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EASTER EGG SCAVENGER HUNT

With Easter, just around the corner, Magnolia Forest is planning an **Easter Egg Scavenger Hunt on Sunday, March 28 from 3-6 pm**. The first family that collects an egg from each location will be the winner and awarded a delightfully fun Easter basket! If you are interested in “sponsoring” an Easter Egg stop or if you would like to sign-up your family to participate in the Easter Egg Scavenger Hunt, please email Gina at **funkyjungal@yahoo.com** by Wednesday, March 24 so we can organize the clues and give our Easter Egg stops an idea of how many children to expect. Clues will be emailed and posted to the Magnolia Forest Homeowners Association Facebook Page on Mar. 28th at 3 pm.

We are asking our Easter Egg stops to send a picture of your distinct Easter decoration as a clue and a description of where the eggs will be available for pickup. If you are comfortable with passing the Easter Eggs out, please feel free to do so! If you prefer to social distance or already have other plans, please leave the baskets in a visible location. Gina will send you a “code” to mark on the eggs to help identify your Easter Egg stop.

For our Easter Egg hunters, please check-in with Christy at 510 Southdown Ct. after you completed the scavenger hunt, with an egg from each stop to see if you won the Scavenger Hunt. A huge THANK YOU to **Christy Nelson** for this fantastic Easter Egg Scavenger Hunt idea and spearheading this fun event for our Magnolia Forest Family!



Wishing you and your family a Happy Easter!

EDITOR’S NOTES

- Do you have a Ring (Camera) Doorbell and want to help improve our Neighborhood Watch? If so, please email Gina at funkyjungal@yahoo.com
- Magnolia Forest is need of a volunteer to help with the Neighborhood Properties and Watch, and Covenants positions. If interested, please contact a board member listed to the left.
- Please renew your MFHA Membership if you haven’t done so already!
- Save the date - Easter Egg Scavenger Hunt on Mar. 28

INTERESTING TRIVIA ABOUT ST. PATRICK'S DAY

St. Patrick's Day is about celebrating the life of a Catholic Bishop who converted the pagan nation of Ireland to Christianity. Ironically, Patrick wasn't even Irish. He was kidnapped and sold into slavery in Gaelic Ireland when he was sixteen. It is believed that Patrick was born as Maewyn Succat around 385 AD to a wealthy family in Roman Britain and kidnapped by Irish raiders and forced to be a shepherd. After six years, he escaped his captors, walking nearly 200 miles through the Irish landscape to the coast, where he convinced a ship to carry him back to Britain.

According to tradition, Patrick returned to Ireland in 432 AD after a voice in a dream called him to return and convert the pagan Irish to Christianity. Patrick resisted at first due to his lack of education, but eventually heeded the call spending many years evangelizing the northern half of Ireland. His mission was not without danger as he feared for his own life, was occasionally imprisoned, and saw some of his converts put to death. Patrick's efforts against the druids were eventually turned into an allegory in which he drove "snakes" out of Ireland, even though snakes were not known to inhabit the region. According to legend, St. Patrick used the three leaved shamrock to teach the idea of the Holy Trinity. By the time of his death on March 17, 461, he had established numerous monasteries, churches, and schools.

The church calendar avoids the observance of saints' feasts during certain solemnities, such as Holy Week. St Patrick's Day was moved in 1940 and 2008, when 17 March fell during Holy Week. St Patrick's Day will not fall within Holy Week again until 2160. However, the popular festivities may still be held on 17 March or on a weekend near to the feast day.

In addition to being the patron saint of Ireland, Saint Patrick's Day is celebrated in more countries than any other national festival. St. Patrick is venerated as a saint by Roman Catholics, the Episcopal Church, and the Orthodox Church. Lenten restrictions on eating meat and drinking alcohol are lifted for the day. Perhaps because of this, drinking alcohol has become an integral part of the celebrations.

The first St. Patrick's Day parade took place not in Ireland but in America. Records show that a St. Patrick's Day parade was held on March 17, 1601 in St. Augustine, Florida, which was then a Spanish colony. The meal that became a St. Patrick's Day staple, corned beef and cabbage, was an American innovation. While ham and cabbage were eaten in Ireland, corned beef offered a cheaper substitute for impoverished immigrants. Irish-Americans living in the slums of lower Manhattan in the late 19th century and early 20th, purchased leftover corned beef from ships returning from the tea trade in China. The Irish would boil the beef three times, the last time with cabbage, to remove the brine.

One icon of the Irish holiday is the Leprechaun whose original Irish name was "lobaircin," meaning "small-bodied fellow." In Celtic folktales, leprechauns were cranky souls, responsible for mending the shoes of other fairies and known for their trickery, often used to protect their much-fabled treasure. Leprechauns have their own holiday on May 13, but are also celebrated on St. Patrick's, with many dressing up as the wily fairies. Wishing you a Happy St. Patrick's Day!



President's Corner:

Drainage

As a result of living in the flat lowlands of south Louisiana, drainage is always challenging. Our former Parish Councilman Gene Bellisario said he spent 70-80% of his time dealing with drainage issues.

If you have drainage problems around your home, first check and see if there are things you can easily do to help fix the problem. Make sure your front ditches are cleared of yard debris, and also make sure the culvert under your driveway isn't clogged. I've gone around the neighborhood numerous times after heavy rains and seen big "puddles" that could be drained by simply clearing out the entrance to a nearby culvert. These are the easy fixes.

I know some homeowners have opted to fill in their front ditch. This is done for both appearances, and for ease of lawn mowing. Just realize when you do this you are giving up the drainage benefits of the ditch and culvert.

The Parish Barn, on Military just north of our subdivision, can provide a number of free services to homeowners interested in improving their drainage. These services include digging ditches, and cleaning out culverts. If interested, you can call them at 863-5392. Or if you're interested in just getting another opinion on your situation, you can contact me at 985-285-8567.

Vote on March 20th

We have an election coming up on Saturday, March 20th. One item on the ballot for us is a renewal of a drainage millage. This is not a new tax, but a continuation of a tax that has been in place for over 50 years, and is renewed every decade. This is the only source of dedicated funding for drainage. I encourage you to go out and vote.

Bob Meltz

MARCH GARDEN OF THE MONTH – by Sandy Solar

The home of **Joe and Carolyn Wilbourn**, at **201 Woodlawn**, was chosen for its neat and clean landscape highlighted with freshly mulched garden beds. An attractive spiral sculptured cedar creates a focal point to the front entrance to the home. The gardens include Sweet Olives, Sasanquas, Knock Out roses, Day Lilies, Easter Lilies, Azaleas, Agapanthus, and Crape Myrtles. All should be in full bloom soon to make a lovely display of colorful florals.

We thank the Wilbourns for all their efforts and for this beautiful addition to our neighborhood.



The Association has 117 members

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