

Florida's Original
Attraction
SILVER SPRINGS[®]
Nature's Theme Park

Centrally located, in the vibrant and growing heartland of Florida, Marion Oaks is bordered by a vast array of family-fun attractions and amusement parks. On the Atlantic Coast we have The Kennedy Space Center, Orlando boasts Walt Disney World and its many specialty parks, and the Tampa Bay region on the Gulf Coast is home to Busch Gardens. While the residents of Marion Oaks enjoy the multitude of day-trips available to them, they have a special place of their own, just a short drive from home.

Only minutes up Interstate 75 from Marion Oaks to Ocala's Silver Springs Boulevard is Silver Springs - Nature's Theme Park, Florida's original attraction. Locals of all ages return again and again to watch marine life swimming beneath glass bottomed boats; photograph bears playing in their water pool; and take the Fort King River Cruise.

Since the glass bottom boat was invented

at Silver Springs in 1878, millions of visitors have looked into the depths of seven crystal clear artesian springs which are the home of alligators, turtles, gar fish and other species.

Be sure to bring your camera for the "Lighthouse Ride", which stands near the headwaters. You will take a gondola that rises smoothly 80 foot above the springs for an unobstructed panoramic view of the park.

Children of all ages are fascinated by a variety of shows and exhibits. Don't miss the "Reptile Show" where trained staff get up close and personal with alligators, crocodiles, turtles and other cold-blooded animals. Stroll through Ross Allen Island, home to more than 30 species of reptiles and don't miss Sobek, the largest American crocodile in the care of man. He measures 16 feet and weighs nearly 2,000 pounds!

Bird lovers aren't forgotten at Silver Springs. The "Wings of the Springs" presentation features two bird shows daily. You'll have a chance to see the strength and beauty of hawks, eagles, owls, falcons and vultures in a dramatic free flight demonstration.

Children are excited by the "Snake Show and the "Creature Feature" presentation which shows some of the scariest night critters from Egyptian fruit bats, and tarantulas and scorpions. Take time to sit in the shade and

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Here We Grow Again!

Marion County and the Marion Oaks area are growing and attracting new businesses at a steady rate. To accommodate our thriving community C.R. 484 is being widened from Marion Oaks Blvd. to Marion Oaks Trail.

The new Sleep Inn at I-75 and C.R. 484 was completed in February, and offers 74 comfortable rooms, a continental breakfast, and a swimming pool. At the same intersection, the new Citgo Gas and Convenience Store is now open to serve travelers and local residents. A Dunkin Donuts will be completed later this fall. At the other end of Marion Oaks, Bob Evans Restaurants opened a new dining facility in July in front of the new Walmart on Highway 200 near C.R. 484. Yum!

Marion Oaks residents are fortunate to have access to and enjoy these really great hotels, businesses, and restaurants. Yes, Marion Oaks, here we GROW again!

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enjoy the rocking chairs that overlook the springs. Then it's time to visit the Kids Ahoy! Playland which features an 1800's riverboat replica anchored in a shallow lagoon where the little ones can climb a cargo net, play with miniature motor boats, and let off steam with the ball crawl and slides.

From January through December Silver Springs presents a full year of concerts and special events.



In 2005 some of the biggest names in the music industry such as Clint Black, Travis Tritt, George Jones, Charley Pride, and

The Beach Boys were included in this season's ticket. Special events offer the Ford & Mustang Roundup; Antique & Classic Boat Show;



The Italian Festival; Oktoberfest; the Corvette Show; Native American Festival and the breathtaking holiday Festival of Lights.

The families of Marion Oaks are sure to create lasting memories of their many great times shared at Silver Springs. For more information call (352) 236-2121 or visit their website at www.silversprings.com.

Don't Forget Your Bathing Suit and Sunscreen

Wild Waters® WATERPARK

The fun doesn't stop with glass bottom boats, black bears, and an 80-foot gondola ride. Right next door to Silver Springs is its sister park ... the fantastically fun Wild Waters!

Wild Waters is our local version of a fun in the sun waterpark. Your adventurous family will have the option of zooming down eight cool waterslides and speed flumes. The Twin Twister is a giant pair of 60-foot high enclosed water flumes with hair-raising curves, fun twists and laugh-out-loud turns. Next is the 132-foot long free-fall Thunderbolt slide or the 220-foot long Silver Bullet racing flume. Then it's off to the Tornado, Hurricane, Bunyan's Bend, Osceola's Revenge and Mini Monster. The fun doesn't stop there either, because the park includes two championship beach volleyball courts that are sure to bring out the fun in everyone.

For the park's youngest guests, Wild Waters offers

Cool Kids Cove, a nautically themed children's play area with water slides and waterfalls, plus the Tad Pool for the park's smallest guests.

After the sun, jump into one of their clean showers, stow your stuff in a conveniently located locker, and enjoy a variety of food and beverage choices. Don't forget to spend some time in the specialty gift shops to complete your fantastically fun day at the park.

So whether your taste is for the quiet serenity of watching fish and turtles glide past beneath your glass-bottom boat or the exciting speed of a waterslide, Silver Springs and Wild Waters have something to offer everyone in your family...and it's all just a short drive away!

Please call (352) 236-2121 or visit our website www.wildwaterspark.com for operating schedule.



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BREAKING NEWS!

FOR A LIMITED TIME ONLY SUPER-SIZED ESTATE HOMESITES

Deltona Corporation announces the sale of estate-sized, 300+ one acre lots in Marion Oaks. Each property is nestled in a secluded section of our development, and is comprised of a minimum of 43,650 square feet of prime, lush Florida land.

For current Marion Oaks homeowners who are thinking about trading up to the luxury of privacy, now is the time to increase your holdings in this extremely lucrative real estate market. And to make the offer even more inviting, Deltona will, for a limited time, transfer the equity from your existing contract (principal only) and current interest rate to the purchase of one of our super-sized estate lots.

Please call your local Deltona Representative or Deltona Marketing at 1-800-936-6378 for more information on this exciting opportunity.

ESTATE SIZE 1 ACRE HOMESITE



● **STANDARD HOMESITE**

MARION OAKS DANNY SANTIAGO

WINS TITLE – GIVES BACK TO COMMUNITY

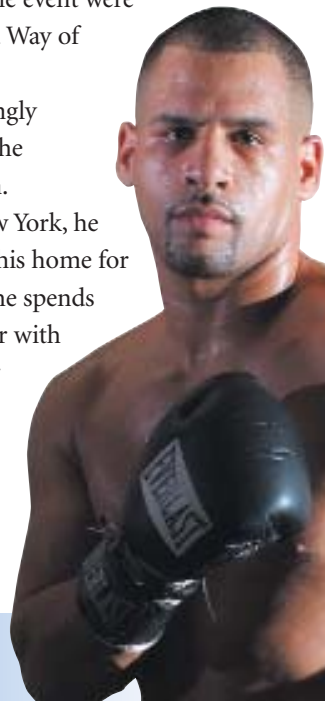
The night of August 13th incited many cheers from locals here in Ocala as one of our very own proved once again he's got what it takes to succeed. Danny Santiago, loved by many of our Marion Oaks residents, brought a great victory to his career by defeating Rico Cason for the WBC Hispanic Intercontinental title.

At the eighth round, Rico Cason surrendered by not answering to the sound of the bell. Santiago had knocked Cason down five times throughout the night, with the first five coming seconds into the first round and the last time right on the seventh round. Any uncertainties about Santiago winning the fight quickly dissipated as he gained

positive ground by each passing round.

Danny Santiago's efforts transcended to more than just a great spectacle for the audience present. In addition to earning a very significant title and a possible shot at a world title, Danny's long hours of training and planning benefited the community as well. Profits from the event were donated to the United Way of Marion County.

Santiago feels strongly about giving back to the community he lives in. Although born in New York, he has adopted Ocala as his home for over a decade. Today he spends most of his time either with his family, training, or managing Heart and Soul Fitness and Boxing located in the Adult Education Center here in town.



Inquiry for Information on Deltona's Showcase Homes:

If you wish to receive Deltona Showcase Homes information please complete the questionnaire below and we will send a complimentary informational package.

Please indicate if you would also like to receive a Deltona/ Marion Oaks informational:

- DVD
- CD
- VHS Video Tape

_____ Name

_____ Street Address

_____ City

_____ State and Zip code

_____ Telephone Number

How soon are you in the market for a new home?

- Immediately
- 1-3 years
- 3-5 years

Preferred rooms:

- 3 Bed/2 Bath
- 2 Bed/2 Bath

Preferred approximate square footage: _____

Additional comments: _____

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Marion Oaks K-8 School

ON THE FAST TRACK

According to Kevin Christian, Public Relations Officer for Marion County Public Schools, the proposed Marion Oaks K-8 school will be the first one built in Marion County using total sales tax dollars approved by voters in the November 2004 election. Sunrise Elementary School, opened in 1990, was the biggest elementary school in the county last year. As of March 2005 there were 1011 students in attendance. Principal Juan Cordova has said that Sunrise Elementary School focuses on building character traits that are important in children's lives, like honesty, dependability and trustworthiness. The curriculum offered is based upon the Sunshine State Standards as provided by the State of Florida.

The new 142,000 square foot school which is

projected to open in July 2007, is estimated to cost approximately \$22.8 million dollars, according to Christian, and since it is funded totally by sales tax dollars and not by state revenues, no problems are foreseen for its timely completion.

At the present time there are 28 elementary schools, nine middle schools and eight high schools in Marion County. "Marion Oaks K-8 School is very high on the priority list of the Marion County School Board," Christian said. "The School Board's five-year plan includes one new elementary school this year, one middle school and three more elementary schools in the second year of the plan. At the present time there are 42,000 public school students in the K through 12th grades, including alternative

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Sat, Sept 17
5K Autumn Run for Autism
Silver Springs, Ocala

Sat-Sun, Sept 17-18, 24-25
Italian Festival
Silver Springs, Ocala

Thurs-Sun, Sept 1-4
Ocala Shrine Rodeo
SE Livestock Pavilion, Ocala

Sat, Oct 8
Jazz Up Dunnellon
Dunnellon

Sat-Sun, Oct 8-9
Octoberfest
Silver Springs Park

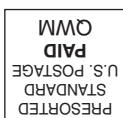
Sat, Oct 15
D-Day
Ocala Grand Prix, Ocala

Sat, Oct 15
Chili Cook-Off
SE Livestock Pavilion, Ocala

Sat, Oct 22
McIntosh 1890's Festival
McIntosh, Florida

Sat, Nov 5
8th Annual Corvette Show
Silver Springs Park

Sat-Sun, Nov 12-13
Fall Festival
Silver Springs Park



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schools. That makes the Marion County School District the 15th largest in the State of Florida."

The State requires that schools be built based upon the number of students presently enrolled, not taking into account future growth.

"Marion Oaks is a growing community, and education is of primary importance to the families who live in the area. Sunrise Elementary was the biggest elementary school in the county last year," Christian said,

"and when the new K-8 School is completed in 2007 it will be the 29th elementary school to open its doors in this county."

How about teachers for all those schools?

Christian said that their recruitment efforts have been very successful, and that there are 329 new teachers this year which include transfers and those fresh from college.

School began on August 8 in Marion Oaks, so please be careful when driving through our community.

