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HALLOWEEN HAYRIDE

The 5th annual Halloween Hayride is approaching! We will be trick-or-treating in Magnolia Forest on Saturday, Oct. 29. We will again have Sheriff's Deputies leading our hayride caravans.

Please email Gina at funkyjunkgal@yahoo.com if you would like to participate in our neighborhood event! Following is a list of needs for the event:

- Trailers (expecting about 200 children)
- Trucks with drivers
- Street address if you want to pass out treats
- Number of children and adults riding the hayride
- Number of children trick-or-treating but not riding on the trailers
- Volunteer judges at treat stops as well as riding in the hayride

We're continuing the fun and frivolity of our hayride! This year we're adding new categories to our decorating "competitions":

- Most festive treat stop
- Most festive trailer
- Most festive vehicle
- Most original costume
- Best decorated house (Most original, Spookiest, Kids' favorite)

Please sign-up by October 22nd, so that we can make sure we have enough space for our hay-riders and more accurate estimate for our generous neighbors passing out treats! Due to the popularity of this event, we may not be able to accommodate all requests for spots on trailers. However, your family is still welcome to join our caravan in your vehicle. Street legal golf carts are welcome to join the fun, however the deputies will be verifying that non-street legal golf carts and ATVs are not a part of the caravan.

Treat stops will be announced by Tuesday, Oct. 25th with a head count of trick-or-treaters and approximate arrival time of the hayride, to help our neighbors prepare for passing out trick or treat goodies. We look forward to another great Halloween Hayride!



MAGNOLIA FOREST YARD SALE A SUCCESS!

October 1st was a gorgeous day for our neighborhood-wide yard sale! We had 45 homes participate this year and tons of buyers. It was an amazing turnout and a crazy volume of traffic! In June, we posted a save the date to Facebook that generated quite a bit of interest and discussion. The yard sale map and addresses were posted to Facebook and the Nextdoor App days ahead of the event and all 300 maps were passed out to buyers at the Oak Alley and Fischer entrances.

Thank you to our residents for helping to maximize space in the roll-off container provided by Waste Management during the neighborhood wide yard sale weekend. We really appreciated the folks that walked their bulky items to the very back of the dumpster and pleasantly surprised by those who helped further condense other neighbors' bulk waste. Thank you very much for observing when the dumpster was full and not leaving trash outside of the receptacle. And a huge thank you to **Magnolia Forest Stables** for generously allowing us to utilize their property for this bulk waste collection.

President's corner:

Bonterra update— A revised version of the developer's plan for phases 2 and 3 was unanimously approved by the Parish Council at the October 6th meeting, in spite of a fair bit of community opposition. Two of the revisions are that the developer has reduced the total house count from 233 to 215 (for all 3 phases), and has added more green space. Phase 1 had previously received final approval and construction is ongoing.

Real estate section—At a recent HOA board meeting, there was a lot of support to bring back a real estate section to the newsletter. You can see the first one below. We're aren't sure now if that will be in every newsletter, but it will at least be frequent enough to keep you up to date on real estate developments within Magnolia Forest.

OCTOBER GARDEN OF THE MONTH

By Mary Jean Herman

John and Charlotte Campbell at 513 Hermitage were selected as Magnolia Forest Garden Club's October Garden of the Month. The Campbell's have a unique garden filled with a wide variety of plants including two magnolia trees. The plants include hibiscus, yews, crepe myrtles, agapanthus, sunshine ligustrum, two shaped holly bushes and sasanquas. Some of the beds are lined with lirioppe. A large, beautiful fountain near the front door is the centerpiece of the garden. The Campbell's garden is always lovely and is an asset to our neighborhood.

Garden Judges for the month of October were **Carroll Knowles** and **Mary Jean Herman**.

Houses for sale

As of October 7, 2022, the following houses were for sale in Magnolia Forest:

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| 201 Milbank | \$439,000 | 3298 sq.ft |
| 930 Morgan Bluff | \$524,900 | 3614 sq.ft. |
| 411 Parlange | \$330,000 | 2865 sq.ft. |
| 946 Morgan Bluff | \$342,900 | 2568 sq.ft. |

(from link on HOA website)

Houses sold

Some recent home sales in Magnolia Forest:

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| 406 Parlange | - Average sale price was \$310,000 and average size was about 2700 square feet. |
| 410 Ormond | |
| 297 Elmwood | |
| 111 Fischer | |

BOARD NOMINATIONS ARE ALL WELCOME

At the December MFHA General Meeting, we will elect the 2023 Magnolia Forest Homeowners' Association Board. If you are a member of the MFHA and are interested in serving or would like to recommend someone to serve on the board, please contact President **Bob Meltz** at rmeltz@bellsouth.net by November 1. All board members are expected to serve as an officer or a committee chair and to attend the monthly board meetings. The board position is for two years, and board members may serve three consecutive terms. We have a nine-member board. The list of nominees will be posted in the November newsletter with the election at the December general membership meeting tentatively scheduled for Thursday, December 8th at 7 pm. We are still waiting to confirm our venue for the meeting.

EDITOR'S CORNER

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). We need volunteers in the following roles to help make this hayride even more incredible:

- Judges - We need a panel of judges to tackle judging best decorated trailer and vehicle, most festive treat stop, and most original costume.
- Send us pictures of your Halloween decorations for our on-line poll.
- Balloon Captain – We need someone to inflate festive balloon bouquets and attach the arrangements at the treat stops to will help our Sheriff Deputies and Train Captains navigate the hayride caravans.
- **Trailer donations...** many of our donors have moved away.

Save the date for December's MFHA General Meeting. We are tentatively planning to meet on Thursday, December 8th at 7 pm and waiting to confirm our venue. We will have guest speakers from organizations impacting our neighborhood, as well as refreshments.

Should Magnolia Forest host a Drive-thru Christmas Lights Display night? If you like this idea, are interested in participating with festive decorations, and/or hosting a treats station (hot chocolate, cookies, candy), please let us know! We are also looking forward to Santa's return to Magnolia Forest, complete with candy canes and posing for pictures this year. We would like to do both events sometime between Dec. 2nd and 21st.

Save the date to "Light Santa's Way" on Dec. 24th. We will pass out luminary materials early on Saturday, Dec. 24th to help light Papa Noel's way. Please email Gina at funkyjunkgal@yahoo.com if you'd like to participate.



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