

Sugarmill Woods Civic Association Community Outreach Program

"History of Sugarmill Woods"

Wednesday March 30, 2011

6:30 PM to 7:45 PM

Sugarmill Woods Country Club

Speaker: Mr. James T (Jim) Sanders

Mr. Sanders is the former Chairman of the Board (1988 to 1992) and President (1979 to 1988) of Sugarmill Woods, Inc. He lives in Sugarmill Woods and has been involved with the community from the initial purchase of the land in the early 1970s.

During this period, his management responsibilities included but were not limited to the 1) Building Division - construction of approximately 100 homes per year including single family homes, villas, and condominiums; 2) Development Division - development of more than 8,000 parcels (lots) since 1973; C) Twin County Utility Company, Inc., subsidiary of Sugarmill Woods, Inc. - operation of the public water supply system and waste water treatment system presently serving over 5,000 customers; D) Amenities - operation of 27 hole golf course and country club, swimming pools, tennis courts, etc serving in excess of 1200 members at one time; E) Engineering Division - operation responsible for all planning, zoning, and site development from 1973 to 1992; etc.

Prior to that, Mr. Sanders was Vice President and Project Manager of Punta Gorda Developers, Inc. from 1973 to 1979. His responsibilities included working with and supervising activities of consultants during the initial planning, zoning, purchase, and development of Sugarmill Woods. The original plat called for six villages, each with its own village center, and included plans for approximately 24,000 parcels (lots). The planned villages were Cypress and Oak which exist today and four others - Meadow Run, Pinewood, Palm and Orange. The initial development plat stretched from US 19 on the west side to County Road 491 on the east and from the current northern boundary to what is now the Dunes in Hernando County. By the early 1980's, the property encompassing the latter four planned villages was sold to other developers or to the State of Florida leaving only Cypress Village and Oak Village. The land that was later to become Southern Woods was purchased and developed in a separate action.

Please join us and invite your friends and neighbors to the meeting.

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