

Spring Valley

News

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MARCH YARD SALE

Our next subdivision yard sale is scheduled for Friday and Saturday, March 24th and 25th. The sale will be advertised on Swap-Shop FM 89.1. We ask that each participating household donate \$.50 to offset cost of publishing this newsletter. Please give your donation to treasurer Ruthie Carpentier 3860 Barna Avenue (corner of Autumn Street and Barna).

COMING EVENTS

Block Party: May

Residents general meeting: August

CARJACK ALERT

Carjackers are using a new technique to get your vehicle. If you get in your car and then see a note on your rear window, don't leave your car running and get out to get the note. That's when those bad guys will jump in your car and drive away. If you see a note, turn off the engine and keep your keys in your hand. Better still, drive away and check the message when you get home or to your next stop. Usually, a person will put a note on your windshield if there is a problem such as a flat tire or a fender-bender.

ENTRY SIGN

We now have property owner's permission to put up a new sign to replace the one that was blown down by hurricanes in 2004. The new one will be smaller and more modern than the old ones. The one still standing will remain in place until damaged or blown down. It will then be replaced with one to match the new sign. We do not yet have a design for the new signs.

LIGHT UP SPRING VALLEY FOR SAFETY/SECURITY

A well-lighted subdivision is a deterrent to vandals and burglars. Keep outside lights on at night. Yes, electricity is expensive, but the extra cost may more than offset the value of damaged or stolen items. If your backyard is dark and there is a light pole in your yard, you might want to contact FPL about installing a light on the pole. The cost of having a lighted yard is less than \$10.00 a month.

HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION DUES

Membership dues are being raised to \$8.00 a year and will be collected starting with the Block Party in May.

The membership dues are a real bargain. Many similar subdivision's dues are more than \$100.00 a year.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The term of office for Association officers runs from April 1 to March 31 the following year. Many of our officers and board members have served for as long as 20 years. We need new people with new ideas. The work will not place a great demand on your time. Please help keep Spring Valley a desirable place to live for old, new, and prospective residents. Contact President Irene Mohr at 267-4993.

HENRY



This is Henry. If you look closely, you will see that Henry has only three legs. His left front had to be amputated when he was a kitten. But that doesn't slow down a cat like Henry. He does everything a four-legged cat can do. In fact, has done one thing that other cats don't usually do—he has written a book (with a little help from his live-in person.). His 150-page work, Henry's World--A Three-legged cat's view of human absurdity, is a story of trust, community, resiliency, overcoming prejudice, enemies becoming friends, and challenges becoming learning experiences. Henry is a symbol of beating the odds. It has many good lessons for children. Joan Richardson is selling copies of Henry's book with all proceeds going to Animal Guardians of Brevard—a non-profit organization dedicated to the

protection of animals. Joan is absorbing the cost of the books as part of her dedication to animals, so the price of the book to you, \$30.00, all goes to Animal Guardians of Brevard. It's a good read and would be a great gift for anyone—even a dog lover. If you are interested in helping animals and reading a good book, contact Joan at 269-3972.

SUNFLOWER HOUSE

This One-Stop Center Provides...

INFORMATION

Twelve major categories covering all programs, services, facilities & agencies in Brevard. Match needs to resources. Locate in-home help, adult day cares, assisted living, and nursing homes.

EDUCATION

Handouts, seminars, and conferences on topics of importance: Medicare/Medicaid, power of attorney, guardianships, case management, advance directives, hospices, and medications.

TRAINING

Learn basic skills, tips and techniques related to caring for others: signs and symptoms, personal care, dementia care, behavioral problems, home modifications, special diets, managing drugs.

SUPPORT

Relief for frustration, guilt, anger, despair, and caregiver-burnout. Join with others to share, listen, learn, gain strength. Alzheimer's, Diabetes, Grandparents groups and others meet regularly.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

SENIORS vs. CRIME, a project of the Attorney General's Office, helps resolve consumer-related frauds, scams targeting seniors. VOLUNTEER CENTER, recruiting for all community needs.

A UNIQUE MEETING PLACE

Ideal for meetings, seminars, & conferences with convenient inside and outside access.

If you need help in any of these areas call 452-4341 or visit the Sunflower House in Merritt Square Mall (between Dillard's and J.C. Penney) www.sunflowercoalition.org

ABOUT THIS NEWSLETTER

If you have wondered, this newsletter is not published on a regular schedule—just as needs arise. It is produced, typed, edited, and printed on a volunteer basis. The cost of paper and ink is reimbursed from association dues.

If you would like to submit information to be included, contact Joe Richardson at 269-3972 or email at jrichard35@cfl.rr.com. The board retains the right to determine if submissions are suitable for inclusion in this newsletter.

Happy St.



Patrick's Day!!

