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MWF's First "Hot Rods & Horses" Christmas Cavalcade



The weather challenged us a bit as we were getting ready, but it cleared up just in time and turned out to be a pleasant day for a Christmas Cavalcade. Everyone brought their "A" game, and a good time was had by all! (And Lacey stole the show with her dancing!)

Special thanks to volunteers who helped get everything perfectly organized for the staging and launching of the festivities:

Paul Gregorzek, Jim Thomas, Carolyn Camp, Jodi Gebhard, Elizabeth Beckhard Woods, Chris Banks, and Leslie Pope-Hall! (Sorry if I forgot anyone!)

Audience and participants all seemed to enjoy the Cavalcade and had a ton of fun, as you can see in the pictures! A special thank you to one of our newer residents, **Chuck Tintera**, who took professional photos Additional photos have been posted on MWF's Facebook page, many from the great spectators who turned out to cheer us on.

We can't wait to come up with even more fun and surprises for next year's Cavalcade. Join in the fun and bring your ideas! If we have the volunteers, we can make changes to make it even better next year.

Dorothy Henry

View more photos on pages 6 and 7...



Upcoming Events 2021

(subject to change)

Board Meetings

January 12, February 9, and March 9

Association Meetings

January 19 and March 16

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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Happy New Year, Neighbors!

As usual, I have waited until the last minute to write this. This, of course, is not that I don't think it is important; it is just that there are so many important things to do during the holidays. Even though we could not visit friends and relatives and gather to celebrate as we could in years past, we still found ways to make the holidays enjoyable. I think we can all agree that we look forward to 2021 with great hope for a much better year than 2020. The pandemic, the elections, the disasters, the protests, all have shaped our lives in ways we have yet to realize. Despite the challenges of the past year, our neighborhood enjoyed some bright spots: we enjoyed a great Hot Rods and Horses Cavalcade, Veterans and First Responder BBQ, and Movie Night, among others.

As we say goodbye to last year, we can reflect on the things we chose to do, as well as those things we chose not to do. We should celebrate our successes and learn from our endeavors that were not so successful. The new year gives a chance to start anew.

I would like to offer that our energies are better spent looking forward to the opportunities of the new year. We will have a new President, vaccines to crush the pandemic, sports to watch in person, and the promise of a country where people once again try to get along with one another. We will have new opportunities to reconnect with friends and family, to get back to work or school, to engage in volunteer work, pursue hobbies with others, and enjoy shopping without the threat of catching a virus. Look for the opportunities and make them a priority for the new year.

Your MWFPOA is doing its part to plan activities we all can enjoy. Check out the schedule in this newsletter and online. It's a new year, a wonderful time to focus on the things that are important. Your MWFPOA wishes you the very best for 2021. Look forward to making it the best year ever. That's what I will try to do.

Happy Holidays!

Jim Thomas
President MWFPOA

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Welcome to Our Newest Residents!

• Brian Anderson & Kerri Burke (Woodridge Dr.)



Neighbors Helping Neighbors

A big thanks to **Patrick Ganter** of Lakewood Circle. He spotted a couple of our residents pushing their broken-down golf cart back home. They had been out for a drive with their dogs when the darn thing quit running. Patrick stopped to offer help and towed the hapless couple—and dogs—back home. What a great neighbor!

Thanks, Patrick.



(By the way, Patrick does lawn care and landscaping, 352-812-7520.)

Meadow Wood Farms Communications

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Neighborhood Sunshine

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



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: MWFAngels@gmail.com 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 — JANUARY 2021

- ♦ January 1: Happy New Year!!
- ◆ January 12 (7:00 pm): MWFPOA Board Meeting (2nd Tuesday, St John's Church)
- ♦ January 18: Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- ♦ January 19 (7:00 pm): Association General Meeting
- ♦ January 20: Inauguration Day
- January 20 (7:00 pm): Meadow Woods Equestrian Club (New: 3rd Wednesday, Friendship Park)

January 2021						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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Suggestions for other events are welcomed!

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

Cars and Coffee in 2021?

Here's a fun idea for the vintage and performance car and truck people here in Meadow Wood Farms!

Many of us had a lot of fun at the recent "Hot Rods and Horses" Christmas Cavalcade. Let's think about getting together again at Friendship Park for a fun get-together and to let people see that passion of the car/truck/motorcycle owner.

I would like to offer an open invitation to residents who have (or just like) older vehicles. It's nothing all super organized—just an invitation to get together within our neighborhood (with safe distancing) to enjoy our machinery. It doesn't matter if your vehicle is a car, a truck, a tractor, or a motorcycle. It's just to have some local community fun. We can hang out inside our own borders, rather than make a dutiful road trip to some hot parking lot. March or April might be a good time, as far as weather and heat.

If there is any interest, get in touch with me:

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Meadow Wood Equestrian Club

The Club's end-of-year meeting on December 17 proved to be a wonderful celebration of renewed energy and interest in MWF's equestrian connections. The meeting was fairly brief, but new club membership cards were distributed. Members will be able to enjoy discounts at area tack shops and other retailers for a variety of equine products and services. (Join us next month to get your membership card, if you missed the December meeting.)

With a number of new community members joining in the festivities, each person introduced themselves and shared a little about themselves and their horses. Welcome to Virginia "Frenchie" Bisiaux, Carlos and Debbie Sosa, and Lindy Kanoza.

New neighbor, Lindy, plans to get her husband, Joe, involved as well by volunteering him to design a logo for the group. Once final and approved by the club, this logo will be available at a local tack shop, where we will be able to order customized shirts and caps (and other attire).

Club members also agreed to have another Greet 'n Ride on **Sunday**, **January 17 at 2:00**. And thanks to input from some of our newest neighbors and club members, we will shake things up a bit by making this a monthly event, beginning and ending the ride at a different host home each month. This will, hopefully, enable more MWF residents all around the neighborhood to participate.

Lindy jumped right in and volunteered to be our first host, so it promises to be a lot of fun! All interested riders and drivers in the neighborhood are invited!

Once business was completed, laughter and fun took over with an ugly Christmas sweater contest and a wonderful grand prize by Ariat, donated by Lindy. After a tie-breaker vote, Debbie Sosa won the ugly sweater but shared the gift with Sara Hurst.







The group then shared treats and participated in a secret Santa gift exchange of favorite horsey supplies. Everyone received wonderful gifts, ranging from grooming items to liniments, shampoos, a fly mask, etc. It is clear that we have a lively, engaged, and spirited group!



Be sure to join our next meeting on January 20 to help continue planning 2021 activities and events.

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"Hot Rods & Horses" Christmas Cavalcade (continued)

The Cavalcade began at Friendship Park and kicked off punctually at 2:00 pm. Hot Rods led the way...



Golf carts and carriage drivers followed the cars at an impressive, snappy pace. Horses did their best to keep up, while merrily enjoying the ride! And how can you go wrong at Christmas-time in the company of **Merry Lee** Bain and **Holly** Roberts, among others (with less Christmas-y names)...

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Nearby Attraction is Anything but Reckless

If you haven't yet had a chance to visit, I highly recommend at least one trip to the World Equestrian Center (WEC), even if you are not a "horse person." Not one detail has been overlooked, and just the enormity of the setting and the detailed landscaping and layout of the campus are all incredibly impressive. You can simply take a drive around the site (carefully following their numerous directional signs) to quickly understand all that there is to offer at this nearby attraction.

Several friends and I recently ventured out for a weekday lunch break and made the last-minute decision to check out one of the restaurants that are now open at WEC. Once we found our way to the parking lot for the main entrance at the hotel arena, we flagged down one of the friendly staff members scooting around in golf carts to get the specifics.

Four restaurants are currently open, to include Italian, Mexican, and American specialties, as well as an ice cream and treats shop (which, by the way, doesn't open until 2:00 pm). Each restaurant has a casual environment, where you review the menu board, make your selection, watch as they assemble to your specifications, and then take your meal to a table of your choosing. (The WEC website promises at least three more restaurants *coming soon* and which offer additional refinements, from a pastry shop to a gastro lounge to a steak and seafood dining room, complete with a terrace overlooking the Grand Outdoor Arena. (And it is grand indeed!)

There probably aren't too many places around the arenas, either outdoors or inside, where you can't find a great vantage point for viewing the shows and events, when they are ongoing. Stadium seating is offered for each arena, but there are also huge jumbotrons for each one, as well as comfortable little sites with benches or tables and chairs overlooking many of them.

Each of the currently open restaurants seem to be at the four corners around the hotel. We trekked to Filo's Mexican Cantina, our dining choice for the day. The weather was spectacular for outdoor dining, the meal was quite delicious (and reasonably priced, to my surprise), and the company especially

enjoyable. From there, we wandered back around to the front of the hotel, exploring shops, peeking in the enormous indoor arenas, and walking through the multiple indoor halls and along the vast outdoor walkways. Finally, one of us asked, "Where are we?" at which point, we navigated our way back to the statue of *SSgt Reckless*, who pointed our way back to the parking lot so we could finish with a driving tour of the areas we hadn't yet had a chance to explore. (Yes, it really is that big!)



We were fortunate to visit on a non-event day, so crowds were not an issue. Even so, there was a good handful of curious visitors getting a peek, much like we were doing. I look forward to visiting for some of the upcoming shows, and all indications are that no detail will be overlooked in managing both crowds and cleanliness. WEC has placed multiple signs in and around the buildings to remind visitors to keep socially distanced as well as masked. And there are plenty of staff members tending to cleaning and maintaining the property—almost non-stop.

The journey isn't far, and I encourage you to venture **Out and About** to see what WEC has to offer.

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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 stokey1152@gmail.com.

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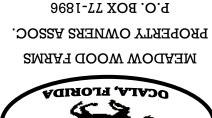
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