



Meridian Woods Park Newsletter



June 2013

www.meridianwoodspark.com

4th of July Parade

Starts at 10:00 am at the

MWP Clubhouse

Decorate your bike, wagon, stroller, etc.

Picnic to follow

Bounce house — Cornhole contest

Nerf War & More

Contact Howard Esterline @ 222-6004

to volunteer

MWP Garage Sale - June 22



The Playground Committee will once again be involved in the MWP neighborhood garage sale raising funds that will go toward maintenance of the playground equipment and area. If you DO NOT plan to have your own sale please donate any items that you do not need or want to the Playground Garage Sale.

Call the clubhouse for more information. Items can be dropped off at the Clubhouse on Friday, June 21.

MWP Pool News

Monday-Friday 12:00 noon-7:00 pm

Saturday 11:00 am-7:00 pm

Sunday 11:00 am-7:00 pm

Grandparents are allowed to bring two (2) grandchildren free of charge.

Seasonal Guest Passes are \$30 (Guest must be accompanied by resident.)

Non-resident family sponsored by MWP resident—\$175 for the summer.

Replacement fee for lost pool passes —\$5

The pool is available for private parties and for adult/family swim 7:00-9:00 pm each weekday evening and 7:00-11:00 pm on weekends. A copy of MWP Pool Rules is available online, at the Clubhouse or from the lifeguards. Please contact Tom Trickle at 797-6452 or at tomtrickle@sbcglobal.net for more information.

Please remember to carry your pool pass—they will be checked at the gate. You can get these at the clubhouse when you pay your dues.



Clubhouse Rentals!

Improved facility! With the new blinds, fireplace screen and various other elements, the clubhouse is in great shape. There are two television sets that have been set up for use during all rentals. Local channels are available on one and games and/or DVD/VCR players can be used on the upstairs set.

Reserve the clubhouse for your next business or social event. We offer low rates and a convenient location.

A date can be reserved one year in advance. In order to reserve a date, you must sign the contract and pay for the rental. Rentals - full day \$150.00, or \$15.00 per hour minimum 3 hours. Two ways to check on an open date - go to MWP website meridianwoodspark.com or call the clubhouse during regular business hours. **Contact Ann to schedule the clubhouse** by using the Website and clicking on Contact us at the bottom of the screen. You can also call the clubhouse at 784-2872 and leave a message.

Office Hours

Wednesday 5:00 pm —7:00 pm

Thursday 8:30 am —2:30 pm

Aqua Zumba

Cost is \$4 per class. Join us for a good time, dancing and exercising while staying cool in the pool. Monday & Wednesday 7:00 pm

Starting June 19

Are you new to Aqua Zumba— first class free!

Swim Lessons

Private

Ashley Fishburn, MWP resident, will be teaching private swim lessons this summer. Please contact her at

fishburna@uindy.edu or her cell 370-4257

June Gardening Tips

- All vegetable crops can go in the ground now. Continue to sow carrots, beets, and beans to spread out the harvest.
- Eliminate weeds when they are small and easy to pull. By keeping your plants well-watered and -fertilized, they will quickly fill in spaces instead of weeds.
- Thin your seedlings to their proper spacing so as to avoid overcrowding. Remove dead flowers from plants to encourage new growth.
- Remember to water your plants. It is better to water your garden thoroughly once a week to ensure that a deep root system is established.
- Deadhead fading blossoms from perennials and roses.
- Fertilize roses after the flowers start to fade.

For Sale

2007 Suzuki C50 Boulevard Motorcycle
 15000 miles
 Saddle bag and rear seat bar
 \$3,800
 Contact Michelle Rollings - 331-0359

Meeting Notice

The monthly meeting of the **MWP Neighborhood Association** is held on the 2nd Monday of the month at 7:00 pm. **ALL RESIDENTS are invited and encouraged to attend to find out about the projects the Board is currently discussing.**

MWP Babysitters

Need a babysitter, call one of these residents to help out!

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| Maddy Crozier (16) | 503-6360 |
| Kristin Foresman (17) | 783-5399 |
| Katy Healey | 791-8178 |
| Sabrina Ireland (16) | 363-4853 |

In The Woods



Muskrat Report

Because of the damage caused to the banks of our waterways, and the potential for more damage, we recently had a trapper set traps around the lake for muskrats. Muskrats are very mobile, and it was expected that traps at the lake would catch critters from all our waterways. Seven muskrats were caught in a month. The traps have been removed but the board will consider having traps set again, if needed.

MWP's Wide Open Space

If you don't know – must of us do but a few don't and some may have forgotten – there is a large grassy meadow between our lake and the banks of Little Buck Creek. It is common property and is for the enjoyment of all MWP members. Accessible by walking through the new nicely updated playground and continuing across the spillway creek or by walking on the sidewalk between 6640 and 6650 Yellowstone Parkway. C'mon down, walk your dog (on a leash), throw a Frisbee, run around with your kids. It's yours – use it.

Free Time Machine

MapIndy is the most recent IndyGov map utility and includes aerial photography/ maps dating back to 1937. Go to our city's website, indygov.org, and look under Online Services/Maps, or just use <http://maps.indy.gov/MapIndy/>. Find MWP and zoom in to see our neighborhood. Hover over Streets and Aerials in the upper right corner and then go to the slider at the bottom – move it all the way over from maps to photography to see things clearly. MapIndy defaults to 2012, but the Time Machine dates are below – take a look at 1972, with MWP about ¾ finished. Not very many trees, huh? 1962 shows that our lake and waterways existed before MWP did, as part of the farm that was turned into a neighborhood. —Submitted by Jan Moorhead

Bridge - June 19

7:00 pm in the Clubhouse. All residents and guests are welcome to join the group. If you would like to join the Bridge group please contact Sharon Spears at 780-8755 or email her at sharons745@comcast.net
 Interested in learning Bridge or brushing up on your skills? Contact Sue Mohr at 783-5955 for more information.

Thanks to **Bill Kamradt** for his continued work on MWP Clubhouse projects and to **Jack Knarr** for printing the newsletter.

Offering Full Service Lawn Care

Grass cutting, yard maintenance, lawn aeration, overseeding, gutter cleaning, tree trimming, etc. Responsible and experienced service provided at reasonable cost.

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Contact Greg Notter at 331-5607.

Newsletter The projected publishing and delivery of the newsletter is scheduled for the 15th of each month. If you have items that you would like to be put in the newsletter email Cindy Maude (putting "Newsletter" in the Subject field) cmaude@sbcglobal.net

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News Release - Marion County

By: Steve Mayer, Purdue Extension Educator, Horticulture

How to Have a Good Lawn Without Pesticides

If you envy your neighbor's beautiful lawn but don't want to use the pesticides suggested in a typical home lawn-care program, don't give up. Home lawns can be maintained with little or no pesticide use if some very basic lawn-care principles are carefully followed.

Selecting the proper grass is the first step to having a good lawn without relying on pesticides. The best grass species for a particular yard will depend on the site. Some turfgrasses tolerate shade better than others. Some grasses do better with maintenance.

A lawn with more than 10 percent ryegrass will often encounter more disease problems than a lawn with a blend of disease-resistant bluegrass varieties. Always purchase high-quality seed to help reduce weed problems.

Proper mowing is essential for the pesticide-free lawn. Mow Kentucky bluegrass and most other lawns in this area at a height no lower than 3 inches. Mow frequently so that no more than one-third of the grass leaf blade is cut off at any one time.

Lawns mowed too short are prone to weeds due to the lack of grass competition. Crabgrass needs light in order to sprout, so lawns cut too low allow more weed seed germination.

Short mowing also results in a shallower root system due to less food production by the plant. A puny root system will be more susceptible to drought injury and less tolerant of both root-feeding insects like white grubs and root-damaging diseases.

Infrequent mowing can shock the grass. This makes it more susceptible to plant stress.

A dull mower blade bruises the grass. This can serve as an entry point for a disease such as leaf spot. Check regularly to make sure your lawn-mower blade is always sharp.

Proper fertilization will result in fewer pesticide applications. Fertilizer is your best non-chemical weed control product to prevent weeds.

Most lawns should be fertilized two or more times per year. The best time to fertilize is September. If you fertilize twice a year, put on the second application in November while the grass is still green. If three applications are needed, apply fertilizer in mid- to late May.

Proper soil pH and fertility (especially nitrogen) will help the lawn to resist turfgrass pests. Take a soil test to determine what is needed.

To help avoid excessive top growth and reduce disease, apply little or no fertilizer in early spring. Slow release nitrogen fertilizers will help reduce excessive top growth by providing a more uniform release of nutrients.

Many established lawns have the ability to survive periods of drought. However, a dormant lawn in the summer is more likely to encourage weeds and may sustain more damage from insects and diseases. Proper watering can help prevent these problems.

Water the lawn deeply at the first sign of needing water. It is usually best to apply at least one inch of water each time. Frequent shallow watering results in shallow rooting. This can make the lawn more susceptible to root damaging insects and diseases.

Early morning is the best time to water the lawn. Evening watering may contribute to disease development.

Prevention is the best form of weed control. You can help prevent weeds in established lawns by proper mowing, fertilizing and watering. A lawn newly planted in mid-August to mid-September will usually have less weed competition than a lawn planted in spring. A few scattered weeds can be eradicated by hand.

To reduce disease problems, avoid fertilizing in early spring to reduce succulent growth. Water deeply and infrequently in the early morning.

A properly maintained lawn will be more tolerant of insect feeding. A lawn that is watered and fertilized properly may tolerate up to 10 white grubs per square foot without visible injury, whereas the same population could devastate a weak turf.

Keep in mind that a pesticide-free lawn may have a few more weeds and a dead spot once in a while. However, problems like these can be minimized through proper lawn selection and care.

Steve Mayer is Extension Educator-Horticulture with Purdue Extension-Marion County. He coordinates the Master Gardener program in Marion County. To contact a Master Gardener, call (317) 275-9292, or e-mail: master.gardener@extension.purdue.edu