

# MEADOW WOOD FARMS NEWSLETTER

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## Meet Your 2024-2025 Executive Board

**President: Gena DeCamella**

I moved into MWF in June 2021 and immediately got involved by volunteering to do the newsletter, becoming a member, and attending the various events. It was such a great way to meet people, make friends and ultimately led to joining the board, which I served two years as secretary, and now this year as President. My goal is to bring everyone together through communication and inclusion. If you haven't yet attended a meeting or signed up as a member, please do!



**Vice President: Mark Cooper**

Mark became a MWF resident in January of 2022 and always wanted to be involved with supporting our wonderful neighborhood. He first took on the role of Vice president just a few short months of living here and this coming year will be his third year. He has been involved in many projects here including organizing neighborhood cleanups, BBQing for Meetings, addressing the feral hog issue, and organizing the Rapid Response Team. It is never too late or too early to get involved.



**Secretary: Michele Shuler**

Still unpacking after 2-1/2 years after relocating from MA. I am hoping that I am finished unpacking before I retire (which is a few years away), so I don't have to do it when I retire...I am hoping to spend that time doing much more fun stuff.



**Treasurer: Karen Reade**

My husband and I moved here in January 2015 from Port Charlotte, FL. We were both retired, me from almost 30 years delivering mail at the U.S.P.S, my husband from his own business. We have two sons, one is in Tampa area with his family, and the other in Oregon with his. We got involved with the MWFPOA almost immediately, joining in the parties and meetings. I was elected Secretary from June of 2016 to 2020, then moved to the post of Treasurer from 2020 to present. Husband Ian has been working in the Maintenance committee since 2016.



This is the best place we have ever lived. The people here have been welcoming, and we have made real friends. After some remodeling, the house is very comfortable, the yard work tolerable, and the pool saves us in the summer. We have traveled in the U.S. and Canada, but are getting more settled as we enjoy our neighborhood

**Upcoming Meetings**  
*(subject to change)*

**Executive Board Meeting**  
**June 11th - 7pm**

**General Association**  
**July 16- 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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Hurricane season is here! June 1st - November 30th. If you haven't already, now is the time to check on your supplies including batteries, non-perishable food, water, and personal care items. Do not wait until a storm is approaching and all of the shelves at the grocery store are wiped out. If you still have supplies left over from last year, check the expiration dates and make sure that they are still OK.

Our very own MWF Vice President, Mark Cooper is putting together a Rapid Response Team that will check all of our streets for debris, such as fallen trees or branches, after storms. He is looking for volunteers to help him. If you are looking for a way to get involved, or be a good neighbor, this is it! His contact information is located on page 4.

Summer is here and so is hurricane season. June 1st marks the first official day of Hurricane Season in Florida. Nobody likes to think about these scary storms, and trust me, as a Floridian, I've been through a few scary storms. There are some things that you can do to be successful throughout this season. Be aware and stay on top of the news and weather and most of all, be PREPARED. Long time residents are very aware of how supplies disappear almost immediately when the news is predicting a hurricane headed for our area. Newer residents, please take this advice: Don't wait for a storm to approach before stocking up on essential supplies. Below is a good list to get you started. These items are important whether you are staying home or evacuating according to recommendations.

Water - remember if you are on well water and lose power you will NOT have water. If you have animals you will need to fill some troughs or plenty of buckets.

Nonperishable food. A personal first-aid kit. A flashlight and battery-powered radio. You've probably heard about these and other basics for an emergency, but some other items are particularly important if you're 50 or older.

- A three-day minimum supply of medications, along with a cooler and ice packs if your medications require refrigeration. Also, medical supplies if needed, such as syringes.
- Contact lens solution, glasses and/or hearing aids and extra batteries for people who need them.
- An identification band with your full name, a list of any allergies and a family-member contact number.
- Information about your medical devices, including oxygen, walkers and wheelchairs. The information should include model numbers and the vendor of the products.
- Documents in a waterproof bag. They should include a personal care plan; contact information for family members; a medication list including the dosage, exact name, pharmacy information and the prescribing doctor for each medication; a list of food or medical allergies; copies of photo IDs and medical insurance cards; and a durable power of attorney and/or medical power of attorney documents.

Cash to be used if automatic teller and credit card machines are not working.

Gasoline - Fill your cars and gas cans to keep your generator working

**Community Matters**

**Calendar of Activities — June 2024**

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

- ◆ **Executive Board Meeting** - June 11th 7pm
- ◆ **Trivia** - June 13th 7pm
- ◆ **Art Swap Meet** - June 22nd 11-2pm
- ◆ **Equine Club Meeting** - June 27th 7pm
- ◆ **Line Dancing** - Dust off those dancing shoes! Every Saturday morning 9a.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](http://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 4 of this publication if you need any assistance at all. While FaceBook is another form of communication, there is nothing like direct communication!**

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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**

**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](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.



Well, it's been a busy first half of the year, and it looks like things will not be slowing down for me at least. As many of you have already heard, I have taken a new role in the neighborhood as President of the MWF POA. I have some big shoes to fill and I hope I do not disappoint. This is the BEST neighborhood that I have ever lived in and I love the involvement of so many of our neighbors who have become friends. The May General Association Meeting had a great turn out (the free food and beer didn't hurt either). I met some new attendees and I hope to meet many more at the upcoming meetings. Please see the website for the dates of upcoming events - including meeting dates, trivia, weekly line dancing, car show, Art swaps and Fall craft fair. To date we already have 7 events planned to the end of the year thanks to so many volunteers. I cannot stress enough how getting involved really will make a difference in your experience living in MWF. That's what sets us apart from other neighborhoods. Whether you are a new resident, or have lived here a long time, attend a meeting, volunteer for projects or committees, and make friends.

Gena DeCamella

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Come one, come all!! Bring your friends, beverage of choice and snacks for an exciting night of Trivia. Our favorite Emcee, Frenchie, will be challenging us with topics that may include: history, geography, and hopefully some science as well!

When: June 13th , 7pm

Where: Friendship Park

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### Arts & Crafts “Swap Meet” June 22, 11am - 2pm

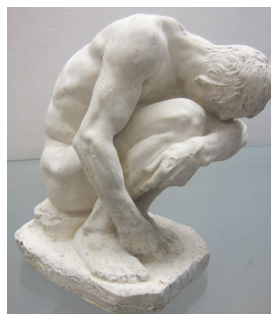
It's time to redecorate! Join us for a **neighborhood “swap meet”** featuring art, crafts, and artisan sorts of things you may have around your home that you would like to change out. If it hangs on your wall or is displayed on a shelf somewhere in your home (or used to be), it is probably suitable for this gathering. We will be setting up from 10:30 – 11:00am on Saturday, June 22. The event will run from 11:00am – 2:00pm. If you want to participate, or help, or have questions, please contact Jim Bain by text or email at **352-615-2572 or jim bain31@gmail.com**

If desired, MWF has a limited number of tables and chairs that may be reserved in advance using the contact info above.

**PLEASE! Do not bring old lawn tools, furniture, dishes, mowers, sports equipment, etc.**

**This is NOT a garage sale**

From that unimpeachable source of information, Google: *Definition of 'swap meet' - a gathering of persons for the purpose of selling, buying, or bartering collectibles, etc.*



I see you riding down the street. I see you have horses in your backyard. I see you just moved into a beautiful farmette in our neighborhood. I can see a horse trailer and barn on your property. But I don't see you at our equestrian club meetings. And I'd love to see you join us.

The Meadow Wood Farms Equestrian Club was formed 4 years ago during the height of the Covid pandemic when everyone had to stay close to home and many area events were canceled. At the initial meeting, it was decided there would be no membership dues, and the club would focus on educational, fun, and social events. We established a Facebook page where members could share ideas, information, and articles of interest. We voted to meet on the fourth Thursday of each month at Friendship Park at 7 pm.

Over the years we've had many different presentations on such topics as:

- BEMER (Bio-Electric Magnetic Energy Regulation) technology for horses and humans
- Organics Gut Solution for horses and pets
- Pasture Management
- Equine Hemp Solutions
- Therapeutic Riding
- Hay and Feed
- Horse Dentistry
- Horse and Human Chiropractic
- Essential Oils
- Riding/Working Around the Barn in Balance to minimize injuries
- And our latest speakers were Amanda and Michael Hall of Shelton Trailer Flooring (our Meadow Wood Farms neighbors!)

We have established 10% discounts at J&J, Tack Shack of Ocala, Good Apple, and Country Lane Tack Store.

We've had many social events, such as our Christmas parties, organized rides around the neighborhood, the Christmas Poker ride, and participated in the Christmas Cavalcade. Announcements are made each month about events happening all around our area.

As you can see, there is something for everyone.

We will be on summer hiatus for July and August BUT.....

I am excited to announce at our next meeting on Thursday June 27<sup>th</sup>, our guest speakers will be authors Natalie Keller Reinert and Justin B. Long. Both Natalie and Justin live locally in the Alachua area. Natalie says she writes horse books for horse people, with characters living in and about our Ocala area. She incorporates many familiar landmarks that make it fun to read. Her books include "The Eventing Series, Briar Hill Farm, Ocala Horse Girls" etc.

Justin has written several books called "Adventures of the Horse Doctor's Husband". His first book covers the rescue and medical care of "Highway", the miracle horse of I-75. This meeting promises to be both interesting and fun, and one that shouldn't be missed.

For this meeting, we would like to invite outside friends to attend. Grab a friend and join in at 7 pm at Friendship Park.

Pat Van Nostrand

## Artificial Intelligence

As I will no longer be President of the MWFPOA, someone else will be writing the President's Message each month – presumably our new President, Gena DeCamella. I have been asked if I would like to continue contributing a monthly column to our newsletter and happily answered in the affirmative. OK, fine. I actually asked them if I could do it, but let's not quibble.

In thinking about the direction I would like to take, I've chosen to call this little piece *The View From Here*. I hope to cover a broad range of topics from the ridiculous, to the funny, to the puzzling, to the sad, and to the serious. I can assure you that you will not agree with everything I write, and that is your right. You may not enjoy anything I offer and that is OK too. Whether you like my stuff or not, I invite you to contact me with your thoughts via email at jim bain31(at)gmail.com. Please know that I will both respond and may feature your thoughts in subsequent offerings.

This is the season of graduations from many of our institutions of higher (and lower - I've never really understood kindergarten graduations) learning. Some of these commencements have engaged speakers whose speeches have sparked public debate. Harrison Butker, the SuperBowl winning kicker for the Kansas City Chiefs who gave the address at the Catholic Benedictine College and is a self-professed Christian, comes to mind. Jerry Seinfeld, the comedian and TV star, gave the address at Duke University. In Mr. Butker's case, he is being vilified for his fundamentalist Christian values. Mr. Seinfeld saw several students, supportive of the Palestinian position in their battle with Israel, walk out on him simply because he is Jewish. I am left wondering what ever happened to free speech, simple human respect, and our ability to engage with others and discuss our differences like the intelligent adults we are supposed to be.

Ah, but I digress. Part of Jerry Seinfeld's address was as follows:

*AI, (Artificial Intelligence) on the other hand, is the most embarrassing thing we've ever invented in mankind's time on earth. Oh, you can't do the work. Is that what you're telling me? You can't figure it out? This seems to be the justification of AI: I couldn't do it. This is something to be embarrassed about. The ad campaign for ChatGPT should be the opposite of Nike: You just can't do it. What I like is we're smart enough to invent AI, dumb enough to need it, and still so stupid we can't figure out if we did the right thing.*

*Making work easier, this is the problem. So obsessed with getting to the answer, completing the project, producing a result, which are all valid things. But not where the richness of the human experience lies. The only two things you ever need to pay attention to in life are work and love. Things that are self-justified in the experience, and who cares about the result. Stop rushing to what you perceive as some valuable endpoint. Learn to enjoy the expenditure of energy that may or may not be on the correct path.*

AI scares the crap out of me. Just like you, I use it every day in some of its more insidious forms. Google Maps, safety reminders in my car like lane change warnings, back up warnings and automatic braking are just a few. But, the possibilities for its use for really nasty things by really nasty people in our world scares me. So, what to do?

For me, I'll continue to write my own stuff, continue to be as creative as I can be in music, the kitchen, and in life, continue to "enjoy the expenditure of energy that may or may not be on the correct path" and put my faith in my God and the greater good. Your choice is up to you.

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

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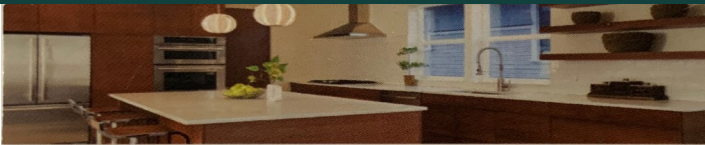
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**ART in the Park**

**Showcasing our Meadow Wood Farms'**

**Artists, Craftspersons, Woodworkers, Metal Artists, Bakers, and talented residents. We have 7 participants already, but we want you too.**

**If you're interested in participating in a future show to display or sell your work in Friendship Park, please contact Jodie Gebhard 352 390-3739 or text 860 304-7309.**

**We hope to make this a mini fair with activities such as craft demonstrations or classes, music and food, too.**



**Neighborhood Sunshine**



*A sympathy card was sent to Grace Rufus, and a Thinking of You card was sent to Barbara Aldrich. If you are aware of someone who could benefit from receiving a card, please notify Jennie Adams at 352-854-1914*

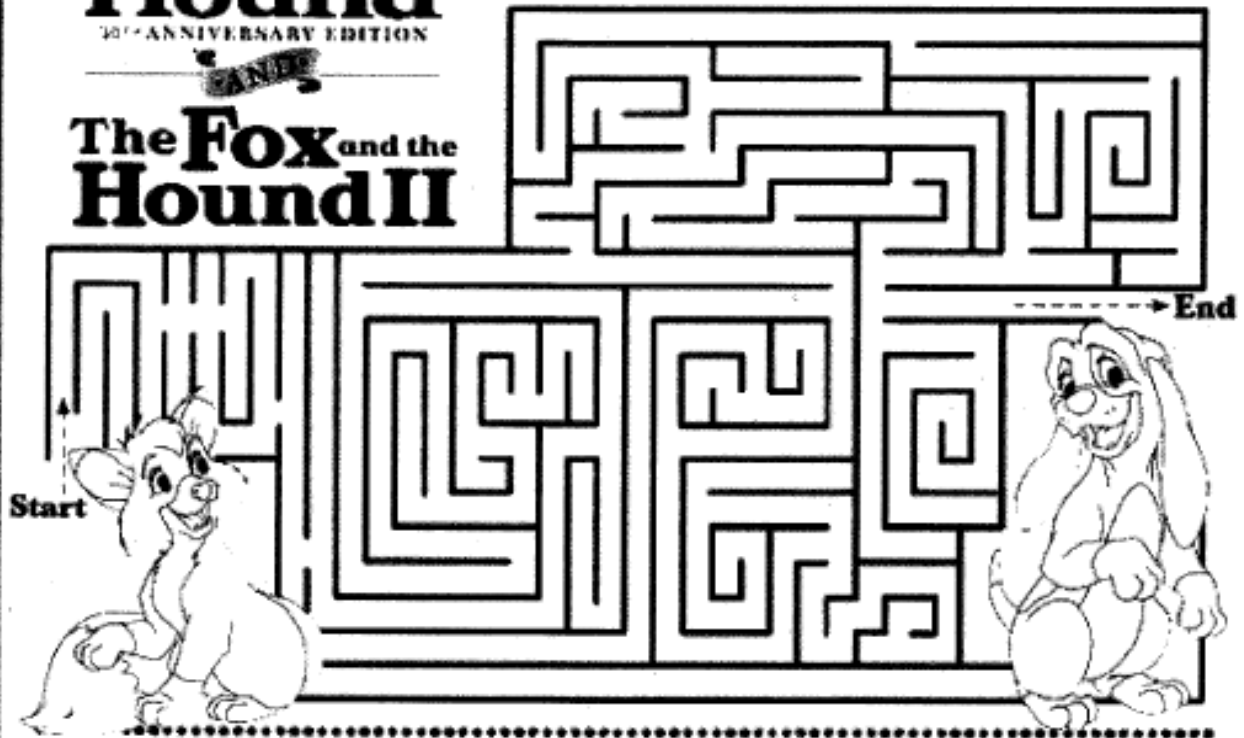
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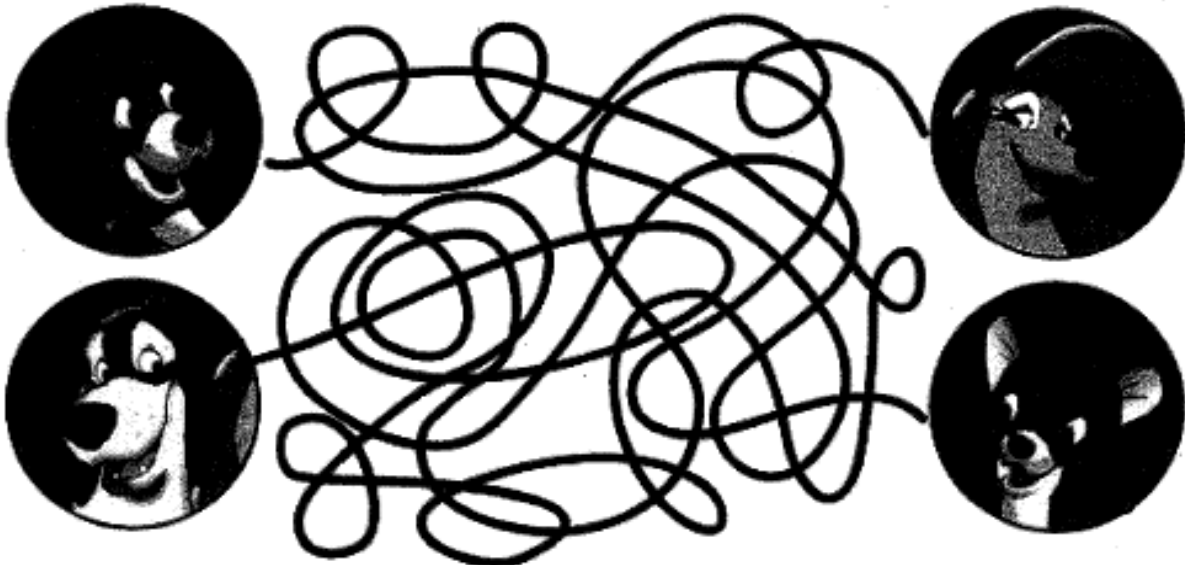
## Foxy Maze

Find your way through the maze to help these two friends find each other!



## Friends Forever

Copper and Tod are best friends. Cash and Dixie are best friends. Follow the trail to reunite them forever!





## **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, 2024, effective through June 2025)

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