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Community, Rules & Regulations

As early as kindergarten or the 1st grade, we learned the concepts of Community and Rules & Regulations. Robert Fulghum made a good sum of money with his book entitled *All I Really Need to Know, I Learned in Kindergarten*. The fact is, that for most of us, these first group experiences were our introduction to community and to rules and regulations. Now, I don't know about you, but I had several interactions with the authorities – the teachers – in grade school and junior high school and was dealt with accordingly. I was sent to the principal's office (more than once) for yelling at my teachers. I was denied recess and sent to the principal's office for exploding in frustration at my 5th grade teacher for what I believed was incredibly unfair treatment. I sat in the corner, again more than once, as early as kindergarten. In junior high, I was removed as President of the Student Council, again for exploding at a teacher for what I still believe to be unfair treatment. I had never read any of these rules. I don't know if they were even written down. But, by golly, we were expected to adhere to them, if for no other reason than to maintain some semblance of order in our little community called a classroom.

In high school, I played football. We were expected to read the rules and adhere to them if we wanted to remain on the team – in that community. I followed high school with college, where the "rules" were a lot more relaxed. Again, I managed to stay out of trouble as I knew that standards existed and I avoided breaking them. Don't get me wrong. I was never a "goody two shoes," but I wanted to be a part of that community. I wanted to contribute, and I did.

After college, it was the US Air Force. In the Air Force, I was not only expected to abide by the rules, it was part of my job to enforce them, in military court if necessary. While sometimes I didn't enjoy it, I did my job.

A community can only continue to exist when it establishes a set of rules and regulations that most, if not all, can agree on and uphold. In MWF, our Rules & Regulations are specifically laid out in the Deed Restrictions and the MWFPOA By-Laws. Each of these can be found quite easily on our website and in our directory. Our entrance signs announce that this is a "Deed Restricted" community. When anyone buys property in MWF, it is incumbent upon them to both read and abide by those restrictions. Unfortunately, there are some who refuse to do so.

The Board is tasked with enforcing those rules and regulations in order to maintain our rural, residential, and beautiful community. And you can help! First, I beg of you, if you haven't read both the Deed Restrictions and the By-Laws, please take a few minutes to do so. They aren't long. Second, if you would like to maintain this community with all of its bucolic country charm (or change it to suit your ideas), join your Association. Come to the meetings. Step up to serve on a committee, as a Chair of a Committee, or even as a Board member. I assure you, your efforts will not be in vain.

I'll see you around the neighborhood -- Jim

Upcoming Meetings (subject to change)

Executive Board Meeting

April 11th - 7pm

General Association

May 16th - 7pm

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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Meadow Wood Farms Gardening Corner

Greetings Gardeners! This is Gail Thomas. I am a Master Gardener Volunteer Intern here in Marion County. The Master Gardener Volunteer Program is administered by The University of Florida. Last summer after I retired, I started looking for something new to do and I went into the Dunnellon library, I ran into two Master Gardener Volunteers. Next thing I knew, I was signed up for the program and am now an intern. It's a lot of work, but it was worth it and now I know where to look for information when I have gardening questions. If you have questions about the Master Gardener Volunteer Program or questions about gardening, I encourage you to contact The Plant Clinic at Marion County Extension Office for more information. Master Gardener Volunteers are available to answer your question from 9 to 4 Monday through Friday. The phone number there is 352-671-8400.

Here is my tip of the month:

The time to plant your garden is NOW. I used to live up north and we never planted until after Mother's Day if the plants were susceptible to frost. Not true here! It gets too hot in the summer and doesn't cool off enough at night. Now is the time to plant warm season crops such as beans, cantaloupes, cucumbers, peppers, tomatoes, and watermelon.

Happy gardening and see you around the neighborhood!

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Community Matters

Calendar of Activities — April 2023

All events will be held at Friendship Park unless otherwise stated

- ♦ **April Fool's Day** - April 1st
- ♦ **Movie Night** - April 8th with **Burgers & Hot Dogs** starting 5:30 and Movie @ 8pm
- ♦ **Easter** - April 9th, Happy Easter
- ♦ **Executive Board Meeting** - Tuesday April 11th 7pm
- ♦ **Bark in the Park** - April 18th 6pm
- ♦ **Equine Club Meeting**- Thursday April 27th 7pm
- ♦ **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.

eMail

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.

- ♦ No politics, religion, or any offensive material.
- ♦ Your last name is required
- ♦ If you want to respond to the email, you **MUST** select the original sender. (hitting reply sends the email to MWF1 NOT the original sender).
- ♦ 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.



MAY ELECTIONS

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In preparation for our annual Board elections in May at the general meeting in Friendship Park. We are seeking nominations and volunteers to serve as President, Vice President, Secretary, or Treasurer.

Note: All Executive Board positions are officially available.

The newly elected officers' term will begin June 1, 2023, and extend through May 31, 2024.

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:

- ☐ 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 any of the board members via email or phone. You can read the Duties of the Officers in our By-Laws, available in your Directory or online at www.mwfpoa.com.

Elections will be held at the May 16th meeting at Friendship Park. Nominations may also be taken from the floor at that time for any member in good standing.

There are also a few Committee seats available that need to be filled.

- 1 - Activites**
- 2 - Welcome**
- 3 - Membership**
- 4 - Adding Value to Membership**

Please consider getting involved and be a part of this wonderful neighborhood!



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Our last Association Meeting was held on March 14th at Friendship Park. There was a very good turnout as several important topics were going to be discussed. The first major topic involved a deed restriction violation and the Board as well as the Association agreed to wait to see what the County's involvement was going to be since the County had been notified of this violation. The second major topic was the possible increase of membership dues. Membership dues have not been increased since 2008 even though the price of everything has increased every single year. The 100% of the Association members in attendance voted YES. The new association dues will be \$95 per year, starting in May 2023.

Our "It Pays to Come to Meetings" member name was drawn, and that member was not present to win. The \$25 was rolled over to the next Association Meeting that will be held May 16th, which is also when the Election will occur. You will NOT want to miss this meeting, and the member who's name is drawn will win \$75!

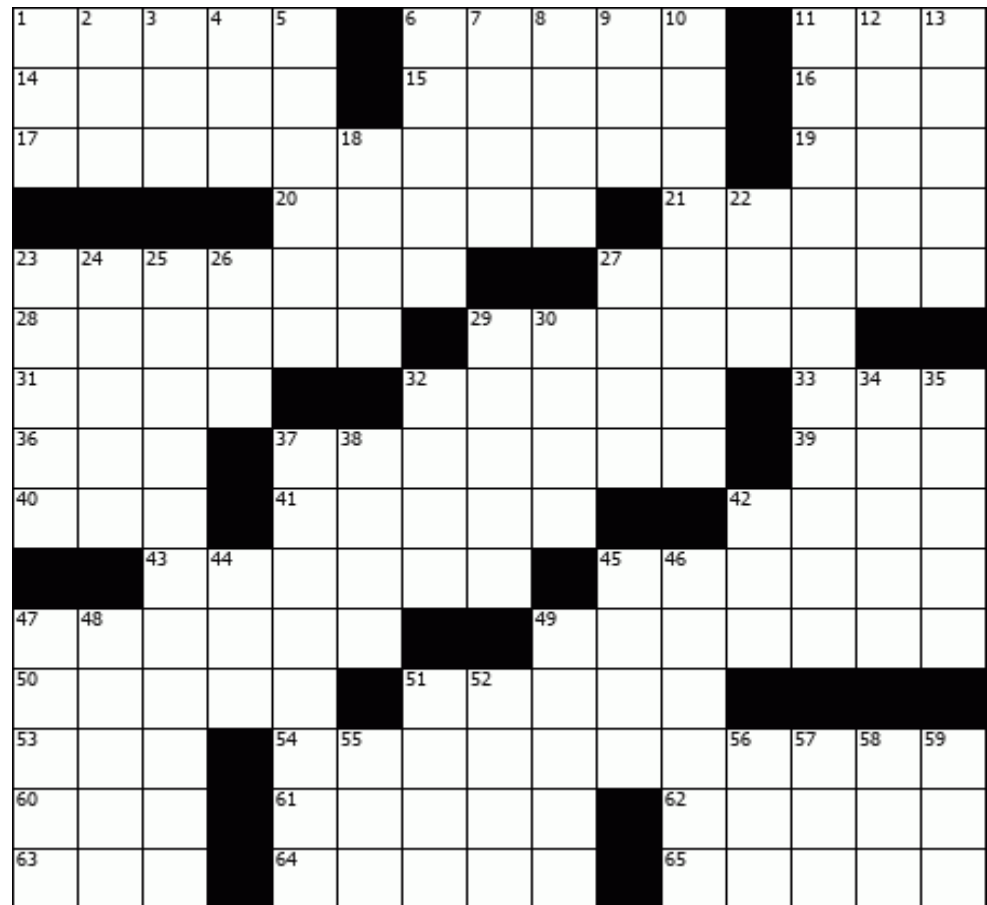


PUZZLE

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Across

1. Beginning or attack
6. Levels
11. Male turkey
14. Darn again
15. Alluded to
16. Before, once
17. Tenpins' path
19. Johnny's network
20. Memorable TV miniseries
21. Certain button
23. Early assembly-line items
27. Classic Nabokov novel
28. Ultimatum ender
29. Publicity seekers' acts
31. Olive and palm, for two
32. Cook-off dish
33. Web address ending
36. E-mail chuckle
37. Sit tight
39. Accolade for a bullfighter
40. Santa — winds
41. Uses a Smith Corona
42. Spades or clubs
43. Object of Jimmy Buffett's search
45. Go on a hunger strike
47. Properly pitched
49. Nature's alarm clock
50. Called one's bluff
51. It may be stranded
53. Make a knot
54. Fund-raiser
60. "— Maria"
61. Texas A&M student
62. "Omigosh!"
63. Receive
64. They're held for questioning
65. Aids in crime

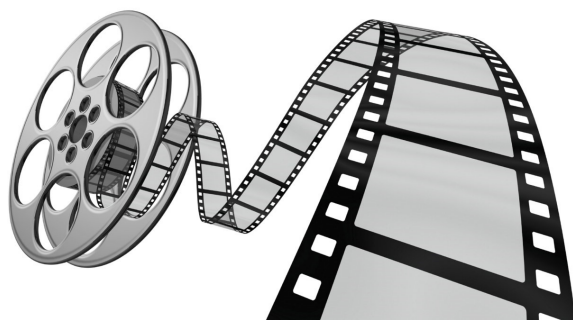


Down

1. Sovereign symbol
2. Prefix with cortex or classic
3. Buffalo-to-Atlanta dir.
4. Sushi fare
5. Emulates a majorette
6. Waffles in a box
7. Electric unit
8. Frat letters
9. Bert Bobbsey's twin
10. "Get going!"
11. Where love is not a good thing
12. Planet's path
13. Spiritual center of Islam
18. E or G, e.g.
22. Computer key
23. Money, casually
24. Heavenly hunter
25. Mason's employee
26. Golf champ Ernie
27. "To Sir With Love" singer
29. Not so bold
30. Helpful hints
32. — Canaveral
34. Shade of green
35. Taxi ticker
37. Hold one's ground
38. Toddler
42. Carrier to Oslo
44. Color range
45. Thumb condition?
46. "Shoulda listened to me!"
47. Luggage attachment
48. Callow
49. Goes ballistic
51. Identifies correctly
52. Cut out the bloopers
55. Bigger than med.
56. Tease
57. Turner or Eisenhower
58. Old hand
59. Half a figure eight

MOVIE NIGHT IN THE PARK - April 8th, 8pm Friendship Park

Come enjoy some popcorn and a movie at Friendship Park. There will be a Food Truck before the movie. Bring a chair and beverage of choice. Movie to be shown is TBD



BARK IN THE PARK - April 18th from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm

Come out on Tuesday evening, to hear How Florida Blue is Helping You! Carol Harper, Your Neighborhood Agent, will speak on coverage both under and over 65 and be available to answer questions about your healthcare. Enjoy some light refreshments for you and take home some goodies for your canine, Man's Best Friend. We are taking care of you so you can take care of them! Call Carol at 352-508-1250 to reserve your goodie bag!



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

3 Cards were sent out in the month of March: A pet Sympathy to Jim Bain, a Thinking of You to Kim Cooper, and a thank you to Marny Donnelly for tables and chairs!

Thanks Jennie!



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1/2 page	\$30/ month	\$45/ month	\$150	\$225
Full page	\$70/ month	\$80/ month	\$350	\$400

What is happening to our neighborhood?

At the last property owners meeting on Tuesday March 14, 2023, our board presented information about a deed restriction violation. At the meeting that night, the property owners in violation of the restrictions presented an argument to allow a commercial business to operate in a separate building on a property in Meadow Wood Farms. The meeting was well attended by property owners as well as customers of that business. The person in violation made a strong argument for allowing the business to operate. The meeting was basically a question answer session, however there were clearly two sides represented.

After this meeting, I began to reflect on what our neighborhood stands for to me and many other property owners.

We bought our first home here in Meadow wood farms in 2011. When we drove into the neighborhood, we were struck by the peaceful atmosphere here in “the hood”. We loved all the horse farms and the beautiful homes. What attracted us to this neighborhood was the rural atmosphere and that included friendly people, peace and quiet. Folks this rural atmosphere is under attack!! We have feared it coming for several years. We have more and more homes that are B and B's, more and more violations to the Deed restrictions pop up every day. And what is worse, we have let this happen. We have not supported our association; we have not spoken up when we see violations, and we have been downright complacent. We in this neighborhood have not supported our association with our own actions as much as we probably should have.

Our Deed Restrictions date back to the 70's and it is arguably true that some are outdated. However, I believe that the goal is still the same here-to preserve the rural character of the neighborhood. This is under assault right now.

What can we do? We can speak with our neighbors, join the association, go to the meetings, make our voices heard, and support our board members. Maybe we can even sign a petition of support to help our association as they wrestle with deed restriction violations. The hard work of the board is keeping the association together and helping to prevent assault from the outside to our peaceful rural neighborhood. We need to make our opinions known and we need to ENFORCE OUR DEED RESTRICTIONS. Maybe that includes some changes for the future.

Let's stop this assault on our rural values. Please join me in supporting our board, belonging to the association, and complying with the deed restrictions.

Respectfully submitted,

Your Meadow Wood neighbor



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

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