

# Sugarmill Woods Civic Association

September 2009  
Newsletter



108 Cypress Blvd West  
Homosassa, FL 34446

## Community Outreach Program Commissioner Gary Bartell District 2, Board of County Commission



Tuesday, September 29, 2009  
6:30 to 7:45 PM  
Sugarmill Woods Country Club

Commissioner Bartell represents District 2 which encompasses Southwest Citrus County including Sugarmill Woods. He is currently serving as 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chairman of the Board of County Commission and has been a member of the BOCC since 1990.

### Additional Community Outreach Program Meetings ~ Mark Your Calendars

The Civic Association has scheduled a series of Community Outreach Program meetings for this Fall to keep residents apprised of what is underway in the county and the community.

Each meeting will be held at the Sugarmill Woods Country Club from 6:30 to 7:45 P.M. All residents are invited to attend.

~Tuesday, October 6<sup>th</sup>

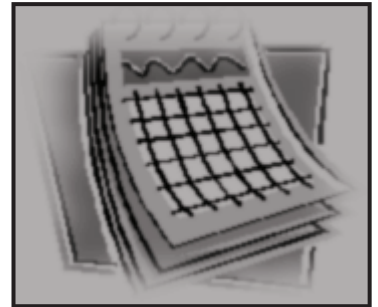
County Administrator Brad Thorpe was a County Commissioner for eight years and has served in several county jobs since then. In May, 2009, he was named County Administrator by the current Board of County Commissioners.

~Tuesday, October 27<sup>th</sup>

Citrus County Chronicle Editor Charlie Brennan will bring Senior Correspondent Mike Wright, Online editor John Murphy and Community Relations Director Neale Brennan to discuss the newspaper and seek suggestions from residents.

~November (Exact Date To Be Determined)

County Commission Chairman John Thrumston has represented District 4 since 2006 and is rounding out his first year as Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners.



### Board Members Needed



Each Fall, the Civic Association issues a call for residents to volunteer to serve on its Board of Directors. Men and women with special talents (accounting, engineering, public relations, etc) are especially welcome.

Members serve a three year term, but most remain on the Board for an additional term or two because they find the service satisfying.

For more information, contact President Duane Dueker at 246-5597 or at [duanedueker@aol.com](mailto:duanedueker@aol.com).

## County Prepares for H1N1 Treatments

Teresa Goodman, Citrus County Health Administrator, told a group of Sugarmill Woods residents that the county will begin receiving H1N1 (swine) flu vaccine in mid-October. The vaccine will be available throughout the community.

The County Health Department will vaccinate high risk residents first, then serve those who want the shot but are not at high risk, free of charge. If the vaccine is given by private agencies, an administrative fee may be charged. Residents should check with their health care provider for advice.

Those at greatest risk are pregnant women, infants, people who are in contact with infants and those with underlying medical conditions such as asthma, diabetes or heart complications.

Speaking to a Civic Association Community Outreach meeting, Dr. Goodman explained that the disease is seen mainly in young people, infrequently in seniors, but urged any resident who has symptoms or concerns about it to contact their physician or health care professional. She also urged all residents to get the regular seasonal flu shot.

Typical H1N1 symptoms include fever over 100 degrees, a cough or sore throat, vomiting, diarrhea and mild aches. The usual case is mild and should subside with two or three days, but some recorded cases are serious and have resulted in death.

Preventive measures include frequent washing of the hands in soap and water; sneezing into the crook of the elbow or into a tissue which should be disposed of immediately. Flu victims should be isolated and remain at home except to visit a health care professional.

Dr. Goodman explained that terming the outbreak of swine flu as pandemic merely means it is wide-spread and does not relate to its severity.

The Citrus County Health Department expects to receive 7,000 vaccines in October with 14,000 more expected to be available in November. The department is closely monitoring the severity of the illness in the county and because the disease is most threatening to the young, is working closely with the school system to accumulate data.

For more information on H1N1, call 1-877-352-3581 or visit the department's web site at [www.citruscountyhealth.org](http://www.citruscountyhealth.org).



## Telephone Directories Will Be Delivered in January

The Sugarmill Woods telephone directory, a popular presentation by the Civic Association, will be delivered to every household the first week of January, 2010.

Since 1979, the Association has provided this service to residents. For the past eight years, the directory has been published by Citrus Publishing, Inc. for the communities of Sugarmill Woods, Citrus Hills, Citrus Springs and Beverly Hills. While each community has its own book, the advertising section is shared and each has received a small share of that revenue.

Due to economic conditions, Citrus Publishing has decided it is not practical to continue publication. Learning this, Mike Buchanan, the owner of Excel Printing in Crystal River has decided to step in and resume publication.

A sales staff began canvassing the county in September. Mr. Buchanan is confident the project will be successful and is looking toward a long-range arrangement with the four communities.

Norm Wagy, who has edited the Sugarmill directory for the past 15 years, expects the 2010 publication may look a bit different, but is confident the pertinent information will be the same. In addition to descriptions of numerous groups in the community, the directory provides an alphabetical listing of residents, a listing by street address, and a listing of previous hometowns and maps of Sugarmill Woods.



New residents or those wishing changes in their listings can find a form in the front of the 2009 directory or may call Mr. Wagy at 382-4462. Additions and changes should be submitted by November 1<sup>st</sup>.

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## Watering Restrictions

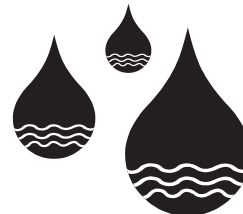
### **Lawn and landscape watering**

- ◆ Lawn and landscape watering remains limited to a **once-per-week** schedule.
- ◆ Low-volume watering of plants and shrubs (micro-irrigation, soaker hoses, hand watering) is allowed.
- ◆ Unless your city or county already has stricter hours in effect, **properties under two acres in size** may only water **before 8 a.m. or after 6 p.m.**
- ◆ Unless your city or county already has stricter hours in effect, **properties two acres or larger** may only water **before 10 a.m. or after 4 p.m.**
- ◆ A **petition for variance** is available if a property proposes an alternative irrigation plan (such as splitting a large property into two pieces and assigning a different day to each). Check with our staff to confirm that your situation requires a variance. Some circumstances have automatic exemption. Fax petitions for variance to (813) 983-3051, or mail to Demand Management, SWFWMD, 7601 U.S. Hwy. 301 North, Tampa, FL 33637.
- ◆ Exemptions are available, such as allowances for new plant material.

### **Follow these restrictions:**

#### **If your address (house number) ends in...**

- ...0 or 1, water only on Monday
- ...2 or 3, water only on Tuesday
- ...4 or 5, water only on Wednesday
- ...6 or 7, water only on Thursday
- ...8 or 9\*, water only on Friday (\* and locations without a discernible address)



### **Other general restrictions**

- ◆ Follow applicable best management practices, including watering times and applications.
- ◆ Comply with all Water Use Permit conditions, including allowable drought quantities.
- ◆ Reduce off-site discharge and mobile equipment washing.
- ◆ Fountains and other aesthetic-only water features may only operate 8 hours per day. Hours of operation must be posted.
- ◆ Car washing is limited to **once per week**; however, fundraiser events are still allowed. Car washing at residential properties is only allowed on certain days: even-numbered addresses may wash only on Tuesday or Saturday; odd-numbered addresses may wash only on Wednesday or Sunday.

## Path of Citrus County



The Civic Association made a contribution to The Path of Citrus County, an organization committed to meeting the needs of homeless people, released prisoners, fire victims, single mothers and children who need care. Path Executive Director DuWayne Sipper said: "We are grateful for this support from the Sugarmill Woods Civic Association and will use the donation to help expand our services to the needy adults and children in the community".



## We Care Food Program



Homosassa Civic Club President and Chairperson of the We Care Food Program Diane Toto and SMWCA board member and HCC volunteer, Warren Blodgett demonstrate a new commercial scale which was funded by the Sugarmill Woods Civic Association. The scale will help keep an accurate record of food-in and food-out for inventory and distribution purposes. The We Care food program serves the Homosassa area and shares with other organizations in Citrus County to provide food on a continuing basis for those in need. Anyone interested in making a contribution or volunteering for the program may call 628-9333.

## Homosassa Wildlife Park



The Civic Association has donated a large, commercial projection screen to the Ellie Schiller Homosassa Springs Wildlife Park. Tania Burchell, the Park Services Special Events coordinator, said we are so pleased with the screen "because we will now be able to provide video presentations during outdoor celebrations in the Park". She cited several events scheduled for the near future: the Park's 20th Anniversary as a state park, the hippo Lucifer's 50th birthday party and the annual Christmas Celebration of Lights. The screen, which measures 7' x 7', will also be available for events in the large meeting room that once housed a restaurant. Burchell added that such a screen had been on her "wish list" and expressed her gratitude for the gift.

## **Message from the President**

For those of you returning to your home here in Sugarmill Woods after an extended absence for the summer months, WELCOME Home! We have a lot of activities on our plate for this fall and I hope you take the opportunity to attend many of the Community Outreach Program meetings we have planned.



Let me briefly give you an update on the proposed Recycling Program. In April of 2009 F.D.S. Disposal Inc. instituted a curbside single stream recycling pilot program in the Villages of Citrus Hills and that community's recycling participation rates have increased weekly since then. As of September 4, 2009 the residents of Citrus Hills have recycled 27.2 tons of recyclables for collection and processing and that did not get buried at the Citrus County landfill. The Citrus Hills pilot program was initiated by F.D.S. Disposal Inc. for three reasons;

- ◆ Help control collection cost for FDS customers by averting any rate increases for 2010
- ◆ Help divert recyclables out of the current waste stream and extend the life of the Citrus County landfill.
- ◆ Help save our natural resources, including water, oil, trees, and electricity and reduce greenhouse gases emissions.

F.D.S. Disposal Inc. will be asking all residents in Sugarmill Woods who are customers (both current and potential new ones) to become stakeholders in this recycling program and actively participate in their new collection program and schedule. The program will be phased in across the community beginning in Southern Woods November 9, 2009 and then Cypress Village and Oak Village on or before January 1, 2010. The new F.D.S. Disposal collection program and schedule will include once a week side door collection of household trash on Tuesday, once a week curb side collection of yard waste on Wednesday, and once a week side door collection of recyclables on Friday. All three services will be bundled together and the proposed quarterly service charge will be \$52.50 which is the rate today for twice a week garbage collection only. As part of the transition F.D.S. Disposal is proposing that "all once a week customers who's billing cycle precedes the November 09 kick off date will receive the bundle program at the customer's current rate, which will be adjusted when your new quarter billing cycle begins."

All recyclables will need to be placed in a clear or blue transparent recycling bag for collection at your side door. Please visit the F.D.S. Disposal web site at [www.fdsdisposalinc.com](http://www.fdsdisposalinc.com) and view the recycling video for more details on single stream recycling. If you have any questions, you may contact F.D.S. Disposal representative Randy Messer at 746-0617 or email him at [fdsdisposalinc.messer4@gmail.com](mailto:fdsdisposalinc.messer4@gmail.com).

*Duane Dueker*