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President's Message

LOVE THY NEIGHBOR

We have so many kind and helpful people within our neighborhood. It truly warms my heart when I hear the stories of neighbors pitching in for all sorts of different things. There's the neighbor on the corner who helped his next door neighbor by cutting up and moving a tree after the hurricane. The woman across the street who makes breakfast sandwiches when someone is in need. That neighbor who is always there to visit you in the hospital everyday or feed your dog and is always just there for anything. The neighbor who is always dreaming of making this neighborhood even better than it already is. The board member who organizes neighborhood cleanups and his wife who brings in the food trucks for everyone to enjoy. The retired servicemen who raise the flag at our Veteran's Day BBQ every year. The "Angels" in our neighborhood who help rake leaves, mend fences, and are always ready to help.

We can't forget about the Trivia nights that so many of us enjoy. Or the food and drinks provided by the refreshments committee. Get well cards sent out by a neighbor. The board member who makes sure that all of our bills are paid every month. Meadow Wood Farms has an entire team that makes sure that you receive this newsletter every month. Lost a pet or need to sell/give something away? Neighbors run the FaceBook page to promote better communication amongst all of us. There is also the website and AOL email blast. New to the neighborhood? We have a welcoming & membership committee that provides information. The list goes on and on.

You may be asking yourself what all of these things have in common. Let me tell you, these are just everyday occurrences that happen by people who give from the heart. Which makes them extraordinary. Our neighborhood is FULL of these kind and caring people.

People who give selflessly, asking nothing in return, except to pay it forward. Let these people be our guide in how to be a good neighbor and friend. These are just ordinary people, who may be going through their own life challenges, but still show up with a smile ready to do whatever needs doing.

So, be kind in return. Smile and wave when passing by. Help and love your neighbor. Thank the volunteers who keep this engine running. Attend events and meetings and consider joining the many who give so much to everyone.

Gena

Upcoming Meetings
(subject to change)

Executive Board Meeting
April 8th - 7pm

General Association
May 13th- 7pm

This is an ELECTION Meeting

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 — April 2025

All events will be held at Friendship Park unless otherwise stated

- ◆ **Executive Board Meeting** - April 8th 7pm
- ◆ **Neighborhood Cleanup - April 5th - 8:30am**
- ◆ **Meet & Greet** - April 12th 3-6pm
- ◆ **Easter** - April 20th
- ◆ **Equine Club Meeting** - April 24th 7pm
- ◆ **Line Dancing** - See FB for updates and times

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



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?

- ◆ **Event Calendar!** Want to know what is going on When?? Go to mwfpoa.com
- ◆ **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**

Neighborhood email blast

Meadowwoodfarms1@aol

Neighborhood Facebook pages

Ask to join our private groups on Facebook:

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

Please reach out to any Board member or Committee person listed on page 2 of this publication if you need any

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.



PAST EVENTS

March General Association Meeting

Wow, what a meeting! It started off with a food truck Brick and Embers Pizza, organized by Kim Cooper - Thank you!!! The food was delicious and served pretty quickly. More than a 100 orders were processed in a short amount of time.

Roughly 50-60 people attended the meeting following the food truck. In fact we had enough people that we had to dust off the microphone to make sure that everyone in the back could hear. There was a lot of lively discussion surrounding the item that was to be voted on, primarily adding a water source to the park. This is a big ticket item, and at the end of the discussion it was voted to earmark the two CD's worth approximately \$10,500 towards the water source and to also include some fund raising so as to not deplete the POA funds. The additional funds needed for this project are approximately \$6,500. For more specific information please visit our website: mwfpoa.com and search under the meeting minutes tab.

Our next General Association Meeting in May will also have a food truck and will also be the election Meeting. Please plan to attend. The more attendance we have the better census we get of what the neighborhood wants.



Photos courtesy of Jeff Rice



UPCOMING EVENTS

April 5th - Team Up to Cleanup

All Friends and Neighbors are invited to meet up at Friendship Park at 8:30am for Coffee & Donuts and to pitch in to keep our neighborhood beautiful. If you are like me, you would be surprised to see just how much trash is collected each time. Last time, more than 12 bags of trash were picked up and taken to the dump. So please join us as we team up to clean up!



April 12th - Meet & Greet 3-6pm

Our Annual Meet & Greet has returned! One of the best attended events is back due to popular demand. The MWFPOA will be providing Hamburgers and hotdogs, with our illustrious VP Mark Cooper, manning the grill, as well as tea and lemonade. Please bring a side or dessert to share and feel free to BYOB as well. There will be yard games, music and fun. This is a family fun event for both NEW and long residing residents. Bring the whole gang to meet your neighbors and make new friends. There will be a potluck signup sheet on Facebook as well as the neighborhood email blast. This is a great way to make sure that deviled eggs aren't our only sides! Haha-ha

If you are not yet a member of the POA, this is a great time to join, and a perfect time to renew as well. Karen will be there to accept any payments. Remember, you must be a member to vote in the May election. Looking forward to seeing everyone there!



NEIGHBOR SUBMISSION

What do you think? We would love some feedback and input from you.

A clubhouse for MWF!?! This could be such a cool thing! Just imagine, a place to meet and visit, maybe have a book, puzzle and or DVD exchange. A place to meet to play cards and games in addition to having MWF events and meetings all in an enclosed building, with temperature control and mostly insect-free (as possible as that is for Florida anyway). Would this bring out more residents and promote more of a community feel? Can MWF handle having a clubhouse? No locked gate at the park, no hall monitors?

How do you feel about the possibility of having a clubhouse?

When the dues were raised 2 years ago because the price of everything else has gone up. Should some of that money be earmarked for a project?

Should we look into changing how we vote, where whatever is being voted on is presented before the actual vote, so you have time to think about it and present any questions, comments or concerns on the topic. Where you can email a board member if unable to attend, as everyone cannot always attend meetings, get to meetings, etcetera. And if you're a member then you should be able to vote whether you are in attendance or not. One would think it would be possible within a tiny community to have all the members be able to vote. What are your thoughts on this?

How do you feel about how we currently vote on things?

Do you find it easy to locate the entrances to MWF at night in the dark because they are lit up? The electric bill here is about 220.00 per month, or about \$2,600.00 per year. MWF has liability insurance that costs about \$2,000.00 per year, these are just some of the larger expenses. The very small amount of \$95.00 per year of becoming a member and contributing to the community as a whole helps pay for some of the expenses. It is one thing if you are unable to afford the \$95.00 membership, but if you are able to afford the membership, and don't, you are expecting other residents to carry the burden that should be shared by everyone.

If you are not a member, why aren't you?

Has anyone ever tried to clean something without any water? It typically isn't easy. To clean anything at the pavilion we have to bring in water. To wash the 100 some dishes from our Veteran's Day BBQ, someone takes all of those un-rinsed dishes home to wash them. To clean the tables and chairs for that event and others, we have to bring in water. Water is a pretty essential thing. I have no idea how long we have had a portable toilet in the park, but it is not without a fee. We currently are paying about \$150.00 per month to rent the portable toilet, that is \$1,800.00 per year, in 5 years that is \$9,000.00 not to own a bathroom. A water source at the park would be an asset on its own and would also be needed if there ever was to be a bathroom, kitchen or clubhouse.

At the last General Association Meeting, the majority voted to have a water source installed using our two CD's, worth approximately \$10,500 and also do some fund raising in order to not completely deplete our funds.

If you could please give us your thoughts back on this, it would be greatly appreciated. Responses can be mailed or just dropped off, you do not need to put your name on the response, but it would be great if you would indicate if you were or were not a member. Outside the envelope please indicate for MWF survey and if mailing send to:

MWF POA at 73 Lake Wood Drive East, Ocala, FL 34482 or drop off (no stamp needed) at 10 Never Bend Drive orange newspaper box. We would truly love to hear from you.

Michele Shuler



Imagine!

Hi! I'm Figment. Please allow me to introduce myself – as if you don't know who I am!

Yep. I'm a Disney character, created in the 1980's as the image of Epcot's Imagination Station. I've been around now for years. It's my job to help you and all my friends engage their imaginations - their "what if," their "we can," their "let's do this." My buddy Jim, who is helping me write this, saw me years ago at Epcot, and we've been buddies ever since. He asked me to talk to you.

I've heard that Meadow Wood Farms is a fantastic place to live. It's beautiful. You all are a fun and friendly group. You are active. You are engaging. You are adventurous. Just IMAGINE how you might put all of that together. Just IMAGINE what you all could do.

I also heard that at the last membership meeting, y'all (I am from Florida after all) decided to move forward with getting running water at the park with the ultimate goal being a clubhouse. I'm so excited. My imagination is just running wild! Is yours?

First, I think you should call it a Recreation Center. When you read what I'm imagining and add your ideas, you'll understand why. Just IMAGINE...

An *indoor* place in MWF specifically intended as a gathering place for your friends and neighbors – your community. It could have a kitchen and bathrooms, tables and chairs. What might you do there? Just close your eyes and IMAGINE:

- Live music
- Card clubs like poker, bridge, cribbage, or Euchre
- Watch parties for The Derby, the Superbowl, or the Masters
- Ice cream socials, bake-offs
- Bingo, trivia, game nights
- Movie nights complete with pre-movie cartoons and popcorn
- Art shows, craft shows, mini flea markets
- Fish fry, burger bash, food trucks
- Church services
- Dance lessons and dances
- Private party space
- Book clubs
- Charity events

The list goes on and on. Yes, there are challenges and hurdles, but I'm Figment. To me, ANYTHING is possible. I hope you get as excited about the possibilities as I have.

Just IMAGINE!

Thanks Figment. Figment and I will see you around the neighborhood. – Jim



Hello MWF neighbors, it's almost that time again. Time for what? Time to make your vote count and your voice heard. There are some big things in the works and it has been a very busy year since the last election. Your current board prides itself on getting things done! But it takes a whole village to keep things going. If you have ever considered taking a committee position, or a board position now is the time. I can honestly tell you that it does not take as much time, as it does passion and a desire to be involved and a part of this community.

Officially all positions are available on the board. Nominees can be taken from the floor at the General Association Election Meeting on May 13th. Or you can notify anyone on the board via email or phone listed on page 2 of this newsletter to inform us of your interest. Currently, we have the Activities position as well as one opening for the Control committee. Please consider donating your time and talents.

Received a call for help with cleaning up a ton of the oak leaves that are everywhere right now. Due to advanced age, and some physical limitations, one of our MWF Angels spent an entire day helping this neighbor. If you have any needs that you are not able to do yourself, please reach out to mwfangels@gmail.com and let us know how we can help. We are in the process of expanding this service into other areas such as wellness checks, assistance with doctor visits or other necessary things that perhaps just need a little help with.



Interested in meeting and interviewing new neighbors? Have an article to share? Want to share helpful tips and tricks related to your favorite hobby?

Please email your input to:

newsletter@mwfpoa.com

Dues Matter!

These are just some of the many things your dues help to pay for:

Maintaining the landscaping at our two front entrances

Decorating the front entrances for holidays

Electric lights and power at the entrances and the park

Maintaining Friendship Park including the pavilion and the playground

Liability insurance for the common areas, the Association, and the Board

A comprehensive neighborhood directory

Social gatherings and events at Friendship Park

Port-a-john at Friendship Park for both community and private events

Multiple community activities

Welcome packets for new residents

“Care” cards for our neighbors who April be injured or ill

Our outstanding monthly Newsletter

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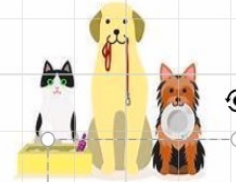
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Membership Information

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 treasurer@mwfpoa.com.

Your MWFPOA thanks you!

Please Join - Renew your Membership

MEADOW WOOD FARMS PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.

(Annual Dues Effective June 1, 2025, effective through May 30, 2026)

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ALL SIZES**