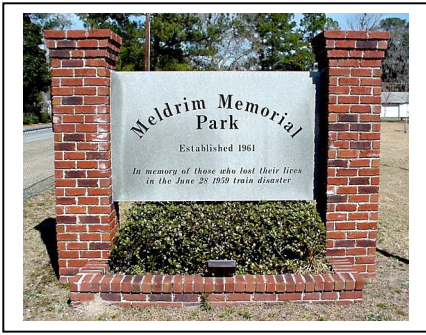


# Meldrim Community Service Program

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Friends and Neighbors,

As you know, I started the Meldrim Community Service Program in 2006 while I was taking care of Granny. It's really just a fancy name for me riding around with community service workers and volunteers doing whatever our seniors need in the Meldrim area. We've been able to help a lot of the residents from Meldrim and the surrounding area when they needed a hand. You've probably seen us each Sunday all over the neighborhood. When you see daddy's old yellow Chevrolet truck coming, you know it's the Meldrim Community Service Program on the way...

**I'd like to announce the Meldrim Community Service Program had another great year of growth!** We provided 893 hours of service in 2006. Then, in 2007, we provided an incredible 1603 hours of service. Well, we've certainly hit it out of the park this year. **During 2008 we ended up providing an amazing 2804 hours of service!!** I'm really happy with the services we provide and I'm very proud of what I've been able to do for everyone, but believe it or not, we still can't get around to everyone fast enough.

Once again, Steve Rodgers is the Meldrim Community Service Program Volunteer of the Year! This year, Steve managed to volunteer 213 hours of community service. I'm sure all of you have seen Steve around Meldrim with me all the time. He really did a great job once again this year. If you see him around Meldrim, stop for a minute to say hello and thank him for helping our friends and neighbors.

## A little help...

The next challenge I'm facing is having enough equipment to do the work, along with growing supplies and repair costs. Over the past year alone, I spent over \$3000 on equipment, repairs, and supplies for the work we provide and I've never accepted any donations or payment over the years for the services we provide. All of the labor is free of course, but it's getting harder for me to pay things these days and I may finally need a little help. I'm seeking help in the form of publicity to bring attention to my program in order to acquire much needed equipment as well as monetary donations to help with growing costs and increased demand.

Thank you,

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