### MEADOW WOOD FARMS NEWSLETTER



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#### President's Message

Well, this year has certainly started out with a BANG. Just when you think everything is going ahead as planned, such as daily life and getting married, life can certainly throw some curve balls.

As many of you know, Michael had what we thought was going to be a "routine" cardiac cath which did not turn out as expected. He was sent to the hospital via ambulance from the testing site where he had to wait for a week for his platelets to return to normal in order to have open heart triple by-pass surgery. His "widow maker" was 99% blocked and I could've lost him at any moment.

What a dichotomy to have been so close to getting married on February 8th, to now praying that he made it through surgery, all the while canceling wedding venues, caterers, flowers and the lot. It has been difficult, to say the least, to comprehend all of the changes at one time.

I would like to thank everyone for their support and most of all prayers during this time. I like to think that with so many prayers that were being said that God must have had a mega-phone with Michael's name that he couldn't ignore it.

As of today, 13 days after receiving the diagnosis, he will be coming home. He is progressing well, but the journey is far from over. Doctors say that the full recovery time is approximately three months. He is up and walking with physical therapy and will continue to get stronger day by day.

What I have learned from all of this, is to cherish everyday, because we truly do not know when it could be our last. Also, even if you eat right, exercise, and aren't having any symptoms, there could be problems that can't be diagnosed until you are tested.

I have learned about a company that is offering free heart scans. They also offer full body scans but that costs \$1,500.00. What do they say about health, priceless. The company's name is Life Imaging Fla. Their number is (954) 834-6362. Why not get a free heart scan and maybe if something is found early enough a less invasive treatment option might just save your life.

Grateful,

Gena

## Upcoming Meetings (subject to change)

## Executive Board Meeting

February 4th - 7pm

#### General Association

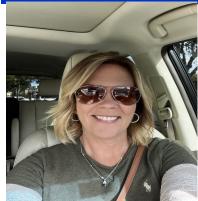
March 11th- 7pm

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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#### **WE NEED YOU**

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The Meadow Wood Farms Board would like to say thank you to Zack Zachary for stepping up to fill the position of Chair of the Control Committee. Having said that, according to our By-Laws, we are required to have three people on the committee. Whether you have lived here a long time or are new to the neighborhood, please consider volunteering for this position. The responsibility of this committee is to protect the integrity of our neighborhood by ensuring that residents adhere to the Deed Restrictions. Please reach out to Zach or myself at the emails listed below. Thank you for your consideration. This is a great way to get involved, meet people, and make lasting friendships.

Gena DeCamella



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#### **Community Matters**

Calendar of Activities — February 2025

All events will be held at Friendship Park unless otherwise stated

- Executive Board Meeting February 4th 7pm
- ♦ Valentine's Day February 14th
- President's Day February 17th
- Equine Club Meeting February 27th 7pm
- Line Dancing On hold until warmer weather

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



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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#### **Meadow Wood Farms Communications**

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What is available on our website?

♦ Neighborhood Directory

Names, addresses, and contact information of your neighbors

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- 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!

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### Neighborhood Facebook pages

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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: <a href="MWFAngels@gmail.com">MWFAngels@gmail.com</a> or call Jim Bain (352) 615-2572. The Angels will contact you and obtain additional information in order to evaluate the request.



#### **NEIGHBOR SUBMISSION**

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#### How did we get here?

So, we were asked to write an article on how we landed in Meadow Wood Farms.

We lived on the outskirts of a small town in north Georgia, Ellijay, in a cabin-like home on the side of a big hill in a gated community, Blackberry Mountain. It had a covered bridge entrance over the Cartecay River that we would kayak. It was an awesome place to live until retirement. Then we decided we didn't like going up and down 3 levels, Or the maintenance of the log siding. At the end of a cul de sac, when it snowed enough, we couldn't make it up the hill(s). Down was scary also. In fact part of the decision to move was not having electricity for 6 days. The highest it got in the house was 48 degrees. No running water. We thought each day it would be fixed! We burned all the firewood in the fireplace and were eying the furniture. In addition, the deer were over populated and ate all the blackberries in Blackberry Mountain and any other plant or flower for their gustatory pleasure.

We had moved from the Clearwater area 18 years prior, and our kids were in southern Florida. Ocala looked like a nice middle sized town, more amenities for me, but husband wanted country. The first realtor I contacted from the blue showed us all around town - and gave me potentials for evening homework in the motel. (We slept all over town for months - in motels!) My head was spinning and I felt so confused. We didn't make it in time to an open house I'd found in MWF. We later toured the neighborhood anyway and thought these houses are beautiful but must be out of our price range. It was sort of country located for my husband but near enough to civilization for me. I loved the ambience, uniqueness, trees, and horses (I love looking at them and riding although I've never had one). Then on Lake View Drive appeared a house for sale with a flyer box and it was do-able!

We were disappointed when their first buyer failed and now had a contract on a second. Bummer. Timing is everything. Back home I looked up Meadow Wood Farms, read the website, and contacted a realtor who lived there— Dorothy Henry!!

On the next visit (and next and next and maybe next) she patiently showed us houses mostly out of MWF that met our criteria, but none of them satisfied both of us and most had at least one "ick" factor. I was sorry when my husband once did a U turn before we got to the front door!

Eventually, Dorothy suggested we buy land and build! We happened upon a great piece of property for sale in MWF and needed to clear the land which made me sad in a way, but had to be done. The builders' company Dorothy suggested were wonderful and easy to work with. We got to custom choose everything ceiling to floor and outside.

Moving was the second unforgettable horror move, but that's another story...

The next door neighbors are wonderful, too, along with the other great people living here - including the board that over-achieve on keeping our community together and functioning.

There must be a higher power that lead us here at the right time and I am so very thankful — I love it!

Chris Banks & Paul Gregorzek

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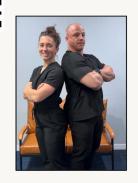
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#### **Neighborhood Sunshine**

If you are aware of someone who could benefit from receiving a card, please notify Jennie Adams at 352-854-1914

#### JOIN MEADOW WOOD FARMS ASSOCIATION

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## **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 <a href="mailto:treasurer@mwfpoa.com">treasurer@mwfpoa.com</a>.

Your MWFPOA thanks you!

## Please Join - Renew your Membership

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