

Meridian Woods Park Newsletter



July 2013

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MWP Golf Outing

Saturday, September 21, 2013

Winding River Golf Course

Florida Scramble

8:00 AM Shotgun Start Tee time

Thank You!

To all of residents who volunteered to make the 4th of July Parade a fun time for all. There were more than 50 decorated bikes, wagons, strollers, etc. IT was a great time for all. Thanks to Howard Esterline and his crew of volunteers.

A big thanks also goes out to all of you who donated items for the Garage Sale at the clubhouse which benefitted the Playground maintenance fund. A little over \$200 was the total for this project.

Sharing Shelf

Check out the new Sharing Shelf in the Clubhouse.

The rules are simple. Stop in. Check out the books and magazines that have been donated. If you find one that interests you please feel free to take it home, read it, keep it or return it for someone else to read.

If you have any books you are finished reading or have outgrown please bring them to the clubhouse to share with friends and neighbors.

The Shelf is located under the stairs in the Clubhouse. The Shelf is accessible Wednesday, 5:00—7:00 pm and Thursday morning 10:00 am—12:00 noon.



Crime Watch Meeting

Our next Crime Watch meeting will be **July 24th @ 6:30 p.m. in the clubhouse**. Officer Stephen Magnuson with the Southwest District will be there with the crime stats in our neighborhood and to answer any questions you may have.

Also, John Chapman with the Office of the Attorney General will be there to do a presentation on Identity Theft. I think this presentation will be very interesting. If identity thieves have your personal information, they can drain your bank account, run up charges on your credit cards, open new utility accounts, or get medical treatment on your health insurance. Hope to see everyone there!

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

Aqua Zumba is so much fun. Meet me at the pool on Monday at 7:00 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

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

July Gardening Tips

- ◆ The heat, humidity and frequent rains of July are great for tropical plants. Gardeners, however, take a bit of a beating. Keep the sunscreen, insect repellent and iced tea handy as you venture out into your garden to perform some needed summer maintenance.
- ◆ Deadhead, or clip old flowers, from summer flowering shrubs as soon as they fade to help insure an extended season of bloom. Crape myrtles, hydrangeas and althea are examples of shrubs that will bloom repeatedly if light, selective pruning is done.
- ◆ Flowering annuals also respond well to deadheading. Snip off old flowers and flower spikes before they have an opportunity to form seed.
- ◆ Tomatoes will ripen indoors at room temperature. To ensure even ripening, place the tomato with the stem up.
- ◆ In general, it is best to harvest vegetables early in the mornings while the moisture content is higher. The overall quality will quickly diminish as vegetables are exposed to hotter temperatures.

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.**

Bridge - August 21

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.

In The Woods

Trailer in the Driveway?

Boat in the Backyard?

Camper Kept in the Open?

It's not against the law but it is in violation of the covenant restrictions that have existed since before construction of our neighborhood began 40+ years ago. The plats of each MWP section include identical restrictions; one of those states:

'....no boat, trailer or camper of any kind shall be kept or parked upon said lot except within garage or other approved structure.'

The restriction was included because many people consider that boats, trailers and campers can detract from the appearance of a neighborhood.

In recent years this has not been a major problem In MWP but there have been a few who have been in violation of the restriction. Some see this as no big deal while others are greatly annoyed by homeowners who disregard this specific covenant restriction.

If you keep a boat, trailer or camper out in the open or are considering doing so, please make other storage arrangements.



Clubhouse Rentals!

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

Thanks to Bernie Voges for his work on MWP Clubhouse projects.

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.

For Sale 2007 Suzuki C50 Boulevard Motorcycle

15000 Miles Saddle bag and rear seat bar

\$3,800 Contact Michelle Rollings - 331-0359

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Wednesday 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Thursday 8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

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.

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