

Magnolia Valley Civic Association ▲▼▲▼▲▼▲▼▲▼▲▼

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NEWSLETTER

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HAPPY NEW YEAR

Magnolia Valley was decorated beautifully this Holiday Season. I hope all of us had a chance to drive through the neighborhood and view all the efforts everyone put into decorating their homes. Maybe next year we can sponsor a contest for the best decorated home and the best decorated street.

ANNUAL MEETING: 📅 Mark your calendar for Jan. 16, 1996. The Annual Meeting will be held at St. Ann Byzantine Church, 7120 Massachusetts Ave. (Across from Brandywine Condominiums) Doors open at 6:00 P.M. meeting begins at 7:00 P.M.

DUES: 📄 A dues notice has been sent to all Magnolia Valley Civic Association members. The dues will remain \$20.00 per year. You can pay them at the annual meeting or mail them to the Treasurer or give them to your Block Captain. If you have recently moved into Magnolia Valley or have never been visited by our Welcoming Committee, please call Harriet Bregman 848-6397 or Jan Kratofil 848-3810 and they will be glad to contact you and give you information about the Civic Association.

WANTED: 😊 Some new faces for the Magnolia Valley Civic Association Board. There are three openings this year, also nominations are being accepted for the offices of President, vice-president, Treasurer, and Secretary. Our nomination chairman is Pete Trost, 842-5995. If you are interested or would like some more information, please call him or any of the officers listed on this Newsletter. The Board meets the second Tuesday of the month at 2:30 P. M. from September through May. It does not take a lot of work and if more people were available a lot could be accomplished. If you ever thought of a better way to do things here in the valley, here is your chance to put your thoughts to work. New faces, new ideas are what we need for the Civic Association. If you don't want to serve on the board, you could volunteer to help on one of the many committees that are active in the Association.

PARK: The park located in the center of our development was donated to the Civic Association several years ago. This park has become quite an expense, for instance monthly or twice monthly mowing, a new roof for the pavilion, a new bridge across the creek and this past month the cost of cleaning out the overgrown ditch of weeds, cattails, general garbage which was \$1500. This ditch is now going to be maintained monthly so it will not get overgrown again. A lot of our Association dues monies goes to the upkeep of this park. The park is used by the Association just two times a year for picnics. This valuable asset is then not used. Did you know all Civic Association members can use this park for family gatherings, block parties etc.at no charge? For any Club or activity that doesn't include Civic Association members it can be rented for a \$30.00 fee, of which \$15.00 is refundable upon clean up of the premises. Don't let this valuable asset sit vacant, If you would like to use the park, please call the Park Director, Dave Kratofil, 848-3810

DRAINAGE : The ongoing problem of the lack of drainage of some of our storm sewers which empty into the canals and ditches has not been forgotten in this dry season. The drainage committee has been working with the county to try to clear up this problem. Hopefully it will be addressed or resolved by the County in time for the next rain season.



Resource Recovery, a private company is going to offer to our community at no charge, a weekly pick-up of old newspapers, magazines, even old telephone books. This will be a curbside pickup every Tuesday starting at 8:00 A.M. A notice has been left at your door in December informing you of this service.

SAFETY: Our community is changing, many young families are moving into the homes and consequently children are playing on the sidewalks and sometimes the streets. It is not necessary to speed down the streets, there are many curves and unseen hazards. Early in the morning many people are out walking, try to be aware of the pedestrian traffic that is always on our streets. The curve on Magnolia Valley Drive is a particular hazard. Many cars have been observed passing golf carts or pedestrians on this curve not knowing if a vehicle is approaching from the opposite direction. This can be very dangerous, please do not pass anything on a curve. If you are driving on the street in a Golf Cart, please drive near the curb line and signal cars when it is safe for them to pass. Courtesy should be practiced by all our citizens.



STREETS: The streets in Magnolia Valley are slowly deteriorating, A committee headed by Jay Atkian is starting a survey on the condition of all the streets. After determining which are in the worst condition, the County will be contacted to begin an Engineering Study and cost evaluation to resurface these streets. These costs will be borne by the homeowners on the streets. This assessment can be spread over a number of years.

☹ **VANDALISM:** There were a few isolated incidents of vandalism to Holiday Decorations on some of the decorated houses. It was not wide spread but still an unfortunate sign of our times. Our security coordinator Bill Sutherland was notified of some of these incidents and tried to find these individuals. We should all be good neighbors and watch out for one another. If you see anything out of ordinary, take note of license plates or appearances and if necessary call the Sheriff's office. Bill Sutherland should be notified of any of these occurrences. His number is 849-2798.