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## Thank you for voting!

The current Board was re-elected in May for another term. Thank you to all those who turned out for the meeting and to those who have agreed to serve as a Board member or on one of our standing committees.

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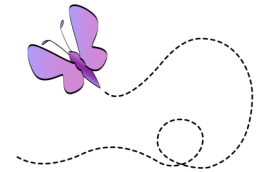
### Upcoming Events

#### Next Board Meeting

**June 13, 2019**

#### Next Assoc. Meeting

**July 18, 2019**



Minutes are posted on the website after all Board and Association meetings:  
[www.mwfpoa.com](http://www.mwfpoa.com)

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:



### 2019 - 2020 Board Elections

**Hello Neighbors.** Another Board election has come and gone, and I thank all those who turned out to support the election and our Property Owners Association. The current Board has been re-elected to another fiscal term.

I want to thank Dorothy Henry, who chaired our Election Committee. She did a great job getting the word out! I also want to thank our Board for returning for another year:

- Heidi Boynton is our Vice-President.
- Karen Reade is our Secretary.
- Lisa Yanes is our Treasurer.

We have been a great team, and everyone communicates well. Some of our accomplishments this past year included reinvesting the CDs into a higher rate, adding new swings at the Park, adding new signs at the entrances, as well as taking care of the mundane routine tasks, like paying bills. All in all, I think Meadow Wood Farms looks pretty good, and we look forward to another year.

Best wishes to all,

*Leslie Pope-Hall*

President MWFPOA



Karen Reade



Heidi Boynton    Leslie Pope-Hall    Lisa Yanes

## Directory Information

### Telephone Directory:

The 2017-2018 Meadow Wood Farms Telephone Directory will be available at upcoming Association meetings, or you can contact Toni Kimball at (352) 861-4934, [akimball2@cfl.rr.com](mailto:akimball2@cfl.rr.com) 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 even more festive and social!**




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**We appreciate ALL of our volunteers!  
Thank you!**



### Sunshine Report

Annie Coryat was recently in the hospital. A "Thinking of You" card was sent.

A sympathy card was sent to Carol Henry.

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

## Membership & Newsletter

The newsletter is ALSO available in color on the website: [www.mwfpoa.com](http://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 many events and improvements to our community. As a member you have a voice and a vote and are encouraged to participate in all aspects of the Association. We need all neighbors to participate in keeping Meadow Wood Farms the wonderful place to live that we enjoy.

**Need to check if you've paid?** Contact Lisa Yanes at 291-0509 or email, [stokey@cfl.rr.com](mailto: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 or email at [at20146@earthlink.net](mailto: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.

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](mailto:MWFAngels@gmail.com) or call Jim Bain (352) 615-2572. The Angels will contact you and obtain additional information in order to evaluate the request.





## Do you know who or what the Association really is?

The Association is made up of your neighbors, the people who live here, your friends next door. Our “founding fathers,” for whatever the reason, set up the Meadow Wood Farms Property Owners Association (MWFPOA) as a volunteer management group with guidelines to maintain our property values. Their vision was a “village” of small equestrian farms, with three- or four-board fencing, among the oaks and rolling hills here in Marion County.

I have heard residents say they thought the Association was a social group, a clique. Far from it! Being a member of the Association gives you an important voice (and vote) in our community. The neighbors who make up the Association care about the way our community looks, feels, and grows. Our property is an investment; we strive to maintain our property values, and we want them to appreciate, just like money in the bank. We can't “appreciate” if we don't maintain our village. The road improvements, for example, really made a positive difference.

One of the problems with the MWFPOA being set up as voluntary is that the annual “dues” are also voluntary. So, our founders established the Association for those who choose to join but to pay **all** the bills. Really!? Did you know that fewer than 50 percent of residents are members? That means the minority of residents here are paying **all** the community bills. And yes, we do have bills to pay: insurance, mowing, maintenance, and electric (five meters)! The POA also maintains the entrances, pavilion, and playground. Can you imagine what MWF would look like without the front entrances maintained (and decorated for holidays), without lighting, and with overgrown weeds galore? MWF is a desirable place to live because members and volunteers care about appearances and about maintaining a sense of community . The social events sponsored by the Association are NOT just for Association members! They are meant to foster neighborhood friendship and sense of community for all residents.

Being a member of the POA doesn't give you a golf course membership or access to a spa or swimming pool, but it does give you a vote in our “government of neighbors,” as well as a directory of your neighbors. The monthly newsletter is also available to all residents for free, published and delivered by our wonderful volunteers. (No newsletter delivered to your home? Just contact a Board member to have a newsletter tube installed.)

I propose and hope that everyone will support this wonderful community. You don't need to join the MWFPOA, but I do ask you to contribute toward the maintenance and quality of our beautiful community. We are **all** responsible for helping to maintain our lovely community. **Every resident** needs to step up, care about, and support where we live. The annual “Association billing” came out in May, and I ask that you contribute what you can: \$50, \$40, \$25, or \$55. Any of these will help with electricity, gas, and insurance, all of which continue to go up, not down. Please appreciate and support our lovely community, as well as support your neighborhood management team, elected by neighbors for the good of the neighborhood. We really do care.

*Leslie Pope-Hall*

President, MWFPOA





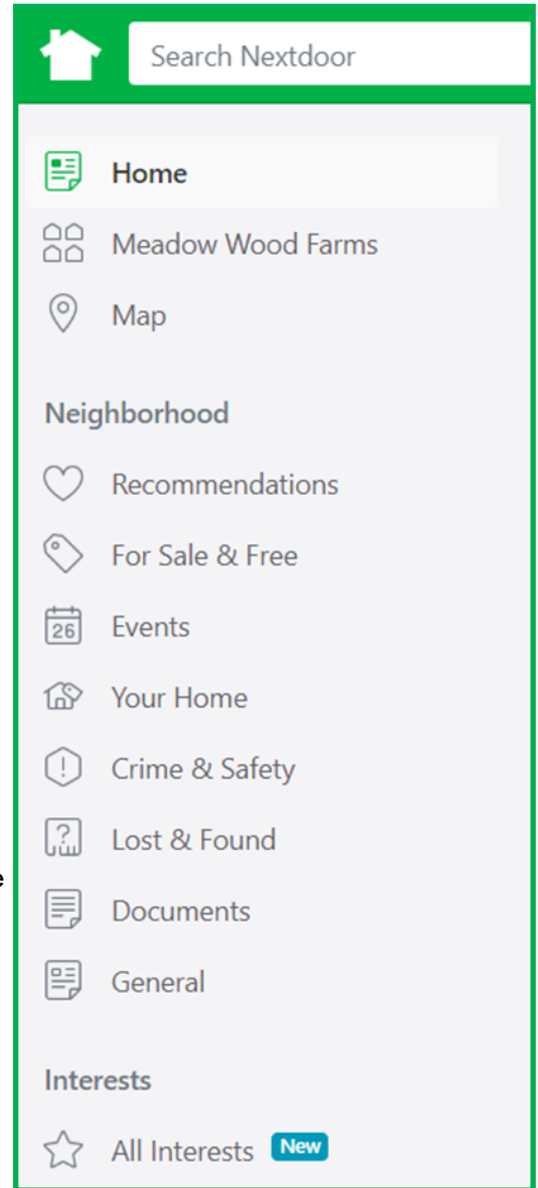
## Did you know...?

In addition to the community email, Nextdoor social networking is also available for residents in Meadow Wood Farms. We have an active Meadow Wood Farms Facebook page, which is currently our “go to” place for lost pets to get the word out instantly, at least until someone takes over our pet rescue. (It is a closed group—for residents only— but just list your address and ask to be included.)

Additionally, the website [Nextdoor.com](https://www.nextdoor.com) is available. This site is hosted by a company out of San Francisco, California. Users submit their real names and addresses to the website. Posts made to the website are available only to other Nextdoor members living in the same neighborhood or nearby neighborhoods, if you have selected that option. (The eight nearby neighborhoods for us include Ocala Estates, NW 35th Street, Lake Tropicana, Dorchester Estates, Timber Lake, Ocala Highlands West, Miller Road, and Ocala Pines.)

According to the site, MWF has 202 active neighbors (stated to be 24 percent of 707 households). Neighbors can share messages, questions, polls, information about upcoming events, or even urgent alerts. There are also ways to share recommendations, items for sale, and other general interests.

There is no obligation, and joining is free and fairly easy to do. It can be a nice supplement to MWF’s website, email, Facebook page, and newsletter communications. It’s one more arrow in the quiver, so to speak, if you can filter through them all and still avoid information overload.



*Sydney Smith*



## LINE DANCING is back at Friendship Park!

We meet on Saturday mornings, starting at 10:00 a.m., and on Tuesday nights, starting at 7:00 p.m. There is always room for new dancers!

Dancing is great exercise and great fun! We also walk through and provide instructions before each dance, as needed.

## Batty for Bats!

There are many reasons why living in Ocala is great, but mosquitoes aren't one of them. Last year, I purchased a bat house, hoping to make a difference. It took about 9 months before a pair of bats took up residence, and just last week, another pair joined them. I am happy to report that I have noticed a definite reduction in my insect population. My dad and I enjoy sitting in the backyard at sunset, watching them swoop around to catch their dinner.

You may have heard the same misconceptions I have about bats, so I want to address them:

### ◆ **Bats drink blood - Fact**

Although it's true there are some species that feed on animal blood, there are 13 species of bats in Florida, and all are insectivores.

### ◆ **Bats have rabies - Fact**

Only about 0.5% of bats become ill with the disease, less than any other mammal. The vast majority are immune to the virus.

### ◆ **Bats are blind - Fact**

Bats have relatively good eyesight, but they depend on their echolocation, or sonar, to navigate and capture their prey. This system is so accurate that bats can avoid obstacles as thin as a piece of thread and can catch tiny flying insects even in total darkness.

Now that we've covered the negatives, let's talk about some of the many positives about bats:

- ◆ Bats consume almost their weight in bugs daily—about 600 to 1,000 insects per hour. They protect our gardens (by eating spotted cucumber beetles and tomato hornworm moths), our forests (by eating emerald ash borer beetles), and our crops (by eating corn earworm moths and cotton bollworm moths). Scientists estimate that bats save U.S. farmers more than \$23 billion each year. *And did I mention they eat mosquitoes?*
- ◆ Bats decrease the need for the expense and hazards of toxic pesticides.
- ◆ Bats pollinate more than 450 food and fiber plants, including cashews and bananas. Some plants, like agave, are **only** pollinated by bats.
- ◆ Fruit bats are major seed dispersers. They consume fruit and, when their guano drops to the ground, it sows new seeds. Thanks to bats, we can enjoy fruit such as pineapple, figs, and mango.
- ◆ Bat guano is a great fertilizer for gardens because it is nutrient rich in nitrogen, phosphorous, and potassium. Bat guano helps to hold our loose, sandy soil together longer, and it is not easily leached out, so it benefits the plants and soil much longer than other fertilizers you might purchase. Lastly, the microbes in bat guano have bioremediation capabilities; that is, they aid in cleansing toxic soils. These microbes are also efficient decomposers and help control soil diseases, as well as dangerous nematodes. Bat guano can be used on vegetables, herbs, ornamentals, and fruit and nut trees.

Bats are among the world's most endangered animals because of human ignorance, unfounded fears (as mentioned above), and habitat loss. For their size class, bats are one of the slowest reproducers on Earth, with most species having only one pup per year. In the state of Florida, bats are protected wildlife, so it is illegal to harm or kill them.

You can do your part to help these shy and gentle yet highly social and intelligent animals by adding a bat house to your landscape, reducing or eliminating pesticide use, and planting a bat garden with flowers that bloom late in the day such as Evening Primrose, Purple Coneflower, Milkweed, Goldenrod, and Butterfly Bush.

Let's join together and help this species that does so much for us!

*Heidi Boynton*

### A Few Helpful Hints for Working Outside

Here are a few ideas, tips, and tricks that I have learned and that can help protect you while you are working outside.

1. Use dryer sheets to ward off mosquitoes (although I'm not going to guarantee it). Take a new dryer sheet and sort of give yourself a sponge bath with it on the uncovered parts of skin. Then put it in a pocket for extra protection, or clothespin it to the top of your head if you are working in the shade.
2. Save old white cotton socks to make head bands that you can wear under your hat. Cut them around without stopping to make custom size head bands.
3. Take an old bath towel and cut it length-wise into strips about 6 inches across (or cut the towel into quarters), and zig-zag stitch, if necessary. Wear around your neck to wipe off the sweat! (This is far better than using the bottom of your t-shirt!)
4. Old cotton socks also can help protect your arms. Slice off the toe, and slide your arm in to keep the sun off your arms, as well as to protect them from thorns, etc. For larger arms, you may want to buy leg warmers because they are bigger and allow you to still get some air under your arms without having to wear a long-sleeved shirt.
5. Always wear a hat!



And now, from top down - dryer sheet, head band, towel, arm cover!!  
And then – DON'T forget the hat!!

#### Bonus Tips:

- ◆ Use vinegar, the gentle acid, as a great rust remover for any tools that you have mistakenly left outside. Then spray with an oil protectant.
- ◆ Supposedly lavender repels spiders, but I have not tried this one.

*Toni Kimball*

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#### Ready for a black-out or a brown-out?

One solution might be right outside your house, if you have solar lights for landscaping. They make a great addition inside if the lights go out. Inexpensive when you can get them for \$2 to \$5 each, they may light your house all night! (Some are brighter than others.)

If a battery (or cell) goes dead, it can be recharged! Put them outside during the day, and bring them back in at night. Even on a cloudy day, they may recharge somewhat. You might want to try this *before* an emergency makes it necessary!

*Toni Kimball*

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### OUT AND ABOUT

This month in Out & About, I'll be taking you backward just a little bit. I have to believe that most of our MWF residents have taken the opportunity to visit Silver Springs State Park. But, have you been there recently? If you haven't, you should. It is certainly one of the crown jewels of Marion County and has changed considerably.



Early in May, our youngest son and his family came down from the cold Midwest to visit. With their 3-year old daughter and 8-month old son, we were a bit more limited in our choices of entertainment. Other than spending some relaxing time around our pool and our farm, we had to come up with something interesting for both the children and the adults. Silver Springs State Park lived up to that challenge.

My wife and I have been to the park many times over the 13 years we have lived in MWF. In recent years, more often than not, we have put our kayaks in at the kayak/canoe launch and spent roughly 90 minutes paddling the gentle Fort King Paddling Trail. It's a little over a mile, with a similar return distance upstream back to the headsprings of the Silver River, where the glass-bottomed boats begin and end their tours.

Along the way on this easy paddle, you will see turtles, multiple bird species and numerous alligators warming themselves on the banks. If you are lucky, you might even see the descendants of the monkeys who escaped from the theme park many years ago. That's right—Silver Springs State Park is home to at least 300 rhesus macaques, a monkey native to south and southeast Asia. Be careful though. They can be quite aggressive, so admire them from afar. If you are thinking that all of this sounds a bit challenging for our 3-year old granddaughter and our 8-month old grandson, you are right. And that is why we chose to board the glass-bottomed boat for a half hour tour of the springs that create and feed the Silver River. It's a gentler way to see the fish that teem in the river, the birds, the turtles, and the alligators that bask in the sun on the shoreline.

The park has been reinvented to some degree after being assigned to our State Parks system. Gone is the water park. Gone are the zoo-like animal exhibits. Gone are the arcade style shops. What is left is the natural beauty of the amazing spring, a few shops, a small restaurant, and the fascinating history of Florida's very first theme park. Conceptually, the management of the park decided to limit what they had to offer to what they could do very well. I have to say that they have succeeded beautifully. The boats are wonderfully maintained and operated by an independent contractor from the Cocoa Beach area. More importantly, many of the operators have been there for many years and continue to share their wit, wisdom, and historical perspective. It is a quiet adventure, but an adventure nonetheless.

In addition to the glass-bottomed boat tours (around \$11 for seniors), the park, located at the edge of the Ocala National Forest, features the aforementioned kayaking with rentals available, hiking trails, biking trails, and nearby horse trails. Camping and picnic grounds are also available. As this is the place in which several episodes of *Sea Hunt*, *Creature from the Black Lagoon*, a few *I Spy* episodes, and a number of *Tarzan* movies were filmed, you won't want to miss your chance to be Out & About and go back in time – without ever leaving town.

*Jim Bain*



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