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President's Message

Happy New Year

Each year as the clock strikes midnight and fireworks illuminate the night sky on New Year's Eve, I find myself enveloped in a mix of nostalgia and hope. The New Year has arrived, and as always, is a symbolic threshold that invites reflection on the past while beckoning the promise of fresh beginnings. I take a moment to breathe in the crisp air, letting it clear my mind of the clutter that had accumulated over the months. Each tick of the clock echoed the moments I cherished and the lessons learned, reminding me of both achievements and challenges faced throughout the year. It was a time to honor the journey that shaped me, recognizing the strength found in perseverance and the growth that came from vulnerability.

As I turned my thoughts towards the upcoming year, I felt a surge of motivation and excitement. With a blank slate ahead of me, I began to set intentions that would guide my path. This year, I vowed to cultivate mindfulness, making space for gratitude and self-care amid life's chaos. I envision personal goals that go beyond mere accomplishments—embracing creativity, fostering connections, and deepening my understanding of myself and the world around me. Each goal will become a stepping stone towards a more fulfilling life, a commitment to not just move forward, but to thrive in my journey.

In the quiet moments that followed the celebrations, I vowed to journal my aspirations, painting a vivid picture of the future I desire. I reminded myself that setting goals is not merely about ticking boxes; it's about the growth and transformation that occur along the way. With this new year, I choose to embrace the belief that every step, no matter how small, contributes to a larger narrative of resilience and possibility. The new year is not just a marker of time, but a canvas waiting to be filled with experiences, lessons, and dreams yet to be realized.

Wishing everyone a happy and healthy New Year.

Gena

Upcoming Meetings
(subject to change)

Executive Board Meeting

January 7th - 7pm

General Association

January 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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UPCOMING EVENTS

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IS BACK!!!! One of MWF favorite pastimes has returned. Please join us at Friendship Park on January 9th, 7pm. Don't forget to bring snacks and drink of choice. Come with a team, or come alone and join one. Fun and laughter are guaranteed as our illustrious Emcee, Frenchie will challenge our knowledge on all kinds of topics.

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Community Matters

Calendar of Activities — January 2025

All events will be held at Friendship Park unless otherwise stated

- ◆ New Year's Day - January 1st all day
- ◆ **Trivia** - January 9th 7pm
- ◆ **Executive Board Meeting** - January 7th 7pm
- ◆ **Equine Club Meeting** - January 23rd 7pm
- ◆ **Line Dancing** - See FB for updates on schedule

If you would like to schedule an event in Friendship Park, please contact and coordinate with our Treasurer, Karen Reade treasurer@mwfpoa.com

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A list of Agents & Contractors that are tried and tested by your neighbors. Eliminate the guess work
- ◆ Newsletter in Full Color
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- ◆ Advertisers
They support our association, so please support them!
- ◆ Board Member Contact Info
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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

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- ◆ **Meadow Wood Farms**
- ◆ **Meadow Wood Farms Equestrian Club**
- ◆ **Meadow Wood Farms Garden Exchange**



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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.



What Attracted Us to Meadow Wood Farms?

In 2002, Dave and I took a four-day exploration trip to central Florida to see if we could find someplace where we might want to retire. We were living in St. Petersburg at the time and even though St. Pete is a beautiful city and we loved our home, we thought we might want to explore a less crowded, more sedate setting for our later years. It was during that four-day exploration that we picked up a free real estate magazine containing current home listings. There was one of a geodesic home, a style which has always been intriguing to Dave, in an area called Meadow Wood Farms. We contacted the listing agent, set up an appointment to meet with him and toured the home that very weekend.

Although the geodesic home wasn't suitable for our needs, we were very impressed with the neighborhood. There was an energy about it; it felt and looked appealing. Three weekends later, the real estate agent arranged several more homes to tour in different areas around Ocala to give us a better selection of neighborhoods, even showing us one home in Summerfield.

The only home we previewed in Meadow Wood Farms that second weekend in Ocala was located at 94 Lake View Drive East. Even to this day, I vividly remember sitting in the back seat of the realtor's car as we parked in front of what is now our home. A little yellow butterfly flitted and danced just outside my car window as we sat listening to the agent describe the property.

The realtor introduced us to a lovely family that owned it. The house was built in 1979 so it needed some updating, but we planned to rent it anyway until we would be able to move here upon retirement. It wasn't until we walked the property that we knew with certainty this was where we wanted to live. The majestic trees, the beauty of nature, the sounds of birds, and most of all, the energy of peace that emanated from the earth and permeated the silence.

We purchased our home on October 31, 2002, and easily rented it. The few times between renters provided us with the excitement of spending nights in our home, sleeping on a blowup mattress on the floor in the living room while taking bicycle rides through the neighborhood each day we were able to spend here. We met our wonderful neighbors across the street, Don and Mary Jo Ivey, longtime residents of MWF. We loved it and couldn't wait to move to Meadow Wood Farms.

I truly believe our hearts' desires were being answered when in December of 2006, the company where Dave had been an employee for nearly 20 years announced that they were closing their offices in Florida. At first it was a shock, the timing right before Christmas was stunning. But wishes really do come true. The very first employer Dave interviewed with offered him a position with one caveat – *it required a relocation to Ocala!* We truly love living in Meadow Woods Farms.

What attracted you to our neighborhood? Please write about it and share it with us.

Happy New Year everyone!

Patricia 'n' Dave Wagner



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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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