the Taste of Scandinavia)

The sources of income were \$88 (45%) for membership dues, \$44 (22%) for the January pizza party, \$40 for the Children's Museum International Festival (20%), \$20 (10%) for the SON Culinary Skills demonstration and \$4 from the December juletreffest (2.0%). The Total fiscal year expenses were \$191. The expenses were \$167 (87%) for accrual of the 2018 biannual District 5 Convention and \$25 (13%) for the February chili bake off gift card.

Our financial status is still very good. There are no major expenses or income expected in the near future.

Respectfully submitted,
Trygve Myhre

Norwegian Constitution Day is the official National Day of Norway, celebrated on the 17th of May. Among Norwegians, the day is referred to simply as "Syttende Mai" (17th of May) or Grunnlovsdagen (The Constitution Day)

A noteworthy aspect of Norwegian Constitution Day is its very non-military nature. All over Norway, children parade with an abundance of flags. Each elementary school district arranges its own parade with marching bands between schools. The parade takes the children through the community, often making stops at homes of senior citizens, war memorials, etc.

The longest parade is in Oslo, where some 100,000 people travel to participate in the festivities. The Oslo parade includes close to 100 schools, marching bands, and passes by the Royal Palace, where the Royal Family greet the people from the main balcony.

Friday night is “taco night” in Norway

Many Norwegians start off each weekend with a taco, also known as the fredagstaco



When it comes to Friday’s dinner plans, Norwegians seem to have one thing on their minds: tacos! The younger generations in Norway have coined the term “fredagstaco” to describe the cultural phenomenon of starting the weekend off with a serving—or two—of tacos.

And participation in fredagstaco seems to be on the rise. Up to one million Norwegians are enjoying their Mexican fare on any given Friday this year, according to side2.no.

You might be thinking, why tacos? The flavorful Mexican dish seems a far cry from meat and boiled potatoes. It is easy, quick, and something the whole family likes. Each family member can put whatever they like in their taco and steer clear of what they don’t like. It is a social dish because one sits at the table longer and makes their own food,” explains Trond Svendgård, chef at Flying Culinary Circus and author of “Taco på uno, dos, tres.”

Many Norwegians are content to stick with the tried-and-true taco each weekend, but the current trend is an emphasis on innovative and nutritious creations.

Just by searching #fredagstaco on Instagram, you’ll find over a thousand posts depicting countless versions of the Norwegian taco.

Norway Flag Facts

Red with a blue cross outlined in white that extends to the edges of the flag; the vertical part of the cross is shifted to the hoist side in the style of the Dannebrog (Danish flag);

The colors recall Norway's past political unions with Denmark (red and white) and Sweden (blue).

