

Sugarmill Woods Bulletin

April 11, 2011

Dear Residents,

Residents of Sugarmill Woods are now conducting the **Sugarmill Woods 2nd Annual Community Food Drive** in support of the **"We Care Food Pantry"** program. The Community Food Drive is being sponsored / supported by the Sugarmill Woods Civic Association, Cypress Village Property Owner's Association, Oak Village Association, Southern Woods Property Owner's Association, Sugarmill Woods Country Club, Southern Woods Golf Club, Oak Village Sports Complex, and other area organizations and clubs. The group is being led by Marie Steidel and Mary Lee Johnson.

The mission of the **"We Care Food Pantry"** program is to provide needy families a hand up, not a hand out. The program is a very closely monitored income based program which helps ensure that our neighbors in need have enough nutritious food to put on the table.

Recently the program has been swamped with increasing requests for emergency food assistance. Their prescription for success is nothing fancy. They have an **all-volunteer work force** which donates many, many hours each week to uncover new and promising food sources and get that food to people who are hungry as quickly as possible. Many of these volunteers are SMW residents.

The **"We Care Food Pantry"** program believes there are few things more precious than being a part of an action group that empowers a struggling neighbor. Their actions come in the form of a food box, a job tip, a ride to the Veteran's Hospital, a tank of fuel, or just a sympathetic ear. For more information about the program, please visit their web site at www.wecarefoodpantry.org.

The **Sugarmill Woods 2nd Annual Community Food Drive** is officially underway. 100 % of all donations will go directly to the "We Care Food Pantry" program. Last year, this group collected over 7,000 pounds of food and \$2,500 in their first Community Food Drive. This year, the groups hope to exceed those numbers. Key dates, times, and other information are as follows:

Sugarmill Woods 2nd Annual Community Food Drive
"Help Us Fill A Truck"
Saturday, April 30, 2011
Sugarmill Woods Country Club Parking Lot
9:00 AM to 2:00 PM

The We Care Food Pantry is providing a truck that day which will be there to collect any food items, etc that you wish to donate. Needed items include canned meats, canned / dried beans, canned vegetables, macaroni and cheese, pasta & pasta sauce, rice, mashed potatoes, peanut butter, jelly, cereal, powdered milk, personal care items, paper towels, toilet paper, etc.

Drop Off Centers have been established for the period April 11 through April 29 at the following locations:

Sugarmill Woods Country Club
Southern Woods Golf Club
Oak Village Tennis & Fitness Club

Cypress Village POA Office (A Frame)
Oak Village Association Office
Magnolia Hair Studios
Citrus Memorial Healthcare Center at Sugarmill Woods
Coldwell Bankers Next Generation Realty
Goin' Postal Sugarmill
Aaron's Rental
Superior Bank

In addition to the above organizations and businesses, there are many others that are contributing to help promote the event. Some of them are Citrus County Chronicle, Greenbelt Gazette, Rotary Club of Sugarmill Woods, Women of Sugarmill Woods, etc. and the list keeps growing.

This a good cause that is being sponsored and organized by many of your fellow residents here in Sugarmill Woods. Please consider making a donation of food items at one of the Drop Off Centers or on the Saturday that the truck will be at the Sugarmill Woods Country Club Parking Lot. If you are seasonal resident and need to clean out your cupboards and pantry before you leave, please consider donating the excess food to our Community Food Drive using one of the Drop Off Centers listed above.

If you prefer to make a monetary donation, please contact **Jan Blodgett, Treasurer of the "We Care Food Pantry" and a fellow resident of Sugarmill Woods**. Please let Jan know that your contribution is in support of the 2011 Sugarmill Woods Community Food Drive. Jan's contact information is via phone at 613-6006 or via email at jblodgett@tampabay.rr.com.

If you are interested in volunteering to help with this year's Community Food Drive, please contact Marie Steidel at mlsteidel@yahoo.com or Mary Lee Johnson at maryandgucci@yahoo.com.

Thank you for your consideration. Your generosity will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Duane Dueker, President, Sugarmill Woods Civic Association

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