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MEADOW WOOD FARMS NEWSLETTER

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YOU ARE INVITED TO

MWF MEET & GREET

FRIDAY, APRIL 24 (6:00 – 8:00pm)

Sponsored by MWFPOA at Friendship Park
FREE FUN & FOOD GALORE for RESIDENTS AND FAMILY MEMBERS!

Welcome new neighbors, and greetings to our long-time residents. Join us for a casual, relaxed evening filled with food and very friendly folks!

MWFPOA will provide grilled-on-the-spot hamburgers & hot dogs, condiments, soft drinks, and water. Our attendees bring a side dish or dessert to share.

Please reserve your seats by April 17th.

Contact: Connie Story 369-0809
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Upcoming Events

Board Meetings

March 12, 2020

April 2, 2020

May 14, 2020

MWF Meet & Greet

April 24, 2020

Association Meetings

March 19, 2020

May 21, 2020 elections

Minutes are posted on the website after all Board and Association meetings:
www.mwfpoa.com

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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Hello Neighbors—

It looks like we're headed to an early spring in Meadow Wood Farms. It seems we never stopped mowing from last year. As we head into spring, I think our community is looking pretty good. Have you seen the new signs at the entrance? Our entrances are also mowed and maintained throughout the year, in addition to ongoing upkeep of the park. Your POA manages the community property and pays for the insurance, state fees, lighting, and electric fees. All is maintained in MWF for annual POA dues of \$55.00 per member. Your Board runs an efficient "ship" on nominal property owners' fees.

Do you know another community whose annual fees are so reasonable? Even though the annual dues are voluntary, it is everyone's responsibility to maintain our beautiful community. It is not fair or right that only half the community is paying the expenses for every resident. In the next month, we'll be sending everyone a notice that it is time to pay the POA dues, and we ask every resident to continue to support our lovely community.

I will also be retiring from the Presidency at the end of the fiscal term (May 31). I have honestly enjoyed meeting so many wonderful neighbors and serving on the Board for the last 6 years. The Board will have two vacancies this year, as the Vice President is also retiring. These are not difficult positions, and I will always be available to help lend a hand in the transition. Please consider taking a position on the Board; I'm sure you will find it very rewarding. Best wishes,

Leslie Pope-Hall
President MWFPOA

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Sunshine	Chair: Jennie Adams	854-1914
Welcome	Chair: Lee Albritton	954 260-2223

Community Matters

In one of our previous newsletters, Robert Zachary used a fictional scenario to very effectively address several of our Deed Restrictions. The following question was submitted by Mr. A Lincoln, Esq. of Hodgenville, KY.

I am interested in purchasing a wooded lot in Meadow Wood Farms, clearing most of the trees and using them to build several small one-room log cabins to be used as vacation residences. I also plan to construct a centrally located communal outhouse, as well as a church. Additionally, on a recent trip the Middle East, I acquired a slightly used Bedouin tent and a camel. I plan to erect the tent as one of the vacation residences. Can you tell me if any of these plans are addressed in the MWF Deed Restrictions?

Find the Control Committee's response to this imaginative scenario on **page 4**.

Newsletter Delivery

The Newsletter will be delivered to everyone in MWF who has requested it. Mailing tubes have been attached to your mailbox stand to make these deliveries legal in the eyes of the USPS. If you're not getting one, contact Pat Van Nostrand at vannospa@gmail.com. If you need a tube, contact Ian Reade at at20146@earthlink.net. Please include your contact phone number or email.

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Sydney Smith
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Send payment for ads to Lisa Yanes
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Sunshine Report

Cards were sent to the following neighbors:

- ◆ Sympathy — Gary and Judy Hutchinson
- ◆ Get Well Soon — Robert Zachery

If you are aware of someone who could benefit from receiving a card, please notify Jennie Adams at 854-1914.

Meadow Wood Farms Website

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

To join the Meadow Wood Farms email blasts and conversation, send a note to Meadowwoodfarms1@aol.com and ask the site master to add your email address. Please respect the rules... no politics, or religion, or any attachments or offensive material. This site is offered by a private member of the association. It is an extremely useful tool, and we are grateful to that person.

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 Jim Bain (352) 615-2572. The Angels will contact you and obtain additional information in order to evaluate the request.



...Dear Mr. Lincoln,

Thank you for your inquiry and plans for building here in Meadow Wood Farms. The following deed restrictions apply to your plans.

No. 1: No more than one residential structure and non-contiguous guesthouse may be constructed or maintained per plotted lot, plot, or tract.

No. 2: The ground floor area of any single-family residence shall not be less than 1,000 square feet. For computing the 1,000 square feet requirement, the owner may include one-half of the square footage of garages, carports, screened porches, covered entries, and covered patios that are attached to the residence.

No. 6: No church or religious home shall be constructed on the above-described property without the consent of all adjoining property owners, together with the written consent of three-quarters of the property owners within 2,000 feet of the location of said church or religious home.

No. 8: No tent, construction shack, or barn shall be erected on a property and used for residential purposes.

No. 11: All lavatories and toilet facilities shall be located inside the main residential building, or structures provided for herein, and connect with outside septic tanks constructed in accordance with the standards and requirements prescribed by law and local and state health authorities at the time of construction. The laws of the State of Florida and the County of Marion, as well as the rules and regulations of their administrative agencies, now and hereafter in effect, with regard to sewage disposal, water supply and sanitation, are hereby incorporated herein and made a part hereof.

As you can see, most of your plans would be in violation of the Meadow Wood Farms Deed Restrictions and, as such, would not be permitted. It would be your responsibility to obtain the necessary consents from property owners to build the church. Thank you for your interest in Meadow Wood Farms.

Sincerely,

MWF Control Committee



Line Dancing at Friendship Park!

Join our Line Dancers at the park on **Saturday mornings at 10 am** and **Wednesdays at 7 pm** for great exercise and fun! We're still looking for new dancers, especially some "brave" men who like to dance. We walk through with instructions before each dance, as needed.



Seeking Executive Board Candidates

In preparation for our annual Board elections in May, I am collecting nominations and volunteers to serve as President, Vice President, Secretary, or Treasurer. All Executive Board positions are officially available. However, the current Secretary and Treasurer are interested in remaining in their Board positions for the 2020-2021 fiscal year. Our current President (Leslie Pope-Hall) and Vice President (Heidi Boynton) are both stepping down, so we would especially like to see other Association members step up and into these positions. The newly elected officers' term will begin June 1, 2020, and extend through May 31, 2021.

We have a number of new residents, and that means a lot of new ideas and talent are available! You can help make a difference in our community by volunteering a bit of your time. Please consider adding your name to the election slate for next year. Currently, the slate consists of the following:

- ◆ **President:** *Vacant*
- ◆ **Vice President:** *Vacant*
- ◆ **Secretary:** Karen Reade
- ◆ **Treasurer:** Lisa Yanes

Elections will be held at the May meeting. Nominations may also be taken from the floor at that time for any member in good standing.

Thank you,

Sydney Smith
Election Chair

Any Association member in good standing may serve on the Board. If you are interested, contact Sydney Smith, Election Chair, care of mwfpoanewsletter@gmail.com. Names of those who wish to be on the ballot will be published in the April and May newsletters. You can read the Duties of the Officers in our By-Laws, available in your Directory or online at www.mwfpoa.com.

Upcoming Presidential Preference Primary

Tuesday, March 17, is the date of Florida's Presidential Preference Primary. Registered Democrats will have an opportunity to vote for their choice to run in the General Election for President in November. Why only Democrats? Florida is a "closed primary" state, which means that only registered party members may vote in the primary for their party. Registered Democrats must have declared their party affiliation before February 18th to be eligible to vote in this election. There will be no Republican primary this time around, as the incumbent President has no primary challengers in this state.



The printed ballot will reflect those presidential candidates who were certified in Florida as of December 12, 2019. Therefore, a number of the individuals on the printed ballot have already suspended their campaigns. Although votes for those individuals will be tallied and reported, they are not officially candidates at this time. Voters are advised to inform themselves regarding those candidates who are still actively seeking the nomination.

Eligible voters can cast their ballots at a number of Early Voting sites throughout the county. A list of Early Voting sites can be found online at www.votemarion.gov. These sites are open March 7 through March 14, from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m.

Voters may also request to vote by mail. Requests for a mail ballot must be received at the Supervisor of Elections office prior to March 7, and the completed ballot must be received by 7:00 p.m. on Election Day, March 17. Requests can be completed online at www.votemarion.gov or by calling (352)620-3290.

On Election Day, March 17, the polls will be open from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. for voters wishing to cast their ballots in the old-fashioned way. I will be looking forward to seeing you at the polling place for all Meadow Wood Farms residents, which is St. Johns United Methodist Church, 12390 West Highway 328.

Note: Additional elections this year include a Primary Election (for offices other than President) on July 18 and the General Election on November 3.

Elizabeth Woods

Clerk, Precinct 2600

The Amazing New Dressage Test For Horses Unsuitable to Become Anything

by Joanna MacDonald et al

1. A. Enter at ordinary serpentine.
X. Sprawl. Salute.
2. C. Stop dead. Stare in horror at judge and shy to left. Continue at ordinary working gallop.
3. E. Stagger left 20 or 15 or 22 meters in diameter circle or pear or five-pointed star. Avoid excessive crossing of legs.
4. K. Begin to halt.
Z. Keep trying.
F. You can do it.
B. Pulley rein. Give up. Continue at out-of-hand gallop.
5. H. Regain right stirrup. Continue at ordinary trot, bouncing.
6. MKT. Change rein. Free walk loose reins. Remove horse from judge luncheon table. Ask judge for leg up. Jump back into ring.
7. Z. Turn down center line. Halt. Grin. Scratch. Burst into tears.
Leave arena at free reins, loose language.

History—*Excerpt from article submitted to the OADG Newsletter, July/August 1995 by Joanna MacDonald. Karyn Curtis, Ed.*

1995 marks the 21st birthday of *The Amazing New Dressage Test*. Almost every dressage person in the English-speaking world has giggled over this test; it has become an anonymous classic. Hardly anybody knows where it came from. Karyn Curtis and I know. We wrote it. Here's the story.

In May 1974, some Spiritwood riders went to the OADG Spring Dressage Show at Copanspin Farm in Dunrobin. There was Lorraine MacDonald, with her TBX mare Baska; my employee, Big Sue MacMillan, with her 3-year-old Quarter Horse, Flyer; and me with my 5-year-old grey mare, Azteca, known to her friends as Tattie. It was our first dressage show ever in our lives—except for Lorraine, who had been in just one. A bunch of little kids came to help; Karyn was one of them. It turned out to be The Dressage Show From Hell. The rain came down in buckets all day without stopping. The show was held in the indoor arena with no place to warm up. We were up to our knees in mud outside. The ramp of the truck got slippery. The horses went crazy, and we didn't get any ribbons.

We finally got home, soaking, shivering, miserable, and disgusted. The word "dressage" was enough to make us throw up. We all sat around the kitchen table: Lorraine, her husband Angus, Sue, me, and a lot of little kids. There was also, I remember, a bottle of wine. And we got silly and we wrote *The Amazing Dressage Test* to express what we had just been through...

Thanks to Lynn Zachary for submitting

Another Successful Pot Luck in the Park!

The Line Dancers hosted a Pot Luck dinner on February 15 that was, once again, well attended and well received by community members. Almost 50 neighbors gathered in Friendship Park, bringing lots of food, treats, and friendship to share.



Photos by Dorothy Henry



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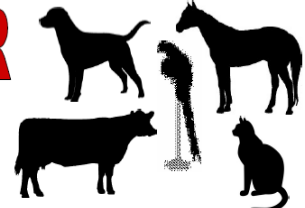
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WORKED WITH 10 BUYERS & SELLERS IN MEADOW WOOD FARMS FOR SUCCESSFUL CLOSINGS IN 2019!

I AM A DEDICATED MWF RESIDENT & I AM READY TO HELP YOU SELL OR FIND YOUR PERFECT HOME.

A couple of months ago, I mentioned attending an opera in Orlando. The venue was the Dr. Phillips Center for the Performing Arts. Last month, we returned to that stunning theater, not for another opera, but for a concert with the one and only Willie Nelson. Talk about two ends of a spectrum!

Let me briefly start with the Phillips Center. We saw the opera in the smaller of two theaters in the complex, the 300-seat Pugh Theater. It is an outstanding facility and wonderful for smaller shows and audiences. We experienced Willie in the 2700-seat Walt Disney Theater, a truly magnificent place. It features classic box seats on both the right and left sides, balcony seating, and main floor seats with plenty of both butt and leg room. It is both comfortable and beautiful and would be worth the trip to see nearly any act on the schedule. As you might have surmised, the schedule runs the gamut from opera and ballet to Broadway musicals and Willie Nelson concerts.

Speaking of Willie, what is there to say that hasn't been said about this icon of American music? While I find it hard to believe that any of our MWF residents are not at least familiar with Willie, I'd like to share a few lesser known facts about him. Over his career that has spanned 80 years (yes, he's been behind a piano or guitar and in front of a microphone for 80 years!), he has produced 172 albums. He has written hundreds of songs including *Crazy*, made famous by Patsy Cline, *Whiskey River*, *On the Road Again*, *Roll Me Up and Smoke Me When I Die*, and *Beer for My Horses*, just to name a few. On the drive home, I suggested that it would be fun to put a "greatest hits" collection together as a personal playlist. We both decided that it would be too hard to pick fewer than two or three dozen songs.



The first time we saw Willie was 17 years ago in Indiana. He had turned 70 that year. I remember marveling at his talent and his energy, especially given his age. We concluded that if you love what you do, you keep doing it until you can't do it anymore. Since then, we have seen Willie perform three more times. In April, he will turn 87. His voice is still strong and unique. It is so unique that you rarely hear anyone else covering a Willie Nelson song. It's just too hard to do well. Admittedly, his voice doesn't carry the melodies like it used to, but his often undervalued guitar skills are still very much on display. Frankly, his dexterity on the guitar was, and is, of a virtuoso quality.

At 87 years old, Willie still does not disappoint. Playing a full hour of hit songs with which the entire audience taps their feet and sings along, he brings smiles to faces and hearts with his poetry, his humor, and his music. I can only hope that I am still enjoying life as much as Willie seems to when I reach his age.

It seems to me that one path to that sort of long-term happiness is simply doing what you love, being *Out & About*, and embracing the journey. Enjoy!

Jim Bain



Membership Information

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 find out if you've paid? Contact Lisa Yanes at 291-0509 or email her at stokey@cfl.rr.com.

Your MWFPOA thanks you!

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