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Did you make it to the Transmittal Hearing?

Friends,



First off, thank you to everyone who was able to come out to the Transmittal Hearing earlier this week. We had horses, trailers and an overflowing auditorium! What an amazing job. Thank you again to all our community stakeholders!

If you weren't able to make the Transmittal Hearing, or if you came and left early, I encourage you to read this important update.

As you may be aware, this hearing was for the transmittal of the Evaluation and Appraisal Report (EARs) Amendments for the Marion County Comprehensive Plan to Tallahassee. The plan, which is the future vision of Marion County, is amended every seven years.

Horse Farms Forever participated throughout the long process with guidance from our attorney, Matthew Brockway. The goal was to strengthen the Farmland Preservation Area by incorporating protective language against developers and

toll roads. We also wanted to memorialize the [resolution](#) against the toll road created by our Commissioners and sent to Tallahassee in June 2018.

However, the hearing was a disappointment from the start. The Commissioners became no longer welcoming – even opening by stating the meeting would not be about the Coastal Connector, as it no longer exists, and they were not discussing it. This caused confusion and many left. The meeting lasted from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. because, although the Coastal Connector may be dead, they went on to discuss a “limited access highway” and a possible “toll road” at length. You can watch the meeting

Further, special interest groups have been caught off guard by our participation in the EARs process. Many developers, including On Top of the World President Ken Colen, do not want to ban a toll road. The County Commissioners appeared pressured from the special interest groups' power and softened the ban against a toll road. I encourage you to [watch the video](#) and remember how your elected official voted to protect our land!

By the end of the hearing, it was agreed the EAR documents would be transmitted to the Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) in Tallahassee. The DEO will have 180 days to evaluate and return it, in which meetings may start again.

As this process continues, we will continue to work to ensure the Farmland Preservation Area remains protected from future threats. Horse Farms Forever is proud of our recent accomplishments gaining a seat at the table. We encourage every stakeholder to continue to attend the meetings and join the battle to protect our area from threats of future toll roads and developers.

Rest assured, we are here for the long haul! So please share our mission with friends, [join our email list](#) and [donate](#) so we may continue our efforts to protect the reason we live in Marion County - our horses!

Amy Agricola Executive Director

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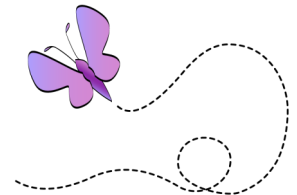
Upcoming Events

Next Board Meeting

February 14th, 2019

Next Assoc. Meeting

March 21st, 2019



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ASSOCIATION INFORMATION

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:



Hello Neighbors! Well, for the first time in almost 20 years of living here in Meadow Wood Farms, Adam, a white standard poodle of mine, escaped my property. He decided to walk down the drive, out the gate and visit the new dogs across the street. I was mowing a small patch of weeds in the back yard, and the garage service door blew open. Adam took advantage of a chance to check out the new neighbors. Of course, they were not out at that time, so suddenly, the area didn't look too familiar and he wandered down the street. Luckily, a wonderful young man texted me, and I was out the door rounding up the wayward poodle who was by then, very scared but only three doors down. I have to commend the Face Book page too, as to how fast the word got out and the neighbors were on high alert. I've been showing dogs for over 25 years, and Adam, who has his AKC CD or "Companion Dog" degree is an obedience champion. Yet, once he was on his own, all that training went out the window. I hope everyone realizes how fast an incident like this can turn into a tragedy. I had Adam back in 15 minutes. Being a responsible dog owner, Adam is neutered and micro chipped. My property is double fenced, but escapes can still happen.

This also brings me to let you know that Stevie Gordon, our Pet Rescue "angel" is retiring from saving the wayward animals in MWF's. She has been a diligent, responsible and resourceful resident, who stepped up when she saw a need in our neighborhood. I commend Stevie for her years of service to all our animals. The neighborhood could use another Pet Rescue person to head up this service. Stevie and her volunteers are still available with a network of rescue organizations. There is a portable Kennel run also available to help with temporary housing. Please let any of the Board members know if you are interested in being that special resident.

Best wishes,

Leslie Pope-Hall President MWFPOA



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Directory Information

Telephone Directory:

The 2017-2018 Meadow Wood Farms Telephone Directory will be available at upcoming Association meetings, or you can contact Elizabeth Waller, Elizabeth@slowturningfarm.com 352 304-8871 to find out how to get one. One copy free to members. Non-members can purchase a copy for \$5 and members can purchase additional copies for \$2 each.

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



Membership & Newsletter

The newsletter is ALSO available in color on the website. 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 Lisa Yanes at 291-0509 or email, stokey@cfl.rr.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 Karen Reade at [352-622-2030](tel:352-622-2030) or email at at20146@earthlink.net. Please include your contact phone number or email.

****NOTICE: Residents who summer outside of Meadow Wood Farms please advise Karen Reade to update your subscription from home delivery to the mailing list.****

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.

Sunshine Report

If you are aware of someone who could benefit from receiving a card, whether due to illness or other reason, please notify: Jennie Adams 854-1914

A sympathy card was sent to, Christie Biehl's and family.

A get well soon card was sent to, Ray Phillips



Recycle Your Aluminum Cans



A Portion to Benefit MWFPOA Treasury

Thank you Rachael and Lillian Workman!

Dave Wagner has graciously offered to help the Workmans with the aluminum can recycling at the park.

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!



You are invited to the following event:

THE FLORIDA HORSE OWNER'S EDUCATIONAL WORKSHOP

Event to be held at the following time, date, and location:

Saturday, March 16, 2019 from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM (EDT)

Southeastern Livestock Pavilion
2232 Northeast Jacksonville Road
Ocala, FL 34470

A day of horse-focused learning and hands-on demonstrations led by University of Florida experts. Topics include:

- Growing Productive Pastures
- Managing Manure
- Toxic Plant Identification.
- Feeding the Equine Athlete
- Basic Equine First Aid
- Horse Health and Wellness

For more information contact Caitlin Bainum at 352-671-8400 or cbainum@ufl.edu.

LINE DANCING — Sandy Mollberg

LINE DANCING HAS STARTED UP AGAIN.



NEW TIME AND DAY FOR LINE DANCING. STARTING SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 2ND. WE WILL BE LINE DANCING AT FRIENDSHIP PARK 10:30 A.M. EVERY SATURDAY. HOPE TO SEE NEW DANCERS. GREAT FUN, EXERCISE AND FUN DANCES. INSTRUCTIONS AND HELP ALWAYS AVAILABLE.

AND TUESDAY EVENINGS, FRIENDSHIP PARK 7 P.M. NEW DANCERS ALWAYS WELCOMED.





CAT BATH by Aileen Fisher

She always tries
to look her best –
she washes east,
she washes west,
she washes north,
she washes south
with the washcloth
in her mouth.

And then, without
a sign of rush,
she makes her tongue
a comb and brush
to groom her fur
or, should she choose,
to smooth the velvet
of her shoes



ANTS, ANTS, and more ANTS Toni Kimball

One would think that I had learned by now, but sometimes I just don't think.

So there I was, standing right on top of this monstrous ant abode, happily watering some plants, when I looked down and my feet and shoes are covered with the little darlings. After discarding my shoes and socks in the driveway, and brushing as many off as I could, between my toes, etc, I went into the house to do what I usually do – wash off with a soapy scrungy sponge. But I remembered that vinegar is good for wasp and bee stings, so I doused thoroughly with vinegar, letting it dry. To my surprise, I got no welts and NO ITCHING !!! Let me know if you try it, or have another solution. Thx..



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Do you know of a Meadow Wood Farms neighbor in need? The Meadow Wood Farms Angels is a group of anonymous volunteers who are ready to help with those small, one-time projects that our neighbors cannot do by themselves by reason of age, illness, disability, or lack of funds.

To submit a request for assistance, email: MWFangels@gmail.com or call Elizabeth Waller. The Angels will contact you and obtain additional information in order to evaluate the request.





An open letter to the residents of Meadow Wood Farms:

It is with considerable regret that I have now “retired” from my “pet safety” position for Meadow Wood Farms. During my 50 years in various positions as an RN, my heart really belonged with needy animals – and it was both a challenge and joy to be able to indulge in rescue work for several years. Reluctantly, I must leave it behind at this time due to progressive changes in my health and mobility status – sometimes reality just sucks.



I am forever grateful to the wonderful MWF neighbors who have supported me and helped out in so many ways – by adopting, donating, providing information, not to mention physical assistance with some of my “guests”. I am hopeful that someone in the community will be able to pick up where I am leaving off. The supplies I have at my home would also be transferred – there are crates, food, bowls, some medications, collars, leashes, etc. And of course, I am willing to orient a replacement person to the policies and techniques I used. I have kept written records and they can be passed on as well. The kennel will be removed from my property in the near future – and I’m sure arrangements can be made to re-erect it for the use of a kind and generous volunteer. Please feel free to call me if you have some interest and would like more detailed information. If there are 2 or 3 individuals who could form an actual “committee”, it might make the workload more manageable.



In parting, I would like to remind everyone to spay/neuter their pets and make sure they are either microchipped and/or wear an ID tag with your phone number. They are innocent creatures who need and deserve our love and protection.

Stevie Gordon
484-802-3786

P.S. The two visitors who came to stay remain with me. Frazier and Sherlock are my beloved pets – annoying, but cherished “fringe benefits”.

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Farm Management Field Day

Saturday, March 2, 2019
10 a.m. – 1 p.m..



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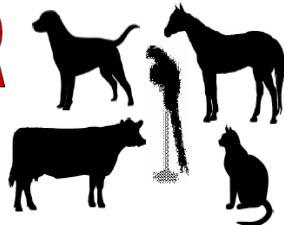
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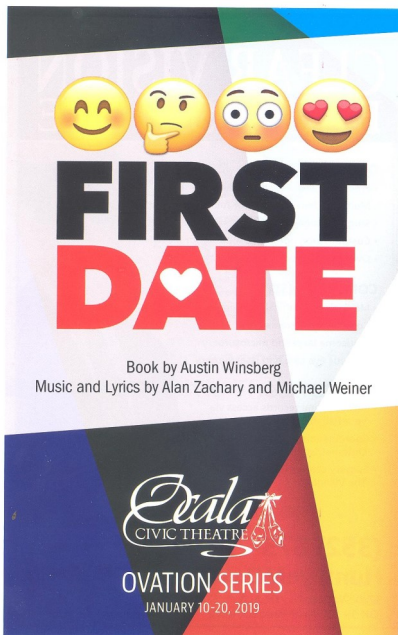
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In previous “trips” with Out & About, I’ve taken you to restaurants, coffee shops, and even horse camping. This month, I thought I might take you to the theatre – the Ocala Civic Theatre to be precise. One of our good friends was very thoughtful over the Christmas holiday and gave us a gift of a Flex Pass. This ticket package allows us to pick three shows to attend between now and the end of the season in June. Our first experience at the theatre was for the show *First Date* – a musical comedy.



Having never been to the Civic before, we weren’t sure what to expect. First, “Slo-cala” did not strike us as a mecca for talented live stage actors, actresses, and musicians. Second, we knew of NO one who regularly attended these productions. And finally, the theatre is ALL THE WAY across town. If you are thinking that these are pretty lame excuses for not giving the Civic a shot, you are absolutely right!

We began our night with dinner at one of our regular haunts ALL THE WAY across town, the Braised Onion. While it can be crowded, it wasn’t on this particular Wednesday night. We sat in the cozy bar as we often do and had a typically tasty meal. If you are a fan of good soups, their Grilled Mushroom soup is worth the trip all by itself. Paired with a spinach salad and a glass of Uppercut Cabernet, it was a fitting pre-show delight.

Our other option for dinner on the FAR EAST side of town was Mesa de Notte, a noted Italian restaurant right on Silver Springs Blvd. Candidly, it was Merry Lee’s first choice but somehow I missed that message. To quote the great Strother Martin from *Cool Hand Luke*, “what we’ve got here is a failure to communicate.” As we’ve not yet been to this respected establishment, I’ll save my review for a later date. I can assure you that we will be going – and soon.

Off to the theatre... I remind you that our expectations were minimal at best. Seats in the second row, center stage were wonderful but with only 405 seats in the house, there really isn’t a bad seat. Of the many things we were not expecting was the first rate, even professional performances by each and every one of the players, all of whom hold “real jobs” or are students in and around Ocala. Described in the advertising as containing “strong profanity and sexual innuendo,” we were only slightly surprised to find that none of said profanity and innuendo seemed out of place. The show was funny, entertaining, and a true pleasure to attend. The singing was exceptionally good and the acting matched. This show would have been a hit for anyone, even those who are not predisposed to live theatre. We even spotted a couple of other friendly MWF residents in the audience. They were tough to miss, sitting in the row directly behind us.

The long and short is this. If you are looking for a first rate night out (and are willing to drive ALL THE WAY across town), we highly recommend an evening at the Ocala Civic Theatre, with dinner before if you like. It was a treat we will be repeating.

You won’t regret being Out & About.

Jim Bain

We have a plethora of interesting and creative people among us . We thought you would like to meet them or get to know them better. Likewise if you have someone you think we should feature, let us know at mwfponewsletter@gmail.com



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