

MEADOW WOOD FARMS NEWSLETTER

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As we stand at the threshold of 2026, each of us feels the echoes of 2025—the Year of the Snake—lingering in our hearts. The Snake, more than a symbol, becomes a companion in our inner landscapes, encouraging us to shed what no longer serves. Many of us bravely let go of old habits, relationships, or beliefs, even when this process felt raw and unsettling. Like the snake in its moment of transformation, we faced moments when releasing the past demanded courage and patience. The wisdom of the Snake guided us, helping us understand that true renewal requires surrendering what weighs us down, even when it leaves us feeling vulnerable.

Now, as the thunder of hooves signals the arrival of the Year of the Horse, a new energy stirs within and around us. The Horse's promise of adventure, freedom, and spontaneous movement invites us to embrace the world with open arms and eager hearts. After a year of soul-deep shedding, we find ourselves ready to leap forward—projects that were once stuck now surge ahead, and relationships blossom with possibility. The pain of change softens, replaced by excitement for the journeys that lie before us.

For many, the healing power of this transition lies in recognizing both the struggle and the growth. We carry the lessons of the Snake into the wild ride of the Horse, balancing newfound boldness with the wisdom earned through hardship. Whether in our work, our homes, or within ourselves, we sense the universe urging us to run faster, dream bigger, and trust the wind at our backs.

As we gather—family, friends, and communities—to welcome this Lunar New Year, we share in the hope that the shedding of yesterday's skin makes way for tomorrow's exhilarating gallop. No matter our zodiac sign, we step into 2026 together, hearts lighter, spirits stronger, and ready to chase the horizon with courage and joy.

Wishing everyone a happy and healthy New Year

Gena

Upcoming Meetings
(subject to change)

Executive Board Meeting

January 6th - 7pm

General Association

January 13th - 7pm

Meetings will be held at Friendship Park under the Pavilion.

Minutes are posted on the website after all Board and Association meetings:
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ASSOCIATION INFORMATION

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Special thanks to Mark Cooper and Ian Reade for fixing the brickwork at the front entrance.

It spared the Association the cost of hiring for repair.



Would you like to feel more at ease and calm all the time?

During our next Meadow Wood Farms association meeting on Tuesday, January 13, at 7 pm at the park, Patricia Wagner will present a short talk in which she will lead us through "Heart Focused Breathing," a technique scientifically proven to naturally bring you ease, calm and other overall benefits if practiced regularly. In the meantime, please check out the Institute of HeartMath, <http://www.HeartMath.org>, where for 35 years this organization has developed science-validated breathing techniques for greater well-being.

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Community Matters

Calendar of Activities — January 2026

All events will be held at Friendship Park unless otherwise stated

- ◆ **Executive Board Meeting** - Tues Jan 6th 7pm
- ◆ **Bingo** - Thurs Jan 8th 7pm
- ◆ **General Association Meeting** - Tues Jan 13th 7pm with guest speaker Patricia Wagner
- ◆ **Trivia** - Friday Jan 16th 7pm
- ◆ **Birthday Celebration** - Sun Jan 18th 1pm
- ◆ **Equine Club Meeting** - Thurs Jan 22nd 7pm

If you would like to schedule an event in Friendship Park, please contact and coordinate with our Treasurer,

Merry Lee Bain @treasurer@mwfpoa.com



January

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
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Meadow Wood Farms Communications

Website: www.mwfpoa.com

What is available on our website?

- ◆ Newsletter in Full Color
- ◆ Meeting Minutes
- ◆ Advertisers
 - They support our association, so please support them!
- ◆ Board Member Contact Info
- ◆ Committee Member Contact Info

Become a Member for full-access which includes

- ◆ 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

eMail: To join the Meadow Wood Farms email blasts and conversation, send a note to Meadowwoodfarms1@aol.com and ask the site master to add your email address. Please respect the rules... no politics, or religion, or any attachments or offensive material. This service is offered by a private member of the association. It is extremely useful, and we are grateful to them.

Neighborhood Facebook pages

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: 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.



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My Friend

I have a friend named Deb. I don't really know her. She does things that I have never done. I like her anyway. Or maybe because.

We can talk. We started up meeting at the association meetings, but we find we have the same kind of filters. She doesn't look like me. Usually I make friends with people who look like me, but something about her was open and kind, and we can talk.

We can express ideas, or just kill time, and there is no pressure about her. It is like she is so secure in herself that she can be secure in our friendship. I think about that. So many people seem to demand that I think like them, that I have the same goals, or feelings. For example, I don't have a dog. There have been people who seem to think that not having a dog is somehow a lacking on my part. Deb understands that It is my choice.

I think that too many people are insecure in themselves and demand that other people fill in their security. Deb never seems to doubt me. Many people I have met seem to think that because they have a better life, everyone should work to have their life. I don't think it would make my life better have a different life, and I really don't want to let others make my choices. Many people have worked hard all their lives, to get the life they have now. I have worked hard enough all my life also, but I don't seem to want to work hard anymore. I have this wonderful life. If I can maintain it a while longer, I happy. Deb has never pushed. All friends should be like her. All friends should have a friend like her.

I found Deb and other friends by going out and meeting people. All the activities that are open are opportunities to meet friends. Parties? Meetings? Music? Any venue is an opportunity for new friends.

Deb is full of fun. We can laugh. She can be serious and still laugh. I like to do that, too. She can take a story about riding a horse and turn it into an adventure. I don't even know her religion, political affiliation, or diet. I know if these things mattered to being a friend, she would share them. And we would laugh about them.

Karen Reade

The View From Here – Jan 2026

Joy to the World

When I served in the Air Force many years ago, this would have been called an “After Action Report.” But that suggests something dark and grim. This is far from that. It is literally bathed in light and joy.

Shortly before Christmas, an anonymous donor came to me with an idea. “Why don’t we (the MWFPOA) give out a prize for the best holiday decorations this year?” I took one look out of my home office window, saw how hard my wife was working on our Christmas display, and said “Absolutely. Let’s do this!”

We then designed a quick set of criteria, found 3 elves from outside the neighborhood (the North Pole, I’m told) to avoid any favoritism, and arranged a tour of MWF for them. My participation was limited to being a chauffeur and guide to the many beautiful displays. Criteria included curb appeal, originality, and Christmas/holiday spirit. Additionally, membership in the MWFPOA was deemed to be a requirement. It was so much fun to watch our judges’ reactions, hear their comments, and listen to their deliberations. There were so many stunning decorations and choices. The panel reduced the contenders to a half dozen, revisited and scored each of those, and finally sat down to rate their favorites. It was a very close contest but choices had to be made.



Cue the *Little Drummer Boy*... drum roll please:

1st place (\$100 Amazon card) - Ida & Guillermo Ovies - 9 Lakeview Dr. West

2nd place (\$75 Amazon card) - Jacob & Angela Bradham - 81 Lakeview Dr. East.

3rd place (\$50 Amazon card) - Brian Anderson - 44 Woodridge

Honorable Mentions: Pat & Gary Keppler - 13 Tropical Park

Merry Lee & Jim Bain - 31 Needles

Honorable Mention and Heartfelt Thanks: MWFPOA Decorations Committee for their wonderful work on the front entrances.

Thank you to all our neighbors who decorated for Christmas (and Hannukah), both members of the MWFPOA and those who are not. Your efforts truly served to bring joy to your community and to the many folks who drove the streets in MWF simply to see those decorations. I know that after the results were posted on-line, we saw a significant number of cars pausing in front of our home to see the lights.

As for 2026, have a wonderful year. And who knows, if our donor steps up again, or another one steps in, we may just repeat the contest. Wouldn’t that be a joy!

I’ll see you around the neighborhood. – Jim

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I have told my children that I was taking on the MWF newsletter. They were both excited and joked with me; both asking in fear, "You're not going to be the editor are you?" I laughed with them and said absolutely not! I am not now, nor will I ever be, capable of editing. Almost anything I write I send to one of them to proof because words can become jumbled to me. I didn't learn to read until I was almost 12 years old; spending an entire summer in a special Ed program and upon getting out, was able to read at about a first grade level, as I entered Jr high. I have dyslexia, which thankfully my mother figured out and found a summer program for me. I had a pretty good memory (still do) and because of that was able to avoid detection at school. Anyway, I am lucky that I can read. It took a long time and a lot of work; what didn't come with that is mostly spelling, which I am horrific at. Thankfully, my children do not struggle with this hiccup, although it can provide laughs. So, I was able to reassure them that I am just putting the MWF newsletter together and not editing. My children are by far my very best. They light up my life and I would never be the person I am without them, or my Mom. My daughter asked if she could make a submission to the newsletter, I said yes, not knowing what she wanted to submit; hers as below.

Michele Shuler

Five Years Will Go by Anyway

My grandmother used to say that to us, when we were growing up. Heck, I think she even had it printed on a piece of paper that hung on her wall or refrigerator, maybe even both. January 1st, 2026, will be five years since she left us. I have endured these last 1,826 days without her. I have cried, laughed, shared stories, been angry that she's gone, and cried some more. While I miss her terribly, every day is a privilege, and I owe it to her, and my family, to try my hardest to make the best of every day; to look for that rainbow after the rain. New Year's Day will forever be more sad than joyous, more of an end than a beginning, at least for me, but five years **will** go by...and they have...and they did...and they will again.

As 2026 embarks on its voyage, challenge yourself to make this day better than the last; keep the doubt to a minimum and embrace the challenge; eat dessert for dinner (not all of the time, but at least once in a while); forgive when you should; watch the sun rise and set; learn something new and teach something known. Every day has at least one rose, with one thorn...take the time acknowledge that and love yourself. Whether you do, or do not, five years **will** go by anyway.

In honor of Toni Kimball...Never Bend Dr.

Tara Gaudette

MWFEC

The Meadow Wood Farms Equestrian Club had a busy and exciting end to 2025.

On December 11th, we held our annual Christmas Holiday party and once again Lindy Kanoza graciously hosted us at her beautifully decorated home. Everyone brought appetizers or desserts and although there were plenty of desserts, no one complained.

This year she planned lots of fun for us again. We made Christmas tree ornaments from our photos on pieces of wood and had a fabulous photo shoot with her mini horse Mini Cooper. There was a dirty Santa gift exchange, and everyone enjoyed their gifts. We played the card game “left right center” and once again Pat VN was the jackpot winner.

Then on Sunday December 21st, our members participated in the Meadow Wood Farms Horse and Horsepower Festival. 13 riders and horses dressed in their holiday finest followed behind the Equestrian Club Banner as they pranced their way around Lakeview East and West. Lots of spectators took videos and pictures and we all later convened at the park for an awesome potluck barbecue. Thanks to everyone who came out to support us and join in for a fabulous neighborhood event.

Our next meeting is scheduled for January 22nd. Come and join in on the fun.

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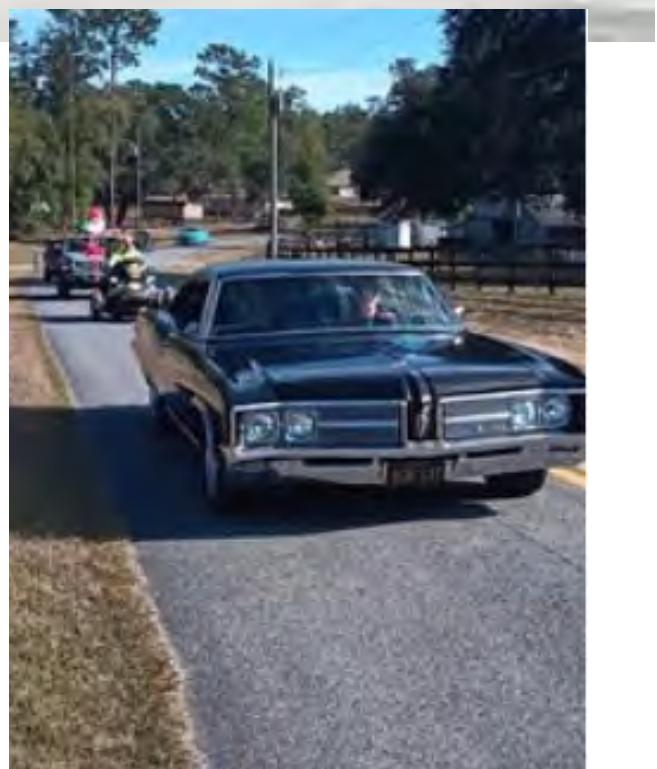
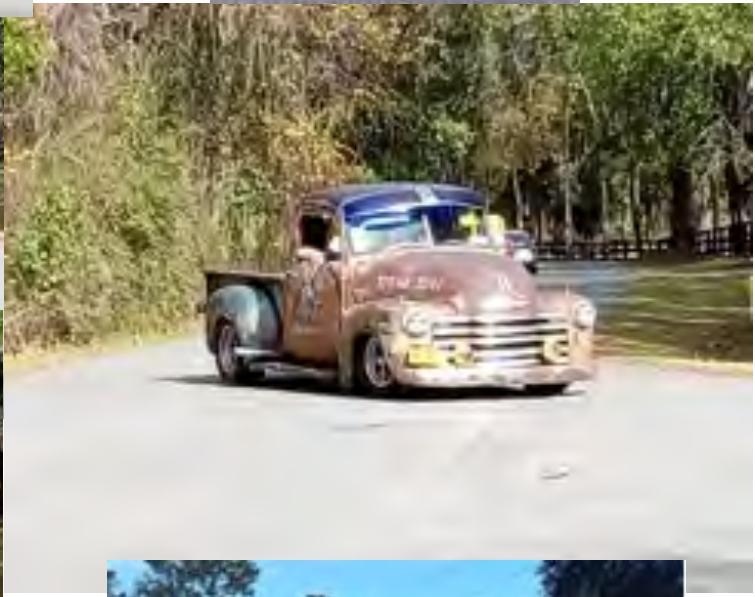
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Need to find out if you've paid? Contact Merry Lee Bain at 352-547-9327 or email her at treasurer@mwfpoa.com.

Your MWFPOA thanks you!

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