MEADOW WOOD FARMS NEWSLETTER



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Mark Your Calendars for Upcoming Community Events!

MWF's Executive Board has been coordinating with the interim Activities Committee Chair, Carolyn Camp, to identify, fund, and begin preparing for various community events and activities in the months ahead. They are excited to see more and more residents coming together for sponsored get-togethers, as well as for those events held by clubs that are active here within the neighborhood.

In October, you probably saw, heard about, or participated in some of the happenings. A number of "champions" turned out for the Walk/Ride for the Cure for Alzheimer's on October 16. Members of our Equestrian Club came together for their monthly meeting on the 21st. All residents were invited to a free equine chiropractic clinic on the 23rd. And, hopefully, many of you stopped by Friendship Park on Halloween for the Car Show/Trunk or Treat/Music Event! What fun!!

Below are some of the events you'll want to watch for in future communications:

- Nov. 13 (4 to 6pm): Our annual Veterans & First Responders BBQ
- Dec. 4: Tack Sale hosted by the Equestrian Club; open to the public
- ◆ Dec. 11: MWF's 2nd "Hot Rods & Horses" Christmas Cavalcade
- Dec. 16: Christmas Party for all Equestrian Club members

We don't have the details yet, but there will also be another fun evening of Trop Rock with Don Middlebrook (think Jimmy Buffet) in March, as well as at least one other spring event, open to all residents and their quests.

Don't miss out on the fun!



Sydney Smith

Upcoming Meetings

(subject to change)

Board MeetingsNov 9, Dec 14

General Association

Nov 16; Jan 18, 2022

General Association meetings are being 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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It's a Common Place

Thanks to the opportunity to serve as your Association President, Gail and I have come to know quite a few people in the neighborhood. However, there are many we don't know. One thing I have noticed with the people we meet is how much we have in common. Which makes me ask, "How much would I have in common with the folks I don't know?"

I'm not very good at all the social media stuff, so I prefer to just talk with folks. You know, face to face. Meeting people starts us off with the fact that we have all chosen this neighborhood as our home. Many of us are involved with horses; a lot of folks have dogs. There are bicycle riders, car enthusiasts, golfers, artists, and who knows what all. As you bump into people in the neighborhood, remember, you probably have a lot more in

common with them than you know. Go ahead and start the conversation; it can make our neighborhood an even better place to live.

Each month we ask for people to consider offering their talents to help the Association. Many thanks to Steve Gallagher, who has volunteered to be our new webmaster. We are also very thankful that Jennie Adams volunteered to become our Association Secretary. We are blessed to have folks who are interested in helping to make our neighborhood a great place to live. Let someone know if you would like to share talents that would benefit all of us. For example, we still need someone to organize the newsletter for us.

One final note: a great opportunity to make new friends is at our neighborhood activities. Be sure to check out the calendar, and come on out for the Veterans and First Responders BBQ this month.

I'll see you around the neighborhood.

Jim Thomas President MWFPOA

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Help Wanted and Needed

Newsletter Editor: We need someone to collect information and work with contributors to design and lay out articles and ads for our monthly publication (using Publisher or other word processing software). You will also submit the file to our printer for final production and then coordinate with MWF's distribution team to have newsletters delivered to members.

Writers, Photographers, and Social Butterflies— Your Input is Needed and Always Welcome:

Our neighborhood continues to see a lot of transition and growth, with many new residents joining us in recent months. To that point, we would love to have one or more people interview new (or not-so-new) neighbors, so that we can highlight the many talents, hobbies, and interests that we have here in Meadow Wood Farms.



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

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- ♦ 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.



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Calendar of Activities — Nov 2021

- Tuesday, Nov 9 (7:00 pm): MWFPOA Board Meeting (via Zoom)
- Saturday, Nov 13 (4-6pm): Veterans & 1st Responders
 Appreciation BBQ (Friendship Park)
- ◆ Thursday, Nov 18 (7:00 pm): Meadow Wood Farms Equestrian Club (Friendship Park)
- ◆ Thursday, Nov 25: Happy Thanksgiving!
- ◆ Every Tuesday & Saturday (10:00 am): Line Dancing



| November 2021 | | | | | | |
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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.

Have ideas for new things to do, please let someone on the Activities Committee know. Suggestions are welcomed!

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

"Hot Rods & Horses" Christmas Cavalcade Coming Soon

We're less than **1 month away** from our 2nd Christmas Cavalcade! Anyone who is interested, please reach out to one of our team members. We are again including holiday-decorated golf carts. So go get your glam on!









- All hot rod drivers—contact Paul Gregorzek at 706 889-3861.
- All horse riders/carriage drivers—contact Jim Thomas at 785 691-5886.
- Volunteers—contact Dorothy Henry at 352 817-7494.



8th Annual MWF Veterans and First Responders Appreciation BBQ

Saturday, November 13, 2021 4:00 until 6:00 pm

Friendship Park at 73 Lake View Drive East

Meals are free for Veterans, Active Service Members, and First Responders—past and present

\$5 payable at the door for all others for this family event

This is your opportunity to say thanks to those in our neighborhood who have served this great country and our communities with their selfless service. Everyone in the neighborhood, their friends, and family are invited. We will provide the meal free for all veterans and first responders.

We will have military displays and other surprises, too!

The BBQ meat, buns, mac and cheese, chips, and water will be provided. We ask that you bring your favorite dessert or side dish to share. Maybe even a salad!

The organizing committee, headed by

Frenchie Bisiaux, 352-216-4273, is looking for help with the setup and a few other items. Please consider offering some of your time to help us with this great event to honor those who have served. Give Frenchie a call and let her know how you can help.



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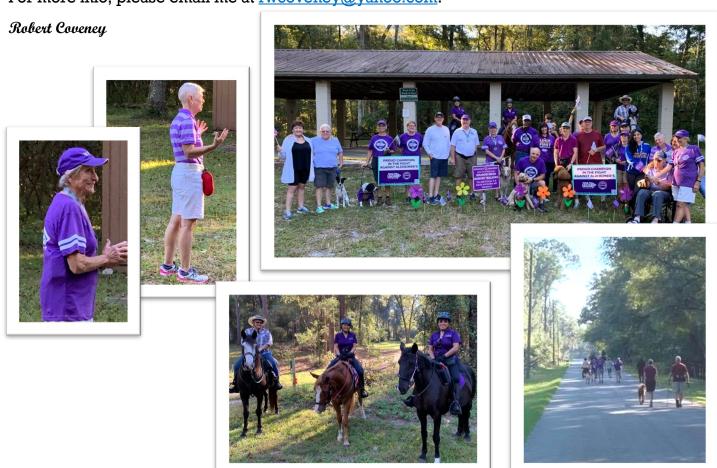
Another Very Successful Community Effort!

On October 16, the Meadow Wood Memory Walkers participated in the 2021 Ocala Walk to End Alzheimer's. Rather than walk with a large gathering at Tuscawilla Park, we again opted to walk within our own beautiful neighborhood. With the support of friends, family, and the Meadow Wood Community, our team raised more than \$14,000.00 to help toward the Alzheimer's Association goal of a world without Alzheimer's. We had 14 registered team members – but at one point, I counted 33 participants.

Prior to starting the walk, we listened as a few of our neighbors spoke about the impact Alzheimer's has had on their lives. It is an eye-opener when you realize how much this illness has impacted our small community. It is my hope that all those who attended will consider registering and joining our team when we do this again next year.

Once we set out, the rest of the morning was about having fun. With perfect weather, the 2-mile walk (stroll) took us almost 2 hours. Bonnie Coveney and Lisa Yanes followed us in the support ATV and provided snacks and drinks. Three ladies were on horseback. At least six (very well behaved) dogs also made the trek. It was great to be out walking and meeting our neighbors.

I would like to thank everyone for making this such an enjoyable and successful event. For more info, please email me at rwcoveney@yahoo.com.



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Dollar Store Hacks for Horse Owners

Inflation has recently hit on all sides; one only needs to look at gas pumps and the aisles in grocery stores to see how prices have climbed. One area we, as horse owners, cannot scrimp on is hay and feed. However, the cost of other barn and horse items can be made more manageable by shopping differently.

In the early 1970s, when I got my first horse, I did not have a lot of money to spend, as my major expense was paying board. I headed into the nearby five and dime to purchase scrub brushes as grooming items. My mom cut up and sewed an old bed blanket for me to use as a saddle pad. Today, the five and dimes have been replaced by dollar stores, also with great bargains!

Tired of paying high tack store prices for horse treats? Ginger Snap Cookies! Made in the USA, here is a treat you can actually share with your horse. Granola bars are also a good choice, and horses love the oat and honey ones.

The price of liniment got you down? Buy bottles of isopropyl alcohol, and use it to dilute the expensive liniment and, while you're at it, pick up a dollar store spray bottle or two. Spray your liniment/alcohol mix right where you want it without it dripping out of your hand. If you can find the wintergreen alcohol, so much the better.

Head over to the cleaning aisle and pick up a toilet brush to clean grime out of water buckets. Grab a laundry basket, too. It's great for carrying hay without the flake falling apart.

Stroll down the baby items aisle. A package of newborn diapers is indispensable in treating foot abscesses. (Some larger breeds may need a different size.) Use them directly over your poultice, and cover with vet wrap and duct tape. Toss a package of baby wipes into your cart. They are great for wiping snotty noses, runny eyes, and other areas best treated with care.

Have a horse with thrush or white line problems? Tack store remedies can be costly, and treatment with some are time consuming, assuming your horse will stand for them. Bleach in a spray bottle (that is compatible with bleach) can be sprayed easily onto the bottom of your horse's feet each time you pick them out. Just be careful not to get it on the hair line.

The price of tack store shampoos have you crying? VO5 at the dollar store is a fine alternative, if your horse does not have any skin issues. As with any shampoo, less is more. Hairbrushes and large combs can easily substitute as items to comb your horse's manes and tails. And over in stationary, look for wipe-off white boards to record your notes and reminders in the barn. Hit up the kitchen supplies section for a mesh strainer, used to fish out wayward bugs from your horse's water buckets.

So, there are some of my secrets, and you may find some of your own! Lastly, if you are in Dollar General, grab a corn broom; it's the best for sweeping aisles.

Pat Van Nostrand

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Dorothy Henry

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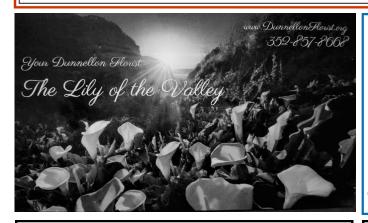
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OUT AND ABOUT...

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Well, I'm back. Over the last couple of months, things have been—shall we say—complicated here at SeaHorse Farm. In that brief window of time, I had the unfortunate task of organizing a family gathering in Indiana for a memorial for my mother – which had to be cancelled at the last minute due to a COVID case. Three weeks later, I had the "pleasure" of presiding over my 50th high school reunion, again in Indiana. Immediately following that reunion, Merry Lee had a hip replaced. Everything is quite good now, but as you might suspect, I had neither the time nor the material to put this column together. But now, I'm back.

I would be remiss if I didn't express my sadness that Sydney Smith and her husband, David, are leaving our wonderful neighborhood and moving to North Carolina. She has done such an outstanding job with this newsletter. It's been a pleasure to work with her. I can only hope that someone will take up the torch and carry on. Sydney, you will be greatly missed. Best of luck in your new adventures.

OK, let's get to it. What have we been up to that merits mention in Out & About? Two things come to mind: one an annual event, the other a relatively new restaurant/bar/coffee shop/boutique.

This past weekend, Merry Lee and I decided that, after 15 years in Ocala, we should probably attend the Ocala Arts Festival. We really enjoy these types of events and have attended festivals in Indiana, Gainesville, Vero Beach, Mount Dora, and more. Yet, we never seem to be in town for the Ocala version. Finally this year, we went. We were stunned by the quality of the event and the artists. Ocala has come a LONG WAY in the 15 years we've lived here.



This is a "juried" show, which means that artists have to qualify to exhibit by submitting samples of their work to a panel of judges. A number of spaces are dedicated each year to first-time exhibitors so that each year there are both fresh faces and fresh art. There were more than 150 artists exhibiting every genre of art imaginable. Categories included Mixed Media (2D and 3D), Painting, Clay, Drawing, Glass, Sculpture, Jewelry, Photography, Wood, and more. We marveled at the depth and breadth of the beautiful pieces available. The expression "different strokes for different folks" could not be more appropriate. Add the requisite food, beverage, and face painting and sponsor booths to the existing downtown shops, and you have a truly excellent community event. And it's all free, unless, of course you buy some art, which of course, we did. Go figure.

The aforementioned restaurant/bar/coffee shop/boutique is called The Juniper General Store. Located in the Golden Hills Plaza at the corner of 80th Ave. and US 27, it is difficult to describe – so I won't try too hard. I'll just tell you that we loved our first visit there last Wednesday. We sat at the bar, enjoyed a craft beer (or two), and dined on wonderful wood fired pizza from the food truck just outside the front door. Wednesdays are their food truck night. On other days, dried meats, cheeses, and desserts are available for both purchase and consumption onsite. Comfortable seating, friendly staff, and a



cute general store round out the experience. As they used to say in the cereal ads, "Try it. You'll like it." In any case, it is one more place to enjoy being "Out & About."

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

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