

MEADOW WOOD FARMS NEWSLETTER



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You CanNOT Be TOO Prepared

My property in California that borders a normally quiet creek survived 3 floods and the San Francisco earthquake of 1989. Two years ago, the Central CA fires came within 6 miles of it. In preparation for Hurricane Irene, my 92 year old, wheelchair bound, mother had to be evacuated from her home that sits at the confluence of the CT River, the Atlantic Ocean and Long Island Sound and is 75 feet from the water. What's next, locusts??? Well, I now live in Meadow Wood Farms, so fair warning!

Five days before Irene was scheduled to hit CT, I called the Disaster Emergency Center in her town to ask what their plans were. They told me they were having a meeting in a few days to discuss it. I said, "Don't you have a plan in place?" They said, "Not yet. Call back in a couple of days." I called my brother who lives 10 minutes from Mom and he told me that I was overreacting. "Well, then, so is the Mayor of New York City," I shouted at him.

Next, I called the *Director* of her care management program and asked what the plan was in case it was necessary to evacuate. He said, "Ummm, let me get back to you."

We are fortunate, here in Meadow Wood Farms to have thoughtful neighbors, who have the insight and presence of mind to anticipate the potential for a myriad of disasters and be willing to prepare and train for such events.

There are 15 members of our association, who have passed the (CERT) County Emergency Response Team training, and are collecting equipment and making plans for any contingency.

Based on my extensive experience, I can't emphasize enough that **you cannot be too prepared.**

In the following months we will be featuring each of those people so you will be familiar with them. If they ask for your help or come to you with help, you will know that they are capable and can be

trusted.

When they ask for contributions for equipment, it will be worth our while to support them, and when they give us suggestions for how we should prepare to protect ourselves, we should heed their advice.

One of their first projects will be to offer inexpensive plates for house numbers that can be seen at night. This ensures that any emergency crew can more easily find you. More about this and what CERT does can be seen elsewhere in this newsletter.

What happened to my mother? Fortunately, I have a loyal and responsible CT office staff. They followed my instructions to provide what was needed and were moving her to a cozy, safe place, just as the sheriff came by with an evacuation order *six hours* before Irene came to visit. Because we had planned ahead and there was no panic, she viewed it as a welcome ad-

venture compared to her normal routine. The water came within 4' of the house, before receding. "Whew!"

P.S. My brother had no power for ten days and had to borrow some equipment and supplies from her.

UPcoming Events

Next Board Meeting—

February 16, 2012

7:00 PM

Next Association Meeting

March 15, 2012

7:00 PM

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Jim Bain—President

Meadow Wood Farms

Property Owners Assoc.

I suspect that many of you may not be college basketball fans and that some of you who are may not be especially fond of Duke's team. I am a huge basketball fan and especially a fan of Duke. So, it was with great anticipation that I tuned to watch Duke play Michigan State in Madison Square Garden in mid-November. It was the perfect stage, pitting two great programs with multiple championships,

two great coaches who actually graduate their players, and offering the chance for Duke's coach, Mike Krzyzewski (sh-chef-ski) to pass Bobby Knight as college basketball's all time winningest coach with 903 victories.

It was a good game, not a great one. It ended with Duke on top, Coach K hugging Bobby Knight who was a part of the TV play-by-play team, and a celebration of what is good about college sports, and sports in general.

Coach K has been at Duke for 31 years. That's an eternity in the business of college sports, or any other business for that matter. Not all of those years have been stellar. Coach K would tell you

President's Message— "Impact"

that the first 8 were very tough sledding, earning nearly as many losses as wins. There were 2 years in the 90's when Coach K suffered from both physical and mental exhaustion and was forced to take a leave of absence from the sport and school he loves. Again, the losses piled up faster than the wins. But he has persevered through it all, staying true to his principles and instilling the qualities of leadership and character in his players. He has changed his style to some degree to better suit today's generation and has changed the style of play of his teams to suit their strengths, but he has never sacrificed his core values.

Let's do some numbers. He has been at Duke 31 years. He has had some-

where near 150 players go through his program with a 98% graduation rate. Those players have gone on to law schools, medical schools, teaching professions, and yes, the NBA. One, Reggie Love, served for years as President Obama's special assistant and personal aide. Just think of the number of people each of these men have impacted, in part based on what they learned from Coach K.

We will impact everyone we touch. We can no more choose whether we will have an impact on someone than a pebble can choose whether it will cause a ripple when

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

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Refreshments	Chair: BK Sawyer	
Sunshine	Chair: Sandy Mollberg	861-9622
Welcome	Chair: Della Brock	873-2726

“Impact” continued.....

tossed into the water.

We can only choose whether our impact will be a positive one or a negative one. Our best chance at ensuring a positive impact is to stay true to our principles. Every decision we make must be based on those fundamentals. It isn't easy, but everything you do will make a difference for someone, or many someones. Either way, it's your choice. Choose wisely and you,

too, will have a positive impact that may reach farther than you can possibly imagine!

MWF is an incredible place to live. Just think what an awesome place it would be if we all chose to get involved and have a positive impact on our neighborhood. Just think...

I'll see you around the neighborhood -- Jim

Sunshine Report

Condolences to Sandy Mollberg on the passing of her mother.

If you are aware of someone who could benefit from receiving a card, whether due to illness or other reason, please notify Sandy Mollberg at

lenelew@aol.com or by phone at 861-9622.

I want to thank everyone who signed the sympathy card and sent me messages. It was much appreciated. Sandy Mollberg

Recycle Your Aluminum Cans

To Benefit MWFPOA Treasury

The recycle point for your aluminum cans is at the front entrance to the Friendship Park on Lake View Drive East. Barrels are provided for that purpose.

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

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

ALUMINUM CANS ONLY PLEASE!

PET Registry & Rescue

If you have FOUND or LOST a pet, you can contact **Sandy Mollberg at 861-9622.**

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 photo with her so that she will have them on file if she gets a call for a lost pet.

Directory Information

For Association Members who have not yet received their 2011-2012 Telephone Directory they will be available for you to pick up at the next Association meeting. Non members may purchase the directory for \$5.00. Members who would like to have an extra copy may purchase one for \$2.00.

We made every effort to deliver the Members directories, so if you were missed, please let it be known to one of the Board Members or at the next Membership Meeting.

Changes to:

Keeler, Dennis & Barbara

Dennis's Cell: 352 342-2469

Barbara's Cell: 352 342-2468

New Resident:

Abrams, Rose Ann

28 Lakewood Circle

Tel: 262 488-3490

Email: hindarochelle@hotmail.com

Very Impressive -What the CERT Course Included:



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Terrorist Targets

Terrorist Weapons

Preparing at Home and Work

CPR qualified and AED Heart Saver Instruction & Treating Life Threatening Conditions

Triage

Emergency First Aid

Functions of Emergency Medical Operations

Establishing Treatment Areas

Conducting Head-to-Toe Assessments

Treating Fractures, Sprains and Strains

Splinting

Treating Hypothermia

Triage and First Aid practice

Light Search and Rescue Techniques

Situation Size-up

Search & Rescue Procedures

Disaster Psychology

Team Well-Being

Assisting with Survivors'

Trauma

Knot tying Applications

Knot familiarity

Knot tying practice

Each Team Member has been issued backpacks with basic preparedness supplies which are being upgraded by the individual members. All team members have CERT ID cards with photo.

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622-6554

Denisepurple1

@yahoo.com.

First Project::

House Number Signs that can be read at night.

See the Order Form and an explanation in this newsletter.



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 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 is on 60th 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)

Email at

allardjd@earthlink.net



Support St. John's Pancake Breakfasts

The MWFPOA is very fortunate to have St. John's United Methodist Church as a neighbor and friend of our community. It is a great place to have our Board meetings, Membership meetings, and recently, our Citizens Emergency Response Team training. Inasmuch as they support us, I would ask that you con-

sider supporting them.

The St. John's UMC Men's Club will be holding a pancake breakfast each month on the second Saturday of the month. It is a great way to support them and you get a terrific breakfast for next to nothing. It's simply a breakfast deal you cannot beat.

Here are the particulars:

Time: 8:00am – 10:30 am

Dates: February 11, 2012

(continuing on the **second Saturday of each month**)

- What you get: Pancakes, sausage/bacon, coffee, and/or milk, conversation, and hospitality

- Cost: Adults \$5 , Children (under 8) \$3

I'll see you there – and around the neighborhood.

Jim Bain, President

MWFPOA

Meadow Wood Equine Club (not affiliated with MWFPOA)



This is a social group of horse oriented people. Guests or 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 as some items are not discounted such as feed, hay, shavings, and warehouse items. Ask store for details.

For more information, please call:

Secretary/Treasurer—
Kathy Rohlwing @ 861-7405

Or Vice –President—
Carol Shockey @ 873-4719

Or President _____
Leroy Conro @ 873-2153

Improvements to Shagri-La— Closed June 1, 2011 for the construction of a new equestrian campground and day use facility, it is nearing completion and supposed to reopen in January, 2012. It has been totally revamped with new pavilions with picnic tables and barbecues; new horse stalls; new expanded roadways and parking; and a new building which includes restrooms and shower facilities.

HITS—Starts Jan 31,

2012 thru March 18, 2012

Feb 2,3 & 4th Bureau of Land Management Mustang Sale at the Ocala Equestrian Center.

Feb. 18, 2012—Horses for Hospice—12th Annual Trail Ride in memory of Wayne Vaugt at the Florida Horse Park. \$30 minimum donation to ride includes BBQ lunch, door prizes, and entertainment. For information—Karen or Jenny @854-5218.

Small Group Women’s Bible Study



Did you ever wonder how the early Christian Church got started?

Who were people like Peter, Paul, Stephen, Barnabas, Timothy and Lydia?

Let’s journey together through the book of ACTS. God worked in the lives of these people

and other men and women.

Are you interested in spiritual things? Just starting out reading your Bible? Wondering what your purpose in life is?

This is a great study for beginners. We would love to have you join us on Thursday evenings at

7:00 pm, beginning on **February 9, 2012**. Please call or email me if you have any questions and or if you are planning to attend.

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MWF Exercise Club

Your new year’s resolution was to get healthy by exercising more, right? Want to join other MWF residents to make it more fun? They meet at Friendship Park on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 8:30 am until about 10 am. It starts with a walk around the neighborhood and ends with some organized exercises.

Are you ready? Good. Then just show up and get started. There is no leader, but Elizabeth Waller said you could call her with questions. 304-8871





Chainsaw Massacre At The Park

Volunteering is more fun than you think. Meet new neighbors and come away with a feeling of accomplishment and pride in our community.

A faithful group of volunteers showed up Saturday, January 14, 2012 to help down, cut up dead or fallen trees and burn branches at Friendship Park. Dr. Hunt and Jim Bain brought their tractors to help and with everyone pitching in the job was done in two hours.

It's always great to

see new faces. We appreciate the efforts of Warren Levin, Tom Burke, Art Eide, Wayne Hebert, Pam Hebert, Gen Garnas, Sandy Mollberg and her kids Mark and Shelli, Grace Jancewicz, John Trinckes, Dick Woodrome, Steve Waller, Dennis Keeler, Dr. Hunt, Jim Bain.



Some of the "Chainsaw Massacre Gang"

"Hobie" Stole the Show



From the Ocala Wildlife Sanctuary (OWLS), our guest speakers at our General Membership meeting on January 12th, 2012 brought *their* resident diva, a Great Horned Owl, much to the delight of everyone present.

Keith Belisle, President and Kenny Lane, Vice President of O.W.L.S. told us that 11 years ago Hobie was rescued, because some cruel, sub-human type had hacked off one of her wings.

and over 40 other rescued friends. Keith and Kenny are now expanding and rebuilding the sanctuary. A new rehab cage is in the process of being built to house an eagle. They can always use your support financially or by volunteering your time.

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LOST OUT ON **\$50.**

A drawing was held at the MWFPOA General Meeting for the money and if the

resident was not present, his/her winnings were added to the pot along with another \$25.

At the next general meeting another name will be drawn to win **\$75.** If that person is not present another \$25 will be added until a person's name is drawn who is

present. The process will repeat itself until the last meeting of the year in May. At that meeting, we will draw names until someone who is present wins.

We will then start the process over in July of 2012. Any time we have a winner, we will start the pot again at \$50.

War Horse — The Real Thing

There is a movie out called "War Horse". It's based on a children's book by Michael Morpurgo. It takes place in World War I and the author was making an anti-war statement as seen through the eyes of a horse. The reviewers are raving about the movie. There is also a play based on the book. The main characters are life-size "mechanical puppets" in the guise of horses. Those who have seen the play say they forget that they aren't real in five minutes. They even clop around sounding like horses, but it's all based on fiction.

The real thing is a small sorrel mare called "Reckless". Her story is even more extraordinary, because it's true. The setting is the Korean War. The soldiers from the 5th Marine Regiment were using artillery that required a great deal of heavy ammunition. The soldiers had to slog through difficult ter-

rain to get to the front lines and then the guns had to be moved to new locations after 5 rounds so that their positions wouldn't be detected.

Lt. Eric Pedersen the commanding officer of the Recoilless Rifles had the bright idea of using horse power to ease the task. He bought "Flame" from a Korean boy, who was in need of the \$250 that the marine paid out of his own money.

She was quickly renamed "Reckless" which was also the nickname of the guns they were using. While she was in training to haul the ammunition, the soldiers created a bunker and paddock for her, but they found she preferred bunking down in their tents and could be found snoozing next to the wood stove on cold nights.

Once she knew what she was being asked to do, "Reckless" made hundreds of trips from

the base camp to the outposts often under fire. She was slightly wounded on two occasions, but continued her efforts—sometimes guided by her handler, but often making the trip and back on her own.

The grateful soldiers adopted her as their own, sharing their beer, coke, scrambled eggs and rubbing her down at the end of each stressful day. Yes, she got hay and grain too.

At the end of her duty she was given the rank of Sergeant. Her buddies convinced a shipping company to bring her to the states for retirement at Camp Pendleton with her medals and stripes pinned to her blanket.

She has been acknowledged as a true War Hero to this day. Read her full story online at

www.mca-marines.org/leatherneck/sgt-reckless-combat-veteran

Real Estate News— from Linda Trinckes



Life is good in Meadow Wood Farms. In 2011 we had 17 properties purchased. Going into 2012, there are 4 pending sales due to close within about 60 days. Let's welcome our new neighbors.

If you are thinking of selling your home, here are some tips

for staging and getting top dollar. [These are also good ideas for spring cleaning and sprucing up your property.](#)

Fresh Paint – Inside and Out.

If it has been a few years, this is definitely something that needs to be done. Tone down wall colors and go for more neutral warm colors.

Curb Appeal The outside of your home is the first impression of your property. Dead plants, overgrown gardens and fallen limbs are not a pretty sight for your potential buyer. Clean your decks, patios and pool areas.

If Anything Is Broken – Fix It

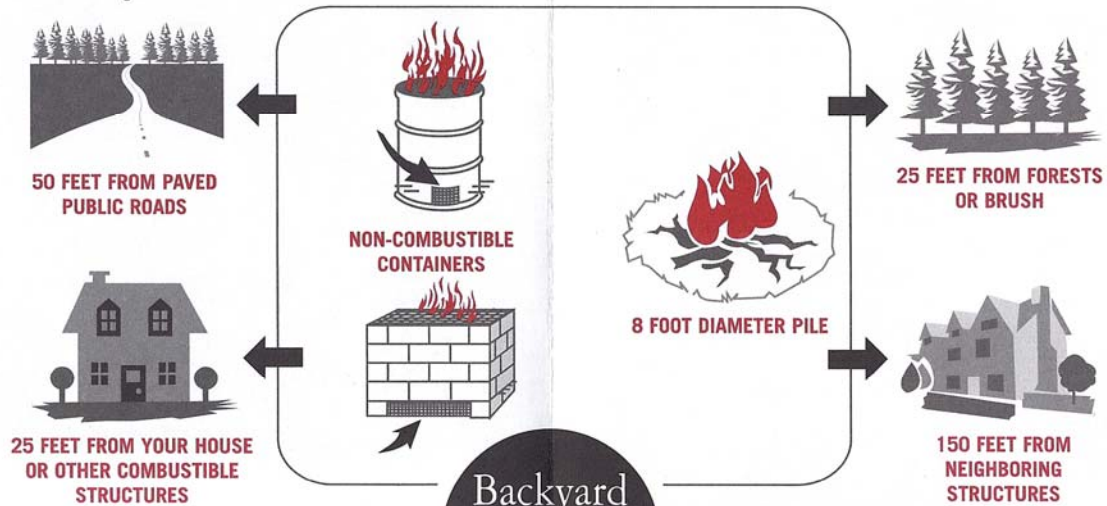
When the buyer does the home inspection everything will be tested right down to every outlet in the home. Fix anything that you know is not working properly. The home inspection is a bargaining tool for the buyer.

De-clutter Remove family photos, magnets and children's art work from the refrigerator, scale down on the personal collections and recycle old magazines and newspaper. If you have a home office, file everything away.

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Marion County **Backyard Burning Guidelines**

Does your burn area look like this?



Backyard Burning Guidelines

THE CONTAINER

- Use a non-combustible metal barrel or stone pit to contain your fire.
- Or clear an area to bare soil and remove all flammable materials around the pile including grass to prevent the fire from spreading into unburned areas. This pile cannot exceed eight feet in diameter.

THE SETBACKS

- To ensure safety, make sure the burn pile is the proper distance away from the following areas:
 - 150 feet from neighboring structures
 - 50 feet from paved public roadways
 - 25 feet from your home and other combustible structures, forests and brush.
- 150 feet is half the size of a football field. Most people who live in a subdivision will not meet the required setbacks to burn safely and legally. Firefighters encourage citizens to use a range finder, distance wheel or tape measure to accurately determine distances.

THE CONDITIONS

- Monitor weather forecasts and delay backyard burning during windy conditions, "red flag" warnings and/or burn bans.
- The National Weather Service issues "red flag" warnings based on predicted high winds and low humidity. The Florida Division of Forestry may restrict authorization of burn permits on "red flag" days.
- Never leave a burn pile unattended for any reason, and make sure it doesn't produce smoke, soot, odors, heat, flames or other conditions that create a nuisance to others (as determined by Marion County Fire-Rescue).
- Start burning after 9:00 a.m. and extinguish the burn pile one hour before sunset.

THE ALTERNATIVES

- Take advantage of Marion County's landfill and recycling centers. Call (352) 671-8465 for more information.

IF YOU CANNOT MEET ALL OF THESE GUIDELINES, YOU MUST GET A PERMIT FROM THE FLORIDA DIVISION OF FORESTRY.

Scenes from the Neighborhood

These will show up much better in the newsletter published on our website.



The Chainsaw Massacre Gang Just Had Way Too Much Fun...Power Tools, Fire, Tractors.....

Photos by Sandy Mollberg



Barred Owls In The Hebert's Yard, right here in Meadow Wood Farms. Fabulous! Photo by Wayne Hebert.



O.W.L.S. At The General Meeting

Thank You!

To all That Contribute Baked Goods

To the Association Meetings. It's Much appreciated.



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From "Culinary Treasures"

Sample a recipe from the pages of our Meadow Wood Farms' Cookbook. All the recipes in the book were provided by residents.

SPINACH STUFFED CHICKEN BREASTS

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|--|--|
| 4 (4-oz.) skinless, boneless chicken breasts | 2 cloves garlic, chopped |
| ½ c. mayonnaise | 1 (15 oz.) frozen, chopped spinach, thawed and drained |
| ½ c. crumbled feta cheese | 4 slices bacon |

In a medium bowl mix mayonnaise, spinach, feta cheese and garlic until well blended. Set aside. Carefully butterfly chicken breasts, making sure not to cut all the way through. Spoon spinach mixture into chicken breasts. Wrap each with a piece of bacon and secure with a toothpick. Place in shallow baking dish; cover. Bake at 375° for 1 hour or until chicken is no longer pink. Serves 4.

Janie Bourke

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Main Dishes 51

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Garden Tips for February —from Grace and Lucretia



Superior Landscape and Garden Center (see ad on pg. 11) offers us these tips for February.

From the Middle of Feb or after Valentine's Day, it's time to prune your roses and crepe myrtles .

Before then, light trimming and deadheading can be done any time of year, so

you can get a start on it if your plants are looking sad.

Crepe Myrtles can be pruned to within 1/3 of the plant or above the second fork in the bush, which is shocking to see, but they do come back with a flourish. If that horrifies you, you can trim them back enough to leave the shape

you want.

It's also the time to plant bulbs and clean up all old leaves and diseased plants from last year.

There is a free Garden Class also at Superior Landscape & Garden Center on Friday Feb 17, 2012, 10:00 am. RSVP at 352 368-6619 and bring a friend!

Once family voices are stilled you will have their memories and their voices and maybe even their images preserved for future generations.

Record Your Heritage —from Toni Kimball

A few years ago I visited an ageing aunt and audio-taped her telling the family story about an incident that happened long ago.

Since then, she has passed on, but most of the family members now appreciate being able still to hear the story and hear her voice.

How I wish I had done that with my own parents, but I didn't think of it then.

What reminded me recently was the passing of Sandy Mollberg's mom at the age of 99. Think of the stories and times she witnessed in almost 100 years of incredible changes and events.

I'm sharing this thought with all of you. Every older has a story to tell. Tape it in audio or video while you still can. Then make copies for the "youngsters" to treasure. The CD's make wonderful gifts to caring family members.

Toni Kimball

**MWFPOA
WANTS
YOU!**

Join The MWF Volunteer Corps

We know there are many of you who appreciate the efforts that your board and chairpersons provide the community and would also like to contribute. You may be hesitating because you don't know what the job requires of you or how much time you need to spend.

Our president has put together some basic job descriptions, but there is always room for your special creativity to make improvements. It should be fun as well as rewarding and we guarantee you will meet more neighbors.

We need Chairpersons for the Beautification and Membership Committees.

Beautification Committee:

Solicit and organize additional committee member help

Maintain the entrance areas (bushes, flower beds, etc. - mowing is done by independent contract)

Apply water in dry season

If you like to garden and enjoy seeing our entrances in good shape, this one is for you.

Membership Committee:

Solicit and organize additional committee member help

Encourage new members to join

Running some sort of membership drive in the late summer/early fall has been effective

Contact new residents in cooperation with the Welcome Committee to encourage them to join.

Consequences for Illegal Burning Are Considerable

Defining Yard Waste

Yard waste is generated and burned on the property it originates and consists of grass clippings, tree limbs, scrub trimmings, palm fronds and other brush.

Citizens cannot burn household garbage; paper products; plastics; treated wood; tires; cardboard; packing material; cloth; glass; street sweepings; pesticide; paint or aerosol containers; and/or construction, renovation, demolition, rubber or roofing materials among other items.

A citizen who starts a

backyard fire is ultimately responsible for any damage it may cause.

Marion County Fire-Rescue may also charge citizens for fire suppression operations, a cost that could range **from a few hundred dollars to tens of thousands of dollars** depending on the size of the fire and amount of resources needed to extinguish it.

This effort holds citizens accountable for carelessness. It takes only one citizen's negligence to spark a significant wildfire that can have a devastating impact on Marion County not to mention humans and ani-

mals both domestic and wild.

If caught, even without damages, the First Offense is \$50.00. The Second Offense is a \$130.00 fine.

Unpaid citations could impact a person's credit rating and/or result in legal action.

If you have any questions before you burn, you should call

352 291-8000

or go online at

www.mariountyfl.org/firerescue.htm



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Carpet And Floor Covering

Get them cleaned, especially if you have pets. Pet odors are one of the biggest turn offs for buyers.

Toys Find attractive baskets or bins for them and/or store them out of sight.

House Keeping Make your beds every morning. Put the dishes in the dishwasher or hand wash and put away. Buyers hate unmade beds and dishes in the sink.

Counter Space Show off your counter space by removing excess appliances. No more than 2 appliances on the counter top is the rule.

Closets and Cabinets

Clean out your closet and cabinets. Buyers will definitely open them. If they are cluttered and full, buyers will think they are too small and inadequate.

Bathrooms and Kitchens

These are the most important rooms in your home. If they are dated bring them up to date as much as you can. Buyers look at these rooms as the most expensive to renovate and they are.

Garage Clean it up and store things in bins. The buyers will want to see where they are going to park their car.

Windows Clean your windows or have them

professionally done. It lets your home sparkle as the light comes in.

Chandeliers and Light Fixtures Replace dead bulbs in your chandelier and light fixtures. They should sparkle, so a good cleaning is in order.

Furniture Excess and extremely large pieces of furniture should be removed and stored. The buyers want to visualize their things in the home and you want to maximize the amount of living space.

Clean, Clean, Clean You can't be too clean. Use the white glove test. Buyers notice everything. Don't use harsh

chemicals, as they will stink up the house.

Make the House Smell Good I always pop an apple pie in the oven 20 minutes before the showing. I reuse that apple pie by putting it back in the freezer until the next showing. Candles work well also.

Open House If your agent is holding an open house, take the family and pets on an outing during the scheduled time. This gives your agent more time to spend with potential buyers.

Please send or email items to be published to:
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It's time! 2011-2012 membership dues for the MWFPOA are due now. 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.

Your MWFPOA thanks YOU!



MEADOW WOOD FARMS WEBSITE:

www.meadowwoodfarmsocala.com

[www.meadowwoodfarmocala.com/neighbor to neighbor.htm](http://www.meadowwoodfarmocala.com/neighbor%20to%20neighbor.htm)- Neighbor to Neighbor Page

www.meadowwoodfarmsocala.com/newsletter.htm -Newsletters

Please Join

MEADOW WOOD FARMS PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.

Please send you check for \$55.00 (Annual Dues Effective June 01, 2010), with this form to :

Meadow Wood Farms Property Assoc., Inc., P.O. Box 77-1896, Ocala FL 33477-1896

Also, please print & fill out the below information:

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

YES NO Put my/our information in the directory.

YES NO I want my/our Newsletter mailed to my/our address. Otherwise it is always posted on the website, which saves the Association printing and mailing costs.

A directory is distributed to MWFPOA member at no charge. It may be purchased by non-members for \$5.00. Additional copies for members = \$2.00.

911 Reflective Address Markers

Time is the enemy. In an Emergency, locating your address as soon as possible is the first step in saving lives and property. Time wasted searching for the proper address is something many callers to 911 don't have. There's a big difference between knowing the address and finding the address.

Improper addressing frustrates emergency responders, but it could be deadly to the resident because of the delays that result. Proper address marking is the responsibility of each resident at MWF.

Together, we can minimize if not eliminate this chronic addressing problem. Your local CERT team has developed an identification program to uniformly mark addresses. We've received outstanding positive feedback on the quality and importance of these address marker signs. If you've seen the signs, you know what a big difference they do make!

In summary, this is a great program! It's very easy to implement, requires minimal effort and will make a definite, positive impact in our wonderful community.

Use this handy form to order your address marker today!
This is a voluntary program, not mandatory.
This program is not a fundraiser, all address markers are sold at cost.
We just think it's a great idea!

Only
\$5. ea.

How to order:

- Look at your mailbox first and decide which style below is best for your chosen application.
- It is up to each resident to install their own address marker. Each marker has 4 predrilled holes to make it easy to simply screw to your mailbox post. If you can't figure out a way to fasten it to your mailbox, simply pound a 2x2 wood stake in the ground next to your mailbox and attach your sign to it.
- If you need assistance, inform a CERT team member and we'll arrange to help you out.
- Fill out this form. Drop off your form at a board meeting, mail it to the address below along with your check or hand to one of your community CERT team members along with your payment. (Payment must accompany form).
- Numbers on the 2-sided versions are offset to allow 1 side of the sign to be screwed to your post, while allowing the other side of the sign to still be seen.

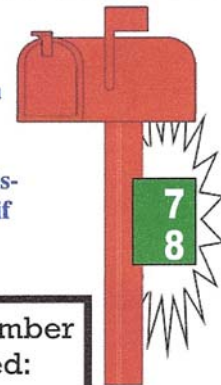
All 6" x 9" address markers have a highly visible green reflective background with white reflective 4" numbers.

Number of *VERTICAL* address markers ____ at \$5. ea = ____

Number of *HORIZONTAL* address markers ____ at \$5. ea = ____

Number of *CENTERED* address markers ____ at \$5. ea = ____

Once the sign has been completed, you will be contacted to arrange delivery/ pickup or assistance with installation if needed.



Mounting Preference:(check all that apply)

"Vertical" 2-sided
Mount to Vert. post

"Horizontal" 2-sided
Mount to Horiz. post

Centered 1 sided

Address Number Requested:

Name: _____

Street address: _____

Phone #: _____

Email: _____

Checks made payable to: MWFPOA, PO Box 77-1896, Ocala, FL 34477-1896