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Meeting Dates

Next Board Meeting
April 14, 2016

Thursday—7:00 PM

Next Assoc. Meeting
May 19, 2016

Thursday— 7:00 PM

Agenda: **TBA**

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

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Happy April Meadow Wood Farms!

As Spring cleanup continues, this is the time we see a lot of work being done within the neighborhood.

Trees being trimmed, new yard services starting up, maybe a re-roof or two, vent cleaning, pest control, some re-modeling and the like.

Your Association Board would like to remind you that according to the By-Laws, the temporary signs your contractors place in front of your home or property are allowable during their work, but must be removed upon completion of the work.

It helps keep our neighborhood looking tidy. If you feel the contractor did a good job and are keeping the sign there so others might get in touch with them, we suggest you fill out a Neighbor to Neighbor form so they can be added to our directory. The form is located on our website and can be found by following the link below and scrolling to the bottom of the page.

Thank You for your help.

Meadow Wood Farms Property Owners Association
Board

[http://www.meadowwoodfarmsocala.com/
neighbor-to-neighbor/](http://www.meadowwoodfarmsocala.com/neighbor-to-neighbor/)



Last night, the 17th, was the Association meeting. It was fairly well attended as they usually are. We are starting to see some of our new residents attend and want to get involved, and that is a great thing. There were still a lot of open chairs that were available for you to come and partake of the camaraderie, have a few snacks and help move your Association forward. We missed you and would love to see you at the next meeting in May.

I'm going to spend a few minutes on a topic I know you've heard me expound on recently and that is Board vacancies. We know that Bob Coveney has said he would be willing to return as Vice President, Leslie Pope-Hall is willing to be Secretary again and Dick Woodrome will reprise his recurring role as Treasurer. So far, there has not been anyone I am aware of who has indicated they will run for President. Oh, I've talked to more than a few folks about it, but it seems no one is interested enough in the direction of our Association to run. Mainly I've heard from folks; "I wouldn't want your job!"

Why? That's the sort of thing you naturally say to the bomb squad technician, or a wing walker in a flying circus; not an Association Board member. It's not that difficult and there is a lot of satisfaction in the job. Look at the great things your Board has accomplished in the past couple of years. New park fence, updating the entrances, new shed for CERT and the Association, flag pole at the park, Veterans BBQ and dangerous trees at the park were removed. These are all very satisfying accomplishments and something as an Association we can be proud of.

Oh, I won't kid you. There is a dark side to being President. People call and email you. Yes, it's true, they really do and some of them even have complaints and concerns. I also get many emails from prospective property owners who are thinking about moving to Meadow Wood Farms and have a question, or just want to introduce themselves to us. I enjoy welcoming them or answering their questions, hoping we might have a new resident joining our community. I even get emails from some of the folks who jump on the email bandwagon for a particular topic and then when they think about it some more will send me a private email thanking the Board for our efforts. Usually folks just want someone to listen to them, and if possible, help them work through the issue.

I know there are some who will say, "Why even have an Association? Let's just dissolve it. What good is it anyway?"

That can happen, but then here are some things to think about. Who pays to print the Newsletter you are reading? Who pays the bills so the park and entrances are kept up and mowed? Who pays for the electricity for the entrance lights and the power at the park? Who pays the insurance? There will be no more MWF Directory. Who pays for the website? What happens to the Meet and Greet, Veterans BBQ or Dancing Under the Stars? What happens to the park? These things will all come to a halt, unless a private individual takes it upon themselves to pay the bills and carry on the good things the Association does. Uncle Sam, the State or the County are not going to step up and wave a magic money and management wand to take care of them.

I can tell you what happens to the assets of the Association. According to the Articles of Incorporation, after all expenses to dissolve the Association are paid, the assets are donated to a 501(c)(3). No property or funds are returned to any member of the Board or the Association. All those years, all the hard work, all the accomplishments are gone.

Think about it. How hard is it to get involved with your neighbors and community? You're here because you want to be here, just like the rest of us. With all due respect to the current Board, if you would prefer to not work with any or all of us, recruit your own slate of candidates and stand for election. Make a difference in your community.

On to happier thoughts! Each meeting we recognize neighbors in MWF for doing something positive for our community the past couple of months. This past meeting we recognized all of the community members who stepped up and helped build the new fence at the park. I wrote about this effort last month in my President message. They did a great job and once again deserve a huge "Thanks!" from MWF. Connie Story was recognized for her work on the Party Committee. She has made the various gatherings hosted by MWF a rousing success. It takes a lot of coordination and hard work to make the events successful and Connie does a great job. Stevie Gordon was also recognized for her efforts as MWF's own pet rescuer. She works very hard at trying to get our pets back home when they pack their little hobo bags and run away or go on a neighborhood walkabout.

Thank you to all of these folks for making Meadow Wood Farms a better place to live. We appreciate your efforts on behalf of our community. I too have enjoyed serving you, but I look forward to the May 19th meeting when we find out who might run and who might be the new President. I can then find a seat in the audience and see what exciting things he or she might have in store for us and find out how I help accomplish them.



Save the DATE !!!

Welcome

Calling All Meadow Wood Farms Residents!

*** Especially the New Families and our Established Folks ***

You are invited to the annual MWF Meet & Greet

on Friday, May 20th

In Friendship Park 6:00pm – 8:00pm

This is a free event for our neighbors that presents a great opportunity to dust off the winter doldrums, become acquainted with new neighbors, and reconnect with your MWF friends while sharing a great meal!

This picnic is done in “potluck” style meaning each family in attendance brings a side dish or dessert to share. MWFPOA will provide the meat course, soft drinks and water.

Our past Meet & Greet picnics have been a tremendous success and an unbelievable treat! We have to brag on our great cooks and how they make this a delicious feast each year!

Don't miss a fun couple of hours and an excellent meal all right here in our beautiful park.

We ask that you make your reservations by May 17th by contacting

Sandy Mollberg 861-9622 or Connie Story 369-0809

If you need directions to the Park don't hesitate to ask us

If you have a new neighbor or someone who isn't able to get out on their own, maybe you would like to bring them with you?



The Election Committee Wants You!

Did you know once again it's time to put a slate of officers together for our Meadow Wood Farms Property Owners Association? It's that time of year when a few brave souls toss their names into the hat and by a vote of members at the May 19th Association meeting are elected to continue to guide us forward for another year. Have you ever thought about volunteering your time for the Election Committee, Board, or one of our other Committees? It doesn't take up much more time than you are willing to give and it's a wonderful way to give back to Meadow Wood Farms and your neighbors. Studies have shown that giving back helps one feel better about themselves and will actually reduce stress and could increase your lifespan. What are you waiting for? If you are interested, want to live longer, have been thinking about it or have said to yourself: "Hey! I could do that!", give Dave, Bob, Dick, or Leslie a call or shoot us an email and we'll chat with you about it. Don't forget that all the info you need to contact us, about the Association, duties of officers, meetings and other really important information can be found on our website at:

<http://www.meadowwoodfarmsocala.com/>

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& Committees**

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

- Beautification** **Chair: Vacant**
- Control** **Chair: Vacant**
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- Welcome** Chair: Della Brock 873-2726



Membership & Newsletter

The newsletter is ALSO available in color on the website.
www.meadowwoodfarmsocala.com or
www.MWFPOA.com

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**

Thank You Newsletter Delivery People

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



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



Sunshine Report

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

Karen Reade Email:
AT20146@Earthlink.net

Speedy Recovery:

Elizabeth Waller



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!





Line Dancing– Sandy Mollberg

Do you want to learn Line Dancing?

Love Line Dancing, but need “Refresher “ class or two?

Our Regular Line Dancers, have Volunteered to provide a “one on one” Instruction Session, every Monday Night to help “get you in the groove”

“**Beginner,**” Classes will be on **Monday Nights starting at 6:30pm** with a regular dancing starting at 7pm. **Wednesday Night Dancing will be at 7pm,** everyone is **Welcome to attend...Y’all come !** It’s a lot of fun and good exercise.

Call Sandy Mollberg at 861-9622 or just show up at the **MWF Park. It’s FREE!!!**



Do you know of a Meadow Wood Farms neighbor in need? The Meadow Wood Farms Angels are anonymous volunteers who are ready to help. To submit a request for assistance, email: MWFAngels@gmail.com or call Elizabeth Waller. The Angels will contact you and obtain additional information.



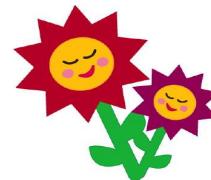
DO YOU KNIT OR CROCHET?

Would you like to join our group. The Meadowlarks, we meet every Monday from 1 to 3:30.

Please call Judy at 873-2857 or Maryann at 237-1479

for more information



Meadow Wood Equine Club — 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, potlucks, store discounts, etc.. Guests are always welcome.

Membership is open to anyone – you do not have to live in Meadow Wood Farms or even own a horse to join. Membership is \$5.00 a year 1/1 to 12/31. 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 895-9977, or Vice-President Carol Shockey at 873-4719, or President Leroy Conro at 873-2153.

Upcoming Events

April 2, 2016 - 4-H Horse Specialty Horse Show - at the Southeastern Livestock Pavilion - 2232 NE Jacksonville Road.

April 8-10, 2016 - Pac West Barrel Race - at the Southeastern Livestock Pavilion - 2232 NE Jacksonville Road.

April 9, 2016 - Tractor Supply Company Farm Swap - Saturday 9:00 am - ? pm. Buy-Sell-Trade Anything and Everything Poultry, Livestock or Farm related (NO yard sale items). contact Joan for more information 352-216-4225. at the Dunnellon Tractor Supply, 11252 N Williams St, Dunnellon.

April 10, 2016 - STRIDE Dressage - 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM. Florida Horse Park, 11008 S Highway 475. For more information - <http://www.stridedressage.org/shows.htm>

April 11 -16, 2016 - Spring Sale of Two-Year-Olds in Training Under Tack - (Monday – Saturday) 8:00 AM - at Ocala Breeders' Sales Co - 1701 Southwest 60th Avenue. (352) 237-2154. <http://www.obssales.com/>

April 13 - 17, 2016 - Ocala Horse Properties International 3-Day Festival of Eventing - 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM. Florida Horse Park, 11008 S Highway 475. For more information - <http://equiventures.com/>

April 15-17, 2016 - Southern Regional Ocala Classic Paso Fino Show - Sat Obstacle Challenge - at the Southeastern Livestock Pavilion - 2232 NE Jacksonville Road.

April 19 - 22, 2016 - Spring Sale of Two-Year-Olds in Training - (Tuesday-Friday) 10:30 am - at Ocala Breeders' Sales Co - 1701 Southwest 60th Avenue. (352) 237-2154. <http://www.obssales.com/>

April 22-24, 2016 - Orange Blossom Mini Horse Show - at the Southeastern Livestock Pavilion - 2232 NE Jacksonville Road

April 23, 2016 - POP (Partners of the Park) XC Schooling Day - 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM. Florida Horse Park, 11008 S Highway 475. For more information: www.fhp-pop.com

April 24, 2016 - POP (Partners of the Park) Dressage, Jumper & 3 Phase Schooling Show - USDF and USEA Dressage classes offered. Jumper classes 18" to 4'. 3 Phase divisions Entry (2'), Beg. Novice, Novice, Training, P/T. at the Florida Horse Park, 11008 S Highway 475. For more information - www.fhp-pop.com

May 7, 2016 - Kentucky Derby



KIDS FUN PAGE...

Welcome Kids...and Young Adults...

Please if you have any ideas for your page, just email it to me...

Mwfpoanewsletter@gmail.com

With your name: and whatever you would like to place in the Newsletter...

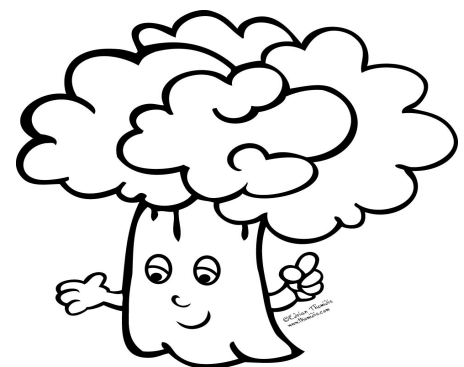
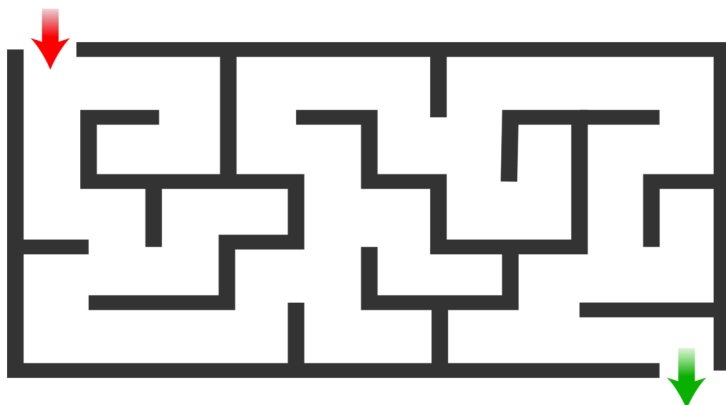
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An Open Letter to the Residents of MWF who own pets...

So an offer to “help Sandy” has turned into an almost full time “Occupation”. However, it takes a village-and this one has responded. My heartfelt thanks to the folks in our neighborhood who have cared enough to pay attention to animals out there “on their own” and taken appropriate action. Most calls are concerning dogs and I have hosted several at my home temporarily. Some “repeat offenders” are well known and simply to respective owners. The more worrisome are those with no means of identification - when there is no response to email posts on the MWF site, I have reluctantly turned them over to Animal Control. I do follow up by phone- two dogs are presently for adoption (Traveler and #159489).

Moving forward in 2016—a resident on Lake View Drive has offered to donate a dog kennel for use on my property, which will be greatly appreciated. (It isn't here yet, so don't even think about it). This will allow me to confine a dog temporarily in safe surroundings without exposing it to my own animals. There has also been an offer of donations and I will be happy to accept the following types of items:

1. clean throw rugs, towels, or blankets as crate/doghouse liners (old ones that you would otherwise discard)
2. Sturdy food/water bowls
3. Collars/leashes (lead ropes also work well with larger dogs)
4. Dog Kibble

I am not intending to set up an actual “rescue” because I cannot take on the Financial responsibility for healthcare that these animals often need. However, sending a dog away with that Animal Control Truck reduces me to tears— Yes, I would like to save them all! The “good” news is that Marion County Animal Services does not immediately euthanize an animal they pick up unless it is a case of clear aggression, severe illness or injury. It is checked for a microchip, held as a “stray” for 3 days, and then neutered, given immunizations, and “cleaned up”. It is then made available for adoption— the photos are posted on their website, Petfinder, and possibly other rescue sites.

I would like to request that any of you have not completed the registry form for your pet (s), do so in the New Year. That information may assure that you quickly get your pet back if he/she “escapes” at some point— we all say that won't happen- but unpredictable circumstances do arise.

God Bless Us, Everyone...Stevie Gordon



Italian Orzo Salad



12 ounces fresh green beans

1 1/2 cups uncooked orzo pasta

6 ounces marinated artichoke hearts, undrained & chop

1 red bell pepper

1/2 cup chopped red onion, 1/2 cup Kalamata olives, 2 tsp fresh lemon thyme, chopped

1 tablespoon. Capers, drained, 1/2 cup Vinaigrette

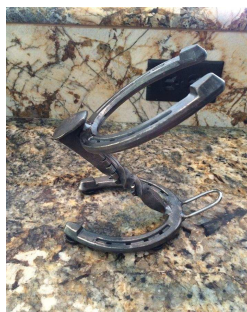
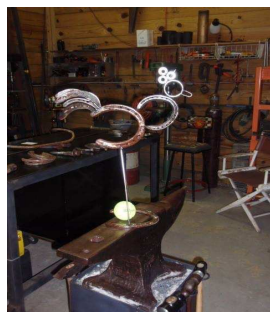
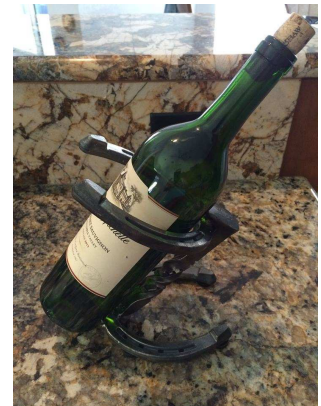
Cook beans until crisp and tender, Cook pasta

Combine all Ingredients into a large bowl...Chill for 4 hours , toss again and serve...Enjoy...



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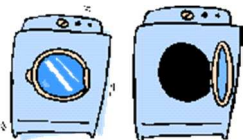
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From main page, click on **Neighbor to Neighbor**- Neighbor to Neighbor Directory

From main page, click on **Newsletter** - and then the month.—Newsletters

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Meadow Wood Farms Property Assoc., Inc., P.O. Box [771896](http://www.meadowwoodfarmsocala.com), Ocala FL [34477](http://www.meadowwoodfarmsocala.com)

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.

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