
Magnolia Valley

Newsletter

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A message from the President

I want to welcome our new board members, Pat Maro and Justin Spencer. We are looking forward to working with them. "We wish our outgoing board members Pete Trost and Bill Sutherland, the very best. It was a pleasure working with them and we hope to take continued advantage of their expertise.

I also want to thank the residents of Magnolia Valley for their wonderful support and cooperation in trying to make the Valley a place to in which to be proud.

We also want to welcome the new residents to the Valley and hope you will enjoy living here as much as we do. You are invited to make suggestions or improvements to any board member.

Fondly,
Harriet Bregman
President, MVCA

SPRINGTIME IN THE PARK

April 25 is the day of our annual event. The Civic Association provides drink, fire, games and prizes. You provide

your food and your presence. Mark your calendar for this fun time.

YOU ASKED FOR IT

Many of our residents and members expressed dissatisfaction with the time of the Civic Association's Board meeting at 2:30 P.M. on the second Tuesday of the month.

The Board has responded to this by scheduling the **April 14 board meeting at 7:00 P.M. in the Magnolia Valley Golf Club Dining Room.** This meeting is open to any paid up members of the Civic Association. A question and answer period will be held. Please make plans to attend.

MEMBERSHIP

The board hears many reasons why residents do not want to join the Civic Association. Please consider the following as reasons why to join and even become an active member of the Association. The Association was formed for the purpose of promoting and protecting a safe and attractive community.

1. Approximately 30 volunteers continuously devote an untold amount of time in seeking to accomplish these objectives.
2. Park, common grounds, entrances are maintained to create an attractive environment.
3. Deed restrictions are monitored to avoid conditions that would result in a deteriorating community where anything goes.
4. Recently Pasco Council agreed to install a 1200 foot barrier wall on Massachusetts Ave. as a result of liaison with the Association.
5. All complaints and requests from members receive attention. Many requests involve areas that *are not within the MVCA'S responsibility nor ability to handle.*
6. The Association has spent untold hours seeking governmental assistance for flood conditions associated with recent rains with discouraging results.
7. For deteriorating roads, the Associations object was to determine the wishes of homeowners with respect to repaving. Repaving was the result of approval by a majority of the

the homeowners and not a decision of the Association.

8. A community newsletter is sent out to all residents four times a year.

9. A telephone directory is printed and given to all members.

10. Memorials are sent to charity for our deceased members.

The Association is not an exclusive one, all residents are urged to join and hopefully be active within the community. If you are unhappy with the board, please come and make your wishes known. Join and meet your neighbors. Positive input is met with positive results.

Recently, our member Florence Hammond asked if residents could use the park to leave their cars and ride the bus. The Pasco County Transit is looking into rerouting the bus to stop across from the park. Right now the stop is on the corner of Magnolia Valley and Valley Ct. and at the time of this newsletter confirmation has not been given. Residents may leave their cars in the park and walk to the corner in order to catch the bus. Watch for signs that the stop will be changed.

A letter from board member Justin Spencer.

As the security officer, I feel that it is my responsibility to let everyone know that on the 20th of February, the Valley had an accident that could have been fatal. The one thing that could have kept this incident from occurring was the use of common sense.

A non-resident, most likely under the influence of alcohol, drove down Wallaba to Raintree,

from Raintree to Sequoia, then turned towards Yucca. Once on Sequoia, she accelerated to somewhere between 80 - 90 mph. She lost control of her car and drove through one lawn, hit the garage of a second house knocking it one inch off the foundation, while at the same time striking a parked car that was thrown 30 feet into the air and landing in a third lawn through which her car also drove. Fortunately, this incident only caused property damage for two of the houses that have families with children, while the third house was unoccupied. At one point in her venture, the driver's vehicle was within 5 feet of a four year old child.

This article brings up two important issues, *Drinking and Driving and Speeding* which need to be stopped. We are a small community and need to keep these things from happening. Let's try to eliminate these problems before they become fatal. There are over 500 families in the Valley, and some of them have small children. Normally, the Valley is a very safe place to live with some exceptions that you hear about every once in a while. Please use your common sense and think about the other people that can be affected by a thoughtless mistake.

Sincerely, Justin Spencer

SPRING is here and so are the many cleaning projects that come with this time of year. The result of cleaning brings *GARAGE SALES*. A reminder to those having these sales, there is a County Ordinance that states only one garage sale per year, per household. Please remember this

and limit your garage sales. It is also against County ordinance to place any signs on public poles. If you do place a sign on light poles or street sign poles, they can be removed.

The rains and resulting floods have caused many problems to many people. We now have word that the County is actively involved in trying to solve the flooding on Sequoia, which is the result of runoff from the Osteen Rd. area.

County officials have advised that due to the continuing heavy rains that have drenched the area for the past few months, Pasco County has been officially declared a disaster area. As a result homeowners who have sustained uninsured casualty losses may be eligible for financial assistance under Federal or County programs. For information on Federal programs, interested residents may contact FEMA at 1-800-462-9029. For County programs contact George Romagnoli at the 847-8790.

REPORT FROM HOMER BARNES.

The February meeting of CONA (Council of Neighborhood Associations) was devoted to a Forum on Juvenile Justice conducted by the Pasco County Juvenile Justice Council. Major emphasis is being placed on programs of prevention and diversion, attempting to identify and neutralize juvenile problems before they grow to serious proportions. A problem of major concern to the Council is the growth of juvenile gangs in Pasco County. While this hopefully is not a problem in our

neighborhood at this time, the council requested most strongly that if anyone encounters graffiti in the form of symbols or language that may be gang related, they should take a photograph of such graffiti and submit to the Sheriff's office for evaluation prior to cleaning off or printing over the graffiti. This will enable Sheriff's Department to determine whether the graffiti represents a growth in gang activity or nothing more than a prankish imitation. If anyone does not have a camera, they should contact the Sheriff's Department which will send out a deputy to take the appropriate photographs. Contact on this subject with Sheriff's Department should be directed to Sgt. Mills of the Youth Services Department at 847-5878.

Street repaving, obviously, the street repaving project is not completed. The torrential rains caused innumerable delays for the paving company and unfortunately had to leave before completion of this project. Pasco County officials are aware of the hole problem on Raintree and when the area is dry enough to complete this project, these areas will be repaired and the repaving finished to everyone's satisfaction.

Recently, the MVCA received a letter from the Pasco County recycling coordinator asking us to print the following message from them.

A Message from Pasco County

The Board of County Commissioners wishes to thank the residents of Pasco County who have participated in the Curbside Recycling Program.

The people in Pasco county care a lot about the world they live in. They are concerned about the amount of solid waste going into the waste stream and have, therefore, responded positively to the many opportunities for recycling in our County.

You have helped to increase the total amount of recycling Countywide from 21% to as high as 34 %. Well over 20,000 tons of recyclables have been collected, sorted, separated, processed, and sent to markets to be made into new products.

Please use this as a friendly reminder that the only materials that can be commingled (placed together) and recycled in the "Blue Bag" are:

- *All glass bottles and jars
- *Plastic bottles & Jugs
(#1 & #2 only)
- *Metal food cans
- *Aluminium cans

It is extremely important for residents to rinse clean all recyclables and to tie the Blue Bags securely. This prevents contamination and spillage of the recyclables and ensures the success of the program. Please use the Blue Bags only for collection of recyclables- **not for trash**. If the hauler sees trash in the Blue Bag, it will not be picked up.

For more information, call 813-847-8041.

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