



# River Talk

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## Let's talk about



**What's up in Magnolia Springs? Learn more at this month's Potluck! Mayor Bob Holk will give a brief "State of the Town" overview, Gerry Lester will report for the Garden Club, and Town Council members have been invited to report as they wish. We'll introduce our new Town Clerk, Jenny Opal White, who'll also give a report from the MS Public Library for Librarian Elise Nodar, who is unable to attend. Lolly Holk, Marley Gardner, and Faye Pipa are this month's hosts.**

**Please note: we'll be overlapping with a wedding at St. Paul's, so parking behind the church will not be available.**

### **Coming up in May—Another Potluck under the Stars!**

**We're departing from our usual first-Saturday-of-the-month schedule to avoid conflict with Derby Day parties. Instead, we'll string the lights on Saturday, May 12, for a Low Country Boil. MSCA board members are donating to cover the cost of the shrimp and other ingredients—you bring bread or a dessert and prepare to let the good times roll. More details will appear in the May newsletter.**

## President's Letter

### *"Oh, what a night!"*



Oh, what a night! Thanks to all who attended and helped with our BBQ Under the Stars! It was such a wonderful night complete with beautiful stars, terrific music, food and friends. We set a record—more than 70 attendees.

I'd like to share with you some of the items that have been and are currently on the Board's agenda.

• **Finances.** Quinten Johnson has served commendably as the Association's treasurer for the past several years; however, he recently accepted a work contract that will require him to be out of the country for extended periods of time. This comes at the same time that the Association has converted to a new financial software program. As a result, the Board has asked board member Kim Konair, who is a CPA, to take over the duties as treasurer for the remainder of the year. Kim has agreed to do this for the Association; Quint will complete his term as a board member—attending as he can. Thanks, Quint, for a job well done!!! And thanks, Kim, for your service.

As required by our By-laws, an Audit Committee (Kim Konair, board member and chair; Janet Paarlberg, member; and Bo Soulé, member) was appointed, an audit of the Association's finances conducted, and a report submitted to the Board. The report, along with the Treasurer's statement, is available to any member upon request. A summary will be published in the newsletter prior to the May meeting.

• **Elections.** Election for directors and officers will be held at the regular May meeting. The Nominating Committee, chaired by Janet Bilderback, has developed the slate of officers and directors published on page 4 of this newsletter. Nominations can also be taken from the floor of the meeting. If you are interested in serving in future years, please let me or another member of the board know.

• **Signage.** A new sign for the Community Hall has been submitted and approved by the Town of Magnolia Springs. It is currently being made and will be installed later this month. In addition, the current sign will soon get a facelift and will feature past photos and historical information about the Hall.

• **Farmers Market.** MSCA's Farmers Market will return for the spring season beginning Wednesday, April 18, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.; the market will be located in The Hall parking lot. In an effort to expand our market, the Board has created guidelines and rules of operation for our vendors. This season will run from April 4 until June 27, 2018.

**Coming...** April 7th potluck will focus on the Town of Magnolia Springs and Mayor Bob Holk will provide an update on happenings within our town. Our potlucks will conclude this year on May 12th with a Low Country boil headed up by Buster Slay! That should certainly be incentive to attend the last meeting of the year!

See you soon at The Hall!  
—Judith Miller, President



You know what a great venue for a gathering our historic Community Hall can be— please help pass the word!

The Hall is available for gatherings large and small: birthday parties, showers, wedding receptions, family reunions, etc.

#### Hall rental rates

Under 2 hours: \$ 125

2-5 hours: \$ 350

Greater than

5 hours: \$ 600

Use of tables & chairs included; cleaning fee additional.

Beginning with their second consecutive year of membership, MSCA members receive a 20% discount.

Interested renters can contact Judith Miller at [drjudithmiller@bellsouth.net](mailto:drjudithmiller@bellsouth.net).

## Want to turn your clutter into cash? Sync with the Community Yard Sale tentatively scheduled for May 18-19.

On March 27, former MSCA president Elizabeth Ramsey presented to the Town Council the idea of a community yard sale similar to the sale held at Hunter's Chase every year. Each family manages their own sale at their home on the same days, generating larger attendance than a single sale might receive.

She suggested possible dates for sale as May 18th and 19th. The mayor and council agreed this is a good idea and will waive the Yard/Garage Sale Permit Fee.

If you're interested in participating and/or would like to help Elizabeth Ramsey in coordinating the "Community Yard Sale", please contact her by email at [lizhramsey56@gmail.com](mailto:lizhramsey56@gmail.com).

### **The 2018 Magnolia Springs Community Association Board of Directors**

Judith Miller, President

Todd Puckett, Vice President

Quint Johnson, Treasurer

Jan Pruitt, Recording Secretary

Luanne Matson, Corresponding  
Secretary

Janet Bilderback

Lolly Holk

Kim Koniar

Gerry Lester

Maury McPhillips

Helen Soulé

## Submitted for your review. . .

The Nominating Committee of the Magnolia Springs Community Association Board of Directors proposes the following slate of Officers and Directors for 2018-2019. The slate will be voted on at the May 12 Potluck and annual business meeting. The new board will begin its service in June, which is the beginning of the Association's fiscal and membership year.

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| President               | Judith Miller |
| Vice President          | Todd Puckett  |
| Recording Secretary     | Helen Soulé   |
| Treasurer               | Kim Koniar    |
| Corresponding Secretary | Luanne Matson |

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| Director 1 | Maury McPhillips |
| Director 2 | Andrew Monaghan  |
| Director 3 | Lyndy Kouns      |
| Director 4 | Ann Bowers       |
| Director 5 | Lolly Holk       |
| Director 6 | Jan Pruitt       |



The Paul Nix Yoga Class recently celebrated its 14th year of meeting in Magnolia Springs. The Class currently meets at St. Paul's Chapel on Monday and Thursday at 1:30 p.m. The class celebrated its anniversary at the home of Lynne Parker, one of the original members. A few of the original members still attend. The class was started on February 28, 2004 at the Magnolia Springs Community Hall. It began under the umbrella of the Magnolia Springs Garden Club. Membership is open to anyone wishing to learn more about stretching and balance. The instructor, Paul Nix, teaches a variety of exercise classes at Thomas Hospital in Fairhope and has been faithful to this class for 14 years!

—Liz Ramsey, member

*Thanks  
to everyone  
who helped prepare  
for BBQ under the Stars.  
You created the  
atmosphere for  
a most enjoyable  
night!*



(This is upside down because there is no gimmick to which we will not stoop in the attempt to bring attention to this project.)

**LDMatson4955@gmail.com**

**Do you keep meaning to email  
Luanne about all those old  
MSCA files you want to pass  
on to her for the memorabilia/  
history project? Do it today!**

**From the Editor**

River Talk is published monthly,  
October to May, and once  
(or maybe more) in the summer.

Please send your news to **pruitt.jan@gmail.com**.  
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month unless otherwise announced.

—Jan Pruitt, Editor  
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# News from the Magnolia Springs Garden Club



According to an old proverb or maybe even an old wives tale, "March comes in like a lion and goes out like a lamb." So the tale goes and so March lived up to its reputation this year. And, "April showers bring May flowers." We'll have to see about that one.

We began the month wondering if we would ever see any green things shooting out from the ground and the trees. Camellia blooms gave way to azaleas that amazed us. Three of mine that face Holly St. displayed dazzling fuchsia blooms that defied the preceding months of cold.

We held two productive work days in the Arboretum. Thank you to Mary Ann Underwood, Becky Estes, Luanne Matson, Judith Miller and Gerry Lester. If I have left you out, please let me know.

Speaking of the Arboretum, we have ordered plants from Superior Trees in Florida for delivery and planting in April. Thanks to a generous donation of \$1,500.00 from The Lee Foundation, specifically earmarked for the Arboretum, we will be able to do additional work there this year.

We all had a good time at our March meeting. Luanne Matson brought flower arrangements to the meeting and explained their composition to us. After the meeting, several of us remained to make our own arrangements. Mine became the featured adornment on my Easter dinner table.

Eleven members and six guests made the trip to the Mobile Botanical Gardens on the 29th. Our guide, Amanda Wilkinson, lead us through the Gardens. I especially liked the story she told about the giant Stag Horn Fern called Max. Max hangs from a chain hung between several large trees, is about thirty-five years old and lives off plant matter that falls from the trees.

There are many gardens within the Gardens, all of which have interesting backgrounds. Most plants have identification plates that will help the casual visitor in a walk through the Gardens. A tour with a botanist like Amanda, however, cannot be beat.

In April we have a pontoon boat tour of Weeks Bay scheduled for the 13th. This requires a minimum of 20 attendees at \$20.00 each. Please let me know as soon as possible if you plan to attend.

Our hostesses at the March meeting were Mary Ann Underwood, Marilyn Cobb, and Janet Paarlberg. They did a wonderful job with the table arrangements, which were given away as door prizes along with Luanne's arrangements, at the end of the meeting. Happy Easter Everyone! Regards,



*Nick Shields is always very helpful*



*Mary Ann Underwood at work.*

**—Gerry Lester, President**

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# FARMERS MARKET



**It's back! Now on Wednesdays,  
starting April 18** **3pm-6pm**

Located behind the Magnolia Springs  
Community Hall in the parking lot.

**The Farmers Market is returning to Magnolia Springs!  
The vendor application will be on our website shortly:  
please share it with anyone whose local produce  
or other foodstuffs/products you'd like to see on offer.  
[www.magnoliaspringsal.org](http://www.magnoliaspringsal.org)**



***Help welcome St. Paul's New Rector***

*Following a year-long search process, during which the church was ably served by interim ministers The Rev. Johnny Cook and The Rev. Canon David Johnson, the Vestry of St. Paul's has called The Rev. Eric Zubler to serve as the historic chapel's full-time minister. Fr. Zubler began his service at St. Paul's on February 14.*

*You are invited to attend a "Celebration of New Ministry" service at St. Paul's at 6 pm on Wednesday, May 2, and then meet Eric and his family at the reception following. Let's welcome them to the larger community!*

**2017-2018 Magnolia Springs Community Association Directory Information**

*Please fill in all information even if you are renewing so we are sure to have your most current information.*

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone(s): \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

Email(s): \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

**2017-2018 Membership and Dues Information**

Family (\$25) \_\_\_\_\_ Individual (\$15) \_\_\_\_\_ **EXTRA:** Mailed Paper Newsletters (\$15) \_\_\_\_\_

If Family Membership, please list any additional members of household for nametags:

\_\_\_\_\_

Additional Tax-Deductible Donation \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL** \_\_\_\_\_

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