

**MEADOW POINTE II  
CLUBHOUSE**

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

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now available through  
the Clubhouse. Call  
ahead for availability.

# MP II News

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## Alligators Among Us

With over 100 ponds in Meadow Pointe II and lots of conservation areas, most of us have seen the occasional alligator in our community. Recently a few of our residents have been nervous about their presence and are unclear on what can or should be done about alligators.

The American Alligator was once hunted nearly to extinction. Conservation efforts and regulation helped save the species, and they were removed from the endangered species list in 1987. However, there are still numerous regulations in place to protect alligators.

Basically, we share this area with alligators, as well as quite a bit of other wildlife. If any of us see an alligator, just appreciate it. Millions of people never get to see an alligator in its natural habitat. However, DO NOT approach it, feed it, or harm it in any way.

Alligators, despite being considered an apex predator, do not naturally attack people. They don't associate people with food, and they don't consider humans to be potential food. However, alligators can learn, and quickly. If an alligator is fed, that alligator will associate people with food. It will then be far more likely to approach people, potentially attacking them – especially smaller people, like children. Florida Statute 372.667 even makes it a misdemeanor criminal offense to feed alligators. On a related note, it's also illegal to feed black bears, raccoons, foxes, or sand hill cranes.

Many of our residents are apprehensive about the proximity of the alligators, especially if they are from further north, or have pets or small children at the home. However, it's highly unlikely that an alligator would ever pose a threat. If an alligator does appear to be a threat, there is action that can be

taken. To be considered a threat, an alligator has to be at least 4' long, and exhibit behavior that threatens people or pets. This would be an attack or charge at a person or pet, or encroaching significantly onto homeowner's property. If this occurs, the resident should contact the Alligator Hotline at **1-866-392-4286**. This is a toll free line set up by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission. They will come and capture the alligator. However, FWCC will NOT relocate the alligator, they will put it down. So we ask all residents to only contact the hotline if the animal is a threat.

Hopefully having everyone on the same page and armed with some knowledge will avoid fear and confusion. As long as we are smart and never feed them, we should be able to peacefully coexist with alligators and still have a beautiful and safe community.

## Newsletter Update

As a reminder, each month's newsletter is available digitally with links on our Facebook page (facebook.com/MPIICDD) and our website (meadowpointe2cdd.org). Additionally, every OTHER

month we will print them out and deliver them door-to-door to all residents. For 2017 the months with paper distribution are January, March, May, July, September, and November. If you or a neighbor has any difficulty accessing the digital

version, please be aware that during "digital only" months, there will still be several copies printed and available for pickup at the Clubhouse. Thanks for reading!

# Residents' Council Corner

As usual, your MPIO Residents' Council is hard at work planning several upcoming community events. The next event coming up is the annual MPIO Easter Egg Hunt! This great family event is scheduled for Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, from 1 -3 pm. The egg hunt itself will be organized by age group, and the registration will begin at 12:30. Look for even more details in the March newsletter!

On the heels of the Egg Hunt, the RC is already working on the annual

Spring Fling. This is always one of most popular and best attended events of the year. It serves as an unofficial kickoff to summer at our Clubhouse and amenities. This event features a vendor fair and several other highlights. It's been scheduled for Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup> from 10 – 2 pm. There will be more details in future newsletters.

Residents' Council events like these are a wonderful way to come out and have a lot of fun and meet your

neighbors! We encourage all our residents to attend whenever possible.

Also, if you can spare a little time one evening a month – JOIN the Residents' Council! Meetings are on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month at 6:30 pm. If you care about your neighborhood and would like to make it even better, come on out on February 8<sup>th</sup>!

## Spring Community Garage Sale

We have set the date for the spring MPIO Garage Sale! It's Saturday, March 25<sup>th</sup> from 8 am – 2 pm. We do this twice a year (spring and fall) and it's a great opportunity to clear your home of clutter, and make some money while doing it. All

twelve gated villages will be open during the sale so no one will have any trouble accessing your street. Additionally, Goodwill will have a truck standing by at the Clubhouse parking lot, so if you just have a few items and would

rather donate than try to sell, swing them by the parking lot for a very convenient donation. Or – if you sell all morning and find at 2pm you have a few things left but don't want them back in the house, drop them by for Goodwill!

## February Holidays

2<sup>nd</sup> – Groundhog Day. According to folklore, if a groundhog emerges on Groundhog Day and it's cloudy, spring will come early (before the vernal equinox). But if it's sunny, winter will persist for at least 6 more weeks. As holidays go it is unscientific, superstitious, and a bit silly. However, it's fun. If nothing else, it's a good excuse to re-watch the Bill Murray comedy classic. Happy Groundhog Day!

5<sup>th</sup> – Super Bowl Sunday. While it's not an officially recognized holiday – it certainly ought to be. All over the world, people gather with friends and family to watch this game, and its commercials, together. Spend some time with friends and family, enjoy the game, the commercials, the food, and the camaraderie. Happy Super Bowl Sunday!

14<sup>th</sup> – Valentine's Day. While there are several slightly dark martyr stories that inspired Valentine's Day, it evolved to become associated with romantic love during the era of Geoffrey Chaucer in 14<sup>th</sup> century England. Within a few hundred more years, it had become common in Europe and soon after elsewhere in the world, to offer flowers, sweets, and greeting cards to one's love.

If you're in an intimate relationship, Happy Valentine's Day! If you're not, and celebrate Singles Awareness Day instead – then Happy Singles Awareness Day!

20<sup>th</sup> – Presidents' Day. Today is Presidents' Day, a day to honor all our Presidents. Happy Presidents' Day!

28<sup>th</sup> – Mardi Gras. Today is Mardi Gras! Traditionally, many Christians would feast on this last day before the Lenten season begins, since fasting is an historic part of Lent beginning the following day – Ash Wednesday. However, like many other holidays, it has also become a cultural holiday associated with parties, parades, and for many – a binge. However you celebrate – Happy Mardi Gras!



# Parking

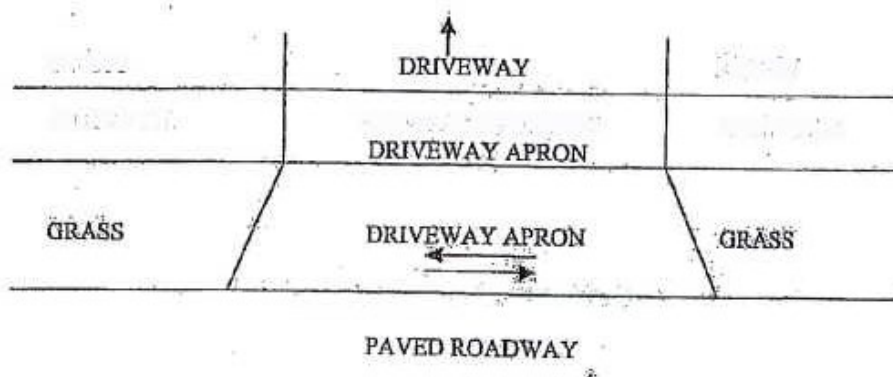
Parking often comes up as an issue. Throughout MPII there is no parking permitted on the streets. This is a Pasco County ordinance, and has nothing to do with MPII. Also, residents are not permitted to block sidewalks with their vehicles. This is a critical safety issue. The sidewalks need to remain clear for pedestrians – especially, but not limited to – seniors, physically disabled, and children. When vehicles block the sidewalks, pedestrians are forced to walk into the street, often having to walk on grass and/or negotiate curbs. For many of our residents, this is very

dangerous. So please, if you need to get an extra vehicle into your driveway, park on the apron (parallel to the street, across the driveway, not blocking the sidewalk—see the diagram below).

MPII does have, and enforces, parking regulations against parking on tree lawns (grass area between streets and sidewalks) as well as CDD property (in non HOA villages). Some HOAs also have strict enforcement policies regarding parking. MPII (CDD only) villages include: Colehaven, Glenham, Iverson, Manor Isle, and Wrencrest.

HOA villages are: Charlesworth, Covina Key, Lettingwell, Longleaf, Sedgwick, Tullamore, and Vermillion.

If you need additional parking for an event, Pasco County will sell you a parking permit – and this can be done at our Clubhouse, you don't have to go to a county office. Pasco allows residents to purchase one permit per calendar year, and each permit can work for 4 days in that calendar year. With these restrictions, some forethought and preparation are highly recommended. More information is available from our friendly office staff.



# Guest Passes

Due to a few incidents at the basketball courts, MPII has opted to adhere very strictly to our guest pass policy going forward. Since many of our residents may be unfamiliar or unclear about our guest pass policy, we thought we should clarify it so everyone is on the same page.

Residents that have current MPII ID cards of course have access to our amenities. MP I, III, or IV residents that have purchased valid MPII ID cards have access to all but the Fitness Center. MPI, III, and IV residents are not permitted to bring

guests or obtain guest passes. Minor children, of course, are allowed to accompany them to the pool or playground. MPII residents can not use MPI facilities.

For MPII residents who wish to have a guest come to our facilities, the "MPII member" has to come to the office to request and obtain the guest pass. A "MPII member" is defined as the owner(s) identified on the deed or mortgage, or in the case of renters - the resident(s) identified on the lease. **Residents with valid ID cards that are ages 15-17 are not eligible to obtain guest passes.** They must have the

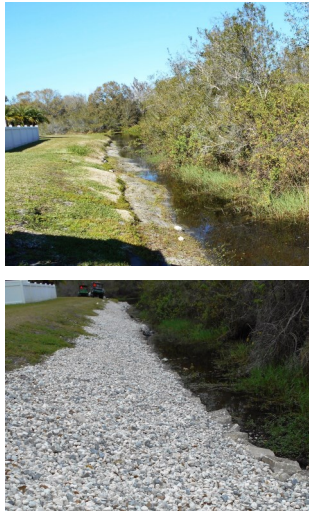
parent that qualifies as the "MPII member" come and obtain one for their guest. Each MPII member may obtain up to five guest passes.

In addition to the enforcement of the above guest pass policy, MPII staff members will be conducting periodic ID checks. All residents and guests must have their ID card or guest pass on their person while using the facilities.

We want our residents and their guests to safely and comfortably enjoy the use of all the great MPII amenities.

# Projects

With the New Year underway we have several projects going on. Our maintenance staff is taking advantage of the milder weather to work on another series of ponds. This is an ongoing project where our staff restores eroding shorelines of ponds. MPII has well over 100 ponds, and some of those ponds are starting to show a little age. So based on recommendations from our engineer, we put them into a priority order and we do as many as we can each season. We take advantage of the cooler weather to do it as it is very labor intensive. We also spread them out



each year to ease the burden on the budget.

In addition to the ponds, we are working on CDD owned sidewalks again. Some of the preliminary work is done by our staff, but we contract with a third party to remove old sidewalk sections and lay new ones. Please note, if a sidewalk near your property is being worked on, you will need to turn your sprinklers off for THREE full days once the new section is laid so it will set correctly.

## Meadow Pointe II Clubs

**BOOK CLUB** Contact Joan Abrams at 813-907-8329 or email [ah2wcn97@aol.com](mailto:ah2wcn97@aol.com).

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

**EMPTY NESTERS** A social club for singles and couples. Contact Fran at [fjargo71@gmail.com](mailto:fjargo71@gmail.com).

**MAHJONG** The Mahjong Group meets Mondays from 1 – 5 pm. The Newcomers Group also meets for Mahjong on Wednesdays from 12:30 – 4:30 pm. Come by for more information.



**MEN'S CLUB** Meets Friday nights from 5:30 – 9 pm for cards. For more info, call the Clubhouse at 813-991-5016.

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



**PIANO LESSONS** are available at the MPII Clubhouse. For more information, contact Anya Kovalenko at 813-417-3976.

**PINOCHLE CLUB** Meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Friday each month from 6 – 8:30 pm. Come by for more information.



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

**TAMPA BAY NEWCOMERS** A group for all women in MPII, whether they are new to the area or established. Meet every Wednesday to play mahjong from 12:30 – 4 pm. If Mahjong 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 Anita Savage at 813-397-1551 ([retiredanita08@aim.com](mailto:retiredanita08@aim.com)) or go to [www.tampabaynewcomers.com](http://www.tampabaynewcomers.com)

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

