



**Meadow Wood Farms Newsletter**  
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## **Step Up and Participate**

As my term as President of the Association winds down, I want to take a moment to reflect on what it has meant to me. I must admit that when I was approached about running for the position, I did not leap at the opportunity (that Steve, he's no fool!). Although I had been on the Board as Vice President, the prospect of being "the main guy" was quite intimidating. But, upon reflection, I did feel a certain obligation to give back just a little to the Meadow Wood Farms community that had so generously welcomed Elizabeth and me to the neighborhood, so I somewhat reluctantly accepted the opportunity to serve.

I may have mentioned this before, so forgive me if you have heard it, but we probably have made more friends in this neighborhood in the three short years we've been here than in the fifteen years we lived in our neighborhood in Virginia. And, while I am generally not one to "gush" about how great everything is, I think most of you will admit that Meadow Wood Farms is truly a wonderful place to live. Are there problems? Is everything just peachy keen in every corner of the neighborhood? Of course not. But I have found, for the most part, that there are plenty of people in the neighborhood who take great pride in their homes and in this community. Plus, there is a dedicated core of Association members who are always willing to step forward when something needs to be done. Just as important, however, are those neighbors who join the organization but, for whatever reason, seldom or never get involved with some of the projects or activities. That's OK, too. I know that many of those folks "put in their time" with the Association many years ago and choose to stay in the background. The continued support that they demonstrate year in and year out is appreciated. And I know first-hand that some of our older residents, in particular, really do value what the Association does for the neighborhood. I get little thank-you notes every now and then letting us know that what the Board is doing, along with the many active volunteers, does not go unnoticed.

For a variety of reasons that I won't get into now, I often have wished that membership in the Association was mandatory. After all, one of the primary roles of the Association is to enforce the deed restrictions and protect *everyone's* property values, not just the property owned by Association members. But in some ways, the voluntary participation model is kind of nice. It shows who really cares about what's going on in Meadow Wood Farms. It's easy to just pass along the responsibility to someone else. It takes just a little commitment to write that check each year to join the Association.

Which brings me to my request to all members for assistance in establishing a slate of candidates for the next Executive Board. The current Executive Board will serve as the Election Committee and the Committee would like to hear from any and all members with their suggestions for President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary. Phone numbers and other contact information for current Board members are published in each newsletter and are available on the MWF web site.

While I have enjoyed (mostly!) my time as President, it is my hope that another member will step up and accept the challenge.

Oh --- And one more thing..

Be sure to mark your calendars for Friday, March 11. That's the date of the Meadow Wood Farms Fish Fry. Details are in this issue of the newsletter and on the MWF web site. Hope to see you there. —Last year's Fish Fry was one of the best MWF events ever! (Please note that the original flier showed a date of March 2012 ---It really IS this year!)

Steve Waller, President  
MWFPOA

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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

**March 8, 2011**

### **Next Association Meeting**

**March 10, 2011**

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

### **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.

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### **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.**

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

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MINUTES ARE POSTED ON THE WEBSITE  
 SHORTLY AFTER THE BOARD MEETINGS AND  
 THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS  
[www.meadowwoodfarmsocala.com](http://www.meadowwoodfarmsocala.com)

DIRECTORY UPDATE

A new directory will be prepared shortly.

Please review the current directory and let us know any changes that need to be incorporated. [lchamberlain@cfl.rr.com](mailto:lchamberlain@cfl.rr.com)

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

Please print & fill out the below information:

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ 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.  
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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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**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.

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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)

Puns for Educated Minds

A hole has been found in the nudist camp wall. The police are looking into it.

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Time flies like an arrow. Fruit flies like a banana.

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Two hats were hanging on a hat rack in the hallway. One hat said to the other: "You stay here; I'll go on a head."

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I wondered why the baseball kept getting bigger. Then it hit me.

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SUNSHINE REPORT

A get well card was sent to Gloria Chapman, 3 Hill Prince Drive.

Marie Singer

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UPCOMING YARD SALE

Please call us at 352-291-0796 in March for dates of yard sale and information on items (including some furniture) for sale in Meadow Wood Farms.

The Obergs

## Over the Fence

### Change –

“Change is inevitable – except from a vending machine”  
– Robert C. Gallagher

After over six years of loyal service, my laptop computer finally decided that she was just too old to be of service. Frankly, she decided to retire. I was not happy about her decision. I had grown fond of my laptop. We were friends. I knew everything I needed to know about how she worked, what to do when she didn't, and where she put my stuff. She was my first interaction in the morning and the last thing I looked at before I went to bed. I took her on every trip with me, even some of the vacations. We were inseparable. She had a lot of nerve to just up and retire. But retire she did, and I was forced to find a replacement, something younger, more powerful, and a little bit lighter on her feet. I won't say my new computer is prettier, but others might. I've had her about two weeks now, and we haven't traveled together yet, but we're learning how to get along. All in all, I'm struggling with the change. I'm having to learn all kinds of new things. Some of her keys are in different places and I just can't seem to put my fingers on the right spots. It seems to take twice as long to get anything done with her. But, the people who made her tell me she'll be faster when I get used to her and able to do many more things. Two weeks and I'm already tired of waiting. I don't like change!

Who does? But change is a good thing – and inevitable. We had better get used to it because it's happening faster and faster and faster. We can either fight change and be miserable, or embrace it and find the good in it. I'll get used to my new computer, and it will improve my productivity. It will give me more time, or make me an extra buck or two, or just entertain me better than the old girl. It will be lighter to carry on my business trips and not lock up in the middle of an important presentation. The change will be good, and it will be good for me.

Life is full of changes. Some of them, such as the death of a loved one, are difficult to embrace. Some of them, like the birth of a grandchild are easy to embrace. But both happen and finding the best in each is, by far, the healthiest approach. Change is happening in Meadow Wood Farms, every day. The weather is changing, currently for the better. Homes that have been foreclosed and/or vacant are being bought and fixed up. The park continues to get small upgrades. All of the signs in the neighborhood have been replaced or repaired. I saw one of our neighbors today, picking up trash along the side of the road – creating positive change.

There are changes that happen to us and changes we make happen. In either case, it is our attitude toward the changes that makes the difference.

“...to leave the world a bit better, whether by healthy child, a garden patch, or a redeemed social condition; to know that even one life has breathed easier because you have lived. This is to have succeeded.” – Ralph Waldo Emerson

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)

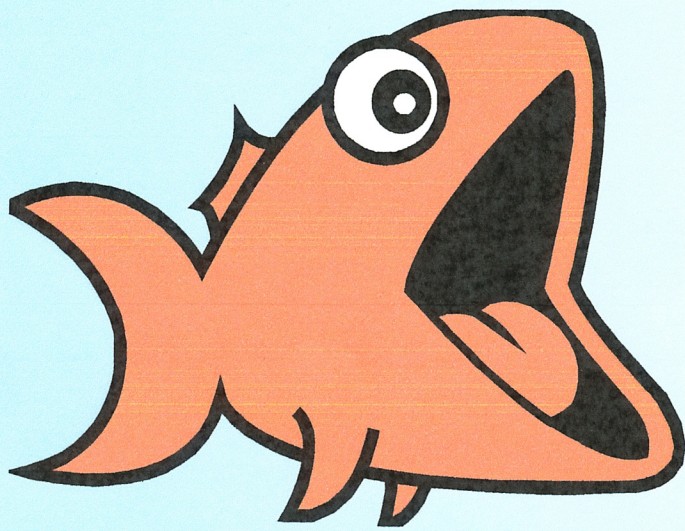
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Do you need “handy man” repairs, or lawn mower maintenance? Call Gary Shartzter, 873-4216

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**"The air is like a butterfly  
With frail blue wings.  
The happy earth looks at the sky  
And sings."  
- Joyce Kilmer, *Spring***





Meadow Wood Farms  
Fish Fry  
to Benefit the  
MWF Angels Fund

Friday, March 11, 2011

Friendship Park 5:30 PM

Entertainment by the "Paddock Pickers"

Fried Fish, Hush Puppies, Cole Slaw,

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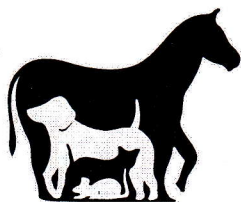
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