



**Meadow Wood Farms Newsletter**  
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**Planning for Rainy Days (or Worse)!**

You know how they say that the best way to prevent something "bad" from happening is to be ready for it? Go out of your way to make sure that you bring your umbrella, and sure enough, it doesn't rain. Get prepared for hurricane season by pulling together your emergency supplies (water, flashlight, batteries, food, etc.), only to have no hurricanes come anywhere nearby. It would be great to believe that there is some kind of cause and effect for this, but the reality is that it is just plain old coincidence (or maybe some good luck!). The other reality is, of course, that if it had rained and you did have your umbrella on the trip to the mall, you'd be grateful that you planned ahead. And, if God forbid, a hurricane or some other natural disaster were to strike our area, you would be pretty pleased with yourself for having done a little advance planning by assembling some essential supplies beforehand.

So, although being prepared for the worst may take a little effort and planning up front, it sure can pay off. Depending on how you look at it, at best, being prepared may "prevent" that next disaster from even happening. At worst, being prepared will help you and your family, or maybe even your neighbor to cope more effectively with whatever comes your way. Whether it's a brush fire, hurricane or a tornado, a little preparation can go a long way towards survival and recovery.

That's why I am encouraging Meadow Wood Farms residents to participate in **C.E.R.T.** training and certification. **C.E.R.T.** stands for **Community Emergency Response Team**. This is a training program sponsored and conducted by the Marion County Sheriff's Office free of charge for Marion County citizens. Members of the **C.E.R.T.** are trained and prepared to take action following a major disaster to help others until professional first responders (police, fire, medical) can arrive. Remember, in the event of a widespread disaster, it could be hours, or even days before first responders may be able to provide assistance. In these situations, we all must be able to rely upon one another for help in order to provide immediate life-saving and life-sustaining needs.

The Association is working with the Sheriff's Office to make this training available specifically for Meadow Wood Farms residents. With a minimum of 20 participants, the Sheriff's Office will create a special 8-week training session just for us. Learn about the resources available following a major disaster. Learn how to prepare for disaster and lessen the effects if a disaster occurs. Learn CPR and other life saving techniques.

If you would like more information about this program please contact me, Steve Waller (304-8871) or Deni Buetow (622-6554). The registration form is available on the MWF website by following the link on the newsletter page. Or just follow this link: [C.E.R.T. Registration Form](#).

## Clean-Up Coming on Lake View Drive!

I am pleased to pass along some good news regarding the partially burned house at 51 Lake View Drive. According to staff at Marion County Code Enforcement, the demolition contract should be issued sometime during the week of January 24. Once the contract has been issued, the contractor will have 60 days to complete the demolition process. This will include complete demolition of the building, including abandoning of the septic and well. Once the work is completed, the lot will be cleared of all debris and should no longer be a neighborhood eyesore. Let's keep our fingers crossed that all goes according to schedule!

Steve Waller, President

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### LIGHTS OUT

It was a month ago, September 6, 2016 when I received a letter from a dear friend and former neighbor still living in Meadow Wood Farms, inviting me to visit. My friend explained that his health was declining and he would greatly appreciate my company for a few days. I readily accepted and made plans to take a few days out of my schedule for the trip back to Ocala.

The day of my visit arrived and I felt a little anxious, but excited, to return to my old neighborhood. As I traveled the once familiar route down SR 328, I rolled the car window down to better appreciate the fresh country air. It was early evening and the sun was just beginning to settle in the West. The curve in the road was a reminder that the entrance to MWF was near. I signaled and made my turn into the entrance. Passing through the once lovely brick walls I noticed that the shrubs and plantings were dead and the walls overgrown with tall grass, weeds and vines and I thought: where is the Beautification Committee? As I drove a little farther down those quiet streets, I passed a home with at least seven cars in the yard, five of which were in some form of disassembly and I thought: where is the Control Committee? Further along there were fences with broken posts and rails and I wondered: where are the "Angels"? What had happened to the once welcoming streets of Meadow Wood Farms?

I reached my friends home which sat directly west of what was once my home, not that many years ago. The sun had set but it brought a beautiful array of colors to the sky. A nostalgic feeling came over me as I took in the fresh air and the accompanying quiet that was always MWF. My friend and I exchanged greetings and hugs and I immediately noticed how much my friend's appearance had changed. We popped the tab on a couple of beers and sat in the patio chairs facing the sunset. Our conversation was the typical exchange of our life's happenings over the past few years but then the conversation turned to Meadow Wood Farms. I shared my dismay at the apparent deterioration of the streets I had traveled coming into the neighborhood. My friend began to describe what had happened to other parts of Meadow Wood Farms. "Friendship Park is nothing more than a pile of brush and branches, the pavilion roof has a huge hole from a fallen tree limb, the swings and playground equipment are falling apart and no longer safe. Grass is not being mowed in the Park or at the entrances once taken care of by the Association." My friend commented that he had not seen or heard from any of his neighbors and there was no communication of anything happening in the neighborhood because the Newsletter no longer existed. I was both stunned and disappointed to hear that the MWFPOA had dissolved due to the lack of any new participation on the Board or committees. He explained how the same officers had to serve for years and just became weary, discouraged at the poor attendance at meetings, the failure of others to step up to take over the responsibilities of running the homeowners association. They finally quit. "Consequently, all committees were disbanded and the result has been devastating. Interest in neighborhood gatherings totally disappeared. There was no longer any one to take care of billing and collecting MWFPOA dues which

paid for the care and repair of the neighborhood. Any money that remained in the MWFPOA accounts was eaten up by the ongoing monthly expenses like insurance and the electric bills for entrance lights. Eventually the lights went out.”

I could see the disappointment in my friends face and I, too, felt it in my heart. I remember a time so much different when there was great participation and enthusiasm for efforts to make Meadow Wood Farms an especially great place to live. Folks came together, even the newest residents sought to become involved. How could it have changed so much in just a few years? My friend confided in me that he had thought about moving away from Meadow Wood Farms. He was concerned about his property value and how dilapidated the neighborhood now appears. Would he even be able to sell for a price that would carry him through relocating? How could this happen in an area so blessed with natural beauty, peacefulness, and charm?

My friend and I had to face the fact that total lack of interest and participation can destroy the best of any organization or neighborhood. We both sat back in our chairs and there was a long period of silence. When we could gather our emotions we realized that, in spite of what had been lost in Meadow Wood Farms, we still had our friendship, one that had formed when we both served as officers in a once great association in a beautiful and vibrant neighborhood. Could there be a rebirth? If there were interest, good will and intensions of residents who live and own property in Meadow Wood Farms to take on the tasks of keeping and overseeing the needs and values of a special neighborhood----perhaps?!

**Don't let this become a true story! Get involved, take a stand for your home and neighborhood, become active, participate and offer your good ideas and efforts. *Don't let the lights go out!* MWFPOA Board elections are in May. Committee Chair positions are open. Attend the MWFPOA meetings. Make the PLACE you live an important part of LIVING!**



Check out Ocala Flight Sim Club. We're a small informal organization of Microsoft Flight Simulator enthusiasts. Our Club has no dues or membership fees.

We are happy to help those just getting started and are equally pleased to have experts. Visitors and prospective members are always welcome. Computer or piloting skills are NOT prerequisites.

We meet at 6:00 PM on the first Thursday of each month at Landmark Aviation at the Ocala Airport. It's on 60<sup>th</sup> Ave.; in the same building with the Tailwinds Café. Ask at the desk for directions to the conference room.

Come join us at any meeting, or contact John Allard (33 Wintergreen Way) by email at [allardjd@earthlink.net](mailto:allardjd@earthlink.net)

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**Executive Board Meeting**

**February 8, 2011**

**Next Association Meeting**

**March 10, 2011**

**All meetings are held at St. John's Methodist Church ~ County Road 328 ~ 7:00 PM**

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**DIRECTORY INFORMATION**

**A new Directory will be generated shortly. Please review the information in the current directory and submit any changes that may be required as soon as possible.**

Standing Committees

- Beautification – Sandee Franz, Chairperson – 237-6931, Arthur Eide – 861-3831
- Control Committee – John Trinckes, Chairperson – 854-1856, Pete Bradbury – 854-6333, Richard Jancewicz – 873-6817
- Directory – Lee Chamberlain, Chairperson - 873-8520, Maggie Berardi, 861-1448, Nancy Marks – 291-2730
- Membership – Sammie Candullo, Chairperson - 861-2910, Lorraine Stachura, 237-1802
- Newsletter – Pat Anderson, Chairperson – 237-2521, Tom & Nancy Marks – 291-2730
- Parties – Linda Trinckes, Chairperson – 854-1856
- Recycling – Mary Hopper, Chairperson
- Refreshments – BK Sawyer, Chairperson
- Sunshine – Marie Singer – 237-0576
- Welcome – Sammie Candullo, Chairperson – 861-2910

OFFICERS OF MWFPOA

- Steve Waller – President – 304-8871 – [Ocalafolks@gmail.com](mailto:Ocalafolks@gmail.com)
- Lucretia VanVorst – Vice President – 304-8417 – [glenandlucretia@gmail.com](mailto:glenandlucretia@gmail.com)
- Connie Story – Secretary – 369-0809 – [constancestory@msn.com](mailto:constancestory@msn.com)
- Dick Woodrome, Treasurer – 861-2364 – [rdw218w@aol.com](mailto:rdw218w@aol.com)

MINUTES ARE POSTED ON THE WEBSITE SHORTLY AFTER THE BOARD MEETINGS AND THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

[www.meadowwoodfarmsocala.com](http://www.meadowwoodfarmsocala.com)

Pet Registry & Rescue

If you have FOUND or LOST a pet, you can contact Sandy Mollberg at the number shown below. This service is not part of the Association, but rather is a personal service provided free to the residents of Meadow Wood Farms.

Sandy does not take any pets in as a rescue, nor does she place pets in homes for people. If you wish, you can register your pet with her so that she will have them on file if she gets a call for a lost pet. You can do this by giving her a call at 861-9622.

PLEASE JOIN

MEADOW WOOD FARMS PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC. by simply sending your check for \$55.00 (Annual Dues effective 1 Jun 2010 with this form to: Meadow Wood Farms Property Owners Assoc., Inc., P. O. Box 77-1896, Ocala, FL 33477-1896

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\_\_\_\_\_ Put my/our information in the directory.

\_\_\_\_\_ Do not put my/our information in the directory.

A directory is distributed to MWFPOA members at no charge. It may be purchased by non-members for \$5.00.

PLEASE RECYCLE YOUR CANS TO BENEFIT MWFPOA TREASURY

Bring all of your aluminum cans to our recycle point at the front entrance to the Park on Lake View Drive East. Barrels are provided for that purpose.

Cans that are rinsed, tab top removed and crushed are our favorites.

Tab tops may go to any charity you know or bring them to meetings for Shands Juvenile Kidney Foundation.

ALUMINUM CANS ONLY PLEASE.

## Over the Fence

### Connections –

Have you heard about them? Facebook, LinkedIn, Twitter? They're all the rage! It's referred to as social networking, but to me it's just connections. Electronic connections to be sure, but just connections, nonetheless.

I've been a Facebook participant for about a year and a half and have a profile on LinkedIn too. As I understand it, Facebook is geared more toward personal connections and LinkedIn is better suited for business or professional connections. The fact is that most of the social networking sites have some merit, primarily being social. But does it really take a computer to be social?

Now I'm an old guy so I had to check with my sons about some of the "rules." You can decide how these rules might apply to good old fashioned conversation.

1. Never accept a "friend" request from someone you don't know. I suppose that makes sense on-line but in the real people world you can't get to know someone if you don't respond to their "hello."
2. Remove the Chatty Cathy types from your friend list. First, you need to be of a certain age to even know who Chatty Cathy was. Second, this one may apply in both the on-line world and the real world. It's kind of up to you.
3. It's bad form to change your Facebook relationship status (married, single, looking, etc.) without telling the person you're involved with. I would think that's bad form in the person-to-person world too.
4. Don't post pictures that you wouldn't want your Dad, Mom, kids, or spouse to see. Really? No kidding?  
- and my personal favorite -
5. Don't bore all of your friends with daily status reports of your personal problems, child or grandchild diaper changes, or individual aches and pains. No one wants to hear them in person and no one needs to read them on-line.

On a serious note, we need connections in our lives – and in my opinion, the more the better. High quality connections are best and I don't personally believe that the on-line networks are the place to develop that quality. Your real life friends, neighbors, and family are the place to find those relationships. We've found so many great connections right here in Meadow Wood Farms. We just started by "friending" the people we've met, mostly through the MWFPOA. Give it a try. It works, both in the real world and the digital world.

I'll see you around the neighborhood.

Jim Bain – Feel free to e-mail me with questions, comments or ideas for stories at: [jbain2@cfl.rr.com](mailto:jbain2@cfl.rr.com)

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Baked goods brought to Association Meetings would be greatly appreciated.

**A big thank you to those who have contributed.**



February 14 is [Valentine's Day](#). Although it is celebrated as a lovers' holiday today, with the giving of candy, Valentine flowers, or other gifts between couples in love, it originated in 5th Century Rome as a tribute to St. Valentine, a Catholic bishop.

For eight hundred years prior to the establishment of Valentine's Day, the Romans had practiced a pagan celebration in mid-February commemorating young men's rite of passage to the god Lupercus. The celebration featured a lottery in which young men would draw the names of teenage girls from a box. The girl assigned to each young man in that manner would be his sexual companion during the remaining year.



In an effort to do away with the pagan festival, Pope Gelasius ordered a slight change in the lottery. Instead of the names of young women, the box would contain the names of saints. Both men and women were allowed to draw from the box, and the game was to emulate the ways of the saint they drew during the rest of the year. Needless to say, many of the young Roman men were not too pleased with the rule changes.

Instead of the pagan god Lupercus, the Church looked for a suitable patron saint of love to take his place. They found an appropriate choice in Valentine, who, in AD 270 had been beheaded by Emperor Claudius.

Claudius had determined that married men made poor soldiers. So he banned marriage from his empire. But Valentine would secretly marry young men that came to him. When Claudius found out about Valentine, he first tried to convert him to paganism. But Valentine reversed the strategy, trying instead to convert Claudius. When he failed, he was stoned and beheaded.

During the days that Valentine was imprisoned, he fell in love with the blind daughter of his jailer. His love for her, and his great faith, managed to miraculously heal her from her blindness before his death. Before he was taken to his death, he signed a farewell message to her, "From your Valentine." The phrase has been used on his day ever since.



Although the lottery for women had been banned by the church, the mid-February holiday in commemoration of St. Valentine was still used by Roman men to seek the affection of women. It became a tradition for the men to give the ones they admired handwritten messages of affection, containing Valentine's name.

The first Valentine card grew out of this practice. The first true Valentine card was sent in 1415 by Charles, duke of Orleans, to his wife. He was imprisoned in the Tower of London at the time.



Cupid, another symbol of the holiday, became associated with it because he was the son of Venus, the Roman god of love and beauty. Cupid often appears on Valentine cards.

**CELEBRATE**

FEBRUARY HOLIDAYS & SPECIAL DAYS

- 2 [Groundhog's Day](#)
- 3 [Chinese New Years](#) It's the Year 4709!
- 6 [Super Bowl Sunday](#) , Superbowl XLV
- 12 [Lincoln's Birthday](#)
- 14 [Valentines Day](#)
- 15 [President's Day](#)
- 22 [Washington's Birthday](#)

**Meadow Wood Equine Club Inc (not affiliated with MWFPOA)** is a social group of horse oriented people. Guests/Visitors are welcome.

Membership is open to anyone - you do not have to live in Meadow Wood Farms or own a horse to join. Membership is \$5.00 a year.

Members receive a 10% discount off "most in store items" at Seminole, Tack Shack and J & J Tack. Must show your membership card. Some Restrictions apply - some items are not discounted such as feed, hay, shavings, and warehouse items, ask store for their details.

For more information, please call:  
Secretary-Treasurer Kathy Rohlwing at 861-7405,  
or Vice-President Carol Shockey at 873-4719, or  
President Leroy Conro at 873-2153

**Silver Springs State Park Horse Trails Update –**  
Horse Trails are now officially open. A sign is up on Hwy 40 by the fence, and trails are open from 8 am until sundown. A map is posted at the kiosk, copies are in the mail box for riders to take along on the trail. People are also welcome to walk the trails.

*IS PROOF READING A DYING ART?*

**Man Kills Self Before Shooting Wife and Daughter**

This one caught in the newspaper. It took two or three readings before the editor

realized that what he was reading was impossible!

*They put in a correction the next day.*

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**SOMETHING WENT WRONG IN JET CRASH, EXPERT SAYS – No joke!**

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**Police Begin Campaign to Run Down Jaywalkers**

Now that's taking things a bit far!

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**Red Tape Holds Up New Bridges**

You mean there's something stronger than duct tape?

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**Panda Mating Fails; Veterinarian Takes Over**

What a guy!

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**Miners Refuse to Work after Death**

No-good-for-nothing' lazy so-and-so's!

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**REMINDER**

If you are a member of the Association and wish to have the Newsletter mailed to you free, you must send a request to MWFPOA, P. O. Box 77-1896, Ocala, FL 34477-1896.

There is a \$10 annual fee for non members wishing to receive a mailed copy of the Newsletter.

The Newsletter will be available for all to read on the MWF website [meadowwoodfarmsocala.com](http://meadowwoodfarmsocala.com)

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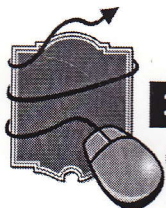
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