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Technology

As I sit here, writing this column on my laptop computer, which incidentally sits on the top of my desk as opposed to my lap, I am about to complain about technology. Sure, the word processing program corrects some of my mistakes (but not all), and allows me to type and retype without the use of WhiteOut, but sometimes I miss the old days. We've entered a period in our history where people aren't required to think any more. Calculators do our math. An app will give us our location and directions to anywhere we want to go – no map required. Another app will give me real time weather. Of course, I could just stick my head out the window for real time weather, but you get my point.

My car will darn near drive itself, much of which I have managed to turn off. I don't want my car to drive itself. I like driving it Myself. Our refrigerator, dishwasher, washing machine, and dryer all talk to us with various series of beeps and chirps. I can't tell one from the other, especially without my personally programed hearing aids. It's a nightmare.

I suppose technology is great – when it works. But when it doesn't? Like now for instance... the outgoing email on my 2010 version of Outlook up and decided to take a leave of absence a couple of weeks ago. I can receive all of your messages, requests, and a few complaints, but I can't respond from the aforementioned laptop. As I think about it, that probably makes each and every one of you quite happy. I can respond from my phone (naturally), but can't transfer any attachments from my laptop to my phone to send along. Arrgh. I'm working on a "work-around" but am technologically impaired, so it may be a while.

Your association is also working to incorporate some technology for your benefit. For example, our Treasurer, Karen Reade, has been busy talking with various banks about the possible use of Zelle or Venmo, whatever the heck they are. I was asked last week if I Venmo-ed. I said "no but I can do a mean Boogaloo." Needless to say, adding one of these options or the ability to put your dues on a credit card are much more complicated and or expensive than we thought they might be, but we're still looking at options. The point is that we are trying very hard to serve Meadow Wood Farms as completely and efficiently as we can – even if we have to use technology. I'm "old school" but am willing to learn. Well, sort of willing. In any case, if you are reading this, it means I managed to fool the tech gremlins and get it to our Newsletter editor for your reading pleasure. One battle at a time – right?

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

Upcoming Meetings (subject to change)

Executive Board Meeting

January 18th - 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

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GOOD DEEDS INDEED

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Thank you to everyone who helped out with the Park cleanup on November 4th!!

Those good folks included:

Holly Roberts
Jim Bain
Mark Cooper
Dave Kane
Bob Coveney
Ian Reade

*Thank
You*

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Community Matters

Calendar of Activities — December 2023

All events will be held at Friendship Park unless otherwise stated

- ♦ **General Association Meeting** - Changed to December 5th 7pm
- ♦ Christmas - December 25th
- ♦ New Year's Eve - December 31st
- ♦ **Equine Club Meeting** - TBD
- ♦ **Line Dancing** - Dust off those dancing shoes! Every Saturday morning 10a.m.

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

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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

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.



VETERANS DAY BBQ

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The 10th Annual Veteran's Day BBQ was a HUGE success. More than Eighty people attended. It began with the raising of the flag by Ron Roberts and Dave Kane, followed by the National Anthem sung by Roe Agnese, who is a local star at the Ocala Civic Theatre. Her rendition was absolutely perfect! Many volunteers were responsible for making this event a success including Frenchie, Gena DeCamella, Michael Pineiro, Karen & Ian Reade, Michele Shuler, Kent Fortier, Mark Cooper, Paul Gregowski, Holly Roberts, and many others. There was music and lawn games, memorabilia table with lot's of amazing pieces and pictures. Bob Coveney sold raffle tickets for a beautiful collectors coin that raised \$315, which was donated to the USO. Thank you to everyone who made this possible, and I apologize if I missed anyone's name.

Gena DeCamella



Winter Diary

August 12: Moved to our new home in Connecticut. It is so beautiful here. The mountains are so majestic. Can hardly wait to see snow covering them.

October 14: Connecticut is the most beautiful place on earth. The leaves are turned all the colors and shades of red and orange. Went for a ride through the beautiful mountains and saw some deer. They are so graceful. Certainly, they are the most wonderful animal on earth. This must be paradise. I love it here.

November 11: Deer season will start soon. I can't imagine anyone wanting to kill such a gorgeous creature. Hope it will snow soon. I love it here.

December 2: It snowed last night. Woke up to find everything blanketed with white. It looks like a postcard. We went outside and cleaned the snow off the steps and shoveled the driveway. We had a snow ball fight (I won), and when the snow-plow came by, we had to shovel the driveway again. What a beautiful place. I love Connecticut.

December 12: More snow last night. I love it. The snow-plow did his trick again to the driveway. I love it here.

December 19: More snow last night. Couldn't get out of the driveway to get to work. I am exhausted from shoveling. Friggin snow-plow.

December 22: More of that white stuff fell last night. I've got blisters on my hands from shoveling. I think the snow-plow hides around the curve and waits until I'm done shoveling the driveway. A-hole!

December 25: Merry Friggin Christmas. More friggen snow. If I ever get my hands on that son-of-a-gun who drives the snow-plow I swear I'll kill the bastard. Don't know why they don't use more salt on the roads to melt the friggin ice.

December 27: More white stuff last night. Been inside for three days except for shoveling out the driveway after that snow-plow goes through every time. Can't go anywhere, car's stuck in a mountain of white stuff. The weatherman says to expect another 10 inches of the stuff again tonight. Do you know how many shovels full of snow 10 inches is?

December 28: The friggin weatherman was wrong. We got 34 inches of that stuff this time. At this rate it won't melt before the summer. The snow-plow got stuck up in the road and that bastard came to the door and asked to borrow my shovel. After I told him I had broken six shovels already shoveling all the stuff he pushed into the driveway, I broke my last one over his friggin head.

January 4: Finally got out of the house today. Went to the store to get food and on the way back a damned deer ran in front of the car and I hit it. Did about \$3,000 damage to the car. Those friggin beasts should be killed. Wish the hunters had killed them all last November.

May 3: Took the car to the garage in town. Would you believe the thing is rusting out from that friggin salt they put all over the roads.

May 10: Moved to Arizona. I can't imagine why anyone in their right mind would ever live in that god-forsaken state of Connecticut.

CONTROL CHAIR'S MESSAGE

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Hello, my name is Chad Ross, and I would like to introduce myself as the Meadow Wood Farms Control Committee Chairman. I am looking forward to the role and how I can help our community prosper and keep it a great place to live.

My role as Chairman is to support the board in matters that involve the community's Deed Restrictions and to support you if there are concerns about your property or another resident's property and the deed restrictions.

If you believe that a resident in MWF has violated the Deed Restrictions, please first go to that neighbor, and voice your concerns. Most of the time, this will be all it takes to come to a resolution. But the control committee is here to help if that does not work.

The process for raising a Compliant issue is the following:

If you have approached your neighbor first and your concern has not been addressed, then you can complete and submit the Control Committee Complaint Form. This can be printed on the Meadow Wood Farms Property Owners' Website or completed online at the following link: <https://MWFFCF.formstack.com/forms/complaint>.

Please note **the control committee cannot investigate a complaint unless it is presented in writing and is signed by the submitter** (this is per the by-laws). The submitter will stay anonymous and known only by the Control Committee.

The control committee will hold a closed meeting to review the complaint.

Two (2) individuals from the Control Committee will investigate the complaint.

The Control Committee will report their findings to the board, and the board will determine how to proceed with any following actions.

I hope this helps everyone understand how the Control Committee operates and know we will review every concern promptly.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at [chad.ross01@gmail](mailto:chad.ross01@gmail.com) or via phone at 859-512-7774.

Hope to see you at the Membership meetings.

Sincerely,

Chad M. Ross

24 Needles Drive

See link for complete article) <https://mynews13.com/fl/orlando/news/2023/11/02/fdot-to-build-new-i-75-interchange-at-nw-49th-st-in-marion-county>

Design and right of way acquisition are underway right now as FDOT plans to build a new Interstate 75 interchange in Marion County.

What You Need To Know

- **FDOT to build new I-75 interchange at NW 49th Street in Marion County**
- **Project aims to reduce congestion at U.S. 27 and SR 326**
- **Construction to start in 2025**

The new I-75 interchange will be at Northwest 49th Street in between U.S. 27 and State Road 326.

“There’s a lot of congestion at either exit so it’s definitely going to clear it up for us and make it safer and easier for our clients to get in because these trailers are fairly large,” said Matt Taub, owner of Horse Trailer Pros.

Taub’s 3,300-square-foot facility repairs horse trailers of all sizes.

His business is near the proposed interchange at Northwest 44th Avenue and Northwest 49th Street.

“I know people are two ways about the exit,” said Taub. “We love the idea. We found out about it two weeks after we signed the lease here. We had no idea.”

A diverging diamond interchange will be built, connecting Taub’s business on the west with future industrial and commercial development on the east, including what could be the world’s largest Buc-ee’s.

“They are taking 30 feet of our property line,” Taub said.

There are concerns the new interchange and development will eat up existing farmlands, and bring more traffic to this rural part of Marion County.

But Taub, who grew up about a mile away, knows development is inevitable in this area of the county.

“We definitely are very fortunate of our location that this flyover is going in right next door to us,” said Taub, “(We’re) definitely going to benefit from it and it will help us grow and continue to grow.”

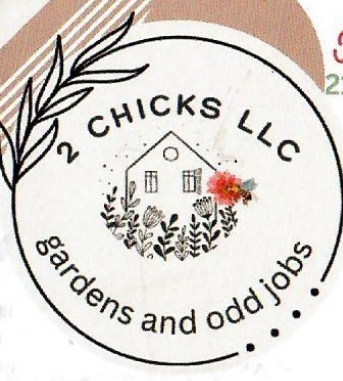
They expect right of way costs at \$33 million for the project, while construction, which will begin in 2025, will total nearly \$75 million.

Earlier this year Gov. Ron DeSantis announced a \$4 million grant to help with the costs of the project.


Jeff Rice

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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



I personally wanted to thank Jennie Adams for stepping up to take over organizing the newsletter distribution team. Special thanks to the folks who are responsible for delivering this newsletter to you. Those volunteers are: Dave & Patricia Wagner, Heidi Boynton, Lynn Zachary, Grace Jancewicz, Barbara Knowles, Holly Roberts, Ben and Johanna Snyder, Chris Banks, Deb Kane, Karen Reade, and Michele Shuler. I know you've heard it many times before, but it really does take a village. Please if you see these folks, give them a thank you. You wouldn't have this newsletter delivered to your house without them!



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.



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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