

MEADOW POINTE II  
CLUBHOUSE

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The RC is a group of vol-  
unteers 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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## A Few Words from the Board

### ARC Process

For residents looking to make any changes to their home, there is a process in place to get approval. If you live in a village that has an HOA, please consult with your HOA. If you do not have an HOA, approvals are sought through the CDD. If you are considering getting work done, especially tasks like painting the exterior of your home, getting roof work done, or adding a shed, you will need to turn in an Architectural Review application. These are available on our website for download, or can be picked up at the Clubhouse. Please turn these forms in at least one week prior to the upcoming CDD Board meetings (held the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays each month). You will be notified promptly once the Board has decided to approve your application or if you need to make changes and re-apply. If you have any questions about this process, please feel free to contact our ARC Coordinator at the Clubhouse.

### Keep What's Yours!

You've probably heard the little rhyme before: "Lock your doors, keep what's

yours." But it is worth repeating. While Meadow Pointe II has so far been spared, there has been an uptick in thefts from property in cars in several neighborhoods in our area lately. The overwhelming majority of the crimes are people opening unlocked cars at night and stealing whatever people have left in their cars – wallets, purses, cash, even weapons. While a crime is never the victim's fault, we CAN do our best to improve our odds of not being a victim. Please get in the habit of locking your car doors at night. For good measure, don't forget to lock all your doors to your home also. Try to avoid leaving items in your car overnight, and if you must, hide them in cubbies or at least cover them. Also, if you see something, say something! Let's keep our community safe.

### Vehicle Gates

Twelve of the fourteen villages that comprise MPII are gated. While the gates are nice, they can become expensive to maintain when residents, guests, and local businesses don't use them properly. Drivers need to remember that cars can only go through the gate one at a time. Don't "tailgate" other drivers through – use your remote or gate code to open

the gates for your vehicle. Never push the gates open with your vehicle. Never get out of your vehicle and try to force the gate open by hand. If you see someone doing the wrong thing, please report it to the Clubhouse (813-991-5016). Remember, the CDD fees from that village cover the gate expenses – this is your money. Help us, help yourselves, and help your neighbors. Please use the gates properly and notify us if you witness someone not using them properly.

### Tree Removal Project

The CDD Board is about to begin a new project. Some of the trees that the developer put in many years ago are beginning to present problems. In some areas, tree roots are lifting and damaging sidewalks, driveways, and in some cases even the street. Those trees that are under the CDD's purview that are deemed to be causing problems like these will be removed. In most cases, something else (far less likely to be problematic in the future) will be planted to replace them. The initial phase of removals will take place in Lettingwell.

# MPII Garage Sale

The Spring Community Garage Sale is right around the corner! MPII will be doing it on Saturday, March 25th, from 8am – 2pm. As a reminder, this is one of only two opportunities for those in the gated villages to have the gates open for a garage sale. Plus, with dozens of sales throughout the community, we generate a lot of traffic through our villages. This sale is a fantastic way to clear some clutter and make a little extra cash while doing it.

Since it's never too early to prepare, here are a few tips you can start working on now to be ready for 3/25:

- Organize and prepare – in the weeks leading up, gather your “inventory” and place it together
- Price as many items as possible – use stickers, tape, tags – something. Pricing helps!
- Haggle! Many garage sale customers haggle. Remember your goal is to purge.
- Involve the kids! – A sale is a great opportunity to get rid of their old stuff too. Let them have some of the money for their items and put them to work.
- Bundle – Retailers do it, you should too. Put things together and price them as a group. You can always split them up later if necessary.
- Clean a little – No one wants to buy dirty, dusty, old things. Wipe everything down and clean things up a little before they go on display for sale.

- Have change ready – Small bills and quarters are especially helpful.
- Have a lot out! – If you don't have a lot, partner up with a neighbor or two and display together. Browsers often drive slowly through a village but only stop for “bigger” sales.

Take advantage of this great semiannual opportunity. Also, Goodwill will have a truck standing by in the Clubhouse parking lot for any unsold items you'd like to donate. Have fun, clean house, and make some cash!

# March Holidays

**March 1<sup>st</sup> – Ash Wednesday.** Today is Ash Wednesday, or the first day of Lent. Many Christians commemorate the day with a fast, and by attending a morning service where they get a cross marked on their forehead in ash. To all those that honor Ash Wednesday, have a blessed Lent!

**March 12<sup>th</sup> – Purim.** Today is Purim! Technically it began at sunset on March 11<sup>th</sup>, but the Jewish community celebrates it today. It is a joyous holiday commemorating the Jewish people living in Persia being spared extermination. For those that celebrate: Happy Purim!

**March 12<sup>th</sup> – Daylight Savings Time begins.** Today is the first day of Daylight Savings Time. Hopefully everyone remembered to change all their clocks and watches on the evening of the 11<sup>th</sup>. At 2:00 am on

the 12<sup>th</sup>, our time zone moves forward one hour. We hope you don't miss the lost hour of sleep too much!

**March 13<sup>th</sup> – Holi.** Today is Holi, also known as the festival of colors and the festival of sharing love. Holi commemorates the upcoming vernal equinox and signifies the victory of good over evil. For all those that celebrate: Happy Holi!



**March 17<sup>th</sup> – St. Patrick's Day.** Today is St. Patrick's Day, originally just a Christian holiday commemorating St. Patrick, who is credited with spreading Christianity through Ireland. Today, it has evolved into a cultural holiday as well, celebrated by everyone, whether Christian, Irish, or not. So wear your green, head to the parade down in Ybor, and have a Happy St. Patrick's Day!

**March 20<sup>th</sup> – Spring begins.** Today is the vernal equinox, or the first day of Spring. Today (and again at the autumnal equinox), the period of daylight and night are as close to perfectly equal as they will be all year. This day has been celebrated as the end of winter/start of spring or a time of rebirth for many thousands of years. Happy Spring!

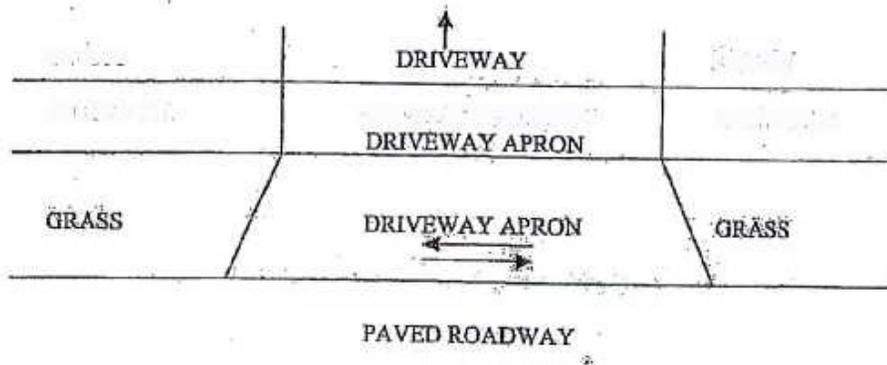
# Parking

*(Editor's note: This is a reprint of an article from last month. We are running it again so that it runs in the printed/distributed version in addition to last month's digital only.)*

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). 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.



## Residents' Council Corner

The next event coming up from the fantastic MPII Residents' Council is the annual MPII 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 12:30pm. If the kids have a basket, they should bring it to collect their eggs (bags will be provided as needed). At the egg hunt, let the kids know to be on the lookout for special eggs! The special eggs can be turned in to the Easter Bunny for a prize. In addition to the egg hunt, there will be games, face painting, and sno-cones! The face-

painting and sno-cones will have a \$1 fee. Bring the whole family out for this wonderful afternoon!

The next event coming up after the Easter Egg Hunt will be 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 at the Clubhouse. If you care about your neighborhood and would like to make it even better, come on out on March 8th!

# Summer Lifeguards Needed

MPII is looking to hire certified Lifeguards for the summer. If you or someone you know, would like to make some extra money this summer, please have them apply at the Clubhouse. We are looking for people aged 16 or older, certified by the Red Cross or Y.M.C.A. in Lifesaving, as well as First Aid and CPR. This would be



an ideal job for college students that are home for the summer that would want their evenings free! It would be great for anyone that just wants to work for a few months during the summer and enjoys working primarily outdoors. The jobs will require availability on weekdays AND weekends.

## Meadow Pointe II 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.

**EMPTY NESTERS** A social club for singles and couples. Contact Fran at 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.



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

**PINOCHLE CLUB** Meets the 1st and 3rd 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) 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.

