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THE GREAT MAGNOLIA FOREST ANNUAL YARD SALE

This year's sale is Saturday, October 1 from 7 am to 12 noon. REGISTER BY SEPTEMBER 25th with fee. Please make checks payable to Magnolia Forest Homeowners Association or Venmo at @MagnoliaForestHA. It is important to register by September 25th to be included on the yard sale map. Maps, with yard sale locations, will be distributed at the Fischer and Oak Alley entrances. See registration form below.

Magnolia Forest Subdivision started the Great Magnolia Forest Yard Sale in 1980, and it attracts a crowd, so expect the traffic to move slowly. Our Facebook "Save-the-Date" post has already reached about 21,000 people and received 1,350 positive responses. We anticipate this year's event to be larger than last year.

Please drive carefully and be alert to pedestrians. A deputy sheriff will be on duty helping with traffic congestion. It's a great, easy way to get yard sale customers since the Magnolia Forest Homeowners Association does the advertising for you! If you plan to participate, please register and pay your registration fee!

Register by September 25:

NAME ADDRESS

PHONE

MFHA Members @ \$5 Non-members @ \$10

Checks payable to: MFHA Venmo Payment

Mail or hand-deliver to:

L.J. Deris

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Pearl River, LA 70452

Questions ? funkyjunkgal@yahoo.com

UPDATE ON LOCAL DEVELOPMENT

Bonterra, the new DR Horton development on Military Rd. near I-10, has built the first homes and will be moving ahead on constructing 70+ additional homes in their approved 1st phase. However, their 2nd and 3rd phases are on-hold until at least the Parish Council meeting on Thursday, October 6th.

EDITOR'S CORNER:

- Please remember the annual Magnolia Forest Yard Sale is on Saturday, October 1. It is not too soon to start gathering things for the sale.
- We are planning the 5th annual Halloween Hayride! If you would like to help plan and setup this great neighborhood event, please email Gina (funkyjunkgal@yahoo.com). The Hayride will be held on Saturday, Oct. 29th.
- New to Magnolia Forest and a Veteran? We would love to include you in our upcoming Veteran's Day article. Please email Gina your name, branch, and years of service. Thank you!
- Would you like to be a part of the Magnolia Forest Homeowners Association Board in 2023? We're looking for volunteers to help with upcoming neighborhood events, neighborhood watch and numerous other teams.
- Notice any potholes or missing street signs in Magnolia Forest? Please email (mmsmith@stpgov.org)

NEIGHBORHOOD DUMPSTER

As part of Magnolia Forest's contract with Waste Management, our annual roll-off container for residents' bulk trash disposal has been scheduled in conjunction with our Magnolia Forest Yard Sale. That way, as you are cleaning out your house for the yard sale, you can purge bulky items. The dumpster will be available Friday evening (Sep. 30) through Monday morning (Oct. 3). The dumpster will be located at the **Magnolia Forest Stables** at the end of Crowe's Landing Road.

Be courteous and walk your trash as far back as possible into the dumpster and please stack your trash to help maximize space for our entire neighborhood. When the dumpster is full, the gates to the stables will be locked. Please do not leave trash outside of the bin or outside the gate. We will have cameras monitoring the site and litterers will be held responsible for cleaning up the mess or reported to the Sheriff's Office.

PRESIDENTS CORNER:

We have a lot of raccoons in the neighborhood. Please don't feed them, because they feed the alligators.

ALLIGATOR REMOVAL

A large alligator, over 7 ft long, was removed from a culvert near the intersection of Ormond and Elmwood. If you see an alligator that needs to be removed, please call Wildlife and Fisheries at (337) 735-8672. They will give you a trapper's name and phone number. Please contact the trapper and give them the order number assigned to your case.

SEPTEMBER GARDEN OF THE MONTH - LARRY AND SHARON MCGEE

Congratulations to **Larry and Sharon McGee**, 500 Hermitage, for being selected as the Magnolia Forest September Garden of the Month. The judges, **Nancy Fisher** and **Jill Courseault**, were impressed by the well-maintained lawn and the variety of flowers. Cast iron plants surround a large pin oak tree. Purple rubella, buttercup and crepe myrtles are beautifully displayed along the driveway. The circular garden in the middle of the yard consists of lantana, crotons, Hawaiian ti and gerbera daisies. Sago palms, caladiums, holly and hibiscus flank the front of the house. The large hanging baskets with impatiens on both sides of the front door welcome guests to their home.

SAFELY ENJOYING YOUR FIREPLACE

Looking forward to cooler temps and the opportunity to use your fireplace? Here are tips and troubleshooting suggestions for safely starting and enjoying your fireplace:

- Open the damper -- This is the step most people forget!
- Warm up the flue – Pre-heating the flue with a hairdryer for 30-45 seconds will establish a good draft and help you get a nice, hot roaring fire.
- Use seasoned hardwood – Treated lumber, trash, and other items can contain hazardous chemicals.

Don't burn:

- Charcoal lighter fluid, or other flammable liquids
- Coal or Artificial logs
- Don't allow the fire to smolder

Troubleshooting ideas:

Smoke Problems

- If your damper is open and smoking continues, crack open a nearby window until the fire is going well.
- If it smokes only when you light the fire, it may be because the flue is cold. Use a hairdryer to establish a good draft and reduce the likelihood of smoke.
- If the chimney continues to smoke, call a chimney professional. Your chimney may be clogged by animal nests or accumulation of soot and creosote

Creosote Buildup

Slow smoldering fires and burning unseasoned wood can create "cool" smoke and a weak draft, causing smoke to condense and stick to the chimney's interior, forming a layer of highly combustible creosote, the main cause of chimney fires.

In case you have a chimney fire:

- Get everyone out of the house
- Call 911 for the fire department
- Don't close the damper! Do close the glass doors and air inlets/vents if available.
- If flames visible at the chimney top, hose down the roof, but not the chimney since water could damage it.
- Call a chimney profession before using the chimney again.

Get ready for the winter season and help avoid chimney fires with regular chimney servicing and cleaning.



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