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Really?

I'm sitting at my desk at 10:00 on a Monday night. My wife is on vacation in Hawaii. I'm alone, mostly, and grumpy. Our building project of a new barn and new shop is over a year behind. I have a pinched nerve in my neck and haven't been able to ride my bike or play golf in months. The engine in my car was leaking oil so badly it needed to be rebuilt. We had to put my horse down last week. I could go on and on until my life sounds like a sad country song. Really? Yes, really! And yet...

I'm basically healthy. We have a couple of nickels to rub together. A great friend of mine from Michigan volunteered to come down to visit and help me build out the interior of my new shop. I bought a new car to replace the dying one. I only have a few more days until my beautiful wife returns. I put a plea for help on our neighborhood website and Facebook page today and had multiple positive responses in less than 2 hours. Really? Yes. Really.

Life is so interesting. In everyone's life there are ups and downs. I've had many worse downs than now – much worse. I have had some wonderful experiences and adventures. I guess as I have aged (not matured, I assure you) I have gained some perspective.

My problems are truly “first world” problems. I am truly blessed. I have had, and continue to have, a great life. So much of life is attitude. I have carried this quote with me for years. It's worth sharing:

“The longer I live, the more I realize the impact of attitude on life. Attitude, to me, is more important than facts. It is more important than the past, than education, than money, than circumstances, than failures, than successes, than what other people think, or say, or do. It will make or break a company...a church...a home. The remarkable thing is that we have a choice every day regarding the attitude we will embrace for that day. We cannot change our past...we cannot change the fact that people will act in a certain way. We cannot change the inevitable. The only thing we can do is play on the one string we have, and that is our attitude...I am convinced that life is 10% what happens to me and 90% how I react to it. And so, it is with you...we are in charge of our attitudes.

Charles Swindoll

Really!

I'll see you around the neighborhood -- Jim

Upcoming Meetings (subject to change)

Executive Board Meeting

March 7th - 7pm

General Association

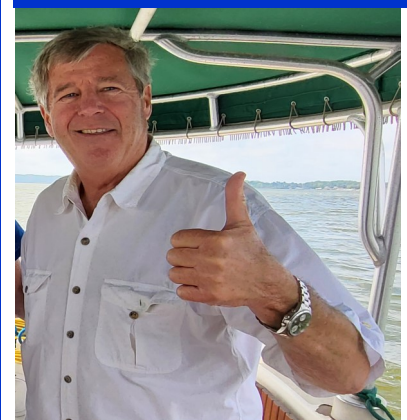
March 14th - 7pm

Meetings will be held at
Friendship Park under the
Pavilion.

Minutes are posted on the
website after all Board and
Association meetings:
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Top ten things to do now that Spring has Sprung

1. Sort through your wardrobe
2. Start a new journal
3. Get planting and bring the outside in
4. Go for a short walk every day
5. Make sure you enjoy nature
6. Have a picnic in the park
7. Go on a spring trip
8. Make the most of the seasonal fruits and vegetables
9. Get your windows open
10. Go on a bike ride

Most importantly, don't forget to breathe in the fresh air!

Gena DeCamella

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Community Matters

Calendar of Activities — March 2023

All events will be held at Friendship Park unless otherwise stated

- ♦ **Executive Board Meeting** - Tuesday March 7th 7pm
- ♦ **Food Truck** - Wednesday March 8th 4:30-7:30pm
- ♦ **Trivia** - Thursday March 9th 7pm
- ♦ **Book Club** - Monday March 13th 6:30pm
- ♦ **General Association Meeting** - Tuesday March 14th 7 pm
- ♦ **Equine Club Meeting**- Thursday March 17th 7pm
- ♦ **St. Patrick's Day** - March 17th
- ♦ **Don Middlebrook Concert** - Friday March 24th 7-10pm
- ♦ **Dee Collier Performance** - Saturday March 25th 1:00pm
- ♦ **Book Club** - CANCELED
- ♦ **Line Dancing Has Returned!!** Saturdays Only 10am



If you would like to schedule an event in Friendship Park, please contact and coordinate with our Activities Chairpersons,

Kim Cooper kandmcooper@comcast.net

or Carol English 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.
- ♦ Minutes from all Executive Board and General Association meetings can be found under the Meetings tab.

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To join the Meadow Wood Farms email blasts and conversation, send a note to Meadowwoodfarms1@aol.com and ask the site master to add your email address. Please respect the rules... This service is offered by a private member of the association.

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- ♦ We do not forward attachments due to a virus possibility.

SO, think before you send us an email to forward. Is it signed? Is the right person getting it? Does it have an attachment?

About 30% of the email we get are deleted for the above reasons. Want to stay on our email list? Please take note of these rules.

Facebook

Ask to join our private groups on Facebook:

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

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.





Who is St. Patrick?

You might not believe it, but the saint behind the Irish holiday is technically neither a saint nor Irish.

Saint Patrick was born in the fifth century as a citizen of Roman Britain. At the age of 16, he was enslaved and taken to Ireland, where he spent six years in captivity. He then escaped, only to later return to bring Christianity to the people of Ireland—not the kind of light-hearted hijinks you might think would inspire a holiday so devoted to it.

During his life, he became a priest and founded schools, churches, and monasteries throughout the Emerald Isle before his death on March 17, 461 A.D. However, some are surprised to learn that the patron saint and national apostle of Ireland was never canonized as saint by the Catholic Church. This lack of official sainthood is because there was no formal canonization process in the 400s. Calling him "Saint" Patrick is likely to have caught on and stuck over time due to his popular acclaim.

When was the first St. Patrick's Day?

It wasn't until 1631 that the Church established a feast honoring the Patron Saint of Ireland. Because St. Patrick's Day falls during Lent, it became a day for Christians to take time off from the abstinent demands of the weeks leading up to Easter. By the 1700s, the holiday had started to take a decidedly more festive turn that its founders had intended.

It was Irish immigrants in the United States who were largely responsible for slowly shifting St. Patrick's Day from a religious observation to a secular one. Boston, with its massive Irish population, held the first parade in 1737, with New York City following suit 25 years later. Today, along with Chicago, which is famed for dyeing its river green since 1962, these cities still offer some of the biggest celebrations dedicated to the man who supposedly drove the snakes out of Ireland.

Why do we wear green on St. Patrick's Day?

It's only since the Irish Rebellion of 1798 that the shade has become associated with the holiday. Blue, which adorned the ancient Irish flag, was first identified with St. Patrick's Day. But the rebels wore green to differentiate themselves from the British, who clothed themselves in red, and the color has since come to denote Ireland and the Irish to all the world. Shamrocks, the national plant of Ireland (which legend says St. Patrick used to explain the Holy Trinity), also became a global signifier of the European island.

Who celebrates St. Patrick's Day?

While celebrating St. Patrick's Day in the wildly celebratory way we know today is largely the invention of Irish-Americans, Irish in the homeland have started taking to it as well in the past few decades. For example, the earliest parade in Ireland famously kicks off in Dingle just before sunup! It's attended by townsfolk and tourists alike.



Concert in the Park

Friday March 24th 7-10 pm

Don Middlebrook is a Florida Trop Rock, Americana, Country, Rock 'n Roll singer/songwriter from the frozen North. East Lansing, Michigan is ground zero. He travels a circuit from Michigan to Key West – Seattle to the East coast. Original Florida swamp rock, with authentic country sensibilities, give Don a heart of pure Trop Rock.



Only \$10/pp members, \$15/pp non-members:

TRIVIA NIGHT

Much fun was had by all as the gummy bears slowly disappeared at Trivia on January 31st. The Beardo Weirdos were the champs of the evening by a significant lead! The remaining 3 teams tied for 2nd (what suspense!) A tie breaker question resulted in 2nd place going to Old Farts Rule, 3rd place going to Sophmoronics (previously reigning champs) and Scooby-Doo taking 4th. Thank you Michele and Kent for the gummy bears.

Come join the fun at our next Trivia Night on Thursday, March 9th at the Park at 7:00 pm.



Beardo Weirdos



Old Farts Rule

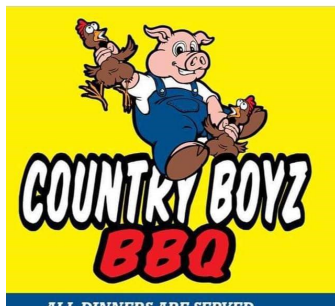


Sophmoronics



Scooby-Doo

Food Truck - Wednesday, March 8th at the Park 4:30 to 7:30 pm.



Trivia Night - Tuesday, March 9th at the Park 7:00 pm. See you there!!



Dee Collier - Saturday March 25th 1:00pm at the park

Dee will be performing Florence Nightingale, an English social reformer and statistician, and the founder of modern nursing. During the Crimean War, she trained nurses, and tirelessly cared for wounded soldiers, earning the title of "The Lady with the Lamp"



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Be Vigilant

On Thursday, Feb 1, I was volunteering with the youth group personnel at St John's United Methodist Church, the tall white church on 328. There were 4 adults and 4 children present at youth group that night. About 7:15 pm, an unknown person on foot accompanied by a dog was sighted outside the fellowship hall. She appeared to be trying to get in the building however the building was locked for security.

The person in charge of the youth group called the Sheriff's office and within 5-10 minutes a deputy was on site. The deputy told the stranger to leave the area and the dog lunged at the officer. The dog responded to the stranger's request to back off. The stranger and dog went into the woods. The officer escorted all of us to our vehicles and the incident ended.

Neighbors, this is close to home and it reminds me to encourage increased vigilance from us all. Keep doors locked and watch for suspicious activity in Meadowood Farms. Watch out for your neighbors and of course report any suspicious activity to the Marion County Sheriff's department.

Respectfully submitted,

A concerned neighbor

It's Spring Time

Attention all gardeners in Meadow Wood Farms! It is time to plant your garden! For more information, call the Master Gardeners Plant Clinic for answers and what and when to plant Monday through Friday 10-4 pm. 352-671-8400.

Don't miss the annual Spring Festival and Garden Expo held at the Southeastern Livestock Center 2232 NE Jacksonville Road Ocala, FL March 11 8am-5pm through March 12, 9-4pm. Cost is \$3 per adult, children under 12 free. For more information, call the Master Gardeners Plant Clinic during the above hours.





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 treasurer@mwfpoa.com.

Your MWFPOA thanks you!

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