



## Trees May Help with MWF Water Woes

It's hard to believe that Marion County experienced below average rainfall and fairly dry conditions between 2003 through 2017. The more recent trend seems to have turned in the other direction. In 2018, one neighbor's rain gauge captured 80 inches of rain, exceeding the average rainfall of 48 to 52 inches by 28 inches and the 2016 rainfall by 33 inches. We're likely to exceed the average in 2019 as well.

Our summer brought a lot of heavy rain that resulted in flooded pastures and yards and even covered one of our roadways, as our numerous water retention areas filled to overflowing and as the ground water reached capacity. Guidance from the County is limited, but there may be some help available through a little industrious landscaping. Consider the following:

- ◆ Oak trees are native to north Florida, with four species that are prevalent in our neighborhood: Water Oak, Live Oak, Laurel Oak, and Myrtle Oak.
- ◆ Water Oaks are most common in MWF and store about 10 gallons of water per foot of 12-inch diameter. A mature tree can draw 300 gallons of water per day. However, these trees have a short life span: only 50 to 70 years.
- ◆ With all that water weight, Water Oaks tend to fall apart; they often get root and trunk rot and drop live branches due to their fast growth rate and brittleness.
- ◆ Many Water Oaks planted when MWF was first developed are beginning to show signs of their age and are dying and or falling.

So, while the Water Oaks in MWF may help to absorb some of the excess water that has fallen, many are also far along in their life cycle. Some have already died or have been cut down. Planting other species of oak trees (or even other varieties of trees) may be an option for reducing some of the flooding (while helping to pump both oxygen and water back into the environment in the process). For example, Live Oaks can also draw 300 gallons of water per day, and they have a longer life span of 250 years.

So, here's a little information to consider for your landscaping projects, as a positive step to address recent weather challenges and related consequences. Plant a tree... or two...

*Sydney Smith with thanks to Jan Reade for his research*

### Upcoming Events

#### Next Board Meeting



**October 10, 2019**

#### Next Assoc. Meeting

**November 21, 2019**

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:



### Hello Neighbors.

Fall has arrived and not a day too late. We just need that crisp, dry and cool air to arrive with it. What a wet summer! Seems like our "normal" afternoon thunderstorms became all-day affairs. Rain just dumped on us, and the water tables are higher than ever. I know many of you had to cross Lake Needles with the "NO WAKE ZONE" warning. At least some of our residents have a great sense of humor.

Sadly, many of our back yards flooded and have stayed that way. I know Board members have been in contact with the County. I applaud the residents who keep after Marion County. Some noise can go a long way. Sadly, Friendship Park is again flooded, and our annual evening of Dancing Under the Stars had to be cancelled. Keep your fingers crossed that our Veterans Day celebration will still be on track for November 9. The BBQ is always a fun family event that honors our veterans and first responders.

I just want to end with a big thank you to all those who also serve Meadow Wood Farms. All of our wonderful volunteers, committee chairs, and my super Board members give their expertise, knowledge, and love to our community. Meadow Wood Farms is a great place to live because of their time and commitment.

Happy Fall, everyone!

*Leslie Pope-Hall*  
President MWFPOA

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## Directory Information

The 2017-2018 Meadow Wood Farms **Telephone Directory** is no longer available. The Directory is being updated, and the updated version is expected to be available in the Fall. To provide updates or other information for the new directory, please contact Toni Kimball at (352) 861-4934 or [akimball2@cfl.rr.com](mailto:akimball2@cfl.rr.com).

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



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## Sunshine Report

The following individuals received cards:



- ◆ The Harold Harper Family—sympathy
- ◆ Ben & Johanna Snyder—sympathy
- ◆ Gary & Judy Hutchinson—sympathy
- ◆ Toni Kimball—speedy recovery

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.

## Meadow Wood Farms Website

[www.mwfpoa.com](http://www.mwfpoa.com)

- ◆ Neighbor to Neighbor Directory: From main page, click on **Neighbor to Neighbor**
- ◆ The newsletter is ALSO available in **color** on our website: From main page, click on **Newsletter**, and then select the month

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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](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.



## Meadow Wood Memory Walkers Nail Third Place in “Walk to End Alzheimer’s” Fundraising



The morning of Saturday, September 21<sup>st</sup>, was warm and sunny as hundreds of Alzheimer’s caregivers, family members, supporters, and patients set off on the 2019 Ocala Walk to End Alzheimer’s. The fabulous *Meadow Wood Memory Walkers* were there in force and were honored as one of the top three teams this year at the Champion’s Tent with free breakfast treats, fresh orange juice, and yogurt parfaits.

As of the start of the Walk, we finished just short of our \$10,000 goal with a grand total of \$9,568. However, several of our team members are still raising funds (all donations up until December 31<sup>st</sup> will count toward our goal), so we are confident that we will reach our total before the end of the year. Even so, we are solidly in third place, with a margin of about \$6,000. So when you see these MWMW Team members, please congratulate them for their accomplishment! With your generous support, they are doing their part to END ALZHEIMER’S.

*Elizabeth Waller*



Bob Coveney  
Gail Thomas  
(and Daisy the Goldendoodle)  
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Leslie Pope-Hall  
(and Mark the Poodle)  
Karen Reade  
Tim Smith (aka Barney)  
Lisa Yanes

**Also:**  
Elizabeth Waller, Team Captain and  
Former MWF Resident  
Steve Waller  
Linda McKinney  
Bill Woods  
Don Vance  
Gail Redinger





## Dancing Under the Stars “Oktoberfest”

**\*Is Cancelled\***

Dear Neighbors:

Regretfully, the MWFPOA Party Committee has to cancel the “Oktoberfest” event, due to flooding within the park and other areas in MWF. The mosquito population would be beyond any control, even with the very successful equipment that we normally use. Your safety and enjoyment are of our concern, so we feel it our obligation to not expose our friends to those elements any more than they have to put up with at home.

We are very disappointed to have to do this again this year, but until we can find a more suitable time to hold the party, we have to scrap our plans for this one. MWF has such a wonderful group of neighbors who have supported us through the years with our Meet & Greet, DUTS, and the Veterans BBQ, and we look forward to being able to continue to provide the opportunities for these neighborly gatherings. The Veterans BBQ is still in planning stages for November, so watch for updates as we continue to deal with the unforetold future of Florida weather and its effects on our area.

*The MWFPOA Party Committee*



### **LINE DANCING** at Friendship Park!

We meet on Saturday mornings, starting at 10:00 a.m., and on Tuesday evenings, 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.

### Annual Veterans and First Responders BBQ is Coming!

The 2019 MWFPOA 6th Annual Veterans and First Responders BBQ is scheduled for Saturday, **November 9th**, from 3:00 until 6:00pm at Friendship Park.

Because of the possibility that the park may still be under water and we may have to cancel, we are not accepting cash in advance of the event. We will be taking reservations, and you will pay at the door. To get your reservations in, contact Dave Kane at 352-509-7754 or [dck945@yahoo.com](mailto:dck945@yahoo.com) or Sandy Mollberg at 352-861-9622.

Veterans, active service members, and past and present first responders are all free, and it is still \$5 for everyone else.

*Dave Kane*



### What's Up with the Lovebugs?

Lovebug mating season typically lasts 4 weeks and occurs in both May and September. So that explains why we have hundreds of thousands of these pests flying around now. Personally, I'm having a hard time waiting them out this time. Although they don't sting or bite, they are certainly a nuisance! I did find a few interesting defenses, though:

1. Female lovebugs look for dead grass and decaying leaves to lay their eggs under, so removing these items will remove the invitation for lovebugs to enter or remain in your yard.
2. Avoid running vehicle engines for an extended period of time. Researchers at the University of Florida report that lovebugs are attracted to UV irradiated aldehydes, which are prevalent in exhaust fumes. The bugs confuse the fumes with the odors emitted by decaying leaves and grass.
3. Plan activities for the evening hours because lovebugs are most active during the day. You can avoid them by staying indoors and out of your garden until dusk or night hours (although I find gardening in the dark to be a challenge).
4. Researchers report that they seem to be attracted to light-colored and shiny surfaces, particularly freshly painted surfaces. If you have a painting project to perform, save it for the fall, winter, or early spring when lovebugs are not mating and traveling in huge groups.

*Sydney Smith*



**Have creative ideas of your own? Want to share helpful tips and tricks related to your favorite hobby?**

**Please email your ideas to [mwfpoanewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:mwfpoanewsletter@gmail.com).**

**Lazy Woman's Mulch**

I have tried this for about 3 years now—this mulch is fake grass carpeting, called Indoor/Outdoor Grass Area Rug. It can be found at Lowe's or Home Depot and is fairly inexpensive. (Expensive would not work.) A roll measuring 6 x 7.5 feet used to cost about \$12, but now is closer to \$20, and a roll will do a lot of mulching. If you have a circle, you can even save the corners to use in square pots.



I can clean debris from on top of it, and lift it back for feeding, etc. It allows water to flow through it freely. Also, you can hose it fairly heavily without disturbing the soil.

I wasn't sure how plants would do with this carpeting as mulch, but my Norfolk Pine is doing well, and the few roses that I have seem not to mind it either.



*Joni Kimball*



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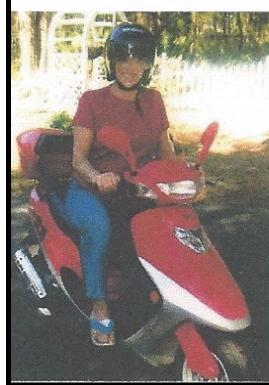
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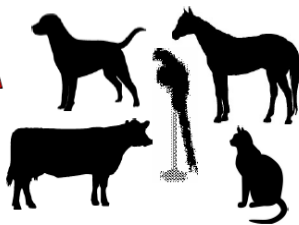
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As October begins and as any baseball fan knows, Major League Baseball will be in its greatest glory this month. The playoffs begin. Ten teams will be whittled down to two, and those two will face each other in the World Series. For the most part, I am really NOT a baseball fan. While the baseball fans are welcoming the post-season series, I am relishing football and looking eagerly toward college basketball season.

So was my mindset as we headed down to Tampa a few days ago to watch the Boston Red Sox take on the Tampa Bay Rays. The occasion was a close friend's birthday. He is a rabid Red Sox fan. Did I mention that I don't really care? For the non-fans (me included), let me bring you up to speed on the playoff picture. Boston has deftly played themselves completely *out* of the playoffs. There are only about a half dozen games left in the regular season. Around the end of September, these guys get to stay home with their wives and kids. They will have played 162 games in 180 days over the course of the season. Teams like Boston are just grinding it out until their winter vacation. On the other hand, Tampa Bay is still in the hunt and they are in what is called a "must win" position.

But... (and it's a big but), the players are genuine professional athletes. For the most part, they show up every day, give it their very best, and compete. The result for even the casual fan is, thankfully, an entertaining event. And that, my friends, is what made this outing so enjoyable. There is something just wholesome and fun about going to a baseball game. We sprang for very good seats, a dozen rows behind Boston's dugout. Because of the playoff picture, the stands were not crowded, but there was a significant fan base for both the Rays and the Red Sox. In our foursome, we had fans for both teams. Sitting in front of and behind us were Sox fans. In spite of rooting for different teams, there was a camaraderie among our section based simply on enjoying the game. As any of you who have attended a big league baseball game will know, the experience is not complete without the good old hot dog and a beer. Add in some spirited play (from both the teams and our little section of fans), and the result is an outstanding day at the ball park.



If there were any downsides, they would be the 2-hour drive to the field and the fact that Tampa Bay plays indoors. As a child of the 50's from the Midwest, sports like baseball and football are NOT played indoors. Hockey and basketball are played indoors (and outdoors when we were kids). Baseball and football are not. With those admittedly noticeable but minor drawbacks, I would still give a huge thumbs-up to a visit to Tampa to watch a professional sporting event. Whether the home team is your team or even competitive doesn't really matter. The event is worth the trip.

Give it a try. I can't help but think that you will enjoy just being Out & About.

*Jim Bain*



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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.

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