



# Magnolia Lakes

## Homeowners Association

### The board members are:

**Charlotte Rose**- President: 752-7839  
**Peter Hartshorne** – Vice President  
**Carol Ungerer** - Treasurer  
**Bill Cook** - Secretary 446-3117  
**Jody Phillips** - Director

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### Appointed Duties:

**Sign posting** – Peter Hartshorne  
**Grounds & Lakes** – Charlotte Rose  
**Website** – Jody Phillips  
**Newsletter** – Bill Cook

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### ARC Committee Members

**Carolyn Shoup**  
**Joan Woerner**  
**Marshall Potter**  
**Harold Nelson**  
**Cathy Katz**  
**Barbara Stephanian**

A new ARC application form has been generated and is available on the web site  
<http://www.magnolialakes.net>.  
Please ensure that you make an application well in advance of your work.

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### Appeals Committee Members

**Richard Boudreaux**,  
**Wendell Lee**  
**Steve Cotellesse**  
**Marshall Potter**

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### Monthly Meetings

The 2009 Magnolia Lakes Development Homeowners meetings are scheduled for 6:45 PM on

the second Tuesday of every month at the Emmanuel United Methodist Church, 2800 East Eau Gallie Blvd. Please remember to come.

### Directions:

*Go east on Eau Gallie Blvd, about one block after you cross Wickham you will see the "Emmanuel United Methodist Church" on your left on the west bound side." Parking is in the rear of the church..*

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### Pool Keys:

**Anyone needing a pool key, please contact Peter Hartshorne direct at 254-5635**

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### Pool incident & Problems

Coming home one Sunday night, about 8:00pm, I heard a commotion in the pool area. On investigation, found that there were 3 young men, maybe 18yrs or so, throwing chairs at each other and screaming obscenities. Two of the guys seemed quite calm, but the third was in some crazed attitude and the main perpetrator of the violence. We called the police but before they could arrive, they stopped, climbed over the fence and walked around White Oak Circle. A nearby resident identified that one or more lives on WOC. The police were slow to respond and unfortunately could not conclude an official identification. Monday morning we discovered two of the pool chairs destroyed and a stack of empty beer bottles in the pool area.

This is too common with the remnants of alcohol and food being cleaned up every Monday morning. It is unfortunate that a few people are spoiling it for the whole community. On top of this, we have a continued problem of unaccompanied children at the pool. The board is **VERY** concerned about the safety of these children. It would be truly horrifying if there was an accident. Parents: **PLEASE** ensure that your children are accompanied by an ADULT when they go to the pool..



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### The fish in the Ponds

*We have two items for consideration:*

*The fish in some of the ponds are getting big with a great survival rate. We have added 1,500 fingerlings to the ponds during April, to maintain good stocks. This is to keep the midges down and we believe the more fish in the ponds, the more they eat the midges. There are many people that enjoy fishing in the ponds and it is great to see that they practice "catch & release". Recently it was reported that someone is using a net to capture and remove the fish, many of which are almost tame. This must stop !!*

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### The Ducks

We now have flocks of ducks that consider our ponds home. This is wonderful and creates a atmosphere of serenity. Many home owners feed both the ducks and the fish. Most of the ducks are of the Muscovy variety that do not migrate and are not native to Florida. The HOA Board is not aware of any complaints concerning the ducks and therefore we can assume that everyone enjoys their presence. If they should become a nuisance please notify the HOA so that we can take the appropriate action. Muscovy ducks are not indigenous to Florida and any introduced species of wildlife is not protected by the Florida wildlife protection laws. HOWEVER, it is still against the Florida laws to be inhumane to any creature whether native or not. Other

**FYI tidbits;** Most of the little brown ducks within our community are the Florida Mottled duck,

which are not only native to Florida, but Florida is the only place they can be found in the world. Neither the Muscovy nor the Mottled duck migrate. We also on occasion have both the male and female Mallards mixed in with the Mottled ducks.

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### HOA Board Meetings

Please remember: we have a 15 minute period before the monthly HOA board meeting for home owners to bring issues to the board for consideration in that meeting. This shortens the process of getting items discussed and put onto the HOA Board agenda,

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## Phantom Dogs

I've heard about ghosts & phantoms, but never really believed in the stories. Now that I have seen so much dog poop in my garden and the community I have to reconsider my stand. I know, and have seen, all the neighbors walking their dogs and diligently picking up their pets droppings. So where do these unclaimed deposits come from?. Could this be raccoons that are walking our streets and leaving these deposits in a manner to mark their territory? I don't think so! They are much shyer than that. May I suggest that if anyone sees these phantom dogs, contact me with some evidence, if possible. I will then contact the "Discovery Channel" so that we can get our community on TV. They have a number of programs that would be interested in our phantoms. Then we can all have our 15 minutes of fame.

On the other hand, it is possible that they are not phantoms at all but careless dog owners.

PLEASE pick up those little parcels when walking your pets. Too many and we attract lots of fly's. I can tell you that my wife gets mad when I walk into the house after mowing the grass, with "poop" on the bottom of my shoes.



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### Yard Sale 28<sup>th</sup> March 2009



### Garden and Household Tips:

- Vacuum the condenser of your refrigerator occasionally. Otherwise, it will get clogged with dust, causing the unit to run more than it should.
- To prevent grease buildup on oven walls, wipe then occasionally with a cloth dampened with a little vinegar and water
- To get a quick shine on counter tops, wipe them down with vinegar.
- Is it smarter to bag up your lawn clippings or mulch them in?. The experts say that as the grass clippings decompose, they provide up to half the nitrogen your lawn needs. Ironically, chemical fertilizers stymie this process by slowing down the earthworms, bacteria and microorganisms that break down the clippings.
- To kill small quantities of weeds or moss in walks or patio cracks, douse them with boiling water.
- If you would like to avoid a lot of stooping when fertilizing your plants, assemble a length of pipe and funnel, then point the pipe to the root of the plant and pour the fertilizer down the funnel
- Cut flowers can be kept longer if you put them in a vase containing a solution of 2 tablespoons of vinegar, 3 tablespoons of sugar and 1 quart of water.

### Driveway staining:

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This is still being resolved. Anyone considering "Staining" their driveway and paths is asked to wait until we have established standard colors and manufacturers codes. If you apply to stain your driveway now, it will be rejected in anticipation of the standards being resolved.

### Warning:

We had an email from a homeowner that someone had broken into her son's car in their driveway. Be careful leaving your cars unlocked as this is just too good a target for a thief.

Also, a man was roaming our community that evening of Wednesday the 22nd of April. He was at large with a warrant out for his arrest for





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armed robbery. He was roaming Magnolia Lakes.

You may have seen several MPD officers, their dogs, cars, and the helicopter patrolling our area.

Please try to remember to keep your car windows closed, the doors locked, and your garage door closed when you are not attending them. We can't prevent all crime but we can discourage it by not making ourselves easy targets.

Any questions or contributions --

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