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MEADOW WOOD FARMS NEWSLETTER

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****SEEKING EXECUTIVE BOARD CANDIDATES****

In preparation for our annual Board elections in May at the general meeting in Friendship Park. We are seeking nominations and volunteers to serve as President, Vice President, Secretary, or Treasurer.

Note: All Executive Board positions are officially available. Our current Board is stepping aside, so we NEED to see other Association member step up and into these positions. The newly elected officers' term will begin June 1, 2024, and extend through May 31, 2025.

We have a number of new residents, and that means a lot of new ideas and talent are available! You can help make a difference in our community by volunteering a bit of your time. Please consider adding your name to the election slate for next year. Currently, the slate consists of the following:

- ☐ President: Available
- ☐ Vice President: Available
- ☐ Secretary: Michele Shuler
- ☐ Treasurer: Available

Any Association member in good standing may serve on the Board. If you are interested, contact Michele Shuler, Election Chair, at mmicheleshuler@gmail.com. You can read the Duties of the Officers in our By-Laws, available in your Directory or online at www.mwfpoa.com.

Elections will be held at the May 14th meeting at Friendship Park. Nominations may also be taken from the floor at that time for any member in good standing.

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

Upcoming Meetings (subject to change)

Executive Board Meeting

March 12th - 7pm

General Association

March 14th - 7pm

Join us and throw your hat in the ring!

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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Entire Board Steps Aside

All four MWFPOA Board members have chosen to step aside and encourage other members to take up the reins.

Secretary Gena DeCamella has served two years on the Board. She has served several more as Editor of our outstanding newsletter and will be continuing in that role.

Treasurer Karen Reade has served in that role for 4 years and as Secretary for 4 years prior to that.

Vice President Mark Cooper has served two years and continues to work with our Maintenance Task Force.

President Jim Bain has served a total of six years as President and another two as the liaison to Marion County and the contractor when our roads were resurfaced.

The Board appreciates all the support they have received from our community. All of us intend to continue to work in other roles on behalf of our Association and our neighbors in MWF.

I assure you that if you were to ask any of us, we would tell you that our service has been more rewarding than you know. PLEASE step up and fill the Board with willing energy.

From the entire Board, thank you. I'll see you around the neighborhood. -- Jim

WE WANT YOU



Community Matters

Calendar of Activities — March 2024

All events will be held at Friendship Park unless otherwise stated

- ♦ **Executive Board Meeting** - March 12th 7pm
- ♦ **General Association Meeting** - March 14th 7pm
- ♦ **St Patrick's Day** - March 17th
- ♦ **Equine Club Meeting** - March 23rd 7pm
- ♦ **Easter** - March 31st
- ♦ **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



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**

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.

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.



LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

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Dear Friends and Neighbors,

There has been a lot of discussion in our neighborhood, both on Facebook and AOL email that contain lot's of different perspectives and opinions. It is a great thing to have and to communicate and share those things in an open forum as long as there is honesty and respect for our fellow neighbors. Sometimes those ideas and opinions have turned into personal jabs and attacks, which quite frankly I find completely unnecessary. Having differences is a wonderful thing because as my mother used to say, "How boring would the world be if everyone were exactly alike?" Let's keep things respectful towards each other while we share our differences.

Gena DeCamella



Officers of MWFPOA

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

Proposals are hereby requested for a 24 month contract for the purpose of mowing and trimming the grass in the common areas of Meadow Wood Farms, Ocala, FL.

The following details are provided:

- Term: Contract will commence on or about June 1, 2024 and expire on May 31, 2026 Subsequent contracts will begin and expire on Jun 1 of the ensuing years.
- Scope: Grass areas in Meadow Wood Farms subdivision are to be mowed as follows:
 - o Entrances (includes areas adjacent to entry roads & fences extending, *at a minimum*, 6 fence posts in either direction)
 - § Two (2) cuts per month April through October. One (1) cut per month November through March
 - § Edging and weed trimming as needed
 - o Park:
 - § One (1) cut per month April through October – then as needed
 - § Move fallen tree branches/debris to burn area before mowing
 - § Additional cuts may be requested prior to special events at the park. (See hourly rate)
 - o Blow clean all hard surfaces
- Proposal should include proposed fees with payment to be made in equal monthly payments over the term of the contract
- An hourly rate should also be included in the proposal for requests for additional incidental mowing services, such as vacant properties, water retention areas, etc.
- Proof of liability and workers compensation insurance (if applicable) should be included with the proposal
- Termination: The contract may be terminated without cause by either party with 30 days written notice.

The MWFPOA reserves the right to accept or reject any proposal at will. Residence in Meadow Wood Farms and Membership in the MWFPOA, while not required, will positively influence the contract award.

Proposals must be submitted, in writing, **not later than May 1, 2024** to:

MWFPOA
Attn: Treasurer
P.O. Box 77-1896
Ocala, FL 34477-1896

Jim Bain, President, president@mwfpoa.com

Ph: 352-615-2572

Considerations for the New Gardener



Creating an edible landscape doesn't have to be expensive or hard, but it does take some planning and thought—especially if you hope to do so inexpensively. Here are some general guidelines to keep in mind as you contemplate starting your garden.

Start with a Plan

Decide what you want to grow and determine what will be necessary to be successful. In Florida, you can plant vegetables throughout most or all of the year. Become familiar with which crops do well at certain times of the year. Make a list of what you'd really like to see in your garden and draw your plan out on paper. Read "Designing Your Vegetable Garden" for more information about how to create a visual plan.

Vegetable Gardening in Florida

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Answer these questions to help you to determine your priorities.

- **What do you like eating?** You're not likely to take care of, or eat, things you don't like. So don't waste your time or money planting them in the garden.
- **What fruits and vegetables are the most expensive to buy?** To save money, grow more expensive items, like tomatoes and melons, or large quantities of vegetables that you purchase regularly. Consider vegetables like beans, beets, onions, spinach, broccoli, peppers, carrots, summer squash, cucumbers, tomatoes, potatoes, lettuce, peas, and Swiss chard. These vegetables provide the biggest returns on your investment of space and time in the garden.
- **Which vegetables can be easily stored or preserved?** Selecting vegetables that have a long storage life or that can easily be canned or frozen is a great way to stretch a dollar. Potatoes, onions, sweet potatoes, and winter squash can be stored for several months when stored at the appropriate temperature. Other vegetables, like beans, tomatoes, cucumbers, beets, and sweet corn can be preserved by canning or freezing. Preserving vegetables is a great way to enjoy the extra produce later in the year.
- **How much time are you willing to spend?** Vegetable gardening takes a commitment of time and energy. Daily and weekly maintenance tasks will be required to get the return on your dollar investment. A smaller garden will require less maintenance, as will certain plants.
- **How much space can you devote to an edible garden?** Make sure you put your garden in a place that isn't highly used by children or pets as a play area.
- **Am I allowed to start an edible garden?** Check with your local regulations, including HOA rules, about starting an edible garden. Read "Am I Allowed to Start a Garden?"

Start Small

Like many things, gardening takes practice. Plants require regular watering, maintenance, and harvesting. Growing many different vegetables in a large garden can be overwhelming for new gardeners and can ultimately lead to failure. Limit yourself to just a few types of vegetables the first year. Then when you become more confident in your abilities and resources, you can increase the size of your vegetable garden and grow a wider variety of crops.

You also don't want to plant everything at once. During your initial planting, set aside some space and seed for later plantings. If you stagger your plantings every ten or fourteen days, you'll enjoy a steady supply of fresh produce throughout the season, instead of being overwhelmed with a lot of the same vegetable at once.

The House With Nobody In It

Whenever I walk to Suffern along the Erie track
I go by a poor old farmhouse with its shingles broken and black.
I suppose I've passed it a hundred times, but I always stop for a minute
And look at the house, the tragic house, the house with nobody in it.

I never have seen a haunted house, but I hear there are such things;
That they hold the talk of spirits, their mirth and sorrowings.
I know this house isn't haunted, and I wish it were, I do;
For it wouldn't be so lonely if it had a ghost or two.

This house on the road to Suffern needs a dozen panes of glass,
And somebody ought to weed the walk and take a scythe to the grass.
It needs new paint and shingles, and the vines should be trimmed and tied;
But what it needs the most of all is some people living inside.

If I had a lot of money and all my debts were paid
I'd put a gang of men to work with brush and saw and spade.
I'd buy that place and fix it up the way it used to be
And I'd find some people who wanted a home and give it to them free.

Now, a new house standing empty, with staring window and door,
Looks idle, perhaps, and foolish, like a hat on its block in the store.
But there's nothing mournful about it; it cannot be sad and lone
For the lack of something within it that it has never known.

But a house that has done what a house should do,
a house that has sheltered life,
That has put its loving wooden arms around a man and his wife,
A house that has echoed a baby's laugh and held up his stumbling feet,
Is the saddest sight, when it's left alone, that ever your eyes could meet.

So whenever I go to Suffern along the Erie track
I never go by the empty house without stopping and looking back,
Yet it hurts me to look at the crumbling roof and the shutters fallen apart,
For I can't help thinking the poor old house is a house with a broken heart.

By Joyce Kilmer

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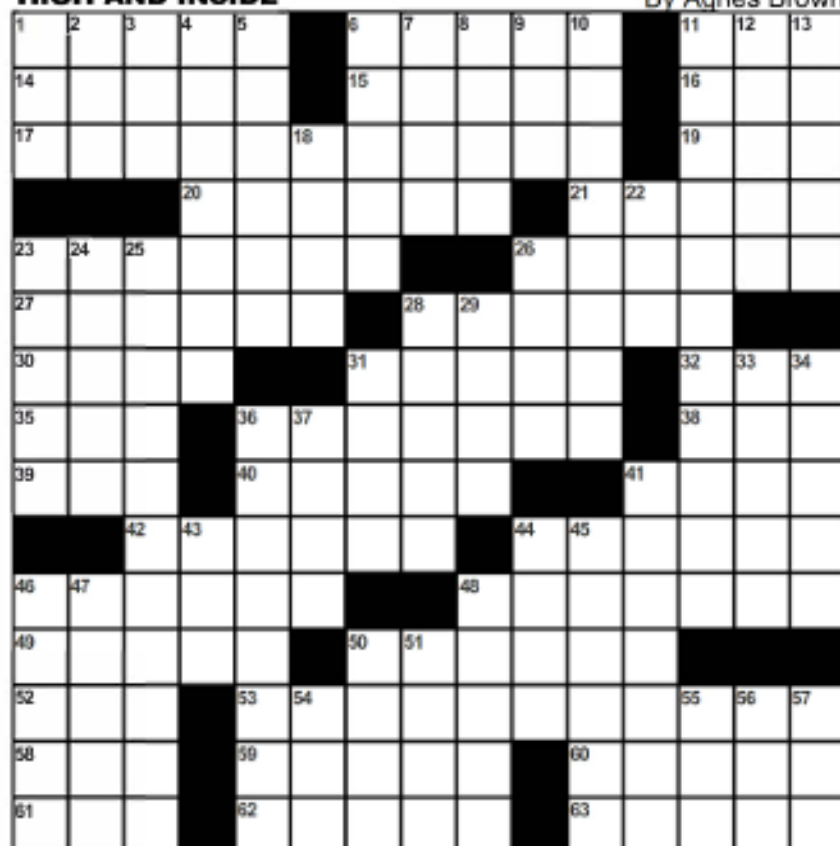
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| 1) Dog tag datum | 38) Type of lab |
| 6) Sanctified (var.) | 39) The Tigers, on scoreboards |
| 11) Summon a genie, in a way | 40) Birdlike |
| 14) French wine region | 41) Accomplishment |
| 15) 4:1, e.g. | 42) Pieces for eight |
| 16) Metal-in-the-raw | 44) Cascades peak |
| 17) Occurs | 46) Noisy toy |
| 19) Like a burning candle | 48) Hunter, to the prey |
| 20) Bog | 49) Broadcasting |
| 21) Sound of impact | 50) Old Turkish coins |
| 23) Clad | 52) Fleur-de-_____ |
| 26) Cause of concern at the polls | 53) Focus on satisfaction |
| 27) One of the friends on "Friends" | 58) Columbus Day mo. |
| 28) Altogether | 59) University in Beaumont, Texas |
| 30) Does some tailoring | 60) "Falstaff" composer Edward |
| 31) Condescending one | 61) "Comprende?" |
| 32) Furry household member | 62) Bullpen sound |
| 35) Bank offering, for short | 63) Shortsighted one |
| 36) Sgts., e.g. | |

DOWN

- 1) Mythical monster
- 2) First name in comedy?
- 3) ___ de plume
- 4) Adversaries
- 5) Soak up again
- 6) Like some humor
- 7) Pool exercises
- 8) Flight data, briefly
- 9) "___ boom bah!"
- 10) Drunkards
- 11) Slatted furniture item
- 12) Bathsheba's first husband
- 13) Legendary TV actress White
- 18) Birch or banyan
- 22) Butter unit
- 23) Ladybug's snack
- 24) "So ___!"
- 25) Sauce ingredient, sometimes
- 26) Molecular bit
- 28) Ancient Peruvians
- 29) Twelve, half of the time
- 31) Agitated state
- 33) Related maternally
- 34) Golden Horde member
- 36) Innately gifted ones
- 37) Kitchen appliance
- 41) One way to be accused
- 43) Certain special effect, in movies
- 44) Short stride
- 45) Globetrotter's home
- 46) Some shirts
- 47) Chilled
- 48) Badminton or tennis
- 50) BBs, e.g.
- 51) Antares, for one
- 54) "At Seventeen" singer Janis
- 55) "Long ___ and far away ..."
- 56) Maple product
- 57) "... ___ he drove out of sight"

HIGH AND INSIDE

By Agnes Brown





Membership Information

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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, 2024, effective through May 2025)

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