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A Little Help?

My wife and I have been very blessed in so many ways. If you've driven by our home in the last several months, you may have noticed that a couple of new buildings now grace our property. She has a new barn and I have a new shop. It's been a much longer process that we ever imagined, but we are finally done. Well – kind of done.

Whether it is a newly constructed home, barn, or shop, you are never really done. Sometimes it is a matter of cost. Sometimes it's a matter of time. Sometimes we would rather just do some things ourselves. All of these apply to my current project in one form or another, but I decided to build out an "office", "man-cave", "dog house", or "hide-out" in my new shop. It's about 13X14 feet and includes a half bath. So, it required framing, plumbing, electric, wall covering (using reclaimed horse fence), floor covering, painting and more. I'm reasonably handy, but...

In short, I needed help – lots of help! I hired a framer, figuring he could do it in a couple of days versus the couple of weeks it would have taken me. My good buddy Dave jumped in to "help with" (he did it all) roughing in the electric. I did the plumbing and spray painted the ceiling. I've had a couple of young college age boys helping me put up the wall coverings of fence board and reclaimed barn lumber. They helped me with the flooring too. I could not have done it alone and I must say, it looks terrific.

While I appreciate these peoples' time and talents, the biggest benefit, by far, was the camaraderie. I'm well aware that I don't often like to be alone. As it happens, I don't like to work alone either. In addition to just hanging out with nice folks, they offer great ideas and the chance to bounce my own ideas off of someone else. Not only can you get the job done much faster with two than one, it is much more fun. So, please allow me to offer my thanks to the guys and gals who have helped us in this process from start to finish.

As I think about it, the MWFPOA is a lot like our project here at home. It is infinitely more fun working with our friends and neighbors to get things done. Whether we are cleaning up the park, decorating the entrances, writing and publishing this newsletter, or dozens of other things the Association does for Meadow Wood Farms, it is always better working with others. Right now, we could use help keeping the front entrances cleaned up and decorated for the various holidays. Our newsletter needs a regular reporter/columnist. Our Maintenance Task Force always needs manpower. Our Activities Committee needs both members and a Chairperson. There are so many ways you can help. The time commitment is small, the rewards are great, and it is fun!

So, can we get "A Little Help?" Please!

If you are willing to step up, just contact a Board member or committee chair. Their contact info is elsewhere in this newsletter. Thank you.

I'll see you around the neighborhood. -- Jim

Upcoming Meetings *(subject to change)*

Executive Board Meeting
Thursday

August 17th, 7pm

General Association
Thursday

September 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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Thank You

Thank you all...Mark Cooper, MWFPOA VP, organized a pretty intense clean up of Friendship Park for Saturday, July 2. It was a very hot and humid start to the day by 8:00 that morning, but that did not stop Mark, Ian Reade, Art Eide, Jeff Rice, Bob Coveney, and Chris Banks, et.al who worked for 2 hours in that heat and the park looks fabulous. So much debris was removed around the trees, it made the areas they cleaned look bigger and what a difference it made to the overall look of the park. A very big thank you to all of you.

MWF Neighbor

*Thank
You*

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Community Matters

Calendar of Activities — August 2023

All events will be held at Friendship Park unless otherwise stated

- ♦ **Executive Board Meeting** - Thursday
August 17th 7pm
- ♦ **Equine Club Meeting**— On hiatus until September
- ♦ **Line Dancing** - On hiatus until cooler weather sets in



IF YOU HAVE NOT YET REGISTERED AS A MEMBER/USER ON OUR WEBSITE YOU ARE MISSING OUT! IT'S EASY, JUST CLICK ON REGISTER NOW AND IF YOU ARE A MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING YOU WILL RECEIVE YOUR PASSWORD.

If you would like to schedule an event in Friendship Park, please contact and coordinate with our Treasurer, Karen Reade @

treasurer@mwfpoa.com

Meadow Wood Farms Communications

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- ♦ **Neighborhood Directory**
Names, addresses, and contact information of your neighbors
- ♦ **Neighbor to Neighbor **NEW****
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- ♦ **Newsletter in Full Color**
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- ♦ **Board Member Contact Info**
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Coming Soon: Complaint form to submit for deed restriction violations

Neighborhood Facebook pages

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.



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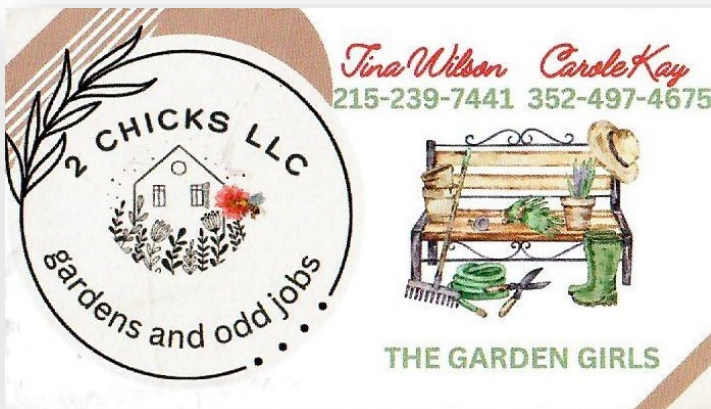
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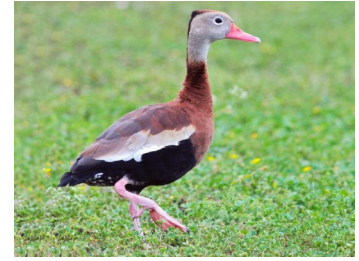
If you are aware of someone who could benefit from receiving a card, please notify Jennie Adams at 352-854-1914

In April, the following mailings were sent. A pet Sympathy to Frenchie. In May a thank you card was mailed to Jean Stout, and in July, a sympathy card to June Butchard. Recipients appreciate the thought and it brings a "little sunshine" to their day. So please, if you do know someone that could use a little cheer, or are new to the neighborhood please call Jennie and she will do the rest! Thank you Jennie for your thoughtfulness!



Ad Size	Member Rate	Non-member Rate	6-month Rate (Member)	6-month Rate (Non-member)
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A new visitor in my yard.



The Black-bellied Whistling-Duck is a boisterous duck with a brilliant pink bill and an unusual, long-legged silhouette. In places like Texas and Louisiana, watch for noisy flocks of these gaudy ducks dropping into fields to forage on seeds, or loafing on farm ponds. Listen for them, too—these ducks really do have a whistle for their call. Common south of the U.S., Black-bellied Whistling-Ducks occur in several southern states and are expanding northward.

The whistling-ducks were formerly known as tree-ducks, but only a few, such as the Black-bellied Whistling-Duck actually perch or nest in trees. They look most like ducks, but their lack of sexual dimorphism, relatively long-term pair bonds, and lack of complex pair-forming behavior more resemble geese and swans.

Black-bellied Whistling-Ducks eat mainly plants, including smartweed, grasses, swamp timothy, amaranth, sedges, bindweed, and nightshade. They also eat many agricultural crops including sorghum, millet, corn, rice, and wheat. They eat a smaller amount of aquatic animals such as snails, insects, and spiders. They typically forage at night, leaving roosts at sunset to fly to foraging areas. They feed in fields or by dabbling in shallow ponds.

The oldest recorded Black-bellied Whistling Duck was a male, and at least 10 years, 7 months when it was found in 2015 in Louisiana. It was originally banded there in 2005. Black-bellied Whistling-Ducks take readily to nest boxes. If you live within their range, you can make a nest box out of half-inch marine plywood. It should be about 24 inches high at the front and 20 inches at the back, with a hole about 5–6 inches in diameter (see 70birds.com Black-bellied Whistling Duck Nest Box for full instructions).

Ian

Bikes to Carts

As I was driving home the other day, I was stopped at a light just coming up on the Top of the World to my left, on the golf cart drive I saw a line of golf carts going down the way, there must have been at least 10 maybe more of them, all in a line (none had golf clubs either) just taking a ride I would guess. It was quite the sight! It was very different from the last time that I rode in a group which was with hundreds of motorcycles. In western Massachusetts there is fairly big event called Brightside's Hope for the Holidays Toy Drive or The Toy Run for short. Hundreds of bikers from Massachusetts, Connecticut and other areas of the northeast arrive for this ride every year. It is held sometime near the end of October or early November for the past 35 years or more. It is usually pretty cold in the morning when it starts off, but the roar of the bikes when it starts off is like thunder pumping through you and the cold doesn't seem quite so bad. I really don't know how many miles the ride is, but it is worth the ride, cold or not, it is a fabulous fund raiser and fun for the riders as well. Actually being in a group of bikes going for ride is a pretty cool way to spend an afternoon going through the Berkshires too. So, as I saw this group of golf cart riders I thought, wow this is a pretty big change from two wheels to four. I wonder when they were on their bikes so many years ago if they ever thought...or pictured themselves in a golf cart run.

Michele Shuler



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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