MEADOW WOOD FARMS NEWSLETTER



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Guest Speaker Discusses Animal Control

At the July 20 General Association meeting, we were privileged to host Scott Anderson as a guest speaker from Marion County's Animal Control. Mr. Anderson distributed detailed code books and led a lively discussion with attendees about enforcement of those codes, to include our rights and responsibilities, not only as animal owners, but also as good neighbors of animal owners.

As one might guess, questions and discussion focused primarily on horses and dogs, but there were interesting stories about cats and even rare experiences with exotic animals. Topics that prompted the majority of discussion included animal abuse/neglect and animals (dogs) running at large and/or presenting a danger to other animals or people. In both cases, we were encouraged to call the Animal Control office (352-671-8727). While not all situations have the same priority in response, they all are recorded and help to document persistent or recurring issues, which can lead to additional fees, fines, and actions. In the case of dangerous or threatening animals and/or persons, we were encouraged to call the sheriff's office first, followed with a call to Animal Control, this for the safety of all involved. Make the call and, where possible, take photos!

Mr. Anderson categorized the primary role of Animal Control as one of education (helping animal owners to properly control and care for their animals), as well as animal welfare and protection. They are a no-kill shelter and work with other agencies around the country to properly rehome animals after a 72-hour holding period for unclaimed, lost pets (that is, healthy animals not wearing a tag or chip). They post adoptable animals on their website and on Facebook, so be sure to check Marion County's Lost & Found, if you lose an animal. (In addition to dogs, they currently have several pigs and a rabbit available for adoption.)

Some of the big takeaways from the discussion include:

- Microchip your dog as the most secure and rapid way to identify your pet, should it get lost. (Tags can easily be lost or removed.)
- Maintain humane control of your dog, meaning a secure enclosure on your property and a 6' leash when off your property.
- ♦ Be prepared to pay both service fees and potentially multiple fines of \$100 or more for **each** offense if you do not maintain proper control of your dog.
- Animal Control will typically first advise and educate an animal owner about how to correct any issues but can seize and impound an animal or animals in various situations (neglect, cruelly treated, found at large, or that endangers other animals or people).

Sydney Smith

Upcoming Events 2021

(subject to change)

Board Meetings

Aug 10, Sep 14, Oct 12

General Association

Sep 21, Nov 16

Association meetings are held at Friendship Park until further notice.

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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Dog Days of Summer

I hope that you are enjoying your summer. As I am writing this, we are in Virginia. We hit the road with our camper trailer and dogs to visit grandkids. You can imagine the fun we are having in a camper with three kids and two dogs. I am thankful for the time we get to spend with them, but WOW are they full of energy! I wish I could bottle some of their get-up-and-go to bring back to MWF to share with all of you.

That's one of the things we really like about our neighborhood... that folks are not shy about getting out and helping others. Thanks to all of you who have been helping your neighbors and friends during the pandemic. Many of us in MWF are an older demographic and suffer with loss of mobility, energy, friends, and family members.

Having a helping hand from a neighbor can make things easier. Your selfless support helps to make this such a great place to live.

Your Association also helps to make our neighborhood a great place to live. I think you can see that, as the pandemic restrictions have lifted, we have a lot more activities planned for you to enjoy. Check out the calendar in this newsletter for upcoming events. We have also restarted the plan to have our meetings be more social information sessions than business meetings. Hopefully, you enjoyed the conversation on animal control at the July Association meeting.

Your Association can only do what it does because of folks who generously volunteer their time; we can always use additional folks to help with various activities, including to step in as the MWF Webmaster. (See our ad on p.5)

Thanks to everyone who has sent in your membership dues and providing your information for the directory. If you have not done these things, please do so before August 10.

I'll see you around the neighborhood.

Jim Thomas

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Community Matters: Address Markers

Did you know that you can order a reflective green address marker on our Meadow Wood Farms website?

The Association has a great program in place to uniformly mark addresses and help to minimize if not eliminate addressing problems in the case of an emergency. Improper addressing frustrates emergency responders, but it could be deadly to residents because of the delays that result. Locating your address as soon as possible is the first step in saving lives and property.

We've received outstanding positive feedback on the quality and importance of these address marker signs. If you've seen the signs, you know what a big difference they do make!

The program is very easy to implement, requires minimal effort, and can make a definite, positive impact in our community. This is a voluntary program and is not a fundraiser, as all address markers are sold at cost.

Look under **ER / Address Markers** to download the printable order form.

Meadow Wood Memory Walkers on the Move Again

Last year's Meadow Woods Memory Walkers broke a record and raised \$13,195 to help fund Alzheimer's research, advocacy, education, and patient and caregiver support. The team is already preparing for this year's event to help end Alzheimer's, scheduled for **October 16.** Watch for more information on how you can walk, donate, and otherwise support this year's "purple parade."

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.

eMail

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

Meadowwoodfarmsl@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 service is offered by a private member of the association. It is extremely useful, and we are grateful to them.

Facebook

Ask to join our private groups on Facebook:

- Meadow Wood Farms
- ♦ Meadow Wood Farms Equestrian Club
- ♦ Meadow Wood Farms Garden Exchange



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 — Aug 2021

- ♦ Aug 2: National Ice Cream Sandwich Day
- ◆ Tuesday, Aug 10 (7:00 pm): **MWFPOA Board Meeting** (via Zoom)
- ◆ Thursday, Aug 19 (7:00 pm): Meadow Wood Farms Equestrian Club (Friendship Park)



Line Dancing in Friendship Park:

- Tuesdays (10:00 am)
- Saturdays (10:00 am)

August 2021						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
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If you would like to schedule an event in Friendship Park, please contact and coordinate with our Activities Chairperson, Carolyn Camp, at (352) 304-8506 or leoarabs@aol.com.

Suggestions for other events are welcomed!

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

Save the Date—Saturday, September 18!



The MWFPOA will be hosting a **Meet-n-Greet** at Friendship Park! All residents are invited!!

Please watch for updates. Extra volunteer hands are welcomed in the planning process, and if you would like to be included, please call Carolyn Camp at 352-304-8506.

Polo Matches at Florida Horse Park Every Saturday

Free polo matches begin at 6:00 pm on Saturday evenings and are open to the public. Bring a picnic, as well as your favorite adult beverages, and enjoy the fun! They will continue through Sep. 24, at which time they will take 2 months off before kicking off the winter season.





LINE DANCING!

Join us for line dancing every Tuesday and Saturday, from 10 to 11a.m., at Friendship Park. New dancers are always welcomed. Instructions and walkthroughs are available. (We would love to have some male dancers join us.)

Questions -- Contact Sandy at lenelew@aol.com or 352-861-9622.

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Directory Under Construction

The 2022-2023 MWF Telephone Directory is currently being developed and will be distributed to all paid members of the MWFPOA in the Fall. To be included is voluntary; information forms are available on the MWFPOA website and must be completed and returned no later than August 10, 2021, if you want to be included.



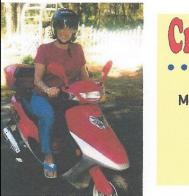
Help Wanted: MWFPOA Webmaster



We are in search of a volunteer to help with our community webpage. Wayne Hebert has been doing a stellar job for many years but has asked us to find someone to take over. If you have any interest in web work (or know someone who might be interested), please let us know.

Wayne will gladly help a new webmaster settle in and take over the important job of maintaining our webpage. It is a great source of information for and about our neighborhood.





Meadow Wood Farms pet sitter since 1997 SANDY MOLLBERG

> 861-9622 lenelew@aol.com

HOW TO PLACE CLASSIFIED ADS

Classified ads (40 words maximum) must be received by the 20th of each month.

Send information in Word, email, JPG, or PNG format to: MWFPOAnewsletter@gmail.com
Send payment to: Meadow Wood Farms Property Assoc., Inc., P.O. Box 771896, Ocala FL 34477

ADVERTISEMENTS

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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

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.

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! Hope to see you soon!

www.stjohnscp.com 352-237-5777



as well as asphalt coating and line painting!





Dorothy Henry







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MWF 3 YEARS NEW 3 BEDROOM, 2 BATH 1.2 ACRES



MWF 5+ ACRES HIGH & DRY IMPROVED PASTURE. FENCED,



MWF on 1.3 ACRE CLEARED & READY TO BUILD YOUR DREAM HOME!

DO YOU HAVE FRIENDS OR FAMILY THAT WOULD LIKE TO OWN A HOME IN MWF CALL ME TODAY!

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

JOIN MEADOW WOOD FARMS ASSOCIATION

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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 Karen Reade at 352-622-2030 or email her at springlilacs@yahoo.com.

Your MWFPOA thanks you!

Please Join		

MEADOW WOOD FARMS PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.

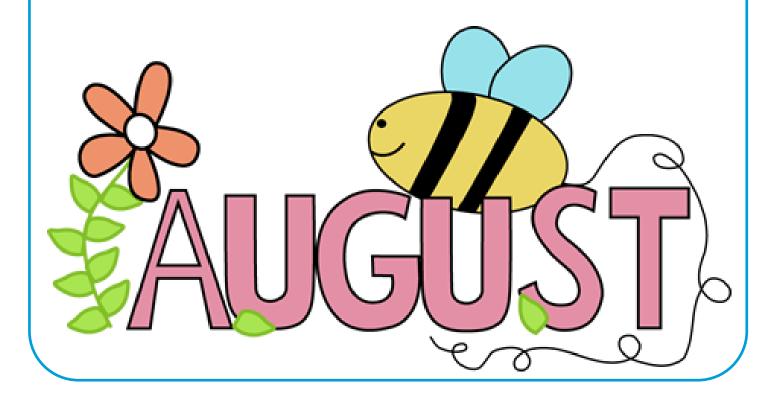
(Annual Dues Effective June 1, 2021, through May 2022)

Please send your check for \$55.00 with this form to: Meadow Wood Farms Property Assoc., Inc., P.O. Box 77-1896, Ocala FL 34477

Please print to provide the information below:

Name(s):		
YES	NO	Put my/our information in the directory.
YES	NO	Deliver my/our newsletter to my/our address.
		(Otherwise, it is available on the website, which saves the Association printing and mailing costs.)

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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