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Plenty of Pit Bulls Rescue Group



At the March Association meeting, Erin Carr, the adoption coordinator for Plenty of Pit Bulls told us all about their wonderful volunteer organization, headquartered in Gainesville, that works diligently to find homes for the much maligned breed. They carefully test the individual animals to make sure they are matched with

the right owner. We had the pleasure of meeting some puppies and the full grown dog brought by Lynn Zachary that many of us contributed to saving.



BK Sawyer wanted to thank the many supporters of her Susan G. Komen Race For The Cure, that she's been doing for 15 years. BK is currently in remission, but will not give up her mission to help in any way to find a cure. Anyone can contribute by contacting BK at 861-8883. Photos by Toni Kimball

Lynn Zachary's granddaughter showed us how to REALLY appreciate the delicious cakes BK provided for us at the March Association Meeting.



....and this is what they looked like before.

Upcoming Events

Next Board Meeting—

April 10, 2014

Thursday—7:00 PM

Next Assoc. Meeting

May 15, 2014

Thursday— 7:00 PM

Agenda: Annual Election of the Association Board

Meet & Greet

Friday- May 23, 2014 -

6:00 pm -Friendship Park

Welcome Baskets will be available at future meetings for new residents.

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Sound familiar? Most of us recall these words (somewhat altered) from John F. Kennedy's inaugural address in

1961. Though it was more than fifty years ago, it still rings true as a celebration of the power of positive action for the common good, and as an appeal to our better natures.

As our society becomes ever more demanding and the pace of daily life accelerates, we become understandably more protective of our dwindling free time. The effort of managing our own work and family obligations seems daunting at best. Who has time to attend meetings, serve on committees, or assume the duties of an officer in the Property Owners Association? The answer is that we all must **make** the time, because we all expect to enjoy the bene-

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: ASK NOT WHAT YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD CAN DO FOR YOU; ASK WHAT YOU CAN DO FOR YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD

fits of living in a community that cares for itself, that takes pride in its appearance, that supports and nurtures a strong and healthy and interconnected web of neighbors who help each other in times of need.

As your president for these past (almost) two years, I have seen first-hand that many MWF residents expect a great deal from their neighborhood in general, and from the Property Owners Association in specific. Residents turn to us for help with many different kinds of problems; some we can assist with, while for others we are only able to provide an appropriate referral. Yet the POA is often the first place that residents (not only members) think of as a resource when things are not going in the right direction from their perspective. It could be a drainage problem, a noisy neighbor, a Deed Restriction violation, a question about the roads, or any number of the many issues that arise when people anywhere

live side-by-side. This is both understandable and welcome, as we exist to serve all the property owners in the subdivision. And yet, it also represents what we all want the neighborhood to do **for US**. We want an attractive, well-maintained entrance. We want a neighborhood park where our children can play in safety. We want to know who our neighbors are and how to contact them. We want to be regularly informed about issues that affect the entire neighborhood, and we want this information in a timely and useful fashion. We want quick access to important documents, meeting minutes, and updates on issues that affect us all.

In return, echoing JFK's sentiment above, what are we prepared to do **for the neighborhood**? What kind of responsibility can each of us take to ensure that we can continue to expect and receive the benefits of liv-

ing in MWF? The obvious first step is to join the Association, in order to share both in the benefits of membership and the financial burden of maintaining our entrances and common areas, including regular mowing, taxes, and electricity. The second step is to attend the bimonthly Association meetings in order to stay informed and participate in decisions affecting the whole community. The third step might be to join one of the standing committees in order to contribute in a small way toward keeping the Association going in a positive direction. Finally, it is possible to truly make an impact (and have fun doing it) by "paying it forward" and serving for a year or two as an Officer and member of the Executive Board. Please consider what you can do for your neighborhood in order to enjoy the things your neighborhood does for you every day.

Take Care,
Elizabeth Waller

President of MWFPOA

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

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Welcome	Chair: Della Brock	873-2726

Directory Information

New 2013/14 Directories are printed.

They will be available at the meetings or please contact Dick Woodrome at rdw218w@aol.com or call him at 861-2364 to find out how to get yours.

New directories are free for members. Non members may purchase the directory for \$5.00. Members who would like to have an extra copy may purchase one for \$2.00.

Update Info to Directory:

If you have any updates to your phone number, spelling of your name or corrections to your address, please send them to Dick Woodrome at rdw218w@aol.com.

Membership & Newsletter

The current **membership** year runs from June to the end of May the next year. Please renew your membership ASAP. Your membership supports the monthly Newsletter along with a multitude of events and improvements to our community. We need all of you to participate in keeping Meadow Wood Farms the wonderful place to live that we enjoy. Finally, don't forget that as a member you have a voice and a vote and are encouraged to participate in all aspects of the Association.

Need to check if you've paid? **Contact Dick Woodrome at 861-2364 or email him at rdw218w@aol.com.** You can have the good feeling that comes from being an involved and contributing member of your community.

The NEWSLETTER will be delivered to everyone in MWF who requested it. Mailing tubes have been attached to your mailbox stand in order to make these deliveries legal in the eyes of the USPS. If you're not getting one and/or need a tube, contact **Dick Woodrome at 861-2364 or email him at rdw218w@aol.com**

Remember it is ALWAYS available (in vibrant color) online at www.meadowwoodfarmsocala.com. Click Newsletter and the Month you're interested in. The photos look better there too. While you're there, be sure to wander around our new and improved **website**.

Sunshine Report

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 phone at 861-9622.

Happily everyone is healthy, wealthy and wise this month!

A volunteer group of your neighbors delivers your MWFPOA newsletter every month. This saves the association considerable mailing expense and ensures that you get your newsletter in a timely manner.

THANK YOU NEWSLETTER DELIVERY PEOPLE!

The newsletter is ALSO always available in living color on the website.



Thank you to our generous members who contribute delicious goodies to our meetings making them more festive and social.

Recycle Your Aluminum Cans

To Benefit MWFPOA Treasury

Two of our neighborhood young ladies have volunteered to take over the collection. Thank you Rachael and Lillian Workman.

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!

MWF Roads Status Report – Jim Bain

Our road project continues to move forward. The plans have been completed and have been put out for bid. The pre-bid meeting for contractors contemplating submitting a bid was held March 20. Bids will be opened on April 3. The lowest responsible and responsive bidder will be determined and submitted to the Marion County Board of Commissioners at the first meeting following the bid opening at which point they will schedule the final public hearing, probably in early May. Assuming the project is approved following the public hearing, we can expect work to begin a few weeks later, hopefully in June. Approximately 6 weeks later, we will have new roads! If you have questions, please submit them to mwfroads@gmail.com. I'll be happy to do my best to find the answers.

Respectfully submitted: Jim Bain Jbain2@cfl.rr.com 352-237-9672

Slate of Officers for May Elections – Elizabeth Waller

The nominating committee presents the following slate of officers, but nominations are not closed. You may call one of the board members to add your name or put up a name at the May association meeting.

President: Dave Kane, Vice President: Donna Levin, Secretary: Leslie Pope-Hall, Treasurer: Dick Woodrome.

Thank you all for being willing to serve your community.

Guest Newsletter Editor for the Summer

Jessica St Hilaire has generously offered to be guest editor for May, June, July, August. She is one of our neighbors on Needles Drive in Meadow Wood Farms. Please help make her job easier by submitting your ads, articles, photos, etc. before or on the deadline of the 20th each month. It really makes a huge difference. In order to avoid confusion you can still send all items to my address jgebhard@sbcglobal.net. I will forward them to Jessica and be helping her get her first edition out.

Jessica also creates gorgeous decorative objects out of succulents. We have so much talent in our community. Check out her website: www.rootedinsucculents.com.



Clean-up At The Park—May 10th

Mark Saturday , May 10 @ 9:00 am on your calendar. The Association will provide drinks and light snacks for the helpers. Please bring gloves, rakes, wheelbarrows, clippers, leaf blowers— the usual yard tools for cleaning up the leaves, branches, etc.. We will also be bleaching the patio concrete to keep the mold away, so old clothes and rubber gloves might also be in order. And everyone's favorite task....burning the branches and leaves will also be on the schedule. It's more fun than you think. Last year it took all of 2 hours. Y'all come!



Come to the Meeting and Win \$175.00

A drawing will be held at the next MWFPOA General Meeting for \$175.00. Since this is the final meeting of our calendar year, we

will draw until we get a winner who is present. Then we will start over at the following meeting with \$50, adding \$25 each

meeting until a name of a present resident is drawn. **It REALLY pays to come to the meetings.**

Share The Road Safely— Dave Kane



We have all had our ears assaulted at some time by them. You can usually hear most of them coming for a long way before you ever see them. The deep throated rumble, the high pitched whine or the 'staccato barking. Some are even sneaky and purr along our roads. I'm talking about the variety of two wheeled conveyances we see and hear on our neighborhood roadways. Motorcycles, mopeds, dirt bikes, scooters; whatever you want to call them they are here and we hear them or see them all the time. Or do we?

I've read with interest in the Ocala newspaper recently of several instances where a motorcyclist was thrown from his bike and killed or suffered serious injury. It seemed to make no difference whether he had a helmet on or not. I'm not going to open that debate here, it's just an observation based on news articles. One of the most common themes was a driver pulling out into the motorcycle's path of travel, when the motorcycle had the right of way. I know this is not a new or rare occurrence, as anyone who has ridden a motorcycle can tell you, but here in Florida it seems to be more prevalent due to more motorcycles on the road more of the year. When two wheels meet four or more, the two wheels lose.

Everyone seems to be in too big of a hurry. I'm not laying blame on any one part of the driving public. I've seen cars, as well as motorcycles, darting in and out of traffic, tailgating, running red lights, failing to stop at stop signs or a red light when making a right turn.

Imagine, though, how terrible you would feel if it were you that had pulled out in front of the 67 year old riding his motorcycle in Belleview. You can only watch as the bike hits your fender. Having no time to react, the rider is sent flying over your hood in front of your line of sight, only to land several yards beyond the other side of your vehicle and then not move. You sit there and watch the paramedics work to try to save him, only to see the body be covered and ultimately carried away, After the police get done with their investigation - which involves you, you will most likely face criminal charges.

This is a gruesome example, but is it happening to someone? You bet! Could it have been prevented? Most likely.

We have a lot of people who ride motorcycles in this neighborhood. It is in all of our best interests to slow down a bit, stop at the stop signs and LOOK both ways and then look again. There are a lot of roads that curve in MWF and traffic can show up suddenly. We want all of you to be home safe every night.

I may be more sensitive to these perils, but with good reason. My wife's brother Ken, was killed while riding his Harley about 2 weeks before we moved to Florida in September 2012. He was driving on the Ohio freeway when a semi sucked an orange construction barrel into his path. He had no time to react to avoid the collision. I've also seen more than my fair share of crashes involving motorcycles and cars/trucks. The motorcycle never wins.

So stay extra vigilant out there for those other drivers. We want you to stay safe and to see you at our MWFPOA meetings and functions.

Meadow Wood Equine Club (not affiliated with MWFPOA) —Carol Shockey



MWEC - Meadow Wood Equine Club Inc. (not affiliated with MWFPOA) is a social group of horse oriented people. Join us for discussions, find someone to ride with, camaraderie, food, etc.. Guests / Visitors are welcome.

Membership is open to anyone – you do not have to own a horse or live in Meadow Wood Farms 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. - some restrictions apply – some items are not discounted, such as feed, hay, shavings, and warehouse items. Ask store for their details. You must show your membership card to receive the discount.

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.

Upcoming Horsey and Other Events

April 6th, 2014 - STRIDE Dressage Schooling Show II - 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM. Florida Horse Park, 11008 S Highway 475. For more information - <http://www.stridedressage.org/shows.htm>

April 10th - 13th, 2014 - Ocala Horse Properties International 3-Day Event - 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM. Florida Horse Park, 11008 S Highway 475. For more information - <http://equiventures.com/>

April 12th, 2014 - Tractor Supply Company Farm Swap - Buy-Sell-Trade Anything and Everything Poultry, Livestock or Farm related (NO yard sale items). They can have some corals set up for anyone who wants to bring larger animals such as horses and cattle if you contact Joan: 352-216-4225. 9:00 am - 2:00 pm. 11252 N Williams St, Dunnellon.

April 19th, 2014 - POP (Partners of the Park) Schooling Show - Florida Horse Park, 11008 S Highway 475.

April 25th, 2014 - Florida Sheep, Wool and Herding Dog Festival - 10:00 am - ?. Greater Ocala Dog Club Grounds, 10205 NW Gainesville Rd., Ocala

April 26th & 27th, 2014 - Orlando Dressage Winter Circuit / Ocala Spring Dressage 2 - Florida Horse Park, 11008 S Highway 475.

April 26th & 27th, 2014 - Boomtown Days - Sat. & Sun 10:00am - ?. Celebration of the discovery of phosphate in the 1800's that caused boomtown of Dunnellon to grow. Event features arts & crafts, local entertainment, and street food vendors.

May 4th, 2014 - STRIDE Dressage Schooling Show III - Florida Horse Park, 11008 S Highway 475. For more information - <http://www.stridedressage.org/shows.htm>

Sheltering Hands —Janice Eide



Sheltering Hands is a 501c3 pet rescue, adoption and TNR spay/neuter organization. Pictured are a family of adorable kittens that were abandoned by their feral cat mother right after birth. Janice bottle fed them and has worked with them ever since to make sure they are friendly to humans and ready for adoption.

Headquarters for the program is Pet Smart in Ocala. Call Janice if you would be willing to volunteer time to work with the animals, help adopt them out, foster them or contribute in any way. How could



you resist taking one home? Janice also makes seat belt covers and sells them to benefit Sheltering Hands.

You can reach her at 861-3831 She can give you a brochure and help get you started.

Dog Training Starting Up ___Sandy Mollberg



DOG TRAINING CLASSES IN MEADOW WOOD FARMS

The 7 week training class (which includes the first meeting on March 3rd) is \$95.00, Non-refundable Classes are Mondays at 2:00 pm at Friendship Park. If you have not signed up with Sandy Mollberg or have any questions, please do so ASAP at 861-9622.

Of course our dogs mind perfectly well at home, but when other dogs or people are involved, forged about it. This is what makes the classes so effective.....all the distractions. The first step is to get the dog's attention and let them know they are in school. Then in the beginning classes, the trainer emphasizes, first and foremost, the basics to help ensure the safety of the dogs and those around them.



Wow! It works!

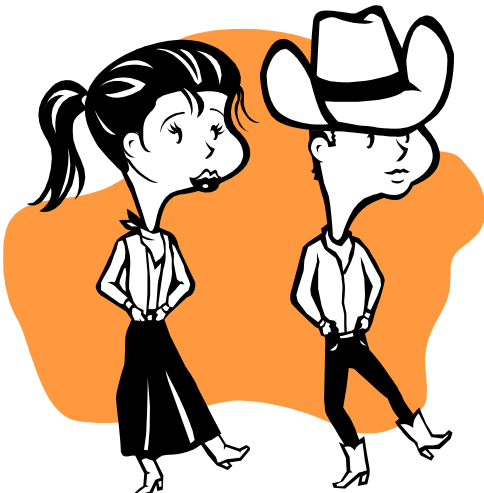


The small dogs waiting for instruction and the big boys watching the small dogs learn.



SIT! STAY!

Line Dancing ___Sandy Mollberg



Are you ready to get fit for summer? We're meeting on Wednesdays at 7:00 PM at Friendship Park for Line Dancing. There is a step by step run through before each dance to ensure you get it.

We had 11 participants for our first session. Dave Kane was our token male participant, but by all accounts, he shakes a mean booty.

Call Sandy Mollberg at 861-9622 or just show up.

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MWF MEET & GREET

You are invited to the Meadow Wood Farms Annual Meet & Greet

FUN * FOOD * FRIENDS

Friday, May 23, 2014 6:00pm to 8:00pm at MWF Friendship Park

This is a **FREE** event and a great opportunity for our NEW Neighbors and our ESTABLISHED Residents to meet and become better acquainted.

The dinner is "Pot Luck" style and we ask those attending to please bring a side dish or dessert, MWFPOA will provide the meat course, water and sodas. This event has been a fantastic show of the culinary talents of many of our neighbors, who provide a delicious array of food!

Come join us for a great meal and a good time. All residents of Meadow Wood Farms are invited, Grandmas, Grandpas and Kids too!

Please make your reservations before May 16th, 2014

Contact: Sandy Mollberg 861-9622 or Connie Story 369-0809 *

New residents: Maps available for Park location, just let us know if you need one!



Save the Date!

Saturday, June 21st

CERT Hurricane Haven Picnic & Silent Auction

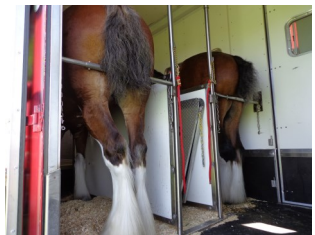
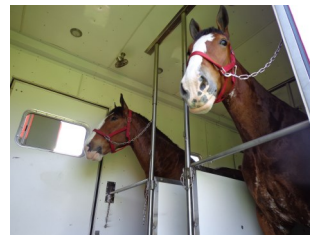
2nd Annual Fund Raiser

The funds will go toward purchasing a shed to be set up in the park for the storage of emergency supplies, including blankets, medical supplies, etc. Look for more information in next month's newsletter.

The Budweiser Clydesdales Came to Town—Grace Jancewicz



Live Oak International Carriage Driving Event



It's A Pet Friendly Neighborhood, but..... Nancy & Stan Kostoff

We noticed lately that dog walkers are not picking up their pets "business". Not fun walking in (yourself or your pet) or riding over with your mower.

Please--just common courtesy to clean up after your pet. It's easy to bring a bag, pick-up and dispose of it at your residence. Your neighbors will appreciate it.



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Annual membership dues for the MWFPOA are June through May. 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. Need to check if you've paid? Contact Dick Woodrome at 861-2364 or email him at rdw218w@aol.com.

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