MEADOW WOOD FARMS NEWSLETTER



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It Takes A Neighborhood.....

Meadow Wood
Farms Demonstrates the Benefits
of Cooperating,
Contributing and
Communicating in
a Small Community.

Take the recent success of the Fish Fry in Friendship Park. A small group of neighbors took it upon themselves to train for emergency situations in order to help our immediate community. They, with the cooperation of other neighbors, contributed their time and energy to put on a benefit to finance equipment needed for the group. Other neighbors responded by supporting the fund raiser to make it the most successful financial event ever. Over 130 meals were served going a long way to paying back the loan, and a good time was had by all.

Observe how many of our neighbors contribute their time and energy to repair and improve the buildings, furniture and grounds at Friendship Park to provide a location for activities of all kinds.

Others put their efforts into volunteering to man the various committees and offices of the MWFPOA, which is the glue that holds us all together.

Notice how quickly everyone is made aware of lost pets and or problems like the re-

cent spate of vandalism. Because we have a member who donated and runs our email blast system, pets are found and problems solved very quickly making this a wonderfully safe environment.

Our friends, who follow good causes, have a ready source for support that they can also access through the blast and the Newsletter.

The website (again, created and managed by a neighbor) is an enormously valuable resource that gives you the minutes of the meetings, contains the Neighbor to Neighbor Resource Guide, emergency preparedness information and the by laws and subdivision restrictions at the touch of a button.

When I arrived here five years ago, I went to one of the organized parties at Friendship Park. In the space of ten minutes I met neighbors who are close friends to this day. Our social events, like Dancing Under The Stars, are fabulous and unique to our community. I hope the kids parties continue too. I have a cherished picture of my 90 year old mother sitting on Santa's lap and both elderly parents being hugged by the Easter Bunny. Kids come

in all ages. We have volunteers to keep it going, but they need your participation.



There are clubs to keep you exercising, learning about the bible, schmoozing with horsey types, reading the best books, simulate flying, etc. If you want to start a new club, let us know. How about a chef's club or a gardening club?

There's an anonymous, volunteer group in our midst called "The Angels", who watch out for those neighbors who are in need of help and can't get it any other way.

This issue and all others will elaborate on the features of living here. The goal of the newsletter is to keep us all communicating about the happenings and activities and to be aware of the potential we are surrounded with in our little area.

Become a member, participate and contribute. You'll be well rewarded.

Jodie Gebhard-editor

Upcoming Events

Next Board Meeting—

October 18, 2012 -

Thursday —7:00 PM

Next Assoc. Meeting_ November 15, 2012

Guest Speaker: Bruce Landon of Landon Technologies

"Computer Security"

Upcoming Events—

Dancing Under The Stars
October 13th 7:00 pm

Association Dues For This Term Due NOW! Applications are in the back of this Newsletter.

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ASSOCIATION INFORMATION

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Elizabeth Waller—
President
Meadow Wood Farms
Property Owners Assoc.



Tuesday, November 6th is the date of the upcoming General Election, and the Marion County polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. As many of you know, I have been a Poll Worker for the Marion County Supervisor of Elections for the past 2 ½

President's Message: Each One—Vote One

years, serving at our local precinct #2600 at St. John's United Methodist Church on Highway 328. Even though it's a VERY long day (we report at 6 a.m. and stay until all equipment is tallied and packed, usually around 9 p.m.), I really enjoy being part of the process, greeting my neighbors and being one small cog in a very smoothly oiled wheel. I have been a poll worker in other jurisdictions, and I can tell you that Marion County has the most organized, well-trained, and dedicated group of election officials that I have ever encountered.

This upcoming election will be unusual in several respects. In light of recent tragic events and unrest across the world, we will all be more aware of the privilege we enjoy in the act of casting our ballot with confidence. And yet, that very confidence can sometimes lead to complacency. The actual percentage of registered voters who turn out for most elections is quite small; turnout in Marion County for the last primary on August 14th was only 24%. And this was one of the highest turnouts in the state!

Which leads me to the next way in which the upcoming election may be a bit unusual. Turnout for the General Election is projected to be as high as 75%, due largely to the Presidential contest. This is exciting news! However, the other side of the coin is that the November ballot contains much more than one high profile race. We will also be voting on a number of state and local offices, as well as ELEVEN State Constitutional Amendments and one local bond referendum. The amendments are long and complicated, and require some study to comprehend. To make a long

story short, the ballot will consist of four oversize pages (two long sheets printed front AND back).

What does this mean? It means long lines at the voting booths on November 6th, frustration, searching for reading glasses, more frustration, and a smooth process in danger of disintegrating into a less than pleasant experience... unless...

As your President, your friend, and your neighbor, I urge you to consider voting by mail (also called absentee voting) next month.

There are many advantages to this process, which Marion County makes very easy. Your ballot will arrive in early October, giving you plenty of time to review the issues, do your due Continued on pg. #4

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MINUTES ARE POSTED ON THE WEBSITE AFTER THE BOARD MEETINGS AND THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

www.meadowwoodfarmsocala.com

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Welcome Chair: Della Brock 873-2726

Directory Information

For Association Members who have not yet received their 2011-2012 Telephone Directory they will be available for you to pick up at the next Association meeting. Non members may purchase the directory for \$5.00. Members who would like to have an extra copy may purchase one for \$2.00.

We made every effort to deliver the Members directories, so if you were missed, please let it be known to one of the Board Members or at the next Membership Meeting.

Membership & Newsletter

The current membership year runs from June to the end of May next year. Please renew your membership ASAP and request that the newsletter be sent to you if you want to continue to receive it. There is a month's grace period before your address will be dropped from the Newsletter mailing list. It will always be available online, but we need your dues in order to support the costs of printing and mailing.

One more reason to get your dues in now. Your membership also supports the many functions held at Friendship Park and the improvements to our community. We need all of you to help keep Meadow Wood Farms the wonderful place to live that we enjoy. Finally, don't forget that as a member you have a voice and are encouraged to participate in all aspects of the Association.

Need to check if you've paid? Contact Dick Woodrome at 861-2364 or email him at rdw218w@aol.com.

Thank You
To All Who
Contribute
Baked Goods



To The Association Meetings.

It's Much Appreciated.

PET Registry & Rescue

If you have FOUND or LOST a pet, you can contact **Sandy Mollberg at 861-9622.**

This service is not part of the Association, but rather is a personal service provided free to the residents of Meadow Wood Farms.

Sandy does not take any pets in as a rescue, nor does she place pets in homes for people. If you wish, you can register your pet with photo with her so that she will have them on file if she gets a call for a lost pet.

Sandy (and all of us) welcome the help of new assistant, Jasmine Diaz.

Sunshine Report

A card wishing a speedy recovery was sent to Ray Phillips, and condolences to the family of Kathleen Head on her passing.

If you are aware of someone who could benefit from receiving a card, whether due to illness or other reason, please notify:

Recycle Your Aluminum Cans

To Benefit MWFPOA Treasury

MWFPOA is partnering with the Girl Scouts, who will get 25% of the profits for their efforts. Our local scout, Emily Woolf will be heading up the project.

The recycle point for your aluminum cans is at the front entrance to the Friendship Park on Lake View Drive East. Barrels are provided for that purpose.

Cans that are rinsed, tab tops removed and crushed are our favorites.

Tab tops may go to any charity you know or bring them to meetings to go to Shands Juvenile Kidney foundation.

ALUMINUM CANS ONLY PLEASE!

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diligence, and take your time to vote in the comfort of your own home. Completed ballots can be mailed in at any time, but <u>must</u> be mailed in time to arrive at the Supervisor of Elections Office by 7 pm on November 6th. They cannot be dropped off at your polling place.

In answer to concerns about the process for tallying mailed ballots, as part of our mandatory training this year all election workers were shown the procedures for ensuring the absolute security and integrity of these ballots regardless of what day or time they reach the Supervisor of Elections office. They are tallied as they arrive but not totaled until Election Day. I am as sure as I can be that votes cast in this fashion will be counted in the same way as any vote cast in person.

Early voting is another option that may help avoid delays at the polling place on November 6th. Early voting begins in Marion County on October

27th at various locations listed at the Supervisor of Elections web site (see below).

To summarize, I hope that each and every one of you, regardless of your political views or affiliations, reaches out to participate in this incredibly important act of individual responsibility. We are a diverse community with one common goal: to continue to maintain and even improve the quality and meaning of our lives and the lives of those around us. Informed and responsible voting is a critical step in achieving that goal.

At the end of this message, I have included instructions on how to request a mail ballot, as well as some important dates to remember. I hope to see you at the precinct... or maybe you'll vote by mail! But please...

EACH ONE -- VOTE ONE!

Take care, Elizabeth Waller

MARION COUNTY SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS

WEB SITE: www.votemarion.com

LAST DAY TO REGISTER TO VOTE: OCTOBER 9, 2012

To request a Mail Ballot:

By phone: 352-620-3290

By fax: 352-620-3286

By email: absentee@votemarion.com

Online: Go to web site, click on "Voter

Information" link

By mail or in person: Supervisor of Elections Office : 981 NE 16th St., Ocala, FL $\,34478$

LAST DAY TO REQUEST MAIL BALLOT: OCTO-

BER 31, 2012

EARLY VOTING BEGINS: OCTOBER 27,2012 EARLY VOTING ENDS: NOVEMBER, 2012 ELECTION DAY: NOVEMBER 6, 2012



Member Survey Yields Discussion Topics

At the July 19 Association Meeting, 24 MWFPOA members were kind enough to fill out a brief survey asking for their input on their Association-what they like, what they don't like, and what they would like to see the Association do in the future. President Elizabeth Waller offered a preliminary report on the results of this survey at the September Association Meeting, and also invited members to submit additional responses at all upcoming meetings. The Executive Board wants to hear from members and hopes to respond to all concerns over time, so please let us hear from YOU!

Not surprisingly, all 24 respondents had at least one positive thing to say about MWFPOA. Most of the comments related to the Association's efforts to bring residents together by offering fun activities, informative meetings, and an excellent web site.

The general neighborliness of our community was mentioned numerous times, as well as the many attempts we make to contact and welcome new residents.

The comments relating to things the Association does that members don't like, or that they wish that we would do, fell into several broad categories. The Board plans to address these over time at several meetings and through the newsletter. The first obvious theme was the issue of the maintenance of frontal fencing in the neighborhood. John Trinckes, Chair of the Control Committee, presented a packet of information to the attendees at the September meeting that contained reprints of the relevant portions of the Association By-Laws, as well as a Sample Letter to the Control Committee that could be used by residents to report problems with broken fence boards or related maintenance items. The packet also contains a sample of the form letter that is sent to residents after

the Control Committee investigates the issue. The final page in the packet is a reminder about the MWF Angels Program, an anonymous group effort to provide assistance to neighbors in need of help in completing small and/or urgent projects that they are financially or physically unable to perform. Hopefully this information packet provides the background information and tools that residents will need to initiate Control Committee action if and when they perceive a frontal fencing issue in their vicinity. For copies of the packet, contact Elizabeth Waller at Elizabeth@slowturningfarm.com or call her at 352-304-8871.

Additional issues raised by the Member Survey will be addressed at upcoming Association Meetings. Another good reason to attend!

Meadow Wood Equine Club

(not affiliated with MWFPOA)



This is a social group of horse oriented people. Guests or Visitors are welcome. Join us for discussions, find someone to ride with, good food, camaraderie, etc.

Membership is open to anyone- you do not have to live in Meadow Wood Farms or own a horse to join. Membership is \$5.00 a year. Members receive a 10% discount off "most in store items" at Seminole, Tack Shack and J&J Tack. Must show your membership card. Some Restrictions apply as some items are not discounted such as feed, hay, shavings, and warehouse items. Ask store for details.

For more information, please call: Secretary/ Treasurer—Kathy RohlGoethe State Forest— Logging Operation—a logging operation has begun (August) in the Stein Tract of Goethe State Forest. This will affect the blue and purple trails in the Tidewater Trail system, please use caution if you use these trails. For more information contact Goethe State Forest 352-465-8568. Oct. 16-18, 2012, 2012 OBS Fall Mixed Sale

Nov. 16-19th, 2012—50th annual Ocala Equine Conference Golden Anniversary Celebration at the Hilton Ocala, FL.—A Proud Tradition of Quality Equine Practitioner Education—The conference is an equine-exclusive event of scientific information and practical techniques from internationally acclaimed educators.

www.faep.net/events/index.php#ocala

A Thank you from Emily Woolf

Dear Meadow Wood Farms,

I would like to begin with saying "Thank You" to each and every person that contributed to my Girl Scout project. I would not have been able to accomplish the clothing, shoe, bedding and toiletry drive without the gracious donations from this neighborhood. Throughout the duration of my project I took two full loads of my vehicle to Interfaith. While I was there unloading my truck I got many thank yous for the large donation that I made and I would like to pass those along to you because you are the reason I received those. I also met a woman who acquired supplies from Interfaith, she may not receive things out of my deliveries because they were mostly things for the younger generation but it was still a great experience to meet her. To conclude, because of your contribution I was able to complete the last step of the prerequisites for my Gold Award; I want to be part of the 5% of girl scouts that earn this award and hopefully I can accomplish that feat. Again, Thank you so much for your help in this project.

Sincerely,

Emily Woolf



Come to the Meeting and Win \$100.00!

A drawing will be held at the next MWFPOA General Meeting for \$100. If the winning resident is not present, his/her winnings will be added to the pot along with another \$25.

At the following general meeting another name will be drawn to win \$125.00. If that person is not present, another \$25 will be added and so on.

Any time we have a winner, we will start the pot again at \$50.

So now it REALY pays to come to the meetings.

See you at the November Meeting, won't we?

ACTION ARTICLE

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Neighbors,

We live in a beautiful community with an active Property Owners Association. One of the functions of the association is to keep everyone informed about the neighborhood activities.

In the past we delivered the monthly newsletter to every home in Meadow Wood Farms. However it was pointed out that putting anything in or even attaching it to a mailbox was a violation of federal law.

One action taken was to put the newsletter online at our website, www.Meadowwoodfarmsocala.com. This is a great idea, but the coverage is not really effective. Association member can request it be mailed, but this is less than 90 homes of the 450+ in the subdivision.

We have a new proposal which is the focus of this letter. We plan to go back to delivering the newsletter with a new procedure. The folks who already have a separate newspaper box or slot on their mailbox will have the newsletter delivered to the box or slot. A MWF sticker will be placed on the box to let us know that you would like the newsletter delivered to your home. For those without either we have you covered. With your written permission the association will provide you with a PVC tube with MWF stenciled on it for attachment to your mailbox.

If it cannot be attached to your mail box a separate post will be provided with the tube attached. A sample of the tube attached is included in this letter. If you don't feel you are able to attach it yourself we will give you a hand... do it for you.

We do need your permission to proceed. So if you would like to get a copy of the monthly newsletter fill out the attached form and **mail it to MWFPOA**, **P.O. Box 77-1896**, **Ocala**, **FL 34477**.

Thank you,

Meadow Wood Farms Property Owners Association

Newsletter Delivery Committee

Signature

Meadow Wood Farms Property Owners Association Newsletter Delivery Committee

I have a newspaper box	Yes	No	2
I would like a newsletter delivery tube	Yes	No	32
I have a wood post to attach the tube	Yes	No	32
I need a post	Yes	No	34
I need help installing	Yes	No Maybe	
Name			
Address			

Annual "Dancing Under The Stars" presents



At Friendship Park Saturday October 13th 7:00 PM

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Contact:

Linda Trinckes 854-1856 Sandy Mollberg 861-9622

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Coming Next Month

We will be introducing a Classified Section

FREE to Association Members Only

Send us a listing of your items for sale.

It should only be about 4 lines or fit in the size box below and include your name and phone number.

Items submitted after the firm deadline of the 20th of each month will not be included.

Included as space permits, so first come, first served.

Sample:

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Join The MWF Buddy System

PHONE BUDDY PROGRAM COULD SAVE LIVES

Local resident and MWFPOA member Judi Lentz knows what it's like to live alone, and she knows that there are a lot of us in MWF in the same situation. Judi is interested in creating an informal Phone Buddy system for residents to provide a daily phone call to check on the wellness of those who are on their own. This type of program is often utilized in senior communities, but even those of us who don't consider ourselves seniors could benefit from a daily contact to make sure that everything is all right!

If you are interested in helping Judi to put together this program, please contact her directly by phone at 352-509-7442 (home) or 956-357-0152 (cell) or by email at horsejudi@aol.com

MARION COUNTY 2012 FESTIVAL OF ROSES 2232 N.E. Jacksonville Rd, Ocala, FL 34470

November 3rd and 4th

Saturday 12:00 to 4:00 and Sunday 2:30 to 4:00 .

Guest speaker and noted author and garden designer Carolyn Parker, will be presenting programs.

Please visit www.marioncountyroses.org to download a complete schedule of events, find directions and get answers to your questions.

THE EXECUTIVE BOARD WOULD LIKE TO THANK...

• JOHN TRINCKES for responding immediately, not once but TWICE, to enormous sink/pot holes that opened up spontaneously in our roads during the last month. John inspected the situation and called the Marion County Sheriff's Department Non-Emergency number (732-9111) to report the potentially hazardous situations. On both occasions, deputies arrived promptly to assess and then were able to contact the County emergency road crew to perform immediate repairs. John urges residents to make the call themselves if they feel a road issue could be dangerous for residents, vehicles, or horses in MWF.

ELAINE HAGER and BK SAWYER for taking the initiative to follow a suspicious vehicle in MWF that seemed to be up to no good over Labor Day Weekend. Their detective work resulted in obtaining a license plate number that was forwarded to the Dunnellon District Station. This vehicle is now known to the Sheriff's Office (and has not been seen since, by the way). BK reminds folks to put lights on a timer when you are out of town, especially on a holiday weekend, so as not to alert thieves to your absence.



THANK YOU FOR KEEPING US SAFE!

(It takes a neighborhood!)

JOIN MEADOW WOOD FARMS ASSOCIATION

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Membership Form & Information to Access Our Website, etc.

Please send or email items to be published to: Jodie Gebhard 14 Carry Back Road Ocala, FL 34482 Ph: 352 390-3739 email: jgebhard@sbcglobal.net

Send payment for ads to Dick Woodrome MWFPOA, P.O. Box 77, Ocala, FL 34477-1896 It's time! Annual membership dues for the MWFPOA are due now. If you aren't a member, we would love for you to join us. The MWFPOA provides all kinds of services for your neighborhood (including this newsletter). Please use the form below to accompany your check.

To Join The Meadow Wood Farms Email Blasts and Conversation go to Meadowwoodfarms1@aol.com and ask the site master to add your email address. Please respect the rules...no politics, or religion or any attachments or offensive material. This site is offered by a private member of the association. It is an extremely useful tool and we are grateful to that person. Need to check if you've paid? Contact Dick Woodrome at 861-2364 or email him at rdw218w@aol.com.

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www.meadowwoodfarmsocala.com

From main page, click on Neighbor to Neighbor- Neighbor to Neighbor Directory

From main page, click on Newsletter - and then the month.—Newsletters

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