

# Magnolia Valley Newsletter

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## WELCOME BACK

These next few weeks see the arrival of many of our seasonal homeowners. They enjoy the beautiful Florida weather for 8 months of the year, then return North to escape the very warm Summer months. As you arrive home, I'm sure there were lots of surprises, especially Massachusetts Ave. These past few months of the site preparation work makes Mass Ave. look like a war zone. Hopefully, the end result will be worth the many months of frustration. Nevertheless, we welcome you back to the community and hope you join in the many activities that are planned for 1997-98.

## WELCOME NEW HOME OWNERS

There has been quite an influx of new residents in the valley this Spring and Summer. The Magnolia Valley Civic Association welcomes you to the community. If you have not received a visit from our Welcoming Chairman, Anne Kenna or if she has not left

you information how to reach her, please call Ann at 845-0638. She will tell you about the Civic Association and any information you need about the area. Hopefully, you have met some neighbors and realize that Magnolia Valley is a friendly place to live.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

The annual **OCTOBERFEST** will be held in the park on Saturday, October 18 from noon to 5. Remember this is provided by your Civic Association, all you need to be is a Magnolia Valley Civic Association member, bring some chairs, and be hungry and thirsty. There will be games for children as well as adults and we give our families with young children a special invitation. There will be special games and prizes for the children. During the Octoberfest we will take some time to have an informal semi-annual meeting. All the Board of Directors will be there to answer you questions or respond to your concerns. Deed restrictions will be discussed and the report of progress on the Mass Ave project and also about the

repaving of our streets. Please plan to attend.

The next event is the **ANNUAL DINNER DANCE** which will be held on Friday, November 7 at Spartan Manor, price \$17.50 per person. Dinner will be served at 6:30, cash bar will be open at 5:30 P.M. See Pete Trost at 842-5995 for tickets or more information.

## STREET REPAVING

On August 26 th County Board of Commissioner approved the repaving of all the additional streets in Magnolia Valley. You received a letter from the Committee and a letter with a chance to vote for the project. This project passed with 51.6% of those in favor. County crews will repave 4.3 miles along 20 streets. Some of the residents were not in favor of the assessment claiming that their roads were still good, but Commissioner Ed Collins said if the project is delayed any longer the roads likely will deteriorate so much they will have to be rebuilt. Along with the widening of Mass Ave now under way, lot owners can expect property values to increase. The project is being put out to bid and

as soon as the date of the start is known, we will inform everyone.

## **MASSACHUSETTS AVE.**

There has been lots of activity on Massachusetts Ave. This has only been site preparation work, the actual work on the four lanes of street has yet to be done. The site preparation consists of a reclaimed water line for Pasco County linking up with the New Port Richey reclaimed water line and relocating all the utilities that were under or around Massachusetts Ave. The estimated work period for this phase was 6 months.

## **F.Y.I.**

Did you know that you can stop the Sun Coast Paper delivery when you are away for the Summer months. Just call them at 849-7500. While on the subject of the Sun Coast paper, if you know your neighbor is away and the papers accumulate, please pick them up and throw them away. There are a few people when out walking, carry an extra bag to pick up the old newspapers that are left in the streets or driveways. A big thanks to all those who pick up those littered newspapers, perhaps more should follow their example.

## **GOLF CARTS**

All golf carts traveling on the streets must obey all traffic rules. That means stopping at all **STOP** signs and staying on the proper side of the road. Driving on our streets with a golf cart is a privilege, please don't abuse it. On the subject of golf carts, there

is a need for garage space for golf carts. Many golfers that own golf carts do not live in the Valley. They would like to lease a space in a garage, if you have room and need some extra money this is a good way to do it. If you would like to lease out a space in your garage for a golf cart, please call Jan Kratofil, 848-3810.

## **MAGNOLIA VALLEY WOMEN'S CLUB**

The M.V.W.C. has a luncheon meeting on the first Tuesday of every month. If you are interested in joining please call Barb Sloma 847-5885.

**Oct. 7,** Comedy, Safari Sam and Son.

**Nov. 11,** Speakers Forum, How to Look and Act 20 years younger.

**Dec. 2.** Gulf High School Choir.

The schedule of travel events :

**Oct . 4 ,** Ybor Arts & Crafts Festival - \$12.50

**Oct. 25,** Dogs, fun day at the track -incl. prog. admissions & transfers \$12.75

**Nov. 2-5,** Biloxi, 5 casinos, meals and motel.

**Nov. 20,** Belleview Biltmore Tour & Lunch , with tour of Melitta Coffee Filter Facility. \$30.50

**Dec. 19,** Christmas Lights- meal on your own, Clearwater, Palm Harbor and Local area. \$12.50

**Jan. 19,** Social Security Scandal, Musical Comedy, at Ruth Eckerd Hall \$31.00

Please call Marilyn Campbell at 848-4208 for reservations.

*The following is a letter from Stewart Whitmarsh who has been working on the Deed Restriction Committee along with Jim Jones.*

## **ABOUT KIDS**

**TO THE SENIORS--** who know there are more kids in Magnolia Valley than ever before! **MOST OF THESE KIDS ARE GOOD , WHO ARE FRIENDLY AND WELL BROUGHT UP.**

\*Try to get to know them.

\*Wave at them as you drive by in your car or golf cart.

\*Be friendly to them.. and they will be friendly to you. Make the first effort. Talk with them, encourage them, buy if they are selling something for school.

\*Hire a teen ager for some small jobs around your house. Be their friend.

**TO THE PARENTS OF ALL THE KIDS--**remind them that they are in danger when playing on Holly Bay or Magnolia Valley Drive. These are entry and exit streets for the entire area. Urge them to play in their yards or less busy areas. We are all concerned about the possibilites of street accidents. Remind them, not to run through others property, flowers and plants can be damaged very quickly.

## **LET US ALL REMEMBER:**

The kids in Magnolia Valley are not going to just move away. We don't want them to. They are fine kids, and the future of our country depends on them.