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A thankful heart is not only the greatest virtue, but the parent of all other virtues

- ~ Cicero
- O Lord, that lends me life, lend me a heart replete with thankfulness.
- ~ William Shakespeare

Happy Thanksgiving



Most stories of Thanksgiving history start with the harvest celebration of the pilgrims and the Native Americans that took place in the autumn of 1621. Although they did have a three-day feast in celebration of a good harvest, and the local natives did participate, this "first thanksgiving" was not a holiday, simply a gathering. There is little evidence that this feast of thanks led directly to our modern Thanksgiving Day holiday. Thanksgiving can, however, be traced back to 1863 when Pres. Lincoln became the first president to proclaim Thanksgiving Day. The holiday has been a fixture of late November ever since.

It's a Small World!

Surely, most of you who are reading this are familiar with Disney World's *Small World* attraction and the song.

"It's a small world, after all. It's a small world, after all. It's a small world, after all. It's a small, small world."

If you're like me, it'll be days before you get that song out of your mind!

Our neighborhood is also a small world. Lisa lives just up the street from us. Because I've been involved in the Association, we've exchanged a couple of e-mails over the years, but had never met. I saw Lisa at the Dancing Under the Stars, walked over to introduce myself and recognized her immediately. We had both ridden our bicycles in the Cycle to the Shore, a 150 mile ride to raise funds to fight Multiple Sclerosis. In Daytona, on the second day of that ride, she and I had hung out in the same hall of the hotel, trying to stay warm before the start of Sunday's ride. We even chatted a little, never realizing that we only lived a few doors apart.

There we were, two people from MWF who share more than just being neighbors. We both enjoy bicycling, both wanted to raise funds to fight MS, and wound up finally meeting formally at that wonderful neighborhood event, Dancing Under the Stars. It is a small world, isn't it?

Thanks to being involved in the MWFPOA, we know a lot of people in our neighborhood. But, there are so many we don't know. I wonder how much we might have in common with all the folks we *don't* know? I've written about connections before and in spite of facebook, Twitter, Linkedin, and the other social media web-sites, I still believe that the best connections come face to face. The starting point for those connections is the things we have in common. Certainly, we can start with the fact that we have all chosen this neighborhood as our home. Many of us are involved with horses and it seems as if an equal number have dogs. Some of us ride bicycles, some play golf, some are into old cars, and some love to play cards.

As you bump into people in MWF, remember, you probably have a lot more in common with them than you know. Search for the connections, It will make MWF an even better place to live. It's a small world, after all.

I'll see you around the neighborhood -- Jim



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AFTER THE BOARD MEETINGS AND THE
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS
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THANK YOU!

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

Contributions are greatly appreciated

PLEASE JOIN

MEADOW WOOD FARMS PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC. by simply sending your check for \$55.00 (Annual Dues effective 1 Jun 2011) 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:

Name(s):
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Phone:
Put my/our information in the directory.

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

NEXT BOARD MEETING

November 10, 2011

NEXT ASSOCIATION MEETING

November 17, 2011

All meetings are held at St. John's Methodist

Church – Highway 328 at 7:00 P.M.



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!

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. You 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.

SUNSHINE REPORT

A Speedy Recovery card was sent to Connie Story, 18 Needles Dr.

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.

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.

Sandy Mollberg, phone number:

861-9622



DIRECTORY CHANGES

Change to read:

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Email:

Add:

LONG, RANDY & MANETTE 1 NASHUA DR.

Tel: 861-7461

Email:

REPORT FROM THE WELCOME COMMITTEE

Welcome baskets have been delivered to:

Rocco & Mary Corsaro at 27 Nashua Way

Albert & Joyce Purdy at 6 Needles

Bernadine & Donald Reed at 39 Lakeview West

Danny & Roberta Workman at 14 Middleground

This is really a fun job if you can find a gate open and people home! If you have new neighbors moving in, please give me a call.

Thanks,

Della Brock 873-2726



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 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) by email at

allardid@earthlink.net.

EDITORIAL COMMENT

For those of you who missed this year's "Dancing Under the Stars" gala, you really missed a great evening.

The ROTC Honor Guard from Westport High School began the evening followed by the Pledge of Allegiance in keeping with the patriotic theme honoring our Military.

The food was plentiful, excellently prepared and served and was pleasing for any palate.

The skit performed by the neighborhood "Divas" plus Artie Ringfield featured "The Andrew Sisters" complete with appropriate military uniforms. For those of you too young to remember them, this was a singing group of the 1940's.

Carry Back was a Triple Crown Contender

I can't remember who told me that many of our streets are named after famous race horses, but it intrigued me. I Goggled "Carry Back", which is the name of my street, and whoa, what a horse!



His dam "Joppy" was banned from racing for refusing to come out of the gate too often and cost the owner/trainer, Jack Price, a mere \$300 in a defaulted board bill. "Saggy", his sire's only claim to fame was that he beat the great "Citation", the year that horse won the Triple Crown. His stud fee was a mere \$400.

Carry Back was born in 1958 at the Ocala Stud Farm, so he was a home town boy. Astoundingly, despite his small 15.1 h size, he managed to win 21 races as a two year old. He also won the hearts of the public and became famous when his jockey, Johnny Sellers, brought him from 15 lengths behind to win the 1961 Kentucky Derby. He pulled another heart stopping, come from behind, feat to win the Preakness and was favored to win the Belmont when he hurt an ankle and came in a valiant, but disappointing 7th. He had handily beaten the winner in previous races.

He was voted 3 Year Old Champion in 1961 and is still considered one of Florida's premier bred horses. He went on to become the 4th million dollar money making horse in racing history, sharing honors with "Citation", "Nashua" and "Round Table". Carry Back sired many winning colts and brood mares before being pensioned to the Ocala Jockey Club Farm. He died there in 1983 at the ripe old age of 25.

His ashes are in racing's hallowed Churchill Downs Racing Museum.

If you want to see his thrilling Kentucky Derby run go to: www.kentuckyderby.com/history/year/1961 Now I'm curious about our other named streets, aren't you?

Contributed by Jodie Gebhard

CERT STATUS REPORT

The CERT training course is in our second month now. September started with mostly basic knowledge. We were shown comprehensive instructions and discussed many standard procedures for handling various types of fires. The group also learned valuable steps and techniques to apply CPR. We then, were to practice the sequence of steps on a "manikin". Though a very serious topic, we had a lot of lighthearted fun watching everyone pretend to save a fake person. In addition to CPR, we covered the correct handling of an AED. (Automated External Defibrillator) This worthwhile device analyzes heart rhythm and if needed, will shock the heart to restore its normal rhythm.

During one of the open evenings, the majority of the class voted to use the time to cover unique and useful knot tying. You don't normally give that much thought until the time comes for its use. Some of us caught on immediately, while others needed several demonstrations. Those who were struggling more, received extra help from others. I was witnessing the team bond and camaraderie build. It was great to see the interaction. Art Delzotto has been a great teacher and his enthusiasm for educating the public is obvious. We are getting to know each other more and wisecracks are becoming common. The CERT members are going to be terrific and I look forward to establishing a solid and confident MWF team. My tip: Memorize the acronym for operating a fire extinguisher which is **P.A.S.S**. **Pull...Aim...Squeeze...Sweep.**

Stay out of harm's way, Deni Buetow

MWF Control Committee - Explained

I've received a number of inquiries lately about our Control Committee. What are they supposed to do? How do we report a problem? Why are so many fences and properties in disrepair? What are they doing about abandoned homes?

There aren't enough pages in this newsletter to answer all of these questions fully, but we would like to offer a quick checklist of how to find the answers. Let's start with the premise that you see something in our neighborhood that you feel needs attention.

- 1. Make a quick note with the address, and your perception of the situation you think should be addressed. Take a quick photo if appropriate.
- 2. **Check the deed restrictions**. They are in the new directories and can also be found on our web-site at www.meadowwoodfarmsocala.com
- 3. If the situation involves your neighbor, or someone you know and are comfortable talking to, share your thoughts with them. It's possible they are just not aware of the deed restrictions and would appreciate having the situation pointed out to them, tactfully.
- 4. If step 3 doesn't work or makes you uncomfortable, submit your complaint to the Control Committee. It must be in writing and signed. Our Control Committee will investigate the complaint, without sharing your name, and if justified, notify the homeowner of the violation. The Control Committee and the Board will take it from there. Our options are somewhat limited, but our deed restrictions will stand up in court if we choose to take it that far
- 5. Some complaints are not violations of the deed restrictions, but do fall under the Marion County Codes. Examples might be an abandoned and foreclosed home or semi-truck/trailers parking in residential areas. In these cases, you should contact Marion County Code Enforcement. Their phone number is 352-671-8900. Their web-site is http://www.marioncountyfl.org/CodeEnforcement/Code default.aspx Marion County Code Enforcement Division's purpose is to "promote, protect, and improve the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Marion County." Their workload is principally complaint generated. Just like our Control Committee, they investigate each complaint of an alleged violation and proceed accordingly.

If our Control Committee receives a complaint that is not covered by our deed restrictions, but may be a code violation, they turn it over to Code Enforcement for investigation.

As you can tell, there are some fine lines between deed restrictions, County Codes, and what can be done. We all have the same interest in maintaining the quality of our neighborhood and have attempted to establish a procedure that is both effective and respectful of our neighbors.

In an effort to further clarify all of this, we have invited Sammie Luckey, Manager of the Marion County Code Enforcement Division to join us at our membership meeting at 7:00 pm, on November 17, 2011 at St. John's UMC. Whether you are a member of MWFPOA or not, we welcome you to join us. Bring your questions. It should be a very interesting presentation and conversation.

And, finally, if you have questions or concerns, please feel free to e-mail me and ask. I'll do the very best I can to get you an answer.

Jim Bain, President

MWFPOA

MEADOW WOOD FARMS

Real Estate Report

Currently, there are approximately 22 properties for sale in Meadow Wood Farms. The prices range from \$134,900 to \$579,500.

There have been 7 properties sold in 2011. Sales prices ranged from \$72,000 to \$360,000. There is also one pending sale, at a listed price of \$99,000.

If you have questions on a specific property, please call and I will share the information that I have on hand.

Linda Trinckes

Kiefer Realty

854-1856

CULINARY TREASURES – Our MWF neighborhood cookbook is now available for purchase at \$12.00 each. They will make a great Christmas (or other) gifts.

Contact Lucretia Van Vorst, 304-8417 or Dick Woodrome, 861-2364

For Association Members who have not yet received their 2011-2012 Telephone Directory they will be available for you to pick up at the November 17th 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.



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