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## Patience

Several months ago, my wife and I were watching a sermon series, online, from the Church of the Resurrection, a Methodist Church in Kansas City, Kansas. Whether you are of the Christian faith, some other faith, or no faith at all, the lessons were germane to our very existence as humans in this complex world. The series focused on the 9 fruits of the Holy Spirit: Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness, and Self-control.

Again, regardless of your faith or your feelings about spirituality in general, you must admit that these represent a pretty good list of qualities to exhibit in your day-to-day life. We have them posted on one of our refrigerators as a more than daily reminder of what we can strive to be. Candidly, I don't know many people who are "good" at all of them. Some folks I know aren't very good at many of them. Others, thankfully, are outstanding examples of what living many of these virtues can produce.

I, unfortunately, have a long way to go with several of these admirable, and I dare say, attainable goals. At the top of that list is Patience. I often think of the prayer, "God grant me patience. And I want it NOW!" Just today, I found myself getting aggravated while following an older (older than me anyway) driver doing about 30 mph in a 45 mph zone. Patience, Jim. Patience. I proceeded to rendezvous with a friend I was supposed to pick up at the auto shop. The friend was there. The auto shop owner was not, making it a wasted trip. Patience, Jim. Patience. I headed home for an 11:00 appointment with a landscape designer. He showed up at 11:45! Patience, Jim. Patience.

And these are all so small and truly insignificant. I'm just not wired to be patient. And that is why I need to work on this particular fruit of the Spirit. I am easily frustrated by people who are late, people who don't respond to my questions, and pretty much anything related to our various levels of government. I don't do well in lines which decidedly rules out trips to Disney. In short, I place way too high a value on my time which, according to those close to me, makes me a pain in the neck to live with. So, while I continue to review the 9 fruits on a regular basis, I will continue to focus on patience – right now!

As we enter the most beautiful time of year here in MWF, let us all endeavor to practice these nine virtues. Pick one and make improving it your goal. It will make our neighborhood an even better place to live.

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

## Upcoming Meetings (subject to change)

### Executive Board Meeting

October 17th - 7pm

### General Association

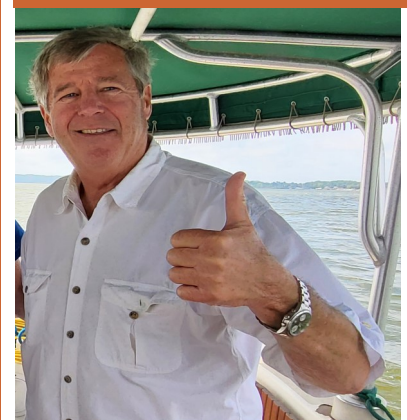
November 14th - 7pm

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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## A LOOK AHEAD AT NOVEMBER

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Dear Friends & Neighbors,

1) Our VP Mark Cooper is once again organizing a park clean-up which will be held on Saturday, November 4th, at 8am. Please bring gloves, lawn tools, and any equipment that you think would be helpful.

2) This is in preparation for the Annual Veteran's Day BBQ which will be held the following Saturday (on Veteran's Day!) November 11th at 3:00pm. The BBQ is in honor of all veterans and first responders, who will eat free that day. All other's meal cost is only \$5.00. There will be a flag presentation, National Anthem, followed by food and games for everyone to enjoy. This has historically been the most attended event - so you'll want to be sure to be there. Please bring your drink of choice and a side dish to share. The main dish will be provided by our POA. Any questions, feel free to call Gena at 727-808-8918, who has volunteered to help our main organizer, Frenchie Bisiaux.



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## Community Matters

### Calendar of Activities — October 2023

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

- ♦ **Trivia** - October 6th, 7pm
- ♦ **Executive Board Meeting** - Tuesday October 17th 7pm
- ♦ **Equine Club Meeting**— October 26th 7pm
- ♦ **Line Dancing** - Dust off those dancing shoes! Every Saturday morning 9a.m.
- ♦ **Halloween** - October 31

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

Karen Reade @treasurer@mwfpoa.com



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\*\***  
A list of Agents & Contractors that are tried and tested by your neighbors. Eliminate the guess work

- ♦ **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.





## ALZHEIMERS WALK IS BACK

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The Meadow Wood Memory Walkers, our group of neighborhood volunteers (along with friends and family), will be participating in our ninth consecutive "Walk to end Alzheimer's." Our team of Walkers, with staunch support from our MWF neighbors, has been one of the top teams for many years. We are looking for new team members to join us and help raise funds to support the objectives of the Alzheimer's Association. This year we will be joining the rest of the Ocala volunteers and will be walking at the World Equestrian Center. Team members who raise \$100 or more will receive a special commemorative t-shirt (mailed to your address).

Facts from the August 2019 Newsletter: "Alzheimer's is a disease that is guaranteed to eventually affect almost all of us on a very personal level. One in ten people currently sixty-five or older has some form of Alzheimer's, and one in three seniors will die of it. Deaths attributed to Alzheimer's have risen 145% since 2000, and it kills more people than breast cancer and prostate cancer combined. It robs us of our memories, our independence, our confidence, even of our families and friends. It carries a huge price tag in terms of finances and the emotional and physical toll it takes on caregivers. Please consider joining our team this year and/or financially supporting our cause toward a world without Alzheimer's.

To join and/or contribute use this link to my Alzheimer's page:

[https://act.alz.org/site/TR?pg=personal&px=11115300&fr\\_id=16458](https://act.alz.org/site/TR?pg=personal&px=11115300&fr_id=16458).

From there you can join the team, contribute, and follow our progress by clicking the team link.

Thanks again for supporting your neighborhood team. For more information, contact team captain Robert Coveney at 352 229-4243 or [rwcoveney@yahoo.com](mailto:rwcoveney@yahoo.com).



**October 6th, 7pm Friendship Park**



**Bring your thinking caps, refreshments of your choice (and maybe to share with your teammates)**

**Be there or be square!**

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**October 31st, 5pm Friendship Park**

**Bring the kiddos for a ghoulishly good time and treats!**





Living in a small community has many advantages. You may know your neighbors by name, and everyone looks out for each other. However, living close to others also means that it's important to be mindful of your neighborly manners.

Here are a few tips for being a good neighbor in a small community:

- 1) Be respectful of noise levels. This is especially important at night or early in the morning. Avoid playing loud music or using power tools during these times.
- 2) Keep your property tidy. This includes picking up after your pets, trimming your trees and shrubs, and disposing of trash properly.
- 3) Be considerate of your neighbors' privacy. Don't peer into their windows or yards, and be mindful of the noise you make when coming and going.
- 4) Offer to help out when you can. If you see a neighbor struggling with their groceries or yard work, offer to lend a hand.
- 5) Be friendly and welcoming. Greet your neighbors when you see them, and take the time to get to know them.
- 6) If you receive someone else's package, contact them, or even better, drop it off to them. They will return the favor!

Here are some additional tips that may be especially relevant in a small community:

Be aware of local customs and traditions. Small communities often have their own unique customs and traditions. It's important to be respectful of these, even if they're different from what you're used to.

Stay aware of community rules and deed restrictions. Small communities often have their own unique rules. It's important to respect these, even if they're different from what you're used to.

Get involved in the community. There are many ways to get involved in your small community, such as volunteering for local organizations or attending community events. This is a great way to meet your neighbors and build relationships.

Please be careful about your impact on the environment. Small communities often share a common environment. Be mindful of your impact on the environment by recycling, conserving water, and reducing your pollution.

By following these tips, you can be a good neighbor and help to create a strong and supportive community.

Here are some examples of how you can put these tips into practice:

If you're having a party, let your neighbors know ahead of time and try to keep the noise down.

If you have a pet, make sure to pick it up after it and keep it on a leash when you're outside.

If you're working on your car or doing other noisy work, try to do it during the day.

If you see a neighbor carrying their groceries, offer to help them.

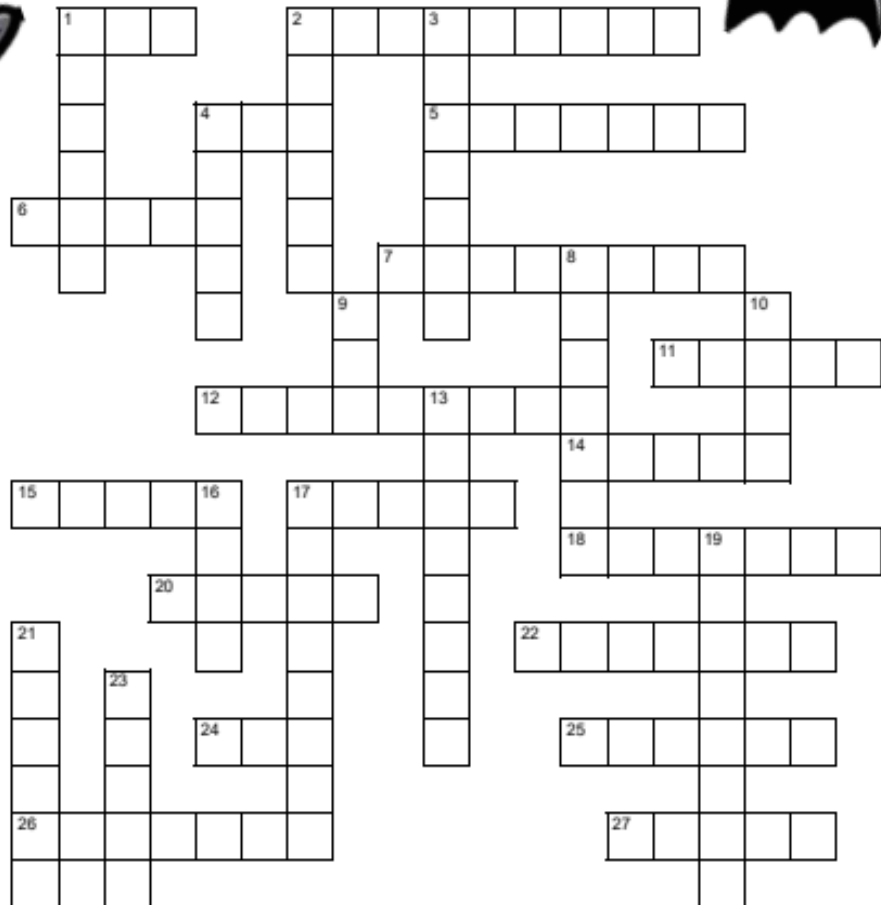
If you're new to the community, introduce yourself to your neighbors and invite them over for coffee or tea.

If you receive someone else's package, drop it at their house. Chances are they will return the favor.

By being a good neighbor, you can make your community a more pleasant and welcoming place for everyone.



# Halloween



## Across

1. He swallowed the canary.
2. Playground for ghosts.
4. What a spider spins.
5. Frankenstein has one.
6. When ghosts come out to play.
7. Scare.
11. What the pot might call the kettle.
12. October 31st.
14. \_\_\_\_ or treat.
15. Witch transportation.
17. Frightening.
18. The Count.
20. A skeleton is just a bunch of these.
22. Disguise.
24. Lives in the belfry.
25. Incey wincey is one of these.
26. Main ingredient in a popular pie.
27. \_\_\_\_ stories.

## Down

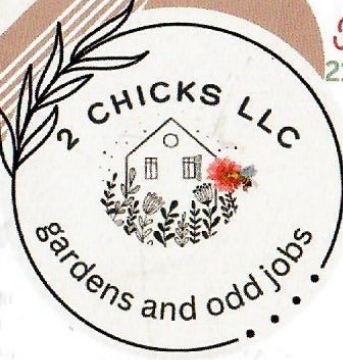
1. Where a vampire sleeps.
2. Evil or mischievous creature.
3. He hates garlic.
4. Samantha for example.
8. \_\_\_\_ house.

9. Who? Who?
10. Mr. O'Lantern.
13. Comes out on full moon nights.
16. Might be full, half, or new.
17. A boney sort of fellow.
19. Fire burn, and \_\_\_\_ bubble.
21. When something makes our skin crawl, it's this.
23. Found in Egypt.




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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*

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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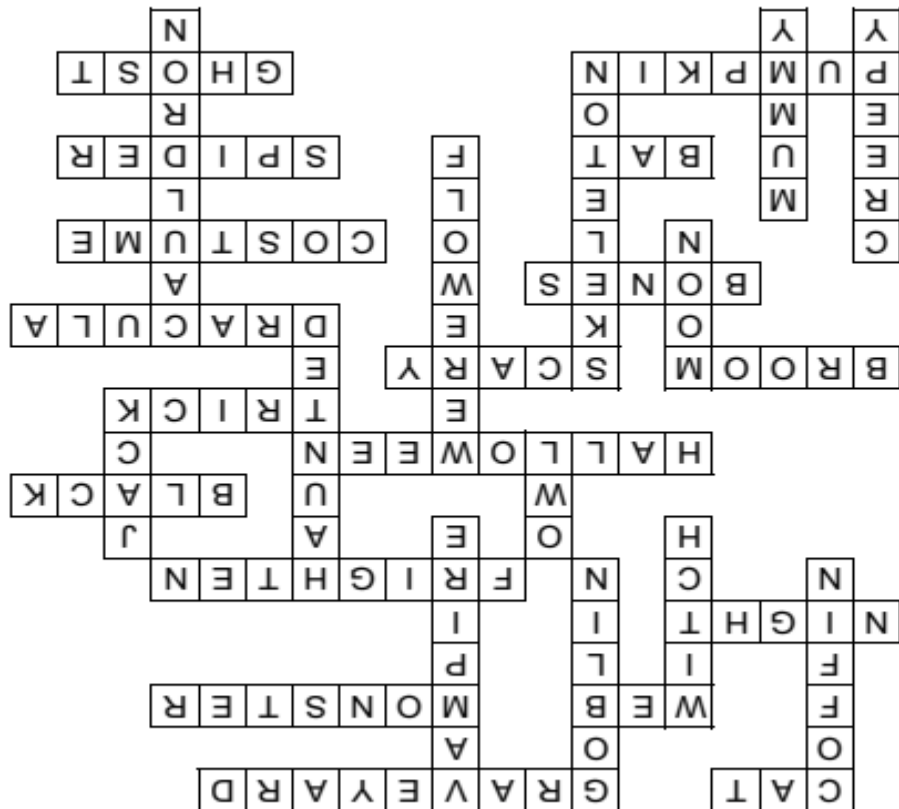
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Newsletter Editor





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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).

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