

## Meadow Pointe II Clubhouse

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**Operations Manager:** Sheila Diaz

**Office Hours:** Daily 8am-10pm

**Fitness Center:** (M-F) 7am-9:45pm;  
(S-S) 8am-9:45pm

**Pool Hours:** Daily 10am - 30 minutes before Dusk. Except Wed.: 12 noon - 30 minutes before Dusk.

## Meadow Pointe II CDD Supervisors

**Mike Cline:** Chair

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Meetings are the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month. All are welcome!

## Meadow Pointe II Residents' Council

The Residents' Council is a group of volunteers that work to make our community a better place to live.

**Diana Cline, Chair,** [eang211@verizon.net](mailto:eang211@verizon.net)

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**Representatives are needed for the following villages:** Colehaven, Glenham, and Wellington.

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## NEWS BITS

### A FEW WORDS FROM THE BOARD

The MPII CDD Board would like to remind everyone of the new Clubhouse hours. These are effective October 1st. The new Clubhouse hours will be from 8am - 9pm daily. The change in closing time will not affect the pool, playground, basketball, or shuffleboard as they all close earlier than that anyway. It will affect the Clubhouse office, the tennis courts, and the fitness center - all of which will now be closing one hour earlier. Also, event room rentals will have to end by 8pm going forward instead of 9, so that our staff will have ample time to break down the rooms after events for the next morning. We apologize for any inconvenience.

### MPII SEMI-ANNUAL GARAGE SALE

This is your last minute reminder that the MPII Garage Sale is Saturday, October 10th, from 8am - 2pm. All village gates will be open, there will be a lot of traffic through the community, and it's a great opportunity to clear some of your clutter while making a little extra money! To participate all you need to do is put your sellable items out in front of your house and sell!

### RESIDENTS' COUNCIL CORNER

The 3rd Annual Immunization Clinic was a success! Several people received vaccines here at the Clubhouse, OneBlood was in the parking lot all day taking donations, and Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services of Florida provided free hearing tests and distributed several free amplified telephones. This event, while not as popular as the Spring Fling or the upcoming Halloween Funfest, is a wonderful opportunity that the Residents' Council is proud to host. The OneBlood bus gives our residents an easy opportunity to give back to the community by saving lives, the vaccinations offered here help folks that have a hard time getting out to doctors or making appointments, and the hearing tests

and free amplified phones help a number of our residents who otherwise wouldn't even be aware that this help is available, much less that it is free. So, if you missed it this year, consider coming by next year!

The RC is also very excited to remind everyone of the upcoming Halloween FunFest! This is a wonderful annual family event highlighted by the children's costume parade! Children also compete in costume contests, and if they arrive without a costume, they can get their face painted for free. A team of volunteers turn the two event rooms into the famous MPII Haunted Maze! Whether you have kids or not, it's worth coming out for this great event: Saturday, October 24th, from 3 - 7pm, with a rain date of Sunday the 25th from 2 - 6pm.

### OCTOBER HOLIDAYS

**12th - Columbus Day** Commemorating Columbus' famous 1492 voyage to "the New World", MPII wishes all who celebrate it, a very Happy Columbus Day!

**12th - Indigenous Peoples' Day** - Many people, acknowledging that Columbus most certainly did not "discover" North America, and that he and those that followed him caused untold tragedies both intentionally and unintentionally, choose an Alternative to Columbus Day. For those that celebrate this holiday - Happy Indigenous Peoples' Day!

**14th - Islamic New Year**, the beginning of the Hijri Year - MPII wishes all who celebrate this holiday a very Happy New Year!

**31st - Halloween** - For all the young people (and the young at heart that still enjoy this holiday), MPII wishes everyone a very Happy Halloween!

### RECYCLING UPDATE!

As a reminder, Pasco County has made some changes to their recycling pick up procedures. Effective October 1st, NO bagged recycling will be picked up. All curbside pickups must be in bins bearing the Pasco County Recycling sticker. Stickers can be ordered through Pasco County, or you can stop by the Clubhouse and pick one up!



## THE BUS YOU LOVE TO HATE

By Mike Cline

How many times have you been stuck behind one of those big bright yellow bananas going down County Line, Mansfield, or Beardsley Roads? It seems like they stop at every street corner and love to put on those blinking red lights just to make YOU stop. Well, here are some cold hard facts about those big ugly yellow bananas (school buses).

1. They carry the most precious cargo on the road, your children, grandchildren, neighbor's kids, and America's future leaders.
2. School bus drivers are not just everyday psychos who like to make you late for your hair appointment; they are highly skilled professionals who undergo very intense training by the Pasco County Board of Education.
3. Drivers' backgrounds are thoroughly investigated. Finger prints are taken and checked against Police databases.
4. All candidates undergo a dexterity test, drug and alcohol screening, and a complete physical before they even begin their classroom training.
5. Drivers must complete four parts of the Commercial Driver's License written test: General Knowledge, Air Brake Systems, Passenger Bus, and School Bus tests.
6. Once all these steps are complete they are ready for their classroom training. They study various phases of school bus handling: how to initiate railroad crossings, when to apply the yellow warning lights, and of course, the most dreaded of all, when to use the red lights signifying student loading or unloading. When these lights are on you must stop - it's the law! If you don't, our two Meadow Pointe deputies will be more than happy to give you a friendly reminder, along with a \$250.00 ticket.
7. During training drivers are taught skills on how to navigate Pasco County roads, even when flooded. They also learn skills such as pulling and backing the 36 foot long bus between orange cones, backing into a box that is about three feet wide, even parallel parking! Many people have trouble parallel parking a sedan.
8. Drivers also learn how to work with physical, mental, and emotional special needs children. The most important part of the training is learning how to be a babysitter and day care provider for 66 youngsters who all have to yell at the same time.
9. The primary focus of a Bus Drivers job is SAFETY; not only for you but for the valuable cargo they carry every day school is in session - YOUR CHILDREN. So give them a brake (literally) and respect the jobs they do. Their job encompasses more than sitting behind the seat and driving - YOUR CHILDREN LIVES DEPEND ON THEM!

## MPII EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

MPII is proud to announce that the Employee of the Month for August was Otis Wathington! If you don't know Otis, you haven't spent enough time using the Clubhouse amenities. After nearly a decade working for MPII, Otis knows more people in our community than anyone else. But the reason he knows so many of us has nothing to do with his longevity in working here or the fact that he also lives here in MPII. It has everything to do with the size and power of this man's heart.



At 73, he will walk the grounds during his shifts at the Clubhouse and introduce himself to nearly everyone. He knows more residents' first names than anyone. And every time he greets one, it's with his warm, sincere smile. If the award were given for personality and friendliness, he'd win it every month. He gets the award for August however, for far more than just that.

At the end of the month, the Lettingwell entrance gate was malfunctioning. With his fellow MPII residents having trouble getting home, Otis went out in a downpour, avoided lightning and thunder, and manually overrode the gate to prop it open, ensuring the residents of Lettingwell could get home for the evening.

That's just the kind of person Otis is. For him, working here is not just a job. He sees himself not as your maintenance staff member, but as your neighbor and your friend. That's why he always goes above and beyond. That's why he gets to know so many people. That's why he is who he is. He's not just performing duties and tasks - he's taking care of his friends and neighbors.

Otis is the kind of person that affects your day, and always for the better. He's a hard worker, but more importantly he's a warm, friendly, wonderful man. If you see him at the Clubhouse, say hello. You'll be glad you did.

## MPII CLUBS

**BOOK CLUB** Contact Joan Abrams at 813-907-8329 or email: ah2wcn97@aol.com.

**BROWNIE/DAISY/GIRL SCOUT TROOPS** Several Troops meet at MPII. Contact your local troop for meeting dates and times.

**MAH JONGG** The Mah Jongg Group meets Mondays from 1 - 5 pm. The Newcomers Group also meets for Mah Jongg on Wednesdays from 12:30 - 4:30. Come by for more information.

**MEN'S CLUB** Meets Friday nights at 6 pm for cards. For more info, call the clubhouse at 813-991-5016.

**PAPER CRAFTING CLASS** Come create unique specialty items, all tools & supplies provided. 2nd Tuesday each month 6:30 - 8:30 pm. Contact Tina at 586-909-3970 or TinasCraftyCorner.com.

**PICKLEBALL CLUB** Meets Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 6:30 pm. Anyone interested in learning the game come join us! Email Renee at: rglassman@tampabay.rr.com.

**PINOCHLE CLUB** Meets the 2nd and 4th Friday each month from 6-9pm. Come by for more information.

**SWIM LESSONS** American Red Cross swim lessons are available at the pool. Call Susan at 1-800-305-1050 to schedule.

**SHUFFLEBOARD CLUB** Teams forming now for shuffleboard. Mondays & Thursdays at 6:30. All skill and experience levels welcome. Contact Diana Cline at 813-994-8555.

**TAMPA BAY NEWCOMERS** A group for all women in MP II, whether they are new to the area or established. Meet every Wednesday to play Mah Jong from 12:30 pm - 4 pm. If Mah Jong is not for you, they also host many other activities including luncheons, outings, bowling, book club, card games and much more. For more info contact Erika 949-9401.

**TENNIS LESSONS** Brando Tennis Academy. Teaches private and group classes to juniors and adults. I.T.F. Certified. Former Davis Cup player from Zambia. For more info, call 813-767-7041. www.tennisbrando.com.

**YARN CLUB** Meets every Thursday night from 6-8pm. Open to all adults who knit or crochet - all skill levels welcome.

**ZUMBA** Adult classes on Mondays from 7:30 pm-8:30 pm & Fridays from 9:30 am-10:30 am. call Maggie at 438-2620. www.zumbaonwheels.com.