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Venmo is coming to Magnolia Forest

Beginning this fall, Magnolia Forest Homeowners Association will have a new option to pay HOA dues electronically through Venmo. Venmo is a mobile payment service owned by PayPal. Venmo does not charge fees for payments to and from a linked bank account, nor payments from a debit card or your Venmo balance. There is a 3% fee if you pay using a credit card.

Once we have completed setting up Venmo, we will send another newsletter notice.

Save yourself some time and the cost of a stamp and pay your HOA dues with Venmo!

Waste Management Reminder

If you haven't already done so, you can still switch your garbage-pick-up to **Waste Management** for the \$18.00 per month fee. Amongst other benefits with Waste Management we are assured two pick-ups per week and one recycle pick-up.

To switch your service, please call Waste Management's customer service number at; **985-643-7784**. When calling, you **must** state that you want the \$18.00 per month service afforded to Magnolia Forest residents

Magnolia Forest Wine Club

Magnolia Forest Wine Club? It could happen. After the very successful wine tasting event, a few attendees floated the idea of forming a MFHA wine club. It didn't take **Tamy Rispoli**, our social representative on the board very long to begin inquiring. The whole idea is in the development stage at this point; however, it has been determined that all MFHA adult members of the family would be eligible. We need your input; therefore, if you have any ideas as to how to make this venture a success, please contact **Tamy Rispoli**. Tamy's contact information is listed to the left of this page. Pictured to the right are: **Tamy Rispoli**, **Sunny Groom**, (Acquistapace) and **Pete Giuffria** (MFHA Board President) discussing ways to form a wine club.

Acquistapace's Wine and Cheese also assisted and contributed to our recent wine tasting event.



THEY WILL BE MISSED

Regrettably, two of the MFHA past presidents recently passed away: **Jerry Fisher** and **Alan (Al) Tomsic**. Both of these men served multiple terms on the board and in multiple positions. Jerry was a U. S. Navy veteran and Al was a U. S. Air Force veteran. These two men were highly respected by all who knew them.

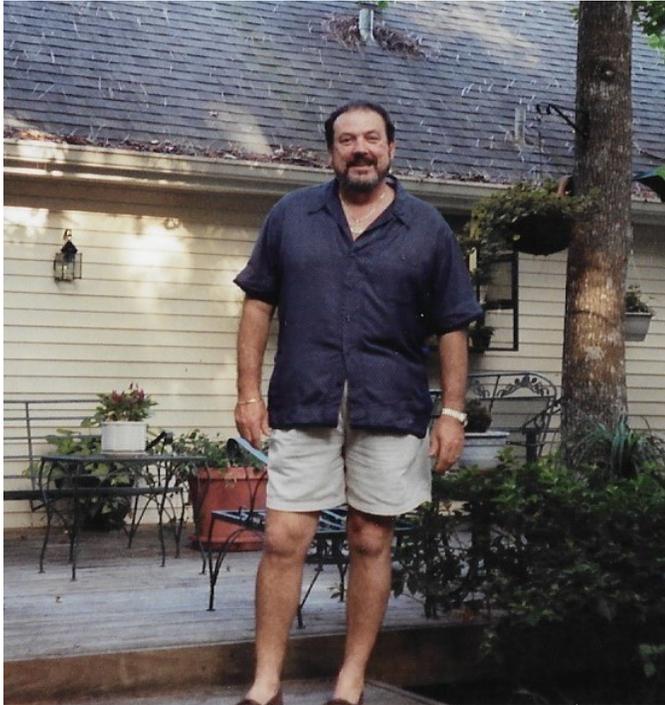


Photo courtesy of Honaker Funeral Home

Jerry Fisher served on the MFHA Board as the Social Representative, Neighborhood Properties Representative, Covenants Committee, and Vice President before becoming Board President .

Jerry's wife Nancy, is an active member of The Magnolia Forest Garden Club

Al Tomsic served of the MFHA Board in the at-large position , Yard Sale chairman, and President of the Board and other Magnolia Forest projects In addition, Al was a past president of a chapter of the JayCees in Ohio, and an active Rotarian in Slidell for several .years

Look us up on Facebook

The Magnolia Forest Homeowners Association is on Facebook! Check out current events going on in our neighborhood as well as seeing our neighbors' accomplishments. It is another means of accessing our monthly newsletter and seeing pictures from around our neighborhood. Please feel free to post missing/found pet information as well as good news and accomplishments about your family. This is also a great tool to help potential homeowners see what an amazing community we have in Magnolia Forest.

To access our account go to: <https://www.facebook.com/MagnoliaForestHA/>



Magnolia Forest Garden of the Month

Magnolia Forest Garden Club's Garden of the Month for June was awarded to Joe and Carolyn Wilbourn at 201 Woodlawn Drive. Judges were Mary Jean Herman and Suzanne Robinson.

This home shows such profuse colors displaying yellow daylilies, pink and red roses, purple althea and lavender agapanthus. Sculpted spruce trees flanked the front door which added to an expanse of green lawn.

Magnolia Forest Garden Club is a federated member of The Louisiana Garden Club Inc., The National Garden Club Inc. and The Deep South Garden Club Inc

Magnolia Facts (Hope You Enjoy)

Magnolia trees are an ancient tree, appearing before bees. It is theorized that the hard carpels of the magnolia flower developed to avoid damage from pollination by beetles over 20 million years ago. Some plants belonging to the magnolia family date back to 95 million years ago.

The name magnolia first appeared in 1703 by an English botanist who named it after Pierre Magnol, a French botanist that organized the classification of plant families based on morphological characteristics. The family name is *Magnoliaceae* and contains over 200 species. Magnolias can be evergreen or deciduous and have been naturalized to all continents in the world, except Antarctica, because of their beauty and fragrant blossoms.

The Magnolia trees that we are most familiar with locally are the southern magnolia (*Magnolia grandiflora*) and sweetbay magnolia (*Magnolia virginiana*). Both are native to the Southeastern United States. Southern magnolias can grow to heights of about 80 ft. They produce 12-inch blossoms and occur in upland areas and can handle dry periods while also tolerant of high moisture levels. Sweetbay magnolias grow up to 50 ft tall and their blossoms are significantly smaller, about 2 to 3 inches in diameter. They prefer moist areas and need constant moisture to grow well. If you need a smaller magnolia for your yard, the "Little Gem" dwarf magnolia that will grow to 12 to 20 feet and produce smaller flowers.

In 1900, school children from Mississippi voted the southern magnolia as the state flower, beating out the cotton blossom and cape jasmine, and the state tree in 1938. The Mississippi state legislature made it official in 1952. Louisiana designated the magnolia as the official state flower in 1900.

Asian countries use their magnolia trees in different manners. Traditional Chinese medicine uses the bark and flower buds (*Magnolia officinalis*) for anti-anxiety and anti-carcinogenesis properties. Magnolia bark contains bioactive compounds that function as anti-inflammatory, anti-bacterial, and anti-allergic agents. Some parts of Japan use the leaves (*Magnolia obovate*) for wrapping food and cooking dishes. The magnolia's red seeds are a delicacy for squirrels, quail, and other wildlife. Lumber harvested from southern magnolia trees is used to make furniture and veneers due to its hardness and density.

Magnolia trees can be so much more than just an ornamental beauty!

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