

**MEADOW POINTE II
CLUBHOUSE**

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Daily 8am-9pm

Fitness Center: M-F 7am-8:45pm, SS 8am-8:45pm

Pool: Daily 10am-20 minutes before dusk. (Wednesdays the pool opens at 12 noon.)

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

Notary Services are now available through the Clubhouse. Call ahead for availability.

MP II News

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A Nice Honor for MPII

The local publication *Neighborhood News* has held an annual "Best of" event every year for a very long time. For many years, all the categories were dining: best burger, best bar, best sushi, etc. For 2017, they added a host of non-dining categories and invited their 125,000 plus readers to vote for other "Best of" titles for the New Tampa and Wesley Chapel area. The *Neighborhood News*, Volume 26, Issue 4, published on February 9th, published all their results from their 2017 Readers Poll.

One of their new categories was "Best Neighborhood", and Meadow Pointe took 1st place! We edged out Seven Oaks, Tampa Palms, Watergrass, and Hunter's Green who rounded out the top 5. It would seem that all of Meadow Pointe was treated as a single neighborhood for the purposes of their Reader

Poll, but what a wonderful honor for our community!

MPII would like to thank all the residents that participated in the poll, especially those that voted for Meadow Pointe! Just as no individual person is perfect, no neighborhood is either. However, Meadow Pointe as a whole has some huge advantages – a great body of residents, dedicated CDD Boards, and staffs at our Clubhouses that work very hard for our communities to be the best they can be.

Here in MPII, we have a very dedicated staff; many are also MPII residents, who work very hard to make MPII be the best community it can be. We are also lucky to have a dedicated team of volunteers that comprise the MPII Residents' Council, who host wonderful community events

throughout the year to help make MPII great! There are other behind-the-scenes volunteers that serve on the Deed Restriction Violation Committee (DRVC) and help keep our neighborhood looking good. And of course our CDD Board, who steward the CDD fee budget and help ensure that all MPII residents enjoy a beautiful community with wonderful amenities.

Check out that issue of *Neighborhood News* for great suggestions for your next night out, the Readers Poll highlights all kinds of great area restaurants and businesses.

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NEW TAMPA & WESLEY CHAPEL

Neighborhood
NEWS

News and Notes

Garage Sale

As a reminder, MP11's semi-annual Community Garage Sale is Saturday, March 3rd, from 8 am – 2 pm. All village gates will be open during the sale and there will be a Goodwill truck stationed at the Clubhouse parking lot accepting donations.

Parking

Parking often comes up as an issue. For residents in villages with an HOA, please consult your HOA for parking regulations. Throughout most villages in MP11 there is no parking permitted on the streets. This is a Pasco County ordinance, and has nothing to do with MP11. 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.

Clubhouse Hours

Effective Monday, March 12th, our Clubhouse will shift back to "Summer Hours". We will stay open one hour later each day. So instead of closing the facilities at 8pm, they will be open until 9pm. This does not affect the pool or playground, as their closing time is 30 minutes prior

to dusk (though that gets a little later each night). This also does not affect the basketball courts, as they will still close at 7:45. The rest of the facilities will have the longer summer hours 7 days a week until late in the fall.

Vehicle Gates

MP11 staff members have observed on a few occasions pedestrians and skateboarders using the vehicle gates to re-enter their villages. We strongly encourage all residents that are walking or skateboarding to use the pedestrian gates and NOT the vehicle gates. Drivers are not expecting to see individuals without vehicles in these areas and it is unsafe. Pedestrian gate keys for Charlesworth, Colehaven, Lettingwell, Longleaf, and Manor Isle are available for sale at the MP11 Clubhouse for only \$4. Other gated villages may acquire their gate keys, if needed, through their HOA. Stay safe out there MP11!

Recycling Less Common Items

Most villages in MP11 have curbside recycling pick up. In those villages, on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays each month, paper, plastic, glass, aluminum cans, and metal food cans are all picked up. But for the residents in Charlesworth, Covina Key, and Sedgwick who want to recycle, what options do they have? Or for any MP11 residents, if you've got items that Waste Connections can't take to Pasco County, what can be done?

There's good news, there are lots of other available options. For

newspapers, papers, and cardboard, there are recycling dumpsters at Sand Pine Elementary, Wiregrass Ranch High School, and the MP11 Clubhouse. If you'd like to recycle batteries, other than vehicle batteries, they can be taken to either our local Target, or the office at Wiregrass Ranch High School. In addition to small batteries, the local Target also

has bins to recycle mp3 players, cell phones, ink/toner cartridges, as well as plastic bags (particularly helpful since Pasco can't recycle those!).

If you have something that doesn't fall into any of those categories, such as old electronics or appliances, either of the two local Best Buy stores can take those for recycling. Since many of these items can be challenging to transport, we advise you to check with Best Buy before hauling something to them. Information on their recycling program is available at www.bestbuy.com/recycle.



News from JLMS

Our community middle school, JLMS, has their annual Round Up Carnival coming up! It's scheduled for Friday, April 6th, from 5:30 – 8 pm on the JLMS campus. There will be food sales, carnival style games, kid friendly activities and attractions, and more. Bring a little spending cash and come support the local middle school! Also, they are in need of volunteers to work the carnival as well. If you're interested in helping, contact

JLMSvolunteers@gmail.com.



Also, JLMS is actively looking for parent PTSA Board Members. If you are a Longhorn parent, please consider helping the school by joining the PTSA Board. There are several roles that they need to fill, including a few leadership positions and you would be directly helping your child's school as well as the whole community! Contact johnlongPTSA@gmail.com if you can help!

March Holidays

1st – Purim. March 1st is Purim, though it started at sundown on February 28th. Purim is a Jewish holiday celebrating the Jews being saved from Haman, who wished to kill all the Jews. To all our residents who celebrate: Chag Sameach, or Happy Purim!



2nd – Holi. March 2nd is Holi (the festival of color or the festival of love), a very joyous Hindu festival commemorating the victory of good over evil and the end of winter for spring. To all our residents who celebrate: Happy Holi!



11th – Daylight Saving Time begins. Today we "spring forward", adjusting our clocks ahead one hour until November.

17th – 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!



20th – Vernal Equinox. Today spring begins. 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!

25th – Palm Sunday. Palm Sunday is a Christian holiday commemorating Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. For those that celebrate, Happy Palm Sunday!



30th – Good Friday. Good Friday is the day Christians commemorate Jesus' crucifixion. For those that honor this holiday, have a blessed day.



30th – Passover. Passover, the Jewish celebration of their ancestors' liberation from slavery, begins at sundown on the 30th and lasts until sundown on April 7th. Shalom, Happy Passover!



Residents' Council Corner

For the MPII Residents' Council, 2018 is in full swing! This month they will be hosting the annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 24th from 10am – 2pm at the Clubhouse (rain-out date would be Sunday 3/25 from 1 – 3pm). Registration for the hunt is from 9:30 – 10am. There will be three age brackets and 25 kids at a time max to keep things smooth and ensure all the kids have fun and collect some eggs. In addition, some

eggs will contain vouchers for special prizes which can be redeemed immediately following the hunt. There will also be face painting and sno-cones available for a nominal \$1 charge. This is one of the great family events of the year so don't miss it!

Not only is the Easter Egg Hunt coming up, but their biggest event of the year is coming on Saturday, May 5th – the MPII Spring Fling! This is always a hugely

popular event for all ages and it will include activities, food, and a vendor fair. Details are still being fleshed out, so watch for the April Newsletter and Facebook (facebook.com/MPIICDD) for updates as we get closer. As always, if you enjoy these events and can spare an hour or two each month, please consider volunteering with the RC. If you're interested, please contact Diana Cline at eang211@verizon.net.

Hiring Lifeguards!

Even though it's only March, here in the bay area the summer heat comes early. MPII is looking to hire a few lifeguards to work from May through early September. If you or someone you know is interested in a summer job and is already Red



Cross or YMCA certified as a lifeguard, including CPR and First Aid, applications can be picked up at the Clubhouse. It's a great way to help the community and make some money over the summer!

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.

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.



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



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

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



WESLEY CHAPEL FIT CAMP Will meet every Saturday mornings and Wednesday evenings. For more information text Nadine at 813-579-0036

