



# Village Voice



June, 2017

## Farewell, But Not Goodbye

It's over! The era of Robyn the Rec. Director has passed and now we are in the era of Debbie the Director. I do believe you are in very good hands, certainly younger and steadier ones.

I reflect on my time here with this wonderful community of Spanish Lakes Country Club Village. The country club part of the name has raised questions and concerns with phone calls from people outside of SLCCV wanting to book the golf course or the auditorium, but the Village part of the name is so very apt. This is a village and it takes a village to make all the good things happen. We may have the facilities but it is the people who make the living here what it is. I firmly believe that the enjoyment that comes from participating in activities here has lengthened the span of many residents. We have more 90-year-old residents kicking up their heels, (literally and figuratively) than should be possible.

The recreation workers who have been with me over the years all had strengths that I used that made my job easier and I thank them for that. Some have passed away, some are retired and some are still working. Without reliable, friendly coworkers this job could have been more difficult. Hiring workers from within the community is just the right thing to do.

As for the residents—such a cold name for such a magnificent group—I have been there with your births, deaths and marriages. Not necessarily in that order. Even set up a couple or two in time who are still successfully together. I have laughed and cried with you and felt some of your joy and pain. Recently I have felt the warmth of your generosity and best wishes. My farewell party, so well attended, was one warm feeling after another. To have this

happen to me is very humbling. I never needed the spotlight, nor did I seek it; that was not my job. My job was to care for the residents and make sure they made use of the facilities whenever possible and I can leave knowing that I did try to do just that.

Maybe somewhere along the road I will write of the fun things, the unusual things or the downright strange things that happened in the over 17 years on the job. I do know where some of the bodies are buried! Without looking for gossip or really using it, I was sometimes surprised at how much I knew of someone else's business.

It is going to take a little time for me to unwind and realize I do not have to get up and go to work each weekday morning. I will wake up, roll over and go back to sleeping.

Thank you one and all for your gifts, good wishes and all the nice things you have said and done for me. I will always remain your friend.

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## What Diseases Can Squirrels Transmit to Humans?



Since squirrels rarely bite unless they've been cornered or feel threatened, the pests are typically able to coexist with humans with little issue. However, they do carry and transmit a handful of diseases, which makes their presence undesirable and occasionally dangerous.

**Salmonellosis**—Salmonella bacteria found in their droppings causes diarrhea, abdominal cramps, and fever. In most cases, the illness lasts four to seven days and most people recover without treatment.

**Leptospirosis**—symptoms include fever, headache, vomiting, jaundice and rash. The bacteria that cause leptospirosis are spread through the urine of infected animals, which can get into water or soil and can survive there or weeks or months. Humans can become infected through contact with urine (or other bodily fluids, except saliva) from infected animals and contact with water, soil, or food contaminated with the urine of infected animals.

Many different kinds of wild and domestic animals carry the bacterium. These can include, but are not limited to: cattle, pigs, horses, dogs, rodents, wild animals. When these animals are infected they may have no symptoms of the disease. Infected animals may continue to excrete the bacteria into the environment continuously or every once in a while for a few months up to several years.

**Lyme Disease**—spread by the ticks squirrels carry and symptoms include nerve pain, stiffness, and inflammation of the brain or spinal cord. Tick nymphs (immature ticks) are particularly tiny—the size of a few grains of salt. Because they're so small their bite is painless.

**Tularemia**—an unpleasant condition that brings about swollen lymph nodes and ulcers. The symptoms of ulceroglandular tularemia, or infection through the skin, can include: a skin ulcer at the point of contact with the infected animal or at the site of a bite, swollen lymph nodes near the skin ulcers (most often in the armpit or groin), severe headaches, a fever, chills, fatigue.

PLEASE DO NOT FEED THE SQUIRRELS, especially near areas where numbers of people congregate, i.e. pool areas activity areas. It is best to leave them to find their own food, preferably in the wild away from human interaction.

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## County Notes

### *Medical Marijuana Dispensaries:*

The Board of County Commissioners has moved forward deciding where the medical marijuana dispensaries may be located in the unincorporated areas of the county which includes Country Club Village and Fairways. These dispensaries must be at least five miles apart, and may not be closer than 1,000 feet to schools, day care centers, churches, parks and liquor stores. A power point map at the meeting indicated that of eight possible locations two could be here in the northern county; one in the vicinity of U.S. 1 and Kings Hwy, and one further west of I-95 along Indrio Road. The Board worked with the Sheriff's Office in making its decision, and was praised for taking the initiative in setting this policy instead of waiting for the state to issue guidelines. The cities of Fort Pierce and Port St. Lucie will decide their own policies.

### *Update on All Aboard Florida:*

The judge tossed out lawsuits by Indian River and Martin Counties because AAF changed their methods of raising money to pay for the high speed rail. The USDOT withdrew the 2014 decision that the counties challenges making the cases moot. Earlier this month a Florida East Coast Railway trainer worked with first responders and firefighters on techniques to deal with liquified natural gas (LNG) and other fuels should an incident occur on the Treasure Coast.

### *Copas State Veterans' Nursing Home:*

Federal funds will be released July 1st to start the building of the newest Veterans' Home in Florida. This project has been held up for two years because the DVA would not approve the site plan that was proposed by the Florida Department of Veterans' Affairs. The proposed plan called for one building, based on the successful designs of the other homes in Florida. The DVA wanted the plan to be pods, called community living centers. The argument against the pod concept was that it separated veterans from each other while a large part of their social interactions revolve around closeness. Another argument was that separate buildings are not practical in terms of operation and maintenance, especially during weather events. At a meeting last month with the new DVA in Washington, Lt. Col. Glenn Sutphin was able to state his case for duplicating the award- winning

homes we already have in Florida, and get approval for the release of funds. Did you know that when there is a "weather event" the families of the veterans and family pets are invited to stay with them, as are the employees and their families.

### *Maverick Boat Builders:*

The major site plan was approved for the 115,000 square foot manufacturing facility on St. Lucie Blvd. Of the 250+ employees about 100 hundred will be new hires.

Kathleen O'Brien

## New Golf Sign



Pictured is the restored sign on the golf Tiki Hut. The sign, originally designed and created by Bud Henly (he also did the tennis shed) was badly in need of help, having delaminated, faded and actually lost some pieces. Thanks go to the volunteers who helped with this: Jim Aldridge, Doris Henly, Carol Heslop and Bob Heslop.

Thanks also go to John Brennan who painted the golf hut while the sign was being completed.

Nice work and congrats to all involved!

Joan Aldridge

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## Stars and Stripes—2017

The Flag of the United States of America, Old Glory, the Star-Spangled Banner, in a little over a month from now will celebrate its 240<sup>th</sup> birthday. Born on June 14, 1777, it is the third oldest national flag. She is older than the Union Jack of Great Britain (adopted in 1801) and the Tricolor of France (adopted in 1794). Only Denmark and the Netherlands have national colors that are older than Old Glory. Born in Philadelphia on June 14, 1777 at the Second Continental Congress Old Glory has been present at every major event in the history of this great country. Flag Day is often hardly mentioned in our press and even less celebrated by local businesses and individuals. It is time we remember her and proudly fly her, as she is the symbol of liberty and justice known throughout the world.

The colors of the flag are rich in symbolism and reflect a history rich in national independence, liberty, idealism and patriotism. The flag of red, white and blue stands out among the nations of the world as the spirit of liberty and the ideal of human freedom. It is best described in the pamphlet “History of the Flag” published by the Knights of Columbus as “... the glorious ideal of human freedom – not the freedom of unrestraint or the liberty of license – but a unique ideal of equal opportunity for life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, safeguarded by the stern and lofty principles of duty, of righteousness and of justice, and attainable by obedience to self imposed laws.” It goes on to expound on the flag and what it stands for: “The red represents valor, zeal and fervency; the white represents hope, purity, cleanliness of life and rectitude of conduct; the blue, the color of heaven, for reverence to God, loyalty, sincerity, justice and truth. The stars, symbolizing dominion and sovereignty, as well as lofty aspiration are encased in a constellation of blue – one star for each state –reflects our federal constitution which reserves to the states their individual sovereignty except as to the rights delegated by them to the federal government.”

Our flag is not a flag of a reigning family or a royal house but the symbol of over three hundred million people welded into a nation - a nation born out of necessity, a nation with the ideals of freedom, justice and liberty for all. Ours is a nation standing

for 241 years, a nation that experimented with a new form of government and has succeeded in withstanding the challenges of time. A nation united by a vital unity and purpose; a nation whose citizens are distinguished by their clear conception of their duties and privileges and their obligations and their rights. It is fitting that we honor our flag as she has seen us through both good times and challenging times. This program, in its third year, seeks to promote respect for our flag by having participants fly the flag from Flag Day, June 14 to Independence Day July 4. Participants can register for the free program by sending their name, address, contact number and the statement “I want to show my patriotism and fly our flag” to Stars and Stripes 2017 Program Chairman, 53 Las Casitas, Fort Pierce, FL 34951. (See registration form.) Each participant will receive a certificate attesting to their patriotism, pamphlets on the US Flag and a copy of the Declaration of Independence. We would like as many as possible to register and then fly the Stars and Stripes during the 21 days between June 14 and July 4. Of course, we hope that it then will become a habit and the flag will proudly fly higher and longer.

Count me in! I am a proud American Citizen and I want to show my patriotism and fly our flag!

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## Letters to the Editor

To our Spanish Lakes Family:

On April 21st our daughter Sheila, from St. Louis, passed away.

We would like to thank all those who sent Mass cards, sympathy cards and made phone calls.

To bury one of your children is a terrible part of any parents' life as part of us went with her.

God Bless all of you.

Al and Peggy Martin

Come and have some fun and feel great. I have done water aerobics for years at numerous athletic clubs and have enjoyed the exercise. Our pool at Spanish Lakes is wonderful this time of year. I would encourage residents to take advantage of a good aerobic exercise session; which you can gear to your own physical ability.

The time is Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 9 am, starting June 5th. The instructors are volunteers, Rosalie and Madelyn, who lead 45 minutes of moving muscles in every part of your body. The time goes by fast and afterwards you feel so good. The water gives you more resistance, but supports your body. I would invite you to join our group. We have fun and fellowship.

Pat Venable

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*Remove pet hair from furniture and carpets with a squeegee..*

## Video List as of May, 15, 2017

Please note that the most up-to-date list of the videos can be viewed on the SLCCV Website, thanks to Jim Brooks. Gerrie Purcell compiles this list about every six weeks and e-mails it to many who request to be on her group e-mail list, plus posts copies around the village.

If you wish to be on this list, please just send your e-mail address to: [gerriep@comcast.net](mailto:gerriep@comcast.net). If you wish to view it on the website, [slccv.org](http://slccv.org), click on video rentals at the bottom on the index.

## Shopping Strategy

Here's an easy way to save yourself \$5. At the bottom of your Winn-Dixie receipt is a survey, easily answered in a few minutes on-line. When you are finished print out a \$5 coupon good on your next grocery purchase of \$40 or more. Even if you run in for a loaf of bread or a quart of milk, save the receipt. Do the survey! Get the coupon! Call me crazy, but I have my grocery list on a small clipboard in my purse. Each time I put an item in the cart I write down the price so when I get to \$40, I'm finished, and I'll save another \$5.

Speaking of Winn-Dixie, the new Plenti card is much better than the old fuel perks card. Here's an extra advantage—you can put your Plenti card in the Mobil gas pump computer to get more points.

Some people are loyal to one supermarket or another. Whether Publix is or isn't your favorite, it is worth shopping there when the \$10 coupon is available on a \$50 gas card. That's 20% off your gas purchase! Mobil, Shell, Wawa and other are available. Take your pick and save! Since I have to spend \$50 to use the gas card coupon, I use the same clipboard strategy.

Kathleen O'Brien

*To sharpen scissors, simply cut through sandpaper.*

*Use rubber bands to help open a jar easily: Place one around the jar lid and another around the middle of the glass. The rubber provides friction to prevent your hands from slipping.*

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### **Flag Light**

A big thank you to HOA, the Service Department and Craig Martin who have all contributed to our Entrance Flag ... finally being lit up properly and brightly!

This is the “Village Flag” and was dedicated in October 2003 through the Jim Purcell Memorial Fund in appreciation of the four years he lived here and for all the contributions of love and support during the last months of his life by our Villagers.

Somehow, we could never get that Flag lit up to our satisfaction. Craig Martin came forward with the suggestion of a halogen light. The HOA grabbed the ball and the Service Department brought it to a home run.

Thank you all ... it's a wonderful view.

Gerrie Purcell

## Veterans Affairs

Hello, Welcome to Summertime!!!

I have received many questions from members of the SLCCV Veteran's Club about Fisher House and what it represents for Veterans; and also inquiries about the Honor Flight, so I thought I would investigate them and get some answers for everyone.

Fisher House Foundation is best known for a network of comfort homes where military and Veterans' families can stay at no cost while a loved one is receiving treatment. These homes are located at major military and VA medical centers nationwide, close to the medical center or hospital they serve. Fisher Houses have up to 21 suites, with private bedrooms and baths. Families share a common kitchen, laundry facilities, a warm dining room and an inviting living room. Fisher House Foundation ensures that there is never a lodging fee. Since inception, the program has saved military and veterans' families an estimated \$360 million in out of pocket costs for lodging and transportation. Fisher House Foundation also operates the Hero Miles program, using donated frequent flyer air miles to bring family members to the bedside of injured service members, as well as the Hotels for Heroes program using donated hotel points to allow family members to stay at hotels near medical centers without charge. The Foundation also manages a grant program that supports other military charities and scholarship funds for military children, spouses and children of fallen and disabled veterans. Our Veteran's Club happily donated to them this year as they certainly help.

**HONOR FLIGHT MISSION STATEMENT** - To transport America's veterans to Washington, D.C. to visit those memorials dedicated to honor their service and sacrifices.

**OUR GOAL** - Helping every single veteran in America, willing and able of getting on a plane and a bus, visit their memorial.

**OUR PRIORITY** - Top priority is given to America's most senior heroes — a survivor of World War II and any veteran with a terminal illness who wishes to visit THEIR memorial. The program will naturally transition to the Korean War, Vietnam War and all other veterans who served, on a chronological basis.

**OUR PHILOSOPHY** - Since America felt it was im-

portant to build a memorial to the service and the ultimate sacrifice of her veterans, Honor Flight South Florida believes it's equally important that they actually get to visit and experience their memorial.

**OUR MOTTO** - "We can't all be heroes. Some of us have to stand on the curb and clap as they go by." - Will Rogers

They have dedicated flights until recently for World War II Veterans, and as time progresses, the flights are opening to Korean War Veterans. There are three scheduled flights this year; May 20, 2017, September 2017 and October 2017. Their popularity has Veterans scrambling to get on flights, causing disappointment for some and a waiting period that could get to two years or more. They ask for Veterans under 60 years old to volunteer and PAY for the ride and become a Guardian for the older, not so capable Veterans. Our SLCCV Veteran's Club also has donated to them, as they are indeed good cause.

Jack Parr, Communications Director



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## What's happening in Neighbors Helping Neighbors?



### WELCOME TO OUR NEW VOLUNTEERS:

Anita Weiss, (covering Ecuador Way, Pat Daniell, (covering parts of Calle and Felicidad) Betsy Wynant and Judi Larkin, (covering San Roberto, Vera Cruz and Villa Blanca) and Pat

Venable (covering Octavia). Thank you ladies!!!

We still have a need for at least two more volunteers: one for Grand Camino Way and one for 68-97 Calle de Lagos. And there are other areas that could really use some help.... Please consider giving a bit of time to contact some houses to update their Emergency Data Forms. There have been times when it has truly saved lives! If you're tempted, contact Gerrie Purcell or Ja Floyd for more info. They have done a magnificent job coordinating this effort - thank you Gerrie and Ja!!

We also owe many thanks to the staff at the rec desk for entering this data into the computer. Area captains, please stop at the desk from time to time to see if there are recorded forms for you to pick up. We now have badges for all of our volunteers so if you receive a visitor at your door you can be assured they are from SLCCV and a neighbor of yours!

Did you know that all of the NHN publications and sources for help are listed on the website? (go to SLCCV.org, click on Neighbors Helping Neighbors, then click on Publications)

They include:

NHN #1: A Services and Facilities Guide For An Aging Population Located In The Fort Pierce And Vero Beach Area

NHN #2 Information\_Needed in Event Of Illness\_or Death

NHN #3: Using A Digital Camera To Inventory Possessions

NHN #4: Making Choices

NHN #5: Resources For SLCCV Residents

Our next meeting will be in the fall on Wednesday, Oct. 18, 2017 at 1:00pm in the Pow Wow room. We hope to see some new faces!

Have a great summer - try to stay healthy, safe and happy!

Joan Aldridge



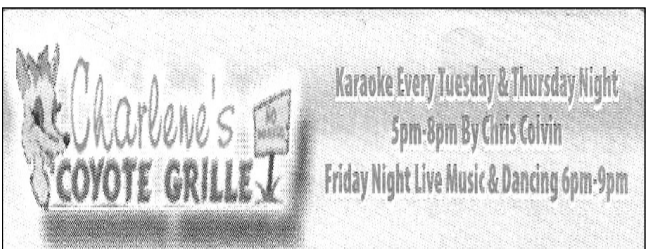
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## My Favorite Things

To commemorate her 69th birthday on October 1, 2005, Julie Andrews made a special appearance at Radio City Music Hall for the benefit of AARP. One of the musical numbers she performed was “My Favorite Things” from the legendary movie “Sound of Music.” However, the lyrics of the song were deliberately changed for the entertainment of her “blue hair” audience. Here are the lyrics she used.

Maalox and nose drops and needles for knitting,  
Walkers and handrails and new dental fittings.  
Bundles of magazines tied up in string.  
These are a few of my favorite things.

Cadillacs and cataracts, hearing aids and glasses,  
Polident and Fixodent and false teeth in glasses.  
Pacemakers, golf carts and porches with swings,  
These are a few of my favorite things.

When the pipes leak, when the bones creak, when the  
knees go bad,  
I simply remember my favorite things and then I don’t  
feel so bad.

Hot tea and crumpets and corn pads for bunions,  
No spicy hot food or food cooked with onions,  
Bathrobe and heat pads and hot meals they bring,  
These are a few of my favorite things.

Back pains, confused brains and no fear of sinnin’,  
Thin bones and fractures and hair that is thinnin’.  
And we won’t mention our short shrunken frames,  
When we remember our favorite things.

When the joints ache, when the hips break, when the eyes  
grow dim.  
Then I remember the great life I’ve had, and then I don’t  
feel so bad.

Ms. Andrews received a standing ovation from the  
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( I bet you all have the music running through your head!)

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## Your Laugh for the Day From Maxine

It's that time of year for us to take our annual senior citizen test. Exercise of the brain is as important as exercise of the muscles. As we grow older, it's important to keep mentally alert. If you don't use it, you lose it! Below is a very private way to gauge how your memory compares to the last test. Some may think it is too easy, but the ones with memory problems may have difficulty. Take the test presented here to determine if you're losing it or not. The spaces below are so you don't see the answers until you've made your answer. OK, relax, clear your mind and begin.

1. What do you put in a toaster? Answer 'bread.' If you said 'toast' give up now and do something else. Try not to hurt yourself.

If you said 'bread' go to Question 2.

2. Say 'silk' five times. Now spell 'silk,' What do cows drink? Answer: Cows drink water If you said 'milk,' don't attempt the next question. Your brain is over-stressed and may even overheat. Content yourself with reading more appropriate literature such as Auto World. However, if you said 'water,' proceed to Question 3.

3. If a red house is made from red bricks and a blue house is made from blue bricks and a pink house is made from pink bricks, and a black house is made from black bricks, what is a green house made from? Answer: Greenhouses are made from glass. If you said 'green bricks' why are still reading these?? If you said 'glass,' go on to Question 4.

4. Without using a calculator—You are driving a bus from London to Milford Haven in Wales. In London 17 people get on the bus. In Reading, 6 people get off the bus and 9 people get on. In Swindon, 2 people get off and 4 get on. In Cardiff, 11 people get on and 16 people get on. In Swansea, 3 people get off and 5 people get on. In Carmarthen, 6 people get off and 3 get on. You then arrive in Milford Haven.

Without scrolling back to review, how old is the bus driver?

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## The Greatest Movie Ever Filmed

The year was 1933. I was four years old. My mother had a brother named Bernard who was married to Peggy. We were all from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, but Uncle Bernard and Aunt Peggy moved to New York City, where Uncle Bernard drove a bus for the transit company. They could not have children; I never found out why. But they used to borrow me for weekends or even weeks at a time because they loved children.

I loved my trips to New York with my uncle and aunt. I not only got to go to the top of the Empire State Building and ride on ferry boats, but I got to sleep in a Murphy bed. I had never seen a Murphy bed before going to their apartment. Can you imagine? This bed actually was pulled right from the wall ready to sleep on. Uncle Bernard and Aunt Peg tried to keep me occupied and amused as much as possible so I would want to come back again.

One day they took me to see a movie at the NYC Music Hall. It was a world premier. A motion picture titled "King Kong." It starred Fay Wray, Robert Armstrong and Bruce Cabot. Being four years old I had no idea what this movie was about. Those of you who have seen the film will remember the scene in which Fay Wray is tied between two poles and Kong pushes aside several trees and gets his first look at a blonde, light-skinned woman.

When he spread those trees apart, opened his mouth, showed those big teeth and roared, I knew at once I didn't want to be in the same building as Kong, so I took off up the aisle toward the exit. However, Uncle Bernard soon caught up to me. He explained to me, by pointing up to the light coming from the projection booth, that Kong was only a picture on that big white sheet hanging in the front of the theatre. He convinced me and I went back and enjoyed the rest of the film.

I even got to like Kong. I thought he was very gentle with Ann (played by Fay Wray). I got to like him so much; I am 88 years old now and must have seen the movie a hundred times or more. I don't really like the remakes. They lose something in the process, but let me see a notice that a theatre or on TV that the original King Kong is going to be shown and I'm right there.

My enthusiasm must have rubbed off on Ann, my bride of 65 years. Her favorite movie was "Mighty Joe

Young." Yep, a movie about a big gorilla.

I will continue to watch "King Kong" as long as it is shown somewhere, because I know deep in my heart, that one day Kong is going to evade the airplanes, escape and find his way back to Skull Island where he can be king again.

Yeah, you can keep the Barrymores, Scarlett O'Hara, Dr. Zhivago and all the rest. I'll take "King Kong" every time.

Pat Gordon

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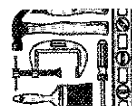
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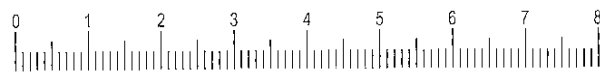


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## A Last Word About Squirrels

The Presbyterian Church called a meeting to decide what to do about their squirrels. After much prayer and consideration, they determined the squirrels were predestined to be there and they shouldn't interfere with God's divine will.

At the Baptist Church the squirrels had taken an interest in the baptistery. The Deacons met and decided to put a water slide on the baptistery and let the squirrels drown themselves. The squirrels liked the slide and, unfortunately, knew instinctively how to swim so twice as many squirrels showed up the following week.

The Episcopal Church decided that they were not in a position to harm any of God's creatures. So, they humanely trapped their squirrels and set them free near the Baptist Church. Two weeks later the squirrels were back when the Baptists took down the water slide.

But the Catholic Church came up with a very creative strategy. They baptized all the squirrels and consecrated them as members of the church. Now they only see them on Christmas and Easter.

Not much was heard from the Jewish Synagogue. It's rumored that they took one squirrel and circumcised him, and they haven't seen a squirrel on their property since.

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