

MARKHAM WOODS ASSOCIATION, INC.

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PLEASE JOIN NOW FOR 2009

Please send \$10 NOW for your 2009 membership using the attached membership form and return envelope. We need everyone's support if we are to protect and enhance the quality of life and property values in the Markham Woods Road area and maintain our one home per acre density. We need to deal with these issues in a coordinated manner. If you are currently a member, please continue your membership to support our efforts on behalf of the total community along Markham Woods Road. If you are not currently a member, please join your neighbors to help us maintain and improve our whole neighborhood from SR 434 to Markham Road. **Send your membership promptly to save us considerable follow-up effort and expense.** For any questions, please email info@markhamwoodsassociation.org.

PLEASE PROVIDE US WITH YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS !!!

Contacting you by email allows us to reach you quicker. And just as importantly, email lets us lower our postage costs. Lower costs keep our dues low. We can provide enriched content, meaningful online links, and added graphics to you by way of email. It's also a convenient medium for feedback. So please fill in your home email address in the membership form below. As always, your address info will be kept confidential.

WITH YOUR SUPPORT

Information will be made available to you in our **MEMBERSHIP NEWSLETTERS** and on the www.MarkhamWoodsAssociation.org website. Please be sure to take advantage of both mediums. See the reverse side for the abbreviated **2009 WINTER NEWSLETTER**.

Please return this form with your **\$10.00** check made payable to **MARKHAM WOODS ASSOCIATION, INC.** to cover membership for your **HOUSEHOLD** for the **2009 calendar year**. This amount **cannot** be used as a charitable deduction from Federal Income Tax. **ALL INFORMATION IS KEPT CONFIDENTIAL. PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY.**

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(House #)	(Street Name)		
TELEPHONE:			
<input type="text"/>	Member of another Homeowner Association Board?		Would you actively help in the Markham Woods Association?
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	(Yes)	(No)	(Yes) (No)

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Winter 2009 Newsletter

(See reverse side for Membership Application)

Please join the association at only \$10.00 a year. Thank you.

Please also visit our website frequently at www.MarkhamWoodsAssociation.org. This is our most efficient way of communicating with the residents of the Markham Woods Road corridor. The Board's monthly meeting minutes will be posted on this site as well as any **URGENT** information that warrants your attention.

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2008 Accomplishments

434 Underpass

The underpass for the trail is complete at 434. We can now cross without competing with cars.

Septic Tank Replacement

Very Important. . .Please see enclosed **ALERT** attachment. . .(page 3) !!!

Turn Lane Improvements

We have had several meetings with Seminole county engineers and Commissioner Brenda Carey. This project was planned for 3 lanes from EE Williamson to Lake Mary Blvd. This was a 3.5 million dollar project. With the assistance of feedback from Markham Woods Road area homeowners, this project has been scaled down to just 8 new turn lanes. The remaining money has been transferred to improving and resurfacing Markham Woods Road from Lake Mary Blvd to Markham Road. Thanks to everyone involved.

2009 Challenges

Continue our efforts to get some answers about the septic tanks rules. Again, these new proposed regulations could potentially cost Markham Woods area residents with traditional tanks anywhere from \$15,000 to \$30,000. If you know anyone at the State level who can help us stop these proposed rules from becoming law, please contact us.

Continue to monitor any applications for activity at L&L acres and any other vacant properties in the Markham Woods area.

ALERT !!!

This information is important to area septic tank owners!

The Florida Department of Health (DOH) wants to move forward with proposed new regulations requiring that you install an advanced septic system **costing \$15,000 to \$30,000 when you sell your home**, remodel, or build a new home. The new systems also require the **use of electricity** and require that you pay frequent **new inspection fees**. DOH claims conventional septic system may be polluting the Wekiva River with nitrogen seepage. But such **contentions are unscientific** and are still widely debated. Many experts argue Florida's sandy soil filters any seepage. These experts say much further study of the issue is needed before any new rules are enacted. The Markham Woods Association has followed this issue and **we feel the proposed new rules are unfounded**. We would not oppose further study on the issue. We are in favor of a clean Wekiva River, but we are not convinced septic tanks contribute significantly to River contamination.

DOH presented its new rules at its Technical Review Advisory Panel (TRAP) meeting on February 19, 2009. Many concerned individuals and groups (including three Markham Woods Association Directors) voiced their disapproval of the new proposed rules. Fortunately, the TRAP committee voted to table the proposed new rules pending completion of further studies. **But unfortunately, the DOH may still move forward with the rules**. DOH takes its final orders from the Surgeon General and the Governor.

It is therefore very important that you write or email the Governor and the Lt. Governor about your concerns on this issue as soon as possible. Here are their email addresses:

- For Governor Charlie Crist . . . Charlie.Crist@eog.myflorida.com
- For Lt. Governor Jeff Kottkamp . . . Jeff.Kottkamp@myflorida.com

If these proposed rules are enacted, they will become law as early as May or June. The Markham Woods Association will continue its active involvement in this issue. Progress reports will be posted at least monthly on our web site at <http://www.MarkhamWoodsAssociation.org>. Thank you.