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What's Going ON?

Spring Potluck: Each year the Magnolia Place Social Committee tries to plan some community gatherings (ie: Pool Potlucks, Holiday Dinner, etc.)

If you'd like to help plan the Spring Potluck for May or have suggestions for other events please contact the board. We can ALWAYS use more help.

Play Date in the Park:

When: Friday April 4

Time: 11am-1pm

Where: Magnolia Place Toddler Park

Who: All Magnolia Place Moms and Dads who are home during the day and would just like to get out and meet other families with children.

Bring a lunch, a snack, a blanket, a toy, whatever you'd like so we can all get out and meet each other.

Susan N. who used to plan the Mother's Playgroup has moved, but there are still folks around who would like to get together. This will be a trial run of something new to see if it is worthwhile.

Contact: Michele Leshner for more details or suggestions.

Yard of the Month Winner

This will be done monthly from May through October.

The previous month's winner chooses the next winner.

The Landscaping Committee representative will award the first month's winner each year. The winner will be selected for their efforts to improve their property with

flowerbeds, potted plants for the steps and porch and overall yard maintenance. (Obviously, in non-drought conditions). You might want to note that this program is meant to inspire our neighborhood and generally add pleasure for all when we see an exceptional yard.

Upcoming Meetings

Magnolia Place HOA, Inc.

DATE: Thursday April 24, 2008

LOCATION: Board's Member's Home

TIME: 6:30pm – 8:30pm

If you are interested in attending the next board meeting, please contact a board member or Charleston Management (Shannon Regan).

New Board Members: At the annual meeting in February, the homeowners elected 6 members to the board. Kerry Crabb and Damon Crumb were re-elected to the board. Chip Dimmick, Michele Leshner, Renee Logan, and Paul McLanahan were newly elected. The following are the new positions that the board members have taken.

President: Michele Leshner

Treasurer: Suzanne Belnap

Secretary: Paul McLanahan

Architectural Committee: Chip Dimmick, Chairperson
Kerry Crabb, Member

Landscaping Committee: Damon Crumb

Officer at Large: Renee Logan

HOA Meeting in February? You may be wondering what happened to our annual April meeting. Our meeting was moved up to stay in compliance with regulations for our budget ratification within 60 days of the New Year. Please keep in mind every homeowner was sent an announcement by mail and an extra reminder and proxy were placed on mailboxes the week prior. Why are proxies important? To elect new board members and hold the annual meeting we need 20% of our community represented or the meeting needs to be called and re-scheduled. On February 28, we did NOT have enough of the community represented. The meeting was adjourned and re-called a minute later, so that the 10% of the community present could carry on with the meeting. Magnolia Place this is your opportunity to hear what's going on with our budget, voice concerns for the neighborhood and help elect board members willing to volunteer their time for our community. If you can't make it, **please**, (you are strongly encouraged) fill out your proxy in the future and give it to a neighbor or board member, so we have enough representation to move forward with the meeting.

ARC Information

The Architecture Committee would like to remind all homeowners that any dead bushes, shrubs or trees need to be removed and replaced. They understand now is the not the time to replace them, but this is something that will need to be done when water restrictions are lifted.

Stage IV - Severe Mandatory Conservation Modifications Enacted, effective December 3, 2007

From: Durham, NC website <http://www.durhamnc.gov/>

Stage IV of the ordinances incorporates practices in Stage I, II and III and increases the level of conservation efforts to require the following Mandatory Measures:

- **NO watering or sprinkling of any lawn or grass.**
- **NO watering of trees, ornamental shrubs or vegetable gardens except by hand-held container on Saturdays, between the hours of 5 a.m. and 8 a.m. or 5 p.m. and 8 p.m.**
- Do NOT wash down outside areas such as sidewalks, patios, driveways, or for other similar purposes.
- Do NOT fill any wading pool or swimming pool or replenish any filled pool except to the minimum essential for operation of chemical feed equipment.
- Do NOT use water for any unnecessary commercial or public purpose.
- Do NOT operate water-cooled air conditioners or other equipment that do not recycle cooling water, except when health and safety are adversely affected.
- Do NOT serve water in a restaurant or similar establishment except upon request.
- Do NOT use water for any unnecessary purpose or intentionally waste water.
- Do NOT Wash any motor vehicle or other type of mobile equipment. Any person regularly engaged in the business of washing motor vehicles and any commercial car wash facility shall be permitted to use water for such purposes, when 50% water savings are documented.

Customers may secure a written license from the city manager (or his designee) to use water contrary to the Stage IV mandatory conservation measures if it can be shown to the manager's satisfaction that the licensee's use of water will result in an overall fifty (50) percent or greater reduction in water use. Any license issued pursuant to this provision: (1) must be in the possession of the licensee whenever water is used contrary to the Stage IV mandatory conservation measures; and (2) is subject to amendment or revocation by the city manager at any time for good cause.

- Customers regularly engaged in the sale of plants are permitted to use water for irrigation of their commercial stock in trade, using the minimal amount for survival.

How to Make a Homemade Rain Barrel

By: Damon Crumb

The rain barrels are either a 32-gallon round Rubbermaid Roughneck barrel or a 50-gallon square one. To make the rain barrel:

- First level the area next to the gutter down pipe you are going to use and test the stability of the barrel. Remove any down pipe clamp that is below the top of the barrel and reposition it about 6 inches above the top to stabilize the down pipe.
- Next mark the down pipe 2 inches below the rim of the barrel and cut it off with a hacksaw. Place the barrel under the down pipe and again check that it is level and stable. Now you can cut out a notch in the barrel lid with a utility knife to fit around the pipe, yet still be able to use the lid.
- Next, you need a ¾ inch PVC adaptor with an outside screw thread on one end. On the front side of the positioned barrel, about 2 inches below the rim. Drill a 1-inch hole and screw in the adaptor. This will serve as the overflow.
- If you do not want to use a pail to scoop the water out of the barrel, you can install a 1/2-inch brass or PVC hose bib towards the bottom front of the barrel, just above the height of your pail. You will need to buy a rubber 'O' ring that fits the hose bib screw thread and a ¾ inch PVC adaptor. To install this, drill a ¾ inch hole. Screw in the hose bib. Put the 'O' ring over the threaded end inside the barrel, then screw on the adaptor to tighten both to the inside wall of the barrel.

All of these parts can be found at Lowes. The 32-gallon barrel is about \$12 and the 55-gallon barrel is about \$25. The 2 adaptors are about \$.50 each and the 'O' ring is about \$1.00. The hose bib is about \$4.50. One word of caution, do NOT buy cheap (thin) plastic 55 gallon containers. That much water weighs over 400 pounds! If anyone has any questions, please come over and look at mine or call me at 957-3437.

Garden & Lawn Maintenance Tips for the warm summer months

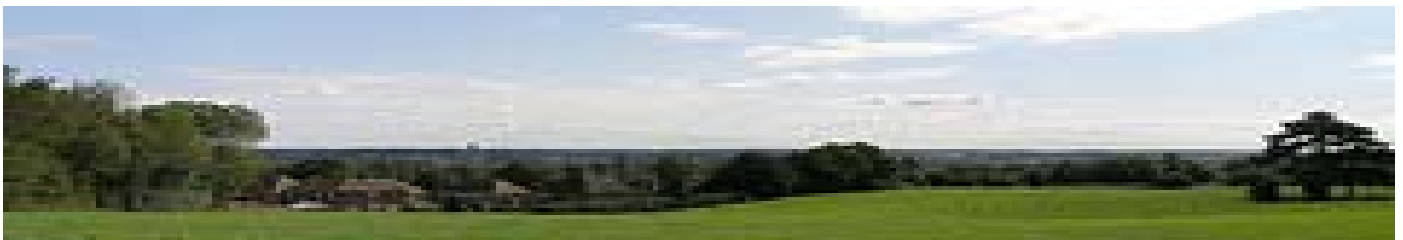
Check out www.lawncare.com Scotts Miracle-Gro Company

Keyword: Drought for more up-to-do-date tips

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Growing Concerns

It's Daylight Savings Sunday, a beautifully sunny day. The community is busy with children playing, people jogging, and dogs out for walks. As I look out my window I enjoy seeing the gorgeous day. That is until the whizzing of the cars begins tearing down the street. As you may have noticed in the past few years Magnolia Place is growing. Many more families are having kids or moving in with children. This has started to cause alarm for the safety of our children. This was one of the topics discussed at our annual meeting, how to police ourselves, or look into rumble strips. Please remember we are a residential neighborhood with a **speed limit of 25mph**. We would like to ensure the safety of our residents by just asking everyone to please slow down. Now, some of the culprits are not residents, but DPS school buses, pizza delivery cars and delivery trucks. Please feel free to report them to the business owners as some residents have already started doing. Slowing down a little can mean a lot if it avoids a serious accident or injury.



ATTENTION MAGNOLIA PLACE GOLFERS

Anyone interested in playing in the Magnolia Place Golf events, regardless of your skill level, pass on your name, address, phone number, and e-mail to Ron Kanour at: 919-957-0244 rlkanour@verizon.net
This is a great way to get to know your neighbors, and have some fun at the same time!

Neighborhood Common Courtesies

Picking up after your Dogs

Please remember to **clean up** what your dog leaves behind when walking him/her. This should be done not only on another homeowner's property but also **all common areas**. There are 3 doggy bag stations located in the community.

Garbage Pick-up

Garbage and recycling pick-up is done on every Monday unless a holiday falls on that day. A few recycling reminders as given from the city:

1. Make sure all containers are rinsed
 2. All lids and caps should be placed in the garbage
 3. Labels may be left on
 4. Place shredded paper in a paper bag first
- Visit www.durhamrecycles.org if you have any other concerns on what can or cannot be recycled.

Lawn Mowing

1. Weekend mowing should begin after 9 am
2. Clean up grass clippings by sweeping or blowing them from the sidewalk, driveway and street
3. Edge sidewalks, curbs and driveways

The Magnolia Needs You!

The Magnolia is published 4 times a year and needs your help. If you have something to share, a flair for the written word, or can help deliver, then we want and **need** your ideas and time. Contact mrs_lesher@yahoo.com

Landscaping NEWS

You may have noticed some lovely landscaping changes. Our pine straw has been disposed of and replaced with bark mulch. This is to reduce the fire hazard of dry pine straw, give a better look over time, provides better moisture control, and is 1/2 the annual cost after 1st application (savings of \$1000 to \$1500 per year). Our regular seasonal plantings at the entrances will be skipped due to the drought.

Power Washing

The playground equipment in the toddler park will be power washed within the next month to maintain sanitary conditions.

If Durham lifts some of the water restrictions where pressure washing of our homes is possible and you would like to join a group of home owners in Magnolia Place to have your home cleaned at a discounted rate, contact Kerry Crabb (596-6573) to get your name on the list.

Neighborhood Business Links

Deck Remodels/Extensions

Do you want to expand your deck?
Only 3 build dates left. Reserve yours
now!

Free design and estimate.
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