## MEADOW WOOD FARMS NEWSLETTER



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## Get Ready for the "Hot Rods & Horses" Christmas Cavalcade Saturday, December 12 (2:00pm)



Twaz the night before Christmas, and all through the house, not a creature was stirring... WAIT!!... WHAT!!! That can't be right. Let's try that again.

The Hot Rods were washed and waxed to a gleam. Golf cart owners draped their carts in red and green. All the horses were groomed, with ribbons and bells placed just so. The carriages were laced with garland and bows.

That's better!

Everyone is invited to come out and attend our very own **First MWF Christmas Cavalcade!** We are hoping for nice weather and a great turnout of participants and spectators!

Dorothy Henry



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## **Upcoming Events**

(subject to change)

#### **Board Meeting**

December 8, 2020 January 12, 2021

### Association Meeting

January 19, 2021

Board and Association meetings are now held at St. John's United Methodist Church.

Minutes are posted on the website after all Board and Association meetings: www.mwfpoa.com

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#### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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#### **Greetings Neighbors!**

Here we are deep in the middle of the holiday season. The airwaves are full of holiday music, red and green decorations abound, and the sales tempt us to get the perfect gift. Many of us, like millions around the world, are concerned about COVID-19 during this time when we should be gathering with those we love. We have family scattered around the country, and they are concerned with travelling. We have elder family isolated in senior care facilities. This is a holiday season like none I have experienced.

Instead of worrying about how not to gather with our family, we can look for creative ways to connect. Gail and I are taking time to appreciate the blessings we do have and the creative ways we can share the goodness of the holidays with friends and family. Thanks to

the electronic competence of our younger generation, we look forward to sessions with our kids and grands via Zoom, Facetime, and some others I don't understand. Yes, changing generations of traditions is difficult, but we can figure out ways to enjoy new ways of celebrating and connecting.

We are blessed to be living in such a beautiful, friendly neighborhood. For the most part, our neighbors care about one another and are willing to reach out a helping hand to those who need it.

Yes, there are some challenges we face, but as time passes, we tend to remember more good than bad. Remember the good old days! Years from now, we will hopefully look back on these times with fondness about the good things we did, as well as the funny and delightful ways we worked around the COVID-19 threat to have our holidays and to share our holiday spirit.

Looking forward to seeing you around the neighborhood.

Happy Holidays!

Jim Thomas
President MWFPOA

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## Welcome to Our Newest Residents!

We continue to see a number of new residents moving into the community. Please join in welcoming the following families to Meadow Wood Farms:

- ♦ Frenchie Bisiau (Lake View Drive West)
- ♦ Keith & Tiffany Corson (Northern Dancer)
- ♦ Maria Petrosino (Hill Prince Drive)
- Francis Viel & Johanne Landry (Wintergreen Wav)



## **Neighborhood Sunshine**

If you are aware of someone who could benefit from receiving a card, please notify Jennie Adams at 352-854-1914.



# Meadow Wood Farms Communications

Website: <u>www.mwfpoa.com</u>

The newsletter is available in **color** on our website:

 From the main page, click on Newsletter, and then select the month.

If you live alone, you may want to be in contact with a neighbor on a daily basis, as a sort of virtual health and safety check. You can arrange with a friend on your own to call or text each day or, if you would like to be put in contact with a neighbor, complete the Phone A Friend Emergency Info Form, found on our website.

• From the main page, click on **Phone A Friend** 

#### eMail

To join the Meadow Wood Farms email blasts and conversation, send a note to

Meadowwoodfarms l@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.

#### **Facebook**

Ask to join our private group on Facebook: **Meadow Wood Farms.** 

Do you know of a Meadow Wood Farms neighbor in need? The Meadow Wood Farms Angels is a group of anonymous volunteers who are ready to help with those small, one-time projects that our neighbors cannot do by themselves by reason of age, illness, disability, or lack of funds.

To submit a request for assistance, email: <a href="mailto:MWFAngels@gmail.com">MWFAngels@gmail.com</a> or call Jim Bain (352) 615-2572. The Angels will contact you and obtain additional information in order to evaluate the request.



### ASSOCIATION INFORMATION

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### Calendar of Activities — DECEMBER

- December 8 (7:00 pm): MWFPOA Board Meeting (2nd Tuesday, St John's Church)
- ◆ December 11: Happy Hanukkah!
- ◆ December 12 (2:00 pm): Hot Rods & Horses Christmas Cavalcade
- ◆ December 17 (7:00 pm): Meadow Woods Equestrian Club
- ♦ December 25: Merry Christmas!

| December 2020 |     |     |     |     |     |     |
|---------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Sun           | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|               |     | 1   | 2   | 3   | 4   | 5   |
| 6             | 7   | 8   | 9   | 10  | 11  | 12  |
| 13            | 14  | 15  | 16  | 17  | 18  | 19  |
| 20            | 21  | 22  | 23  | 24  | 25  | 26  |
| 27            | 28  | 29  | 30  | 31  |     |     |

If you would like to schedule an event in Friendship Park, please contact and coordinate with our new Interim Activities Chairperson, Carolyn Camp, at 352 304-8506 or <a href="mailto:leoarabs@aol.com">leoarabs@aol.com</a>.

Suggestions for other events are welcomed!

Do you like organizing and coordinating social activities? Contact Carolyn to let her know of your interest!





Interested in meeting and interviewing new neighbors? Have an article to share? Want to share helpful tips and tricks related to your favorite hobby?

Please email your interest to:

mwfpoanewsletter@gmail.com

## Equestrian Club's First Greet 'n Ride a Success!



We had a warm Sunday afternoon for Meadow Wood Equestrians Club's first "Greet 'n Ride," on October 25. And eight hearty riders turned out for the event! The casual afternoon ride in the neighborhood allowed fellow equestrians from the neighborhood to meet one another and connect with riding buddies for other events.



Thanks for volunteers from the Equestrian Club for getting everyone signed in and organized. Thanks also to our neighbors, Jim Thomas, Deb Kane, and Chuck and Judi Tintera, who met us at the park to help desensitize horses to carriages, in preparation for our upcoming Christmas Cavalcade.

From all reports, it was a fun time and an event that we would like to repeat and continue in 2021! All residents are invited, so watch for word about other Greet 'n Rides in the new year.



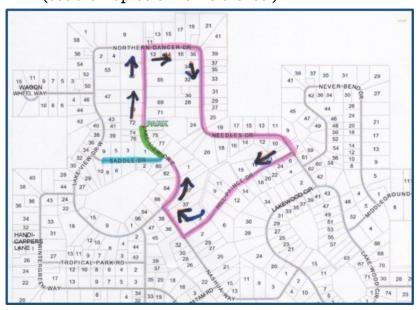




## "Hot Rods & Horses" Christmas Cavalcade

The Cavalcade starting point is at Friendship Park and will begin at 2:00 pm. Participants should arrive by 1:30.

Hot Rods will lead the way, going north on Lake View Dr E. They will be followed by golf carts and military vehicles, and then driving carriages, and finally riding horses. The Cavalcade will turn right onto Northern Dancer Dr., onto Needles Dr., turning right onto Hill Prince, right onto Nashua Way, and then right back onto Lake View Dr E. (See the map below for reference.)



**Spectators:** We are asking you to all line the road on the side **opposite** from the where the Cavalcade will proceed. We will not be closing off any roads, so the Cavalcade will need to stay in the lane, rather than the middle of the road. Please follow COVID-19 guidelines and keep at least 6 feet away from other groups, and don't forget to wear your masks.

**Participants**: You can still sign up! We would love to have you come join in the fun. If you are interested and haven't yet signed up, please reach out to one of the volunteers listed below:

- Hot Rod or Golf Cart participants, call or text Paul Gregorzek 706 889-3861.
- Carriage drivers and horse riders, call or text Jim Thomas 785 691-5886.
- Anyone wishing to volunteer, call or text Dorothy Henry 352 817-7494.

## Clint, a Fine Gentleman and Kind Soul

It isn't that often one meets a sincere character who wraps himself around your heart in just one minute and doesn't let go. Such is the kind soul of Clint, who serves meals at the local hospital. He is not only kind, but also elegant looking, in a fine uniform complete with a bow tie! He makes things seem almost surreal and extraordinary for a hospital setting.

Thank you, Clint, for being so special!

Antionette Kimball



## A Few Holiday Happenings in Ocala

- Santa Paws—Four-legged fur babies can have their pictures taken with Santa from 5 to 8 pm on Wednesday, December 15, at the Downtown Square. \$10 donations for photos will benefit the Humane Society of Marion County. (Due to COVID-19, only pets will be allowed in the portrait. Sorry, no people.)
- Free Holiday Movies (sponsored by Ocala Health)—Attendees should bring their own chairs or blankets. Free hot coca will be available on a first come, first served basis with additional concessions available for purchase. Hot cocoa courtesy Marion Bar & Bubbles.
  - \* The Muppet Christmas Carol | Dec. 4, | Citizens' Circle (110 SE Watula Ave.)
  - \* The Polar Express | Dec. 11 | Tuscawilla Art Park (213 NE Fifth St.)
  - \* Elf | Dec. 18 | Tuscawilla Oak Grove (500 NE Ninth St.)
- Holiday Photo Ops Around Town—Holiday-themed photo scenes are popping up all around downtown Ocala. Take a family portrait or snap a selfie, then share your pictures on social media with #GlowOcala.
  - \* Santa's Sleigh at Citizen's Circle
  - Santa's Workshop at City of Ocala Customer Service Center overhang
  - \* Tropical Holiday at Citizens' Circle
  - \* The Grinch outside of Marion Theater
  - Holiday Treats on South Magnolia Avenue, between Broadway and Fort King St.
  - \* Giant Christmas Tree at the Downtown Square
  - \* Creative Refuge Mural in the Marion Cultural Alliance courtyard
  - Christmas in the Forest at the Reflections of Flora mural on SW First Ave.

#### **ADVERTISEMENTS**

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Send payment to: Meadow Wood Farms Property Assoc., P.O. Box 771896, Ocala FL 34477

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|---------------|-------------|--------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Business card | \$10/ month | \$15/ month        | \$50                     | \$75                             |
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| Full page     | \$70/ month | \$80/ month        | \$350                    | \$400                            |



## St John's United Methodist Church of Cotton Plant

12390 W Hwy 328, Ocala, FL 34482 A Place to Call Home, Love God, Love People, Serve our Community

Adult Sunday School 9:15 am Sunday Worship & Children's Sunday School 10:30 am

Thursday Dec 24<sup>th</sup> Christmas Eve Service

7 pm with Communion

These are challenging times. If YOU are struggling to navigate these times, we invite you to worship with us at Sundays 10:30 am service.

Please check website for In-Person service attendance guidelines.

OR

We invite you to join Facebook LIVE Sundays 10:30 am at St. John's UMC Cotton Plant page or stjohnscp.com & choose YouTube link to worship service

ALL are Welcome!

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I AM A DEDICATED MWF RESIDENT & I AM READY TO HELP YOU SELL OR FIND YOUR PERFECT HOME.

### ...but Not Far

I know it will come as a shock to most of you, but 2020 has been a tough year. Many of us have worked hard to limit our travel, our contact with anyone other than our closest friends and family, and our ability to enjoy being Out & About. Over the course of the last several months, I have tried to share some options with you that are both fun and healthy without spending a lot of money and without exposing you to health risks you simply are not comfortable taking. As I write this, I am hopeful, if not confident, that as a nation we are on the positive side of the pandemic and can look forward to better times – and more opportunities as the winter progresses and spring is on the horizon. With that in mind, I would like to share a couple of our close-to-home adventures from this last month.

The MWFPOA has made it a priority to create opportunities to spend time with our friends and neighbors, again as safely as possible. As we have for the last half dozen years, we had the pleasure of honoring our Veterans and our First Responders at an annual BBQ. Admittedly, with COVID lurking in the background, our numbers were down a bit, but we still hosted more than 60 intrepid souls this year. The event is fun as a gathering, solemn in its purpose, and genuine in our neighbors' pride in their country and those who have protected us in the past and are doing so now. Once again, Dave & Deb Kane and their team put on a stellar event.





That very evening, Merry Lee and I took a short trip to a private venue very near Westport High School. Hosted by the Ocala Parrot Head Club, the entertainment was a Tropical Rock standout by the name of Don Middlebrook. It was a special event for us as we have known Donny for 20 years and attended his shows in Saugatuck, MI, as well as Mt. Dora, FL, Weeki Wachee, FL, and now Ocala. As a Trop Rock entertainer (think Jimmy Buffet), he takes you to the beach without leaving your seat. His songs are original, fun, and clever. Donny improvises as he goes along, including verses about people in the audience or anything else that comes to his inventive mind. His music specializes in taking you to a good place in your mind.

And here is the good news! Because I can't share his music with you in this newsletter, we have done something even better. Pencil in **Saturday**, **March 6**, **2021** on your calendar for a truly special event. We are bringing Donny to MWF for a special show! The details are still in the making, but I can promise that you will have a great time with Donny and your friends and neighbors being **Out & About** – but not far from home.

Jim Bain

## JOIN MEADOW WOOD FARMS ASSOCIATION

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## **Membership Information**

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.

Need to find out if you've paid? Contact Lisa Yanes at 291-0509 or email her at <a href="mailto:stokey1152@gmail.com">stokey1152@gmail.com</a>.

Your MWFPOA thanks you!

| Please Join |  |  |
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#### MEADOW WOOD FARMS PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.

(Annual Dues Effective June 1, 2020, through May 2021)

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| YES      | NO | Put my/our information in the directory.                                                             |
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A directory is distributed to MWFPOA members at no charge. It may be purchased by non-members for \$5.00. Additional copies for members = \$2.00.



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