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# MEADOW WOOD FARMS NEWSLETTER

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## A Village

As President of the MWFPOA for the 6<sup>th</sup> time, I occasionally look back at those years and the rest of the 17 years we've lived in MWF. Like many experiences in our lives, some things never seem to change. At the very least, we can learn something from those things that appear to be constant. At the very best, we can continue to try to change things for the better.

One of the things that appears to be constant, or at least relatively so, is that "it takes a village." We are blessed in MWF and more specifically, the POA, to have a group of "doers." The group is not large and certainly not as large as the "bystanders," but it is effective. If something needs doing, this small group of volunteers step up and get it done. Take for example, this last week. Someone, presumably from somewhere other than MWF, decided that a vacant lot on Lakewood Circle would be a good place to dump a houseful of trash. A few vigilant folks contacted ... oh yes, the Association... and asked what could be done about it. So, a small intrepid group of "doers" took on the onerous task of collecting the garbage, loading it in a truck, and hauling it to the dump. In case you are curious, included in this full truckload of a mess were food scraps such as egg shells, a pair of socks, an old table, and yes, at least one used hypodermic needle. It was a treat to behold and is now where it belonged in the first place – the dump.

Each of the volunteer "garbage men" are members of your Association. They are among the "doers." Its funny how when something needs doing, everyone, member or not, contacts the POA. If you are a member, let me take this opportunity to say THANK YOU! If you are not, please consider it. Without people like our members, most of the things that need doing for the good of the neighborhood just don't get done. Sure people complain, but ask yourself, who actually does these things? It takes a village. I'm proud to be a part of this wonderful, beautiful, and caring village and even prouder of our Association. Our mission is simple – serve our neighborhood.

Won't you give us a chance, join the Association, and become a part of our Village? Thank you.

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



## Upcoming Meetings (subject to change)

### Executive Board Meeting

**November 7th - 7pm**

### General Association

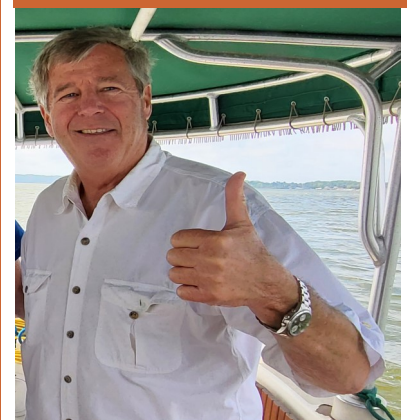
**December 5th - 7pm**

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](http://www.mwfpoa.com)

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I moved to the Meadow Wood Farm community in January of this year. Being a woman who has never lived alone, I enjoyed the warm welcome of my neighbors. Since I arrived, two of my neighbors have been especially friendly and helpful. I would be remiss if I didn't recognize these particular wonderful people. You see, I wouldn't be here today without them. While walking my dogs a short time ago, an unknown medical condition reared its ugly head. So, there I lay on the side of the road uncertain of my future. Enter Rick and Alicia who spied me and became aware of my distress quickly rushing to my aid. Unable to call for help myself, they took it upon themselves to call 911 and cared for me until medical professionals arrived. And it didn't stop there. They visited me in the ICU and continue to check on me daily. Without them and my healthcare team at HCA of Florida, this would have had a very different ending. THANK YOU seems hardly enough to you Alicia and Rick, my guardian angels.

With a grateful heart,

Stephanie

### Officers of MWFPOA

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## Community Matters

### Calendar of Activities — October 2023

**All events will be held at Friendship Park unless otherwise stated**

- ♦ **Park Clean up** - November 4th, 8:00 am
- ♦ **Medicare Advisory** - November 6th, 2-4pm
- ♦ **Executive Board Meeting** - Tuesday November 7th 7pm
- ♦ **General Association Meeting** - Changed to December 5th 7pm
- ♦ **Thanksgiving** – November 26th ENJOY!
- ♦ **Equine Club Meeting** - November 30th 7pm
- ♦ **Line Dancing** - Dust off those dancing shoes! Every Saturday morning 9a.m.

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



| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|--------|--------|---------|-----------|----------|--------|----------|
| 29     | 30     | 31      | 1         | 2        | 3      | 4        |
| 5      | 6      | 7       | 8         | 9        | 10     | 11       |
| 12     | 13     | 14      | 15        | 16       | 17     | 18       |
| 19     | 20     | 21      | 22        | 23       | 24     | 25       |
| 26     | 27     | 28      | 29        | 30       | 1      | 2        |

Holidays and Observances: 7: Election Day, 10: Veterans Day day off, 11: Veterans Day, 23: Thanksgiving Day, 24: Black Friday

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.

### Meadow Wood Farms Communications

Website: [www.mwfpoa.com](http://www.mwfpoa.com)

#### Become a Member for full-access

What is available on our website?

- ♦ **Neighborhood Directory**  
Names, addresses, and contact information of your neighbors
- ♦ **Neighbor to Neighbor \*\*NEW\*\***  
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- ♦ **Newsletter in Full Color**

- ♦ **Meeting Minutes**

- ♦ **Advertisers**

They support our association, so please support them!

- ♦ **Board Member Contact Info**

- ♦ **Committee Member Contact Info**

Coming Soon: Complaint form to submit for deed restriction violations

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#### 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](mailto: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.





## **8th Annual MWF Veterans and 1st Responders Appreciation BBQ**

**Saturday**

**November 11th**

**3 PM UNTIL 5 PM**

**Friendship Park at 73  
Lake View Drive East**



**BBQ provided free for  
Vets, Active Service  
Members and First  
Responders — past and  
present.**

**\$5 payable at the door  
for all others for this  
family event. Bring a  
side dish or dessert.  
Join us in honoring our  
MWF veterans, active  
service members, and  
first responders.**

**Reservations can be  
made by contacting:**

**Virginia Bisiaux**

**"Frenchie"**

**LtFrenchie16@hotmail.com**

**(352)216-4273**

### 8 a.m. Saturday, November 4th.

Join our VP Mark Cooper to clean up the park before the Veterans Day BBQ.

Coffee and Donuts will be provided as we meet at

Please bring gloves, lawn tools, and any equipment that you think would be helpful.



### Alzheimer's and Our Community Team

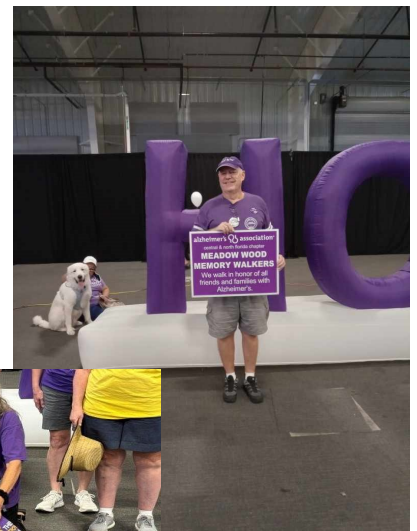
On Saturday, Oct 14<sup>th</sup> our community team, the Meadow Wood Memory Walkers, participated in the annual Ocala Walk To End Alzheimer's. We walked at the World Equestrian Center along with approximately 700 other participants. Our team of current and former MWF residents and family received contributions amounting to \$9,485 – just shy of our 10K goal. A total of close to \$130,000 was raised to help in the fight against this horrendous disease.

The World Equestrian Center location proved to be a great place to hold this event. Picture perfect weather, live music, and canine obedience demonstrations made the event a lot of fun. We, as a team, have decided to return to WEC next year. We welcome everyone to join us – along with friends and family members from outside MWF.

I would like to thank all who participated and supported our efforts. It reinforces the notion that Meadow Wood Farms is a very special community.

To view our team page go to [https://act.alz.org/site/TR/Walk2023/FL-CentralandNorthFlorida?pg=team&fr\\_id=16458&team\\_id=802850&skip\\_login\\_page=true](https://act.alz.org/site/TR/Walk2023/FL-CentralandNorthFlorida?pg=team&fr_id=16458&team_id=802850&skip_login_page=true)

Bob Coveney, Team Captain



### **Veterans Day - Armistice Day** The 11<sup>th</sup> hour of the 11<sup>th</sup> month

Veterans Day in the United States due to the influence of a famous World War I poem called "In Flanders Fields," written by Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae, a Canadian physician and soldier. The poem vividly describes the poppies growing amidst the graves of soldiers in Flanders, a region in Belgium heavily affected by the war.

Here is the poem:

"In Flanders fields the poppies blow  
Between the crosses, row on row,  
That mark our place;  
and in the sky The larks, still bravely singing,  
fly Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago, we lived,  
felt dawn, saw sunset glow, Loved and were  
loved, and now we lie In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:  
To you from failing hands we throw  
The torch; be yours to  
hold it high. If ye break faith with us who die  
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow  
In Flanders fields."

This poem became a symbol of remembrance for those who died in World War I and, later, for all military personnel who have died in the service of their country. The red poppy, a wildflower that grows in disturbed soil, became a symbol of sacrifice and remembrance because of this poem.

The significance and historical context of these observances may differ as well. Here are some examples of how Veterans Day is observed in different countries:

In Canada, United Kingdom, South Africa and Australia it is called Remembrance Day. In New Zealand and Belgium, it is called Armistice Day. In France it is called Jour de L'Armistice. In India it is called Armed Forces Flag Day (Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>) and in Germany it is Volkstauertag (People's Mourning Day, the second Sunday in November). The names, dates, and traditions may vary, but the underlying purpose remains the same, to pay tribute to those who have served their country in the military.

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### The Vital Role of Citizen Participation in Deed-Restricted Communities

Deed-restricted communities, commonly known as homeowners' associations (HOAs) or Property Owners Associations (POAs), have become an increasingly popular choice for individuals and families seeking to live in well-maintained, harmonious neighborhoods. While HOAs and POAs are often subject to stereotypes and misconceptions, they can play a pivotal role in enhancing the quality of life within these communities. One of the most important factors in the success of any deed-restricted community is the active participation of its residents. In this article, we explore the significance of citizens' involvement in their local deed-restricted community.

#### 1. Upholding Property Values

One of the primary reasons individuals choose to live in a deed-restricted community is the desire to protect and potentially increase their property values. Active citizen participation within the HOA can help ensure that the community adheres to established rules and guidelines. This, in turn, maintains the overall appearance of the neighborhood and safeguards property values.

#### 2. Community Maintenance and Improvement

Citizen participation is essential in deciding the maintenance and improvement projects that are undertaken within the community. From landscaping and recreational facilities to road repairs and security enhancements, the input and involvement of residents are key in prioritizing and implementing projects that cater to the community's needs and aspirations.

#### 3. Rule Development and Enforcement

Deed-restricted communities have a set of rules and regulations in place to govern various aspects of daily life, such as architectural guidelines, noise restrictions, and pet policies. Residents play a critical role in shaping and amending these rules to ensure they are fair, reasonable, and reflective of the community's evolving needs. Additionally, active citizen involvement helps in enforcing these rules consistently, promoting a harmonious living environment.

#### 4. Fiscal Responsibility

Effective financial management is crucial for any HOA. Citizen participation can significantly impact the budgeting and financial decisions of the association. By being involved in the budgeting process and reviewing financial statements, residents help ensure that HOA fees are allocated sensibly, and fiscal responsibility is maintained.

#### 5. Promoting a Sense of Community

Active participation in a deed-restricted community fosters a sense of belonging and community. When residents work together on common goals and projects, it creates a stronger bond among neighbors. Social events, neighborhood watch programs, and other community-building activities become possible when residents engage with their HOA.

#### 6. Addressing Concerns and Issues

No community is free from concerns or issues, whether they pertain to property disputes, deed restrictions, safety concerns, or disputes among neighbors. Citizen participation provides a platform for open communication and collaborative problem-solving. This can help prevent issues from escalating and create a more peaceful living environment.

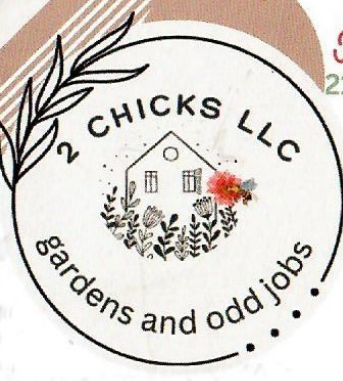
#### Conclusion

The importance of citizens participating in their local deed-restricted community cannot be overstated. Active involvement empowers residents to shape their neighborhood in a way that aligns with their needs and aspirations. Through constructive collaboration, citizens can ensure that their community is well-maintained, rule-governed, and financially responsible while enjoying a strong sense of community and open channels of communication. In essence, the success and well-being of a deed-restricted community are directly tied to the participation and engagement of its citizens. Without community participation, the qualities that draws people to the community can degrade, as well as the property qualities and values.

Jeff Rice  
Saddle Drive


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### Neighborhood Sunshine

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



Dear Friends and Neighbors, the MWF POA has opted to ensure that this newsletter gets distributed to everyone who would like one. The newsletter has a lot of contact information as well as updates about what's going on in the community. It's also a great place to advertise your business in a neighborhood with nearly 500 homes. IF you receive a newsletter, and you prefer to read it on the MWF website, please notify Carolyn Camp at [leoarabs@aol.com](mailto:leoarabs@aol.com). She is the coordinator for the newsletter distribution and is currently working on a new distribution list. There have been several new move-ins so we wanted to make sure everyone stays in touch and gets involved.

Gena DeCamella  
Newsletter Editor

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### **Wanted: Volunteers for the Dream Team**

The MWFPOA has a hard-working core group of volunteers, many people who spontaneously show up to help on the occasional project, and a dedicated group of Board members and Committee Chairs. If you are one of these people, you know how much fun and rewarding it can be. Thank you.

We are looking for 4-6 imaginative men or women (preferably not currently serving on the Board or as a Committee Chair) for our Dream Team. Your assignment will be to get together as a group and brainstorm new ideas for physical improvements to MWF, the Park, or the Entrances. You will then need to estimate costs for each improvement and prioritize your recommendations as you see fit. Fundraising ideas for any large projects would also be helpful. While the Executive Board will make any ultimate decisions, your input will be critical to the process. The Board would appreciate your final report NLT March 8, 2024

This isn't tough, folks, but we really need someone to step up and take the reins (that would be the obligatory horse reference).

Won't you help? Thank you. If interested, please contact Jim Bain, President of MWFPOA. He may be reached at [president@mwfpoa.com](mailto:president@mwfpoa.com).



## 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](mailto:treasurer@mwfpoa.com).

*Your MWFPOA thanks you!*

## Please Join - Renew your Membership

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

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