

Sugarmill Woods Bulletin

May 23, 2011

Dear Residents,

The Sugarmill Woods Civic Association has been working with **Publix**, Shoppes of Sugarmill Woods, and **Publix**, Homosassa Springs, this month as part of a follow on extension to the **Sugarmill Woods 2nd Annual Community Food Drive** in support of the **"We Care Food Pantry"**. If you were not able to participate in the Annual Community Food Drive last month for whatever reason, there is still an opportunity to participate in this month's **Buy One – Give One** program that is now going on at the two Publix Supermarkets through Saturday, May 28, 2011.

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 Civic Association & Publix "Buy One – Give One" Community Food Drive** has been running all month and officially ends Saturday, May 28, 2011. 100 % of all donations will go directly to the "We Care Food Pantry". Last year, our Community Food Drive collected over 7,000 pounds of food and \$2,500 in the first SMW Community Food Drive. 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. Large containers inside the front entrance of each store are there for placement of any food donations that you would like to make.

If you prefer to make a monetary donation instead of food to the **"Buy One – Give One" Community Food Drive**, you may do that instead at either one of the two Publix stores. As with the food donations, all monetary contributions go directly to the **"We Care Food Pantry"**.

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