# MEADOW WOOD FARMS NEWSLETTER



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#### **Executive Board Elections**

It is that time again to elect your MWF POA board members.

Note: All Executive Board positions are officially available. Our current President (James Thomas) is stepping down, so we would especially like to see other Association member step up and into this position. The newly elected officers' term will begin June 1, 2022, and extend through May 31, 2023.

We have a number of new residents, and that means a lot of new ideas and talent are available! You can help make a difference in our community by volunteering a bit of your time. Please consider adding your name to the election slate for next year. Currently, the slate consists of the following candidates:

☐ President:: Jim Bain

□ Vice President:: Mark Cooper□ Secretary: Gena DeCamella□ Treasurer: Karen Reade

Any Association member in good standing may serve on the Board. If you are interested, contact Gena DeCamella, Election Chair, care of <a href="maybeanewsletter@gmail.com">mwfpoanewsletter@gmail.com</a>. You can read the Duties of the Officers in our By-Laws, available in your Directory or online at <a href="maybeanewsletter@gmail.com">www.mwfpoa.com</a>.

Elections will be held at the May 17th meeting at Friendship Park. Nominations may also be taken from the floor at that time for any member in good standing.

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Save some postage for yourself and the POA and bring your membership dues to the meeting! Dues are only \$55/year. Renewable/Membership forms are on the back of this newsletter. Make checks payable to MWFPOA, Karen Reade, Treasurer will be there to collect payment.

Thank you

# Upcoming Meetings

(subject to change)

**Board Meetings** May10, 2022

General Association

May 17th, 2022\*\*

\*\*ELECTION MEETING\*\*

General Association meetings will be held at Friendship Park under the Pavilion.

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



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#### It's been an honor

As I wind down my second and final term as your association President, I reflect on all the wonderful experiences this opportunity has brought. I have met so many wonderful people in our neighborhood. I'll admit trying to do our work as an association during the COVID pandemic was a challenge. However, your executive board and committee members put their shoulder to the wheel and kept things rolling. Now, as we get back to normal, we have many new opportunities ahead.

Our neighborhood is truly a wonderful place to live. Others must agree, as we see new homes being built, new neighbors moving in, and folks improving their properties. Part of what makes this a nice place to live is your association. They do a lot of work in the background making sure bills are paid, property is maintained, and planning fun activities. It is truly your association; it does not function without the volunteers who give of their time to the benefit of the rest of us. Being President has been a wonderful experience because we are blessed with such great volunteers. I can't say enough thanks to all of the committee folks, executive board members, party organizers, food preparers, the always helpful neighbors, and everyone else that lent a hand when it was needed. Each person brings great ideas and willing hands that contribute immeasurably to your neighborhood association.

One way you can contribute is to come to association meetings. They are only every other month on the third Tuesday. Starting this month, we will be having a drawing to reward those who attend association membership meetings. All our members' names go into a container. We will draw out a name, and if you are at the meeting, you win a \$25 cash prize. If you are not at the meeting, the prize rolls and is combined with the prize at the next meeting, where we will draw again. It pays to come to our meetings! We will also be having a drawing in July for cash prizes from the pool of those who have joined the association or renewed their membership for the next association year that starts in June. It pays to join!

Some of our committee members have moved on to other interests and this leaves openings for you to step up and help. We need your ideas, your interest, and your help. Please consider running for office or joining your neighbors on one of our committees. There's an opening for President, as I am not running for office again due to other commitments. I will still be involved with the association as a volunteer, but I won't be able to perform the duties you would expect me to as President.

I have had lots of different experiences with associations and clubs through the years and I can say without reservation that this has been the most fun and enriching opportunity I have had. It has been an honor to be the President of your association. For that, I thank you.

Jim Thomas

I'll see you around the neighborhood.

Jim Thomas President, MWFPOA

Officers of
<b>MWFPOA</b>

President

### Committees



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#### **Community Matters**

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

We are fortunate to live in a community that has such a vibrant mix of new and long term residents. We would love to feature your story here next month so that we can highlight the many talents, hobbies, and interests that we have here in Meadow Wood Farms. It's a great way to "Meet your Neighbors" Please contact Gena DeCamella at

MWFPOAnewsletter@gmail so that I can share your story.

#### **OPEN POSITIONS**

#### Refreshment Coordinator-

Duties include setting up and helping to serve refreshments at the General Meeting every other month. This is a great way to get involved and make new friends!

Please contact Kim at kandmcooper@comcast.net

or Carol at caenglish55@gmail.com

# Meadow Wood Farms Communications

Website: www.mwfpoa.com

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

Meadowwoodfarms 1@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.

#### MWF Loves to see holiday decorations!







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="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.



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#### Calendar of Activities — May 2022

- Cinco de Mayo Thursday May 5th
- Mother's Day Sunday May 8th
- Board Meeting Tuesday May 10th via Zoom 7pm
- General Association Meeting Tuesday May 17th 7pm
- Equine Club Meeting May 26th 7pm
- Memorial Day Monday May 30th
- Line Dancing Every Tuesday & Saturday (10:00 am):

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If you would like to schedule an event in Friendship Park, please contact and coordinate with our Activities Chairpersons, Kim Cooper <a href="mailto:kandmooper@comcast.net">kandmooper@comcast.net</a> or Carol English <a href="mailto:caenglish55@gmaill.com">caenglish55@gmaill.com</a>.

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 Kim or Carol to let them know of your interest!

#### LINE DANCING!

Join us at Friendship Park every Tuesday and Saturday, from 10 to 11a.m. New dancers are always welcomed. Instructions and walk-throughs are available.

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

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### FOOD FOR THOUGHT

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Mr. President, it has come to my attention that we're having some challenges with the economy. Given things correctly, we're in a recession, consumer confidence and spending is down, credit is tight, investors are spooked. We need renewable energy, and health care costs are through the roof. Trillions of dollars, not to mention our future, are at stake.

Here's a solution. Give every American a horse. This proposal may not make sense to you but let me give you a little background. First of all, horses in the U.S. are a multi-billion-dollar industry, and that's just at one farm. Have your economic advisors do a little research on the spending around horse ownership. You'd be surprised. Start by visiting the tack and clothing retailers like State Line or Dover. Look at the variety of goods available there. Now consider that every horse owner, especially if it's a woman, is buying not just one or two, but tons of these items. Believe it or not.

The thinking is that if you give every American a horse, starting when they reach the horse-receptive age of 10, you're going to do two things: boost consumer confidence and boost spending immediately. Horses make people feel good, and once Americans all own horses (at the government's expense, of course), they will all logically fall into the pattern that every horse owner succumbs to: accessorizing. For starters, they will need horse-care implements like buckets and muck rakes, hoof picks and curry combs. And then at least basic tack: halter, lead lines, saddle, saddle pad, bridle and bit. But then the fun begins. Zebra print leg wraps. Neon bright fly masks. An assortment of sheets and blankets for all seasons; you've got your cooler, your lightweight blanket, your medium blanket, your heavy blanket. Then there's your stable sheet and your turn out sheet. Also, your hoodie, and tail wrap items. And that's just the clothing for the horse. Don't get started on the clothing for the rider, even if he or she doesn't show. Since most Americans don't have a basic riding wardrobe, the stores would be swamped for jeans, boots, breeches, T-shirts, dozens of pairs of cute boot socks, and the ubiquitous ball cap. Tell the retailers to get ready. It'll be Christmas all year long.

Now let's talk about support industries. In addition to the usual veterinarian and farrier expenditures, people also give their horses chiropractic care, massage, and acupuncture, not to mention buying more beauty products for their horses than they do for themselves. All those professions and industries will benefit. Naturally there will be a big spike in hay and grain demand, so the farmers will be happy too. You see, that's the secret to jump-starting consumer spending through this stimulus package. People will spend money on their horses when they won't spend money on anything else. Your advisors might say there's a catch. Aren't we paying the price, in global warming, due to the large number of livestock animals we currently have? They produce all that methane!

Ah, Mr. President, here's the real beauty of this idea. When you introduce the Methane-Assisted Natural Unrefined Renewable Energy plan (M.A.N.U.R.E.), you'll be a hero for coming up with an alternative, renewable, home-grown source of clean energy. Just challenge the energy gurus to come up with a methane gas collection system that can harness all the "natural resource" produced by all those horses to power our cities. Talk about shovel ready projects: M.A.N.U.R.E. fits the bill!

Health care costs will go down, too, as everyone spends time working, riding and hanging out with their horses, which will automatically make them healthier. (Don't tell the docs, but most horse owners already get their own basic healthcare from their vet.)

So this proposed stimulus package has many great benefits from creating more jobs, increasing spending, reducing energy consumption, improving health benefits, and most importantly, creating an environment where people feel good and will get outside to enjoy the fresh air and camaraderie with their friends and neighbors.

#### A LOOK BEHIND

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#### **COMMUNITY CLEAN UP April 16th**

Shout out to Frenchie for organizing the Community Clean up event. Twenty-two wonderful people came out to help and Frenchie would like to say THANK YOU! Not only was roadside debris collected, but also all of the limbs and branches from Friendship Park. She hopes to see everyone again at the Fall Clean up.

Frenchie Merry Lee Bain

Karen & Ian Reade Chris Banks

Jeff Stockmal Tina Pichowiak

Carol & Steffin English Gail Thomas

Bob & Bonnie Coveney Sandy Mollberg

Pam & Wayne Hebert Carolyn Camp

Janet & Mike Wagner Alicia Beasley

Allison Carnell Kim Cooper

Debbie Sosa Lynn McGonagill



#### **SPRING FLING April 23rd**

The Spring Fling was a HUGE success! Both new and familiar faces brought lots of food. Everyone got to introduce themselves and after eating outdoor games were enjoyed by all. You will NOT want to miss the next neighborhood get together.





Hello neighbors! We are your new Activities Co-chairs

<u>Kim Cooper -</u> My husband, Mark, and I moved to Meadow Wood Farms at the end of January, 2022. We previously resided in Jacksonville, Florida for the last 15 years. Mark is retired from the US Navy and I retired almost two years ago from the Corporate world. We feel blessed to have met so many wonderful people since moving into the neighborhood.

<u>Carol English</u>. My husband, Steffin, and I have lived and worked in the Ocala area for the last twenty-six years. We raised four boys and are now reaping the rewards via our grandkids! We moved to Meadow Wood Farms, four months before Covid started. We are now enjoying making friends and meeting our neighbors in this beautiful community. We have enjoyed recent events, held at Friendship Park, and are so looking forward to hearing back from residents with ideas and activities they would like to enjoy.

Now down to business. We have some thoughts in mind for future events, which include both event type activities and the formation of clubs. We also plan to keep the community favorites. Before we take action, we need your help in gathering information on what you would enjoy and like to partake in. First off, please let us know how many children, if any, you have in the following age groups:

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< age 5, Age 5 to 10, Age 11 to 15, Age 15 to	o 18, None
Now, let's talk about clubs. Would you be interested in meeting est or maybe learn something new. Would you like to meet were month with friends. Currently the Equestrian club and Line Dar thrive. Below is a list of other potential clubs. Please check of in. Our goal is to get people together with similar interests from	ekly, monthly or a couple of times a ncing club exist and will continue to If which you might be interested
Clubs: Biking Books Painting (Oil, Wate	er, Pastels) Veterans
Photography Walking / Running Wood Working	ngYoga
Cards: Bridge Cribbage Euchre Pinochle	e Other
Children's activities for the summer	
Games: Corn Hole Horse Shoes Other	
Crafts:	
Card making Crocheting Jewelry Making	Knitting
Quilting Scrapbooking Sewing Ot	her
One idea we had for an event is to bring in a food truck so pe and enjoy dining out without having to drive very far. You ca to go. If you would you would be interested in this please let	an eat under the pavilion or take it
Yes, to Food Truck	

Please fill out the above and send to Kim at <a href="kandmooper@comcast.net">kandmooper@comcast.net</a> or Carol at <a href="caeng-lish55@gmaill.com">caeng-lish55@gmaill.com</a>. You may also bring this completed form with you to the General Association Meeting on May 17th at the Park Pavilion. We look forward to creating new activities and seeing you in the neighborhood!

Kim and Carol

#### **ADVERTISEMENTS**

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Full page	\$70/ month	\$80/ month	\$350	\$400



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Ok, now this was an adventure. Early in April, your esteemed President, Jim Thomas was asked to help crew a boat for a cruise through a few of Florida's inland lakes. This isn't just any boat. It's a steamboat! Think African Queen and you'll have some idea of the craft. Jim asked Dave Kane and me if we might want to help. It sounded like a fun day so we each said "sure – why not?"

Departing MWF about 6:30 a.m. we arrived in Tavares to meet our Captain and launch the boat. We were to be a part of a sort of steamboat regatta. With seven classic steamboats in the array, we pulled away from the docks and sputtered the short distance from the west end of Lake Dora, through the Lake Dora Canal into Lake Eustis. From there, we steamed north along the western shore of Eustis to the mouth of Haynes Creek. At that point we headed up the creek. And yes, we were without a paddle. Our destination for this part of the cruise was the small residential community of Bonfire Mobile Village, Florida. Adjacent to the locks between Lake Eustis and Lake Griffin, this lovely little community of mobile homes and kind souls welcomed us to a picnic lunch celebrating our arrival. The whole community turns out for this annual event, hosting the crews of the steamboats with pulled pork BBQ, sides, and desserts as an encouragement for the boats to come each year.

Crowding all seven of the boats, plus a couple of other ill-timed arrivals into the locks was not an easy task, but we got it done with minimal angst between the boats. As you might suspect, each boat is a pride and joy for its owner, so bumping one another in the locks was carefully avoided – mostly. As the least "cared for" craft of the bunch, we were carefully watched. Exiting the locks, each boat found a berth at a creek side home/dock where locals in golf carts waited to carry us to the community park, right back alongside the locks. After the sumptuous lunch, we again boarded our boats and continued up Haynes Creek to Lake Griffin, where we came about and headed back the way we had come. It was a long day but worth every minute. Jim Thomas found himself quite at home alongside the small steam engine and steam boiler, thoroughly enjoying being in charge of those contraptions and the steam whistle and horns. Skippers Kane and Bain handled the wheel and navigation for the greatest part of the trip. In short, it was a blast!

I've lived in Central Florida for 16 years now and had no idea that these lakes and several others are connected. In fact, you can put your boat in on Lake Apopka and travel all the way to Jacksonville through these lakes, the Oklawaha River, and finally the St. Johns to the Atlantic. It is a true marvel of Florida and another great reason to be...Out & About.

#### Jim Bain







#### MWFPOA 2021-2022 Year in Review

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Despite the challenges of the COVID pandemic, your association did a LOT this last year!

<u>Activities/Speakers-</u>-Speaker from Marion County Animal Control (Scott Anderson) – August 21, -Meet and Greet Car Show- September 21, -Trunk and Treat- October 21, -Veterans/Frist Responder BBQ- November 21, -Hot Rods and Horses Cavalcade- December 21, -County Agent speaker (Mark Bailey) at membership meeting- January 22, -Don Middlebrook Trop Rock Concert-March 22, -Community Clean-up- April 22, -Spring Fling Meet and Greet Potluck-April 22, -Movie Night-April 30 22

-Speaker from County Senior Services (Glenda Thomas) at membership meeting-May 22

**Directory**- Published and being distributed.

<u>Traffic -</u> -President called the Marion County Engineer Traffic Operations department about the following issues:

- number of accidents at the front entrances and what could be done. The county said they will study County Road 328 for traffic and traffic control measures and markings.
- several speed limit signs in the neighborhood need replacing.
- -President notified Marion County Sheriff of large trucks using neighborhood roads for business of hauling logs from out of neighborhood property

<u>Administrative/Financial</u> -Inventoried safety deposit box, Went through files in sheds and discarded no longer needed items, -Completed audit of association financial records. A couple minor issues found and were immediately corrected. -Executive Board approved renewal of our Certificates of Deposit & approved ordering of more materials to make street address marker signs for purchase by residents.

- Adopted membership incentive programs- \* Will hold drawing in July out of pool of new/renewed members for cash prizes.

Will draw out of hat from list of all members at membership meeting for cash prize. Must be present to win. If not at meeting the money is added to the next meeting drawing.

- 50/50 donations will go towards replacing the storage sheds in the park -Amended Bylaws with provision to remove executive board officers
- Executive Board contracted for porta-potty at the park for the summer, and then extended the contract for the entire year at the request of residents.

#### Park/Entrances Maintenance-Ian Reade

- -Replaced flag holder post, Repainted concrete edges, Cleaned out the sheds, Fallen tree removed, Repaired gate and fencing
- -Kept areas free of trash and debris

Newsletter- New editor took over, Executive Board reviewed and updated advertising rates and policy.

#### **Webpage**

- Executive Board transferred responsibility of domain names and web hosting from two residents to a commercial firm, at a reduced over all cost. CS Advertising is now maintaining our web presence and hosting our webpage. They have updated the software, content, and corrected several errors.

<u>Activities Committee-</u> As acting committee chair, Carolyn Camp did a super job coordinating our association activities. Our new activities committee co-chairs are: Carol English and Kim Cooper

<u>Control Committee- Dale Kennedy (Chair) Robert Zachary, Judy Perez</u> -Handled several complaints about dogs and other nuisance animals. Notified appropriate county agencies of issues. -Notified property owners of properties needing clean-up and/or mowing, -Approved several fencing projects.

<u>Welcoming Committee</u> - Sandy Mollberg and Allison Carnell did a great job making new residents feel welcome. They have handed over the reins to Michele Schuler.

<u>Beautification - Chris Banks -</u> Did a superb job of decorating our entrances for the various holidays throughout the year.

Sunshine -Jennie Adams - -Sometimes we need a little sunshine in our life, and Jennie makes that happen.

### 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 Karen Reade at 352-622-2030 or email her at <a href="mailto:springlilacs@yahoo.com">springlilacs@yahoo.com</a>.

Your MWFPOA thanks you!

## Please Join - Renew your Membership

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#### MEADOW WOOD FARMS PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.

(Annual Dues Effective June 1, 2022, effective through May 2023)

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