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HALLOWEEN HAYRIDE

The 6th annual Halloween Hayride is approaching! We will be trick-or-treating in Magnolia Forest on Saturday, Oct. 28. 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 Thursday, October 19th 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. 24th 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!



President's Corner :

Levee and Flood Protection Issues

On Wednesday, August 23rd the St. Tammany Levee Board (actually named the "St. Tammany Levee, Drainage and Conservation District") had their monthly meeting at the Slidell Civic Auditorium. There was more interest than usual in this meeting because a representative from the Army Corps of Engineers was there to review the Corps' preferred Levee plan (or "alignment") for eastern St. Tammany Parish. While the Levee Board supported the Corp's plan, with numerous caveats, there was a lot of opposition from the large crowd in attendance. One of the Levee Board members, Dr. Stan Owen, was opposed to the Corps' proposal. District 9 Parish Councilman Mike Smith also voiced his opposition to the Corps' plan at this meeting.

Because of the complexity of this issue, Dr. Owen would like to form a committee, which will be called the Military Road Study Committee, to study and review various levee and other flood protection options focused on the neighborhoods around Military Road. The members of this committee would be residents living in the neighborhoods around Military Road. This committee would probably meet monthly, perhaps starting as soon as November 2023. Dr. Owen would prefer 1 or 2 members from each neighborhood or HOA. **Please let me know if you have any interest in serving on this committee. I have more information that I can share with you.**

October 28th Halloween Hayride

We are planning the 6th 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.

Night Out Against Crime

The St. Tammany Parish Sheriff's office will be hosting a Night Out Against Crime event on Tuesday, October 3rd from 5-8 pm at their future 1st District Headquarters at 740 Oak Harbor Blvd. There will be free food, entertainment, music, and bounce houses.

BOARD NOMINATIONS: ALL ARE WELCOME

At the December MFHA General Meeting, we will elect the 2024 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. Three of our current board members, Bob Meltz, Gina Nash and Tracy Sheffield, will be stepping down.

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 can have up to 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 14th at 7 pm. at Generations Church.

September 2023 Garden of the Month

The home of Michael and Melissa Pousson at 906 Tranquility Drive has been awarded Magnolia Forest Garden of the Month for September 2023. Garden club judges were Carol Carrigan, Colleen Fickle and Suzanne Robinson. Despite the record high temperatures and lack of rain, this garden is a true survivor. Beautiful crepe myrtles anchor the garden. Newly planted sasanquas and cone shaped boxwoods welcome visitors to the inviting seating area on the front porch. Mondo grass lines the beds and runs down the side of the house.



The Pousson gardeners

Save the date:

- * October 3rd – Night Out Against Crime, 5-8 pm at 740 Oak Harbor Blvd.
- * October 7 – MFHA Yard Sale
- * October 14– VOTE
- * October 28 – Halloween Hayride
- * December 14 - Tentative general membership meeting at Generations Church
- * Mid-Dec – Santa’s Visit
- * December 24 – Light Papa Noel’s Way



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