

Magnolia Valley Newsletter

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The Board of Directors do need more help. There is an opening for a Deed Restriction Director. Even if you do not want to be on the board but assist one of the board any help would be appreciated.

Security_ Mike Whitehead only serves in an advisory capacity. If you need advice on a security matter he can assist you on whom to call. If you are a victim of a crime or see a crime in progress, please call the police, he is in no way a police officer.

BLOCK CAPTAINS

We need more block captains. One will be needed on Sequoia and another on Holly Ridge. Summertree is another one that needs to be divided with an additional block captain. If you can serve in this capacity, please call Nancy Schwartz., to offer your services.

A note to all of our existing block captains. You are our eyes and ears of your area. If someone new moves in, please call Dot Price. If you see a Deed Restriction violation call our special Magnolia Valley Line at 849 -4908 and a letter can be sent to the violator. If there is a death of an Association member, please call Jan Kratofil, so a memorial can be sent.

A word about the Sun Coast Newspaper that is delivered in an orange bag on Wednesday and Saturdays. It is free, if you pick it up and read it or even throw it away, it costs you nothing. If it lays in your driveway for days or weeks it hurts the whole neighborhood by it's unsightliness. Be a good neighbor, knowing that a house is unoccupied, please pick up this paper and throw it away.

WHAT ARE WE TO DO?
RUN'EM DOWN?

Basketballs I mean.

The other day, on Holly Bay a van *swooshed* down the street. It caught a basketball under it's bumper and just kept going without stopping. Of course the kids were playing —and of course it was **their** fault.. **But what might have happened ...if the basket ball had been a kid?**

Face it folks....

Kids in Magnolia Valley will play in the streets whether we like it or not.

It's just the way thing are and there is little that can be done about it.

#Signs.. "Children Playing" are not allowed (Believe it , it's Federal Law).

#The Association can not put up a sign, either.

#Speed bumps are a no-no in this litigious society.

#There are few other places to play.

We can not ..nor should we outlaw or scream and yell about what all kids have done for years even way back when we were kids.

The solution: As much as you disagree: Slow down, wave..grit your teeth and act like an adult.

It will take 30 seconds ..to save a kid's life or a basketball

Stewart Whitmarsh

A NEW FEATURE



RECIPE OF THE MONTH

PINEAPPLE - ANGEL FOOD
1 package Angel Food Cake Mix
16 oz can of crushed pineapple including juice.

Stir these two ingredients together in a bowl. You need not use a mixer. Prepare a 9 x 13 baking pan by spraying with Pam. Put into 350 degree oven for 30 minutes.

Ranch Gratin Potatoes.

Quickly assembled from convenience foods, this dish requires no additional effort, except baking.

*2 lb. frozen hash brown potatoes, partially defrosted.
*1 cup Ranch dressing (not diet or fat free)
*1 cup milk
*8 oz. cheddar cheese, shredded.
In a large baking bowl, toss the potatoes with dressing, milk & cheese Place in a greased 9 x 12 baking dish. Bake 350 degrees 1 hour and 15 minutes, stirring once or twice.

These recipes courtesy of Busy Cooks Internet Newsletter.

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OK, folks....a little quiz....

Did the streets in Magnolia Valley get paved because Pasco County thought it would be a nice idea...?

Answer: They got paved because the *Civic Association* waged a battle for years to get Pasco County to contract for it. Sure, we homeowners paid for it...but look at the ratty streets in some of subdivisions around here where no one cares....and where the price of homes has deteriorated.

Is the drainage situation in Magnolia Valley as bad as it used to be....?

Answer: No..not quite. It is better because the *Civic Association* negotiated a deal with Pasco County to "work on it". Storm drainage in this area will never be perfect. We will still have flooding on some streets after heavy rains. But the drainage system is almost 30 years old, inadequate and prohibitively expensive to replace. So... as long as we stand 15 feet above sea level... we will get wet. But as a result of years of effort by the *Civic Association* the problem is alleviated somewhat.

Three years ago, did Pasco County refuse to fund the great white protective buffer wall along Massachusetts Blvd...?

Answer: Yes! But the wall is here today! The *Civic Association* fought for it and the Pasco County Commissioners did an about face...and agreed with us. They voted for it and funded it...and it cost \$157,000. Not one buck came from any of us! Take pride in the fact that the Magnolia Valley community is the only community that has been provided a buffer wall.

Thank you Commissioners of Pasco County

Of the 600 homes in this area, more than half pay the voluntary \$25 yearly dues. It's cheap. But these dues help the Association maintain the Valley...as a nice place, a quiet safer place in which to raise your kids. And, unlike some deteriorating subdivisions which have no association, it means someone will be fighting to maintain the future of the Valley and the price of our homes..

**We urge you to send your \$25 dues for the year 2000. It just makes good cents.
Call Lois Summey 842 7401 for information.**

Stewart Whitmarsh, President, Magnolia Valley Civic Association.

Magnolia Valley Information.....

The Magnolia Valley Directory
is being prepared...

In addition to the **members names** in the Magnolia Valley Directory, **any resident of the Valley** can have their names, addresses and phone numbers printed in the next directory. Keep in mind that it is very hard to contact new Valley residents. Adding your name might be the only way your friends can find you...

Call Stewart Whitmarsh, at 849 4908

New to the area....?

If you have NOT been contacted by the **Welcome Committee** and need information as well as an official "welcome", call Dot Price 847 0097
Harriet Prager 849 1725

We always need volunteers....

Come to the Board Meeting
and help us...

There are too few people who
have the time or can take an
active part
in our association.

Call Stewart Whitmarsh,
849 4908

**Parking in the Park is
by permit ONLY.** Please
understand..we have a contract
for mowing at the Park. The
mowers will not do the job if
cars are in the access drive.
Call Rick Brewer, 849 3218 for
information.

Sorry, teenagers...

.....the Park is for the little kids...

BUT you can hang out at the Leckey
Park...near the large green water tower.

**Show up at the Board Meeting (see below)
to find out more....and let us know what
you want to do**

The Magnolia Valley Board

meets at the golf club

Second Tuesday of each month, 7pm

All residents of Magnolia Valley are
welcome.

Join us to discuss your problems and
concerns

If you need to post information notes in the
next News Letter, Call Jan Kratofil 848 3810

Entertainment Committee Functions.

Up and Coming Events

sponsored by the Magnolia Civic Association.

For information call 849 4908

Saturday Spring Fling April 14th 12:30 to 4pm

*For ANY resident of the Magnolia Valley Community....(no outside guests please)**

**For the Adults...Free hot dogs and beer
.....and door prizes**

For the kids... Free hot dogs...and soda...(but no beer! Sorry..)

A visit from the Easter Bunny...

...and the Traditional Easter Egg Hunt

....for any child who believes in the Easter Bunny

....and wants to search high and low for eggs...

....and wants to win prizes

**a one buck donation per family from non-members residents would be appreciated...at the park*

Saturday October 13th 12:30 to 4pm

The Traditional October Fest....beer and brats + trimmings

This event will also be open to ANY resident of the Magnolia Valley Community.

Please...no outside guests . A donation per family, at the park, from non-members residents would be appreciated...

More information in the Fall Newsletter

November 16th Friday Evening

The Holiday Gala

This is a dress up dinner dance for Members of Magnolia Valley Civic Association.

(If you are not a member, Call Lois Summey 842 7401. It will cost you 25 bucks for membership...and you will be a part of a group that is working to keep Magnolia Valley beautiful...)

Note: There are other Park events in the planning stages. Watch for announcements in future News Letters.



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Notes from the Magnolia Valley Golf Club...

For those of you who are unfamiliar with the Magnolia Valley Golf Course,

For new members, there is a 10% discount off the membership dues...

If you are **residents of Magnolia Valley** and members of the
Magnolia Valley Civic Association.

Enjoy quiet rounds of golf at your leisure....

or play in the men's, ladies and couples Leagues...

on two courses...the 18 hole (par 71) Championship course
and the 9 hole (par 30/60) Executive course.

For Seniors...the club presents Senior Blitzer Days...

Special days: March 5th, 11th, 12th, 19th, 23rd, and 26th plus April 2nd, 3rd, 9th.

\$200 in free gift certificates

prizes for *closest to the pin * longest drive * closest to the line

No handicap or team needed

**Call for tee times 5 days in advance and tell the pro shop to register you
in the Senior Blitzer**

It's for anyone regardless of age...at a discounted rate...

"Over 55" are eligible for \$200 in prizes

\$23.58 + Tax pays for it all. This includes 18 holes of Golf with ½ cart

Questions ? Call 847 2342...ask for Pete

DEED RESTRICTIONS

PROPERTY USAGE:

All lots are restricted for residential use by one single family house. Business operations are not permitted.

Noxious or offensive activities which become an annoyance or nuisance to the neighborhood are prohibited.

Trailer, tents, garages or other outbuildings may not be used for residential purposes.

PARKING:

Commercial vehicles are required to be garaged at night.

Non-commercial vehicles must be parked in garages, carports or on paved driveways.

Overnight parking on streets or right of ways is prohibited. (Note: County ordinance)

EASEMENTS & CLEARANCES

Swimming pools including walkways must maintain a 7 ½ ft. clearance from property line.

Easement require that front and rear 6 feet of all lots be clear of buildings, shrubbery and fences to allow access by utility companies.

Fences and hedges are limited to 4 foot heights.

Trees shall not overhang neighbor's property.

VISUAL RESTRICTION:

Septic tanks, well drilling and exposed tanks are prohibited. Clothes lines must be confined to rear yards.

Trash may be kept at rear or in an enclosure but **only placed at curb on day of collection.**

Lawns must be kept in a sightly condition and are limited to grass.

Gravel yards are prohibited

Advertising signs are not allowed.

PETS

Household pets such as cats and dogs are limited to 3 per household and are required to be confined to the owner's property.

PLEASE KEEP FOR HANDY REFERENCE

COUNTY ORDINANCES

BOATS

Boats may not be stored in front of homes. Side and rear yard storage is permitted provided the normal easement clearance between boat and property line is maintained. For corner property, storage in side yard facing street is not allowed.

TRAILERS & RECREATIONAL VEHICLES:

Same regulation apply as those for boats. Parking regulations exempt utility trailers provided they are unloaded or covered. Enforcement is normally deferred for 48 hours in case of RVS to allow for servicing or loading and unloading.

OVERGROWN LAWNS

New regulations has reduced permissible height to 12" and compliance time to 7 days. Complaints may be filed by any adjoining neighbor or neighborhood association.

BUSINESS OPERATION-TRAILERS

If not completely unloaded, trailers are considered to be engaged in business operation.

AUTOMOTIVE VEHICLES:

Outside storage of an inoperable vehicle is a code violation.

Unlicenced vehicles may not be stored outside on blocks.

Only minor repairs to vehicles may be performed outside of garage.

MISCELLANEOUS:

No lot or yard area may be used as storage or collection of junk automobiles, appliances, tires, discarded items, litter or any public nuisance item which may be a hazard to public health and safety.

GARAGE SALES

Only 1 sale per year is allowed with a maximum of 2 days operation.

NOTE:

Repeat of the same violation by the same party at same location may require appearance before the violation board without the benefit of the usual notice and grace period.