

# Magnolia Valley Newsletter

P.O. BOX 1151, NEW PORT RICHEY FL

FEBRUARY 2004

Our new board members elected in January are:

President :

Tami Tuner

Vice-President:

Rhonda Warren

Secretary:

Jan Kratofil

Treasurer:

Laura Lucchesi

Board of Directors:

Harriet Bregman

Rick Brewer

Charlotte Dase

Jeff Turner

Dot Price

Kay Schery

Welcome to all of our new

Board members.

## Directory

We are printing our new Membership Directory. If you wish to be included you need to send in your membership dues and form before the deadline date of **March 15, 2004**.

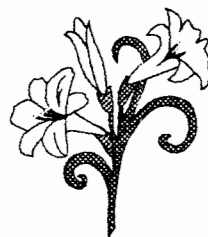
If you wish to advertise in our directory or newsletter, you can contact Tami Turner (727-846-1621) or Rhonda Warren (727-841-7412).

Only members of the Magnolia Valley Civic Association will be included in the directory.

**The Florida primary election** is Tuesday, March 4, 2004. Voting is a privilege and we should all exercise our right to vote. Because an issue, Penny for Pasco is on the ballot all registered voters may vote. If you cannot go to the polling place on that date, you can get an absentee ballot by calling 1-800-851-8754 or from the web site at [pascovotes.com](http://pascovotes.com)

**Our new polling place** is St. Anne's Byzantine Church on Massachusetts Ave.

At the MVCA Board of Directors meeting on February 10, 2004 a motion was made and passed to discontinue sending the \$15.00 memorial to the Charity of choice of our deceased member. Instead, we will start a "Memorial Garden" and at the end of each year we will plant a tree or plant and place a plaque with the names of those deceased members of that year. A sympathy card will be sent to the family of the deceased member.



## MVCA Good Neighbor Award

The Magnolia Valley Civic Association takes great pride in our community, as do a majority of our residents. The MVCA would like to recognize those resident whom take the time to put forth the effort to maintain and/or improve the appearance of their property. the overall benefits include an attractive community with increasing property values.

The Good Neighbor Award represents the efforts put forth by home owners. Each month several homes will be nominated for consideration for the award. A vote will the place at the monthly civic association board meeting. the board of directors and residents in attendance will vote for two homes which represent homes of good neighbors.

The winners will receive a certificate from the association, a banner will be placed in the yard and a bow on the mail box. The winners will be announced in the next newsletter.

If you feel you or someone in your neighborhood should be nominated for consideration please contact Vice President Rhonda Warren @ 841-7412. Your attendance at the Board meetings will give you a vote.

# ❖ Code Compliance News ❖



**Yes, We are looking for violations**

## Residential Noise

Some residents of Magnolia Valley have at one time experienced a problem with "Residential Noise" and disturbance of the peace that has hindered their ability to enjoy the peace, tranquility and comfort of their own home.

For this we look at Pasco County Ordinance **CD 66:4-93-97** and **State Law FSS 877.03**

### Code 66-97

No noise from construction activities is permitted between 10:00pm and 7:00am Monday—Saturday, and all day on Sunday that exceed 55dBA.

It is against the law to create or allow to be created any noise in a residential district that exceeds 55dBA 10:00pm and 7:00am daily.

Noises created by radio, televisions, exterior loudspeakers and any similar device is prohibited in a residential area if it exceeds 66dBA during 7:00am to 6:00pm and 60dBA during the hours of 6:00pm to 10:00pm and 55dBA during the hours of 10:00pm to 7:00am as measured from the property line of the sound source.

No, the deputy does not need a decibel meter or it does not need to be after 10:00pm because of **66-4:97-7B, C**. It is against the law to use or permit the use of any radio, musical instrument, television, phonograph, drum, exterior loudspeaker, or **OTHER** device so as to **disturb the peace, quiet and comfort** of the neighborhood and vicinity thereof.

A deputy may enforce **66-4:97-7B** at any time. A written warning documented by a case number is the first step in obtaining compliance, **but not required**. The citation for a violation of this part of the ordinance is a **Class VI Offense** and carries a fine of **\$508.00**. A deputy who personally hears the noise may cite a violator without further involvement from the resident but cases are always stronger when a concerned citizen makes a statement as well.

### Florida State Statute 877.03

Disturbance of the Peace is a 2nd Degree Misdemeanor punishable by fine of up to \$500.00, up to 60 days in jail or both.

Whoever commits an act that by its very nature of such act they corrupt the public morals, or outrage the sense of public decency, **or affect the peace and quiet**, of persons who may witness their act commits a violation of this state law. Most importantly this law also applies to **public fighting and brawling** that results in the breach of the peace.

If the deputy witnesses this type of crime in progress and the actions satisfy the aforementioned elements he can take action. The statute requires that the deputy list a victim/witness to the criminal act. Often, however, the noise ceases before the police arrive. Residents should gather evidence of nuisance crimes either by video or audio taping and present them to the deputy. With your statement and evidence and the deputy's investigation you stand a much better chance of seeing justice done.

**Report noise and disturbance of the peace violations by calling the Pasco County Sheriff**

**Non-Emergency Phone Number  
727-844-7711**



## Fine Schedule For Specific Violations of Pasco County Code Enforcement Ordinances:

	Ordinance	First Fine
Inoperative, Unlicensed or Junk motor vehicles Appliances, Tires, Trash, Inoperable machinery, Truck tractors, Trailers, Boats, RV's, Commercial Vehicles (net weight 6000 pounds or 80" wide.	106-54	\$138.00
Vehicles with pipes or ladders mounted.....	530.10	\$88.00
Weeds, Brush, Debris or noxious materials..	42-1	\$163.00 or lien
Fences or Walls.....	530.15 / .16	\$88.00
Unlawful Removal of trees.....	602.14	\$508.00

**Fines shall be doubled for the second offense. If the violator violates the third time, a mandatory court appearance will be required and at that time a significant fine increase will be levied.**

A LETTER FROM YOUR PRESIDENT,

Allow me to introduce myself. I am Tami Turner, your newly elected President. Thank You for your vote of confidence. It is my intention to fulfill the obligations that you set before me to the best of my ability.

We have several new officers and board members and plan to work together as a team to benefit the community as a whole. We are few and will work hard to protect you and your property. I welcome your idea's, comments, questions and concerns so that we can better serve you and our community.

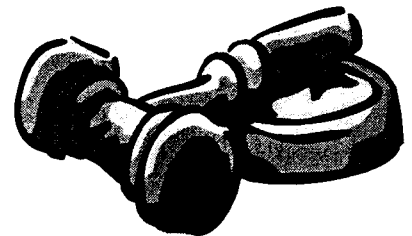
We are all volunteers and your support is important for us to function on your behalf. We can not maintain common ground areas; expenses include insurance and maintenance of wall, lawn maintenance, water and lights in areas such as the park, main entrances and along streets. We will not be able to distribute newsletters to inform you on County plans that may affect your property such as Opening Osteen Rd. and changes to County Ordinances. We incur numerous expenses in the protection of our community as a whole. Without your support the appearance and safety of our community will quickly decline as will property values.

This is our community and WE need to work together to maintain it. Please take the time to become a member today.

Help us help you.  
I look forward to working for you,



727- 846-1621



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MAGNOLIA VALLEY CIVIC ASSOCIATION, INC.  
2004 ANNUAL DUES

Renewal \_\_\_\_\_ New Member \_\_\_\_\_

Please make your \$25.00 checks payable to M.V.C.A. and forward to:

M.V.C.A. TREASURER  
P.O. BOX 1151  
NEW PORT RICHEY, FL. 34656

To help us maintain an updated roster, please complete the Section below for any corrections or addition of name, address, or phone number not shown on your check. If your membership includes and associate member, be sure to list in the space provided.

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