

Sugarmill Woods Bulletin

April 12, 2011

Dear Residents,

This is your friendly reminder the Sugarmill Woods Civic Association, Citrus County Water Resources Department, Citrus County UF/IFAS Extension Service, Southwest Florida Water Management District and all three Village POAs (Cypress, Oak, and Southern Woods) are joining together to support and promote this year's annual **Water Conservation and Management Workshop**.

The workshop will be held on **Thursday, April 14, 2011 from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM at the Sugarmill Woods Country Club.**

We will have various Stations again this year where you can speak with and listen to experts cover a wide variety of topics. **You may come any time between the hours of 1:00 PM and 4:00 PM and visit the station(s) of interest to you. This is not a sit down type meeting.** Come for 30 minutes or an hour or stay longer. It is your decision but please come.

As we have done in the past, there will be some prizes and giveaways. Florida Yards and Neighborhoods is giving away a "rain barrel". All participants in this drawing will have to answer all questions correctly and provide their contact information. There will also be drawings for some plants (dwarf loropetalum, golden abelia, etc.) compliments of Norah Hastings; micro-irrigation kits and water conservation kits compliments of Cara Martin, SWFWMD; and more.

Some of the Stations will have some giveaways at their tables including 2011 "Get Outside and Explore" calendars, rain gauges, reusable shopping bags, etc.

We have an excellent list of Planned Exhibitors and Representatives available to meet with you throughout the afternoon. This is a great opportunity to get all the information you may need to improve your lawn and landscaping, save water and money, and much more. Exhibitors include:

- ✿ **Debra Burden, Water Conservation Coordinator** -- Water Conservation inside the home addressing water usage for dishwashers, clothes washers, showers, etc. and water wasted due to leaking faucets, toilets, etc. Advantages of solar water heaters, recommended temperature settings, etc. Know your Water Meter and how to read it periodically to check for leaks in the System. Track your water usage bills monthly to make sure you know how much you are using and you are not surprised unexpectedly with leaks. What Rebates are available?
- ✿ **Doug Staples, Sales Representative of John Deere** -- Soil Moisture Sensor(s) for Irrigation Systems is the hottest new idea to manage irrigation. What are Soil Moisture Sensors, how do they work, what is the cost of the unit(s) including installation? Ask about Rebates available from the County to use toward covering the costs.
- ✿ **Dr. Joan Bradshaw, Extension Service Director** -- Irrigation / Water Conservation Practices / Rebates addressing outdoor applications / various irrigation systems, controllers, sprinkler heads, drip systems, and the advantages of each, what should be used where and why, etc.
- ✿ **Audrey Durr, Florida Yards & Neighbors Coordinator** -- Tutorial on Different Grass Types, the Pros and Cons of each, what is recommended for soil types in our community, etc.

- * **Regina Hamilton, Program Assistant & Norah Hastings, Cypress Village Landscaper** -- Florida Friendly Landscaping, what are recommended types of plantings for our environment, etc.
- * **Matt Lenhardt, Extension Agent Horticulturist** -- Tutorial on Different Fertilizers and Insecticides, Pros and Cons of each, what is the proper schedule and timing for applying fertilizers, insecticides, weed control, etc to achieve a healthy lawn and healthy plants, shrubs, and trees.
- * **Cara Martin, SWFWMD Community Affairs Program Manager** -- What is SWFWMD doing to help residents, latest status of watering restrictions, water tables, helpful watering techniques, Rebates, Variance Applications including the one for Soil Moisture Sensors, and more.
- * **Village Representatives Addressing Deed Restrictions** -- Cypress Village, Oak Village, and Southern Woods will have representatives there to answer any questions about Deed Restrictions. Representing the three Villages will be:
 - o **Todd Martin, Cypress Village POA Management**
 - o **Kristie Hampton, Oak Village Association Manager**
 - o **Wayne Cormier, Southern Woods POA Board Member**
- * **Cypress Village Gardens, Educational Florida Friendly Landscape** -- What is planted in the garden area, why were specific plants chosen, maintenance questions, how I get more information, etc. Representatives available to answer your questions include:
 - o **Warren Blodgett, Rose Mary Evans, and Norah Hastings**

Please join your friends and neighbors in participating in this very important and informative workshop. Hopefully you will pick up some good information and ideas to help you save money and enhance the beauty of your property.

Sincerely,

Duane Dueker,
 President, Sugarmill Woods Civic Association

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