

Sugarmill Woods Bulletin

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Dear Residents,

Have you ever wondered about the initial development of Sugarmill Woods? What was the initial concept of Sugarmill Woods? Who owned the land prior to any development? How much land was purchased by the initial developers? What did it look like in the beginning? How was it developed through the years?

You can get answers to these questions and many others. We are honored to have **Mr. James T (Jim) Sanders, former Chairman of the Board of Sugarmill Woods, Inc.**, as the guest speaker for our next Community Outreach Program meeting.

The meeting will be held next week on **Wednesday, March 30, 2011 from 6:30 PM to 7:45 PM at the Sugarmill Woods Country Club.**

Mr. Sanders lives in Sugarmill Woods and has been involved with the community from the initial purchase of the land and its development over the years. He was Chairman of the Board of Sugarmill Woods, Inc. from 1988 to 1992 and President from 1979 to 1988. 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 your friends and neighbors to participate in this meeting and learn more about our history. Mr. Sanders has a wealth of knowledge that he would like to share with all of us.

This program is sponsored by the Sugarmill Woods Civic Association as part of the Community Outreach Program.

Sincerely,

Duane Dueker,
President, Sugarmill Woods Civic Association

cc: Cypress Village POA, Oak Village Association, Southern Woods POA