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Reflecting

If you were at the most recent Board and/or Association Membership meetings, you have already heard the news – I will be stepping down as President of the MWFPOA effective at the end of our fiscal year, May 31. There will be speculation about the reasons for my decision so let me make some things quite clear.

I realize with some small amount of pride that some of you reading this will be disappointed. Some really don't care. And some, I'm sorry to say, will be thrilled with my departure. To that latter group, I would say that while I'm sorry we don't agree on how the Association should be run, I would encourage you to get off the sidelines of complaint and get involved in the process of change. There is no better way to make any organization better than to GET INVOLVED and do your best to steer the ship as you would prefer.

But back to my decision... as of May 31, I will have completed my 6th term as President. Add to that the two years I worked as the liaison to Marion County and the contractor on our road project and I hope you will agree that I have done my very best to make MWF a better place to live than when we moved here 17 years ago. Have we been successful in everything we've tried? No. That is rarely possible in real life. We - the various Board members and Committee Chairs with whom I've had the pleasure of working in those years – have, I believe, both done our best and made a difference. I believe that making a positive impact is all that we can expect of anyone.

I've said many times that I have received so much more from the people in this neighborhood than I have given. I've met some of our best friends ever. I've had the chance to hear the stories and experiences of so many of our neighbors, all of which fascinate me. I've enjoyed working relationships with so many who have stepped up and served, either on the Board, serving on Committees, or just volunteering for random tasks and projects. It truly "takes a village" and ours is one of the most wonderful examples of that you will ever find. If you have ANY inclination to participate on the Board or with a Committee, PLEASE do it NOW. I promise you that you will not regret it.

Ralph Waldo Emerson defined Success. I carry his words with me all the time. It reads:

To laugh often and much; to win the respect of intelligent people and affection of children; to earn the appreciation of honest critics and endure the betrayal of false friends; to appreciate beauty, to find the best in others; to leave the world a bit better, whether by a healthy child, a garden patch or redeemed social condition; to know even one life has breathed easier because you have lived. This is to have succeeded.

I thank each and every one of you for the confidence you've shown in me for all these too many years.

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

Upcoming Meetings (subject to change)

Executive Board Meeting

February 8th - 7pm

General Association

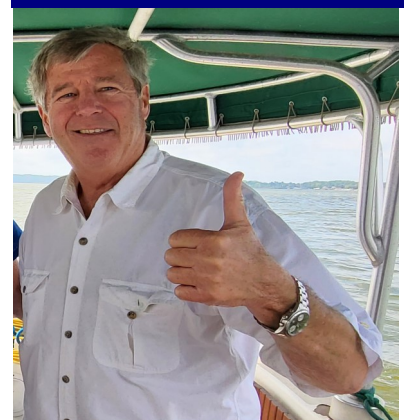
March 14th - 7pm

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

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Dear Friends & Neighbors,

I wanted to provide you all with an important update. Your MWFPOA Board did a three month trial run of providing a newsletter to everyone in the neighborhood versus, only those members who had indicated that they wanted one on their membership form. The Board received very little feedback from the neighborhood in general and therefore, has decided to revert back to only providing a newsletter to neighbors who have indicated that they want one. As this neighborhood strives to be inclusive, I want to make sure that everyone knows that the newsletter is available to everyone, and not just members. If you would like to continue receiving the newsletter, please email:

Jennie Adams at adamsjen@icloud.com.

Jennie is the chair for the distribution team and will make sure that you will remain on the delivery list. Also, if you are a current or new member, please make sure that you complete that part on the membership form.

Gena DeCamella

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Community Matters

Calendar of Activities — February 2024

All events will be held at Friendship Park unless otherwise stated

- ♦ **Groundhog Day** - February 2nd
- ♦ **Executive Board Meeting** - February 8th 7pm
- ♦ **Super Bowl Sunday** - February 11th
- ♦ **Valentine's Day** - February 14th
- ♦ **President's Day** - February 19th
- ♦ **Equine Club Meeting** - February 23rd 7pm
- ♦ **Line Dancing** - Dust off those dancing shoes! Every Saturday morning 10a.m. Please check FaceBook for changes to that schedule

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
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

Please reach out to any Board member or Committee person listed on page 2 of this publication if you need any assistance at all. While FaceBook is another form of communication, there is nothing like direct communication!

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.





Groundhog Day: History and Facts

The first official Groundhog Day celebration took place on February 2, 1887, in Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania. The annual ritual has roots in pre-Christian traditions and was brought to the U.S. by German immigrants.

The Beginning of Spring and Candlemas falling midway between the winter solstice and the spring equinox, February 2 is a significant day in several ancient and modern traditions. The [Celts](#), for instance, celebrated it as [Imbolc](#), a pagan festival marking the beginning of spring.

As Christianity spread through Europe, Imbolc evolved into Candlemas, a feast commemorating the presentation of Jesus at the holy temple in Jerusalem. In certain parts of Europe, Christians believed that a sunny Candlemas meant another 40 days of cold and snow.

Germans developed their own take on the legend, pronouncing the day sunny only if badgers and other small animals glimpsed their own shadows. When German immigrants settled Pennsylvania in the 18th and 19th centuries, they brought the custom with them, choosing the native groundhog as the annual forecaster.

The first Groundhog Day celebration in Punxsutawney was the brainchild of local newspaper editor Clymer Freas, who sold a group of businessmen and groundhog hunters—known collectively as the Punxsutawney Groundhog Club—on the idea.

The men trekked to a site called Gobbler's Knob, where the inaugural groundhog became the bearer of bad news when he saw his shadow.

Nowadays, the yearly festivities in Punxsutawney are presided over by a band of local dignitaries known as the Inner Circle. Its members wear top hats and conduct the official proceedings in the Pennsylvania Dutch dialect. (They supposedly speak to the groundhog in "Groundhogese.")

Every February 2, tens of thousands of spectators attend Groundhog Day events in Punxsutawney, a borough that's home to some 6,000 people. It was immortalized in the 1993 film *Groundhog Day*, which was actually shot in Woodstock, Illinois.

While sunny winter days are indeed associated with colder, drier air, we probably shouldn't trade in our meteorologists for groundhogs just yet. Studies by the National Climatic Data Center and the Canadian weather service have yielded a dismal success rate of around 50 percent for Punxsutawney Phil.

Staten Island Chuck, on the other hand, is reportedly accurate almost 80 percent of the time.



Super Bowl LVIII will be played at Allegiant Stadium in Las Vegas, Nevada on Sunday, February 11, 2024.

Few teams have become more synonymous with the Super Bowl than the Chiefs and 49ers. Kansas City is headed to its sixth Super Bowl, including a remarkable fourth in the past five seasons. If that isn't a dynasty, what is? For the 49ers, they are making an eighth appearance in the Super Bowl, but have a chance to win their first since 1994.

This matchup of Super Bowl LIV after the 2019 season, won by the Chiefs, provides a chance at immortality for all involved. But, more specifically, it gives the Chiefs the opportunity to continue a run that has been rarely seen in the NFL. Winning back-to-back Super Bowls has proved to be incredibly difficult, but the Chiefs can accomplish the feat for the first time since the 2003-04 Patriots did it nearly two decades ago. Quarterback [Patrick Mahomes](#) becomes the youngest quarterback to start his fourth Super Bowl, while coach Andy Reid prepares for his fifth Super Bowl, trailing only Bill Belichick (9) and Don Shula (6) in appearances.

For the Niners, it's a chance to finally break through after advancing to the NFL Championship Game seven times since 2011 without a single Super Bowl title. As great as the franchise has been, the reality is it has been 29 seasons since the 49ers last won a championship, with Steve Young winning MVP in Super Bowl XXIX. [Brock Purdy](#) is no Steve Young, but winning his first Super Bowl would be a big first step for the young 49ers quarterback. -- *Holder*

Purdy vs. Mahomes

Selected by the 49ers with the final pick of the 2022 NFL draft, Purdy was that draft's Mr. Irrelevant. But Purdy has been anything but irrelevant to the 49ers. He has been highly efficient and at times spectacular while directing the offense. In only 26 career starts (including playoffs), Purdy has a record of 21-5. That's a sparkling .808 winning percentage. By making sound decisions with the football, Purdy quickly earned the trust of Shanahan and the team's many talented playmakers on offense. With the 49ers trailing the Lions by 17 points at halftime in the NFC Championship Game, Purdy stayed cool and led the 49ers' impressive comeback victory that puts them back in the Super Bowl for the second time in five seasons.

Already an all-time great, Mahomes will be vying to become only the fifth quarterback in NFL history to have at least three Super Bowl championships, following Tom Brady (six), Joe Montana (four), Terry Bradshaw (four) and Troy Aikman (three). Mahomes, Brady, Peyton Manning and Montana are the only QBs to have at least two Super Bowl championships and two Associated Press MVP awards. For the sixth consecutive season with Mahomes as their starting signal-caller, the Chiefs reached the AFC Championship Game. The only streak longer is the [New England Patriots'](#) remarkable run of eight in a row from 2011 to 2018. -- *Reid*

No matter who you are rooting for, it is sure to be an exciting game! Whether you choose to watch it from home or a pub, it is always better with friends. Personally, I like to root for the underdog since my team is not in the Superbowl this year.

All info was borrowed from ESPN.COM

NEW YEARS SOUNDS

BOOM!! BOOM!!, BANG!, BANG!, POW POW

These sounds are what were heard throughout Meadow Wood Farms throughout the night and early morning on New Year's Eve and Day. It was quite the festive time, and there are no deed restrictions on setting off fireworks, but please be aware that Meadow Wood Farms is a horse community, and setting off fireworks near a neighbor who has a horse could have extreme consequences for the horse. Horses are flight animals. They spook at any loud noise and ran away from that noise, which could mean running through a wood fence and injuring itself. Even when the horse is properly in a stall, it can still injure itself. Please be aware of your surroundings and think of a neighbor who does not want to pay a pricey vet bill on New Year's Day.

Shooting off a firearm in celebration of New Year's is not only a violation of Marion County law but also is very dangerous. What comes up must come down, and sometimes it is not where you think it will be. Target practicing without a permit is illegal in Marion County, so please again be aware of your surroundings and be kind to your neighbors. If you would like to review the deed restrictions or the by-laws they are available on the Meadow Wood Farms website at:

<https://meadowwoodfarmsocala.com/mwfpoa-bylaws/>

<https://meadowwoodfarmsocala.com/deed-restrictions/>

You can also find the complaint form on our website under Forms and Documents.

If you ever have any questions or if I can help, please feel free to give me a call or email

Sincerely,

Chad M. Ross

24 Needles Drive



MWF Board Needs You

We have had our current board members serving us the last 2 years in their current positions; they have served MWF well and deserve a big thank you. They have all said that they are resigning their positions at the end of their terms in May of this year, which leaves all positions of the executive board open. Anyone who may be interested in serving as President, Vice President, Secretary or Treasurer and wants to throw their hat into the ring are encouraged to do so.

"Every great dream begins with a dreamer. Always remember, you have within you the strength, the patience, and the passion to reach for the stars to change the world." Harriet Tubman

Please contact Michele Shuler @ mmicheleshuler@gmail.com or cell 413-530-7620. All of the current board members are happy to help the incoming transitioning into the positions. Please reach out with any questions or maybe attend the next executive board meeting which is Thursday Feb 8 at 7pm at Friendship Park, all MWF POA members are welcome to the executive board meetings.

"Be the change that you wish to see in the world." Mahatma Ghandi



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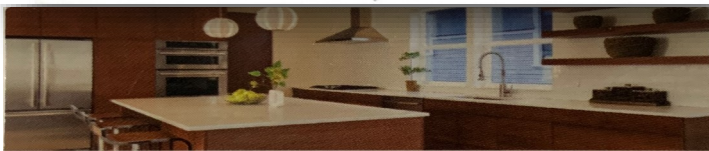
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GARBAGE PICK UP CHANGE

If you currently have Florida Environmental please note that they have changed the pick up day in Meadow Wood Farms from Mondays to Wednesdays.

I wanted to share a wonderful experience that I had recently. I took my sister to Hear USA in the Publix shopping Center near OTOW for a new hearing aid and ear mold as her current set were at least five years old. She had not been hearing properly during all of that time and we assumed that her hearing was gone for good. We had the pleasure of working with Darrick Aynes, H.A.S. who performed a hearing test and fitted her for a new ear mold. Following the hearing test, he stated he didn't know how much he could help but that he would do his best. Two weeks later the hearing aid and mold were ready. Darrick put them together and my sister put the new set on her ear and he asked her if she could hear him. Her eyes grew wide and she said YES! We both had tears of joy and everyone hugged. This man was an angel and returned hearing to my sister. I highly recommend this man and the company he works for! Special note, they take Medicaid Insurance so our out of pocket expense was zero.

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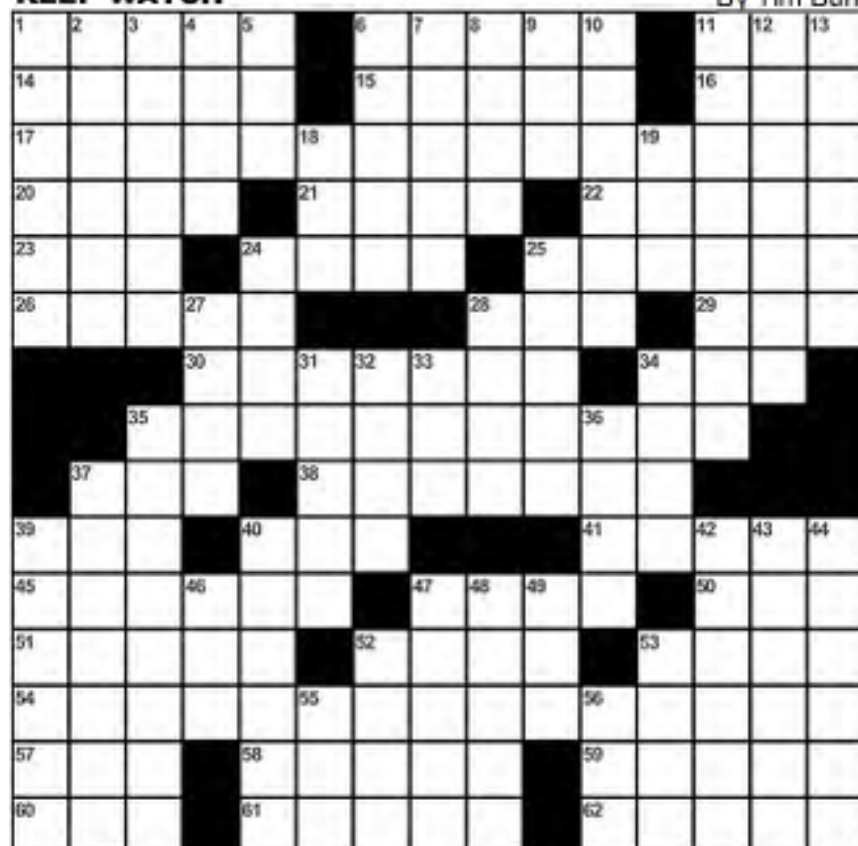
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- 6) Flat-bottomed open boat
- 11) "Shogun" sash
- 14) Apparently amazed
- 15) Country of over 1 billion
- 16) Car tracking digits (abbr.)
- 17) Gain experience
- 20) Doubter's outbursts
- 21) Like most NBA players
- 22) Calorie-rich pastry
- 23) 67.5 degrees, on a compass
- 24) Retail center
- 25) Fence repairer
- 26) Bronco catcher
- 28) Deafening noise
- 29) Find in a mine
- 30) Hole in your head
- 34) Burns of documentaries
- 35) Provider of wide-angle shots
- 37) One way to get the gravy
- 38) Former or previous
- 39) Affectionate utterance
- 40) Cape ____ (cottage style)
- 41) Olympic prize
- 45) Greyhound alternative
- 47) Crossing the Atlantic
- 50) Day before a holiday
- 51) Dutch shoe
- 52) "____ go brag"
- 53) Hairy jungle creatures
- 54) Maryland state flowers
- 57) Be in pain
- 58) Model of perfection
- 59) "Beetle Bailey" character
- 60) "2001" mainframe
- 61) From Oslo, e.g.
- 62) More likely

DOWN

- 1) "Friends" female
- 2) Big lizard
- 3) Woodworker's machines
- 4) Classic poetry
- 5) Japanese currency
- 6) Twine fiber
- 7) Bell sound
- 8) Short poem (var.)
- 9) "Fee ____ foe fum"
- 10) Enrich
- 11) Goes too far
- 12) Marsh heron
- 13) "Psst!" follower
- 18) Airport stat.
- 19) Billion years
- 24) Cow sounds
- 25) Prefix meaning "one thousandth"
- 27) Quick cut
- 28) Attempt to lose weight
- 31) Prepared Bond's martini
- 32) Work the bar
- 33) "The Catcher in the ____"
- 34) Santa's seat?
- 35) Gridiron game
- 36) Mme. Bovary
- 37) Horn of Africa nation
- 39) "Rock the ____" (The Clash hit)
- 40) Birch tree spike
- 42) Make an exit
- 43) Exact retribution
- 44) Not as great
- 46) Legendary elephant eater
- 47) Vicinities
- 48) Move like a crab
- 49) Coast Guard officer (abbr.)
- 52) You right now, theme-wise
- 53) "... and make it fast!"
- 55) Tokyo, long ago
- 56) Place with a president

KEEP WATCH

By Tim Burr





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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.

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