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A Time to Look Back and A Time to Look Forward

As I reflect on my year as President of the Meadow Wood Farms Property Owners Association the thing that stands out for me is all of the wonderful folks who helped the Association accomplish so much. As the President, you can only do so much on your own. Sure, there's the behind the scenes stuff that has to get done, like answering foreclosure subpoenas, preparing meeting agendas, discussing neighborhood issues with concerned property owners and the monthly message for the newsletter.

But the most important work gets done by a dedicated group of neighbors who truly have the best interests of the neighborhood at heart. Some of the most visible accomplishments during the last year centered around activities at the Park. Dancing Under the Stars was just great fun as well as a money maker for the Association, and it could not have happened without folks like John and Linda Trinckes, Grace Jancewicz, Sandy Mollberg, and Connie Story. There were also a couple of Movie Nights in the Park. Again, a relaxing evening of good fun with neighbors, made possible by the hard work of many of the same folks who put together Dancing Under the Stars. And, when the movies are over, everybody in the crowd pitches in to clean up and put tables back where they belong. (Don't forget about the Fish Fry! - Thanks Connie and Jim)

And while we are talking about the Park, I'd like to especially thank Dick Woodrome for his dedication to getting the Park in shape this year. Not only is Dick our extremely organized Treasurer, I think of Dick as the "Idea Guy." Dick played a key role in not only coming up with many of the Park projects, he was there to see each project through completion. Whether it was the driveway installation, pouring of the concrete apron around the pavilion, clean-up day, or installation of the tarps, Dick was always there. Also, thanks go out to Richard, Wayne, Jim and Glen for providing much of the muscle and know-how for many of these projects.

At the risk of turning this into a list of names, there's one more that I must mention. Lucretia Van Vorst, along with help from Connie, was the prime mover behind the anxiously awaited Cook Book project. My thanks goes out to her for all of her hard work. We look forward to the big publication party!

Of course, the problem with thanking people is that you always leave someone out. So, I apologize in advance for any oversights. But I do want to thank ALL of the folks who **choose to become members** of the Association, and especially those who faithfully attend the general meetings.

When I took on the job of President of the Association I must admit that I did so with some trepidation. I'm not real fond of being in the spotlight, but I dove in and did the best that I could. However, there would have been absolutely no way in this world that I could have accomplished a thing without the love and support of my biggest fan, my wife, Elizabeth. She kept me on an even keel and was always there whenever I needed a little push or a little counsel. Thanks, baby!

As President, I tried to continue in the mold of Jim Bain, who has truly set the tone for the organization over the last

several years --- one of inclusion, accomplishment, civility and fun. I'd just like to say to Jim, "Gee, Dad, I don't think I scratched the car too much while I had it, but here are the keys back. Thanks."

Steve Waller

President, MWFPOA



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.

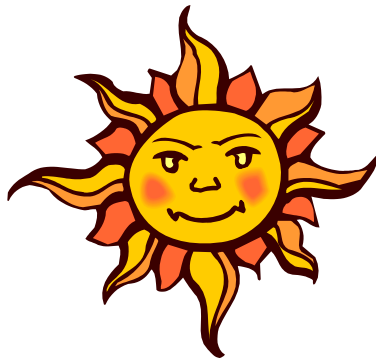
We meet at 6:00 PM on the first Thursday of each month at Landmark Aviation at the Ocala Airport. It's on 60th Ave.; in the same building with the Tailwinds Café. Ask at the desk for directions to the conference room.

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

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. A registration form is provided in this newsletter for that purpose. Sandy Mollberg, phone number 861-9622.



SUNSHINE REPORT

Our new Sunshine Lady reports that she has sent a get well card to:

Patricia Long, at 60 Never Bend Dr. who is recovering from surgery.

Sandy Mollberg

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MINUTES ARE POSTED ON THE WEBSITE
 AFTER THE BOARD MEETINGS AND THE
 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS
www.meadowwoodfarmsocala.com

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A big thank you to those who
 have contributed baked goods
 at the Association Meetings.

Contributions are greatly
 appreciated.

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REMINDER

The MWF Directory is in the process of being
 updated. Please contact Lee Chamberlain, 873-
 8520 or email lchamberlain@cfl.rr.com with any
 changes you may have.

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 wishing to receive a mailed copy of the
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PLEASE 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!**

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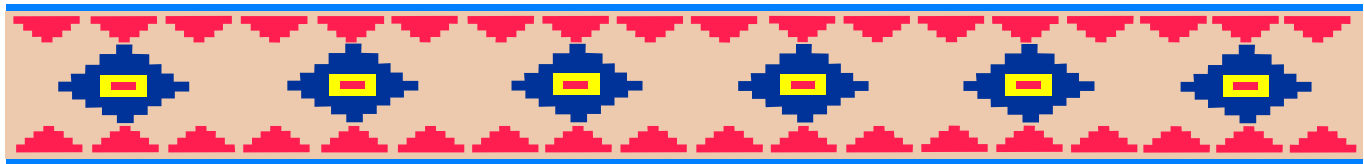
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BK Sawyer ~ 13 Lookout Lane,

Ocala, FL 34482 – 861-8883



Dear Neighbors,

The MWF Cookbook has gone to press! Many thanks to all who contributed recipes as well as to those who contributed time and effort to the organization and presentation of the final product. According to the company, the printing process takes approximately sixty days. At this time the final production price per book is not exact; therefore, the selling price of the book has not yet been determined, but it should be between \$12 - \$15 as previously estimated. May I remind you that MWFPOA is not responsible for the production costs which have been generously donated by a MWF resident, so all proceeds from the sales will go to benefit your neighborhood.

I will keep you posted on the delivery date of our books as well as on the date of the exciting "tasting fest" where we will be able to sample some of the (almost 200) recipes contributed by you and your neighbors. Also, the cookbooks will be available to purchase at that event, so you'll want to plan to attend.

Again, THANK YOU ONE AND ALL.

Your neighbor,
Lucretia Van Vorst

NEIGHBOR TO NEIGHBOR IS GROWING!

Neighbor to Neighbor, the MWF online directory of service providers, has recently been updated. With 44 categories, from "Appliance Repair" to "Well Service" and over 70 total listings, the directory can assist you in locating and contacting service providers who have been recommended by your own neighbors. Many of the providers listed have agreed to offer MWF residents a discount, so be sure to include them whenever you are obtaining quotes or comparing prices for any project, large or small.

Listings have most recently been added to the following categories:

HEALTH & WELLNESS

HOME MAINTENANCE & IMPROVEMENT (2)

HORSE TRAILER SERVICES

HOUSE CLEANING

LAWN & YARD WORK

MEDICAL & DENTAL SERVICES

SEPTIC MAINTENANCE & REPAIR

The directory and the nomination form are posted on the MWF web site, at:

http://www.meadowwoodfarmsocala.com/neighbor_to_neighbor.htm

We hope you will consult the directory when you need services, and that you will take the time to fill out a nomination form for providers worthy of being recommended to others in our community.

For Neighbor to Neighbor questions, comments, or corrections, please email mwfnom@gmail.com or call Elizabeth Waller, 352-304-8871.

Over the Fence

This looks to be my last issue of "Over the Fence," at least for awhile. As you are probably aware, I've again agreed to serve the MWFPOA as its President. So, my musings will continue to appear in the newsletter, but under the heading of the President's Message. If you are among those who like to read what I write, and I suspect that number is limited, you will find it under that heading in the next issue. If you are among those who are not particularly fond of my musings, oh well...

I continue to be fascinated by the importance, at least for me, of connections. I had a delightful dinner last night with a friend from Gainesville whom I met while participating in the MS Cycle to the Shore, a 150 mile bicycle ride to raise funds to fight Multiple Sclerosis. I got home and sat down at my computer to check facebook, a remarkable on-line place to make and maintain connections. I got up this morning and called a neighbor to ask if I could borrow their truck as ours is committed to a horse trailer right now. Errands, including a trip to Lowe's, were the next event of my day. At Lowe's, I had the pleasure of bumping into a couple of members of our church, who are also residents of MWF.

While writing this, I just got a message on facebook from a former client, asking me if I could come back to Pennsylvania to do some more work for them. Add in the e-mails I've gotten today, a couple of text messages on my phone, complete with pictures of my new grandsons, and you have an idea of the breadth of my connections.

I am truly blessed to be so connected to so many wonderful people. Whether it's as basic as a conversation over the fence, a chance meeting at the store, an internet based social network, a neighborhood party, or a pre-arranged outing with friends; it's nice to be connected. I'm amazed at how many people are so lonely in spite of the throngs of people they know. Reach out to someone you know – in any form you choose – but reach out. It is likely to make their day and will help make yours, as well.

I suppose it should go without saying, but I can't resist. A great place to get connected is the Meadow Wood Farms Property Owners Association. The meetings are fun, the parties awesome, and the committees productive. Get connected. Stay connected. It's good for you.

I'll see you around the neighborhood.

Jim Bain – Feel free to e-mail me at: jbain2@cfl.rr.com

Happy Father's Day
Happy Father's Day

“Welcome To Hot Sweaty Florida!”

As my wife Pam and I mark our 1 year anniversary of moving to Florida, I'd like to share a story with you. It was late last June and we had only been living here for a few weeks.

The house we bought didn't really need a whole lot of work done to it other than painting, so I decided to start with the small barn we have. The leaky barn roof was just a rolled shingle material that had seen better days. So I decided to purchase some metal roofing panels and simply re-roof it myself. I was raised by a father who said “never pay someone to do something that you can do yourself”. So over the years I became quite handy at all the various little projects that home ownership entails (a “jack of all trades, master of none” concept).

So after gathering up the materials needed, I picked a warm summer's day to start my roofing project. On second thought, let's call it a “stinking hot and humid summer's day”! I managed to muscle about 3 or 4 of the 16' metal panels up on the roof and began screwing them down. I was making good progress and was $\frac{3}{4}$ of the way done on one side of the roof. I was working near the peak (about 12' up) and was sweating profusely (did I mention it was stinking hot?). While in a crouched position my feet started to lose grip on the new metal roofing and I began to slide down slowly.

I realized pretty quickly that all my perspiration had created a lovely water slide effect on the metal roof. No big deal, I would just reach out with my hands and simply stop myself with the friction...NOT.

So my first thought was OH CRAP ! (substitute another 4 letter word of your choice here). It then occurred to me that my manual braking system was not going to work. The next thought that quickly came to mind was "I don't want to hit the ground at an angle; I need to land as square on my feet as possible". I began madly flailing my arms and legs in a desperate attempt to straighten myself out while sliding off the edge of the roof. The rest of the trip down was uneventful and rather peaceful, birds singing, crickets chirping.....THUMP!!

I managed to land squarely on my feet. I had absorbed the landing by bending my knees and squatting while reaching out and stopping my momentum by planting my hands in the soft sandy and dirty ground in front of me... I MADE IT!! I was elated, no broken ankles, no broken legs or arms. Rather smooth indeed, a solid 9 out of 10 for sure if anyone was scoring!

Keep in mind; the entire trip down only took about 5 seconds from top to bottom, although it seemed much longer at the time. I soon noticed a slight tingling in my pinky finger and realized I didn't escape this organized crash landing unscathed. Apparently I had cut my little finger pretty deep while reaching back to straighten myself out. I had hit the bottom edge of the metal. (FYI: Metal roofing is like a blade along the edge of it). One quick look told me that stitches were in order.

So now I am walking fast (running) down to the house with the bottom of my t-shirt wrapped around my hand. I find Pam in the house and she helped me wash the cut out as best we could at the kitchen sink. I won't go into details other than to say it was packed with dirt and leaves from my wonderful Gold Medal landing ☺.

A trip to the ER was in my immediate future. But of course I was stinky, sweaty and dirty, so I told her "let's take a minute so I can put on some cleaner dryer clothes". She is helping me take off my shirt while I try to hold a bandage and apply pressure to my finger. I raised my uninjured hand and without thinking, placed it into the path of the ceiling fan blades (yes, ceiling fan was on!).

Sometimes bad luck comes in bunches... Turns out, no harm no foul and no damage done to my "good hand" other than to my already shattered ego at this point.

We made it to the ER in short time and ended up getting it cleaned out and stitched up (took 7 stitches). Here we are almost a year later and I am starting to get some feeling back in the top half of my pinky...woohooo.

Oh, I almost forgot....after explaining to the ER Doctor (while he was stitching me up) how I fell, telling him about the hot stinking weather and all my sweat on the roof that had made it slippery, he had said "Welcome to Hot Sweaty Florida!"

The next morning I called a "professional" and his crew finished my little job in no time.

P.S. Don't expect to find my name any time soon in the Meadow Wood Farms business directory under "roof repairs".

Wayne Hebert

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REAL ESTATE NEWS

The days are getting warmer and longer, and that can only mean that the summer season is fast approaching. This is the beginning of the busiest home selling season in most of America, but here in North Central Florida in the heart of horse country this is the time of year when sellers should be getting their properties ready for sale for the upcoming horse season next fall. This is not to say that business does not transact during the summer months, but unlike other parts of the country, this is not our peak season; our peak season is in the early fall. Like it or not, MWF is still thought of as a horse friendly community, but it still attracts families who like neighborhood living in a country setting horses or not.

Recently, I had the opportunity to assist a customer in locating a home here in MWF. This customer was not a horse person, but wanted to live here in MWF. As I searched the MLS listings for a home that would meet his needs, it was clear to me that the number of properties listed for sale, both residential and farm, was low. There are 400+ homes in MWF, and in my experience, there are usually 25- 30 properties listed for sale at any given time. At the time of this writing (mid May) there are only a total of 16 properties offered for sale, 11 residential and 5 farms. The best news here is that there is only 1 property in a distressed state. If you remember, I stated that until the distressed properties were flushed through the system, the property values could not improve. Well, it appears that we have hit the bottom and conditions for improvement are growing. So, if you were waiting for conditions to improve before you listed your property for sale, I would suggest that now is the time to get it ready for sale. Buyers are still discriminating, but they are out there.

To recap what has transpired since I last reported in April:

RESIDENTIAL

9 Hill Prince Dr	Closed	\$149,000
12 Wintergreen Way	Pending	\$120,000
15 Wagon Wheel Way	Pending	\$439,900

FARMS

25 Nashua Way	Closed	\$345,000
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These are not the boom times of the early 2000's, there is certainly cause for optimism. I hope this was helpful.

Mike Hajjar, (352-299-0171)

Desiree Barbazon Realty

Editor's Note: Mike Hajjar is a former Meadow Wood Farms resident. He will periodically share information specific to the Meadow Wood Farms real estate market.

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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.

PET REGISTER

If you have a pet and there is a chance he could wander off. Help me to help them get home safely by simply filling out the "PET REGISTER" form and enclose a snapshot of your pet.. Please call 861-9622 if you want me to take the picture for you.

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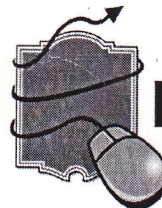
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