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# MEADOW WOOD FARMS NEWSLETTER

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## Letter from the New Activities Committee

For many years, the Party Committee hosted, with great success, a “Meet and Greet” event in the spring and “Dancing Under the Stars” in the fall. Attendance was always great! Connie Story and her committee did an excellent job, and she will be missed working on get-togethers in Friendship Park.

During recent Association meetings and discussions, a majority of neighbors and friends here in Meadow Wood Farms (MWF) determined that it was time for a change, in the hopes of finding new ways to get community members together, while remaining mindful of COVID-19 guidelines. Hello, Activities Committee!

This ‘redesigned’ committee will keep track of an Activities Calendar for scheduled events in Friendship Park, providing regular updates to the Board. If you are interested in hosting an MWF activity (pot-lucks, games, arts and crafts, meetings pertaining to horses, dogs, etc.), just contact me to check on available dates.

The park can also be reserved for use by Meadow Wood Farms residents and property owners for personal use, with a deposit of \$50. (The deposit will be returned within 30 days following the event, less any amounts due for clean-up, trash removal, or property damage.) A Park Pavilion Reservation Agreement form is available on the MWFPOA website. You can also contact anyone on the Board for availability and pricing for rental of tables and chairs.

The new Activities Committee consists of the following members: Sandy Mollberg, Mary Halleck, Allison Carnell, Mark Moats, Jodi Gebhardt, Gary and Christine Philman, Dave and Deb Kane, Jim Thomas, and Jim Bain. Anyone else who is interested is also invited to join. We look forward to getting back to having functions in the park and hope to do so as soon as possible, with care and concern for everyone.

Looking forward to fun at the Park soon!

*Sandy Mollberg*

352-861-9622; [lenelew@aol.com](mailto:lenelew@aol.com)

## Upcoming Events (subject to change)

### Board Meetings

**August 13, 2020**

**September 8, 2020**

**(TUESDAY)**

### Association Meetings

**September 17, 2020**

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

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## Greetings Neighbors!

As I write this, we are on a vacation trip through the plains states. Our trip was planned before the pandemic to attend various family events. Yes, we practiced prudent pandemic precautions, keeping our distance and wearing masks. From state to state, we noticed that people were friendly and courteous to each other, perhaps more than before COVID-19. Most folks seemed eager to make connections. Ah, the human condition!

In our short time living in MWF, we have been blessed with the friendliness and helpfulness of neighbors. It seems like everyone wants to keep our neighborhood a great place to live. We are thankful for all the connections with our neighbors. As Gina Bellman said: "I love those connections that make this big old world feel like a little village."

Your MWFPOA Board and committees are working on ways to create more opportunities for us to connect. Lisa Jacques and Sonia Argenio have volunteered to maintain our online Neighbor-To-Neighbor page. You will be hearing from them soon on how to let your neighbors know about your experiences with local businesses. Sandy Mollberg and the Activities Committee are working on plans for the coming year. If you have ideas, please share them. Allison Carnell and the Welcome Committee are preparing packets for our new neighbors. Please let them know if you have new neighbors or if you are new to the neighborhood.

You can help keep our neighborhood a great place to live by being a member of the Property Owners Association. Your dues aren't very much, money wise, and really help to maintain our communal property, entrance decorations, and neighborhood activities.

Looking forward to seeing you around the neighborhood. Stay safe!

*Jim Thomas*

President MWFPOA

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## Committees

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<b>Newsletter</b>	Chair: Sydney Smith Dorothy Henry	<a href="mailto:MWFPOAnewsletter@gmail.com">MWFPOAnewsletter@gmail.com</a>
<b>Sunshine</b>	Chair: Jennie Adams	352-854-1914
<b>Welcome</b>	Co-chairs: Allison Carnell Sandy Mollberg	352-857-8146 352-861-9622

## Volunteers Always Welcomed!

With busy lives, it can be hard to find time to volunteer, but you may find the benefits to be well worth the time. It's a great way to connect with your neighbors, and it really can bring fun and fulfillment to your life.

So on that note, there are always opportunities to join in to help in the neighborhood. Many of our committees currently consist of only one member, with plenty of room for additional helpers. You can contribute a little time each month, or you are more than welcome to jump in to help every now and then, as needed or as you have the time.

Please take a look at the list of committees and think about how you might like to participate. Have an idea for a newsletter article? Want to help with decorations? How about helping to send greeting cards to neighbors? Why not serve as contact for lost pets? Contact the appropriate chairperson to lend a hand.



## Sunshine Report

Cards were recently sent to the following individuals:

- ◆ Get Well Soon—Heidi Boynton
- ◆ Get Well Soon—Howard Adams
- ◆ Sympathy—Elaine Hager

*If you are aware of someone who could benefit from receiving a card, please notify Jennie Adams at 352-854-1914.*

## Meadow Wood Farms Website

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

If you live alone, you may want to be in contact with a neighbor on a daily basis, as a sort of virtual health & safety check. You can arrange with a friend on your own to call or text each day or, if you would like to be put in contact with a neighbor, complete the Phone A Friend form, found on our website.

- ◆ Phone A Friend Emergency Info Form: From main page, click on **Phone A Friend**
- ◆ Neighbor to Neighbor Directory (Business Referrals): 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](mailto: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.

## Reminder: Political Signs

Political campaign signs must be smaller than 4 square feet and may not be displayed more than 30 days before an election date. Please refer to your deed restrictions. Thank you for your cooperation.







## NEW LINE DANCING CLASS on Wednesday mornings!

Join our Line Dancers at Friendship Park on **Wednesday and Saturday mornings at 10 am**. We maintain our distance from one another but can still enjoy great exercise and fun outdoors! As needed, we walk through with instructions before each dance.

**Calendar of Activities at Friendship Park**

*August 2020*

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Line Dancing 10:00am
2	3	4	5 10:00am 	6	7	8 Line Dancing 10:00am
9	10	11 Equestrian Club 7:00pm	12 10:00am 	13 Board Meeting 7:00pm	14	15 Line Dancing 10:00am
16	17	18	19 10:00am 	20	21	22 Line Dancing 10:00am
23	24	25	26 10:00am 	27	28	29 Line Dancing 10:00am
30	31					

If you would like to schedule an event in Friendship Park, please contact and coordinate with our Activities Chairperson, Sandy Mollberg, at 352-861-9622.

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.

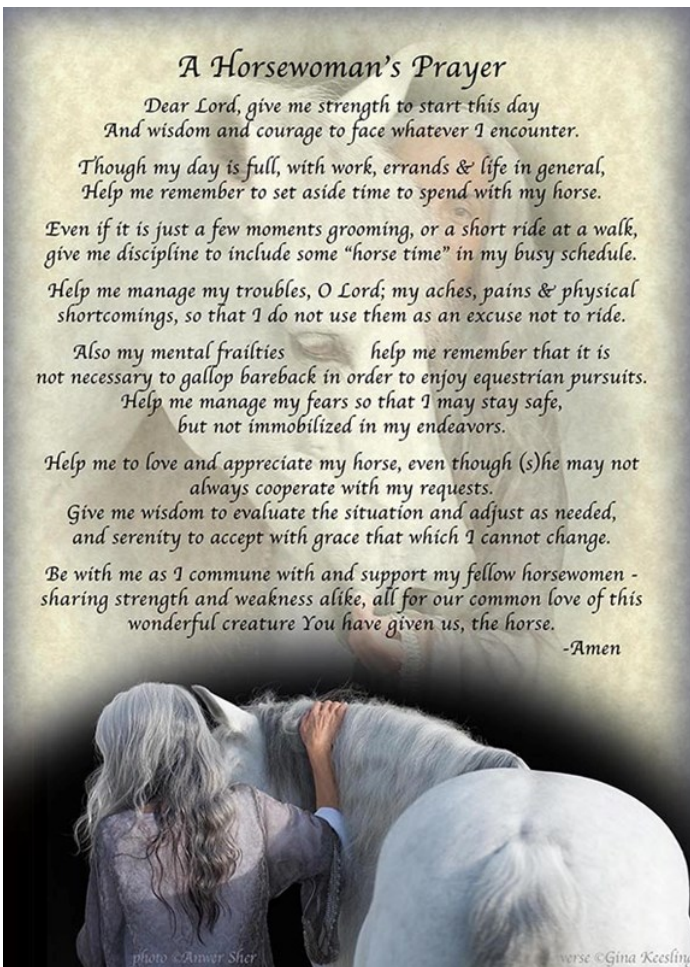
To submit a request for assistance, email: [MWFAngels@gmail.com](mailto:MWFAngels@gmail.com) or call Jim Bain (352) 615-2572. The Angels will contact you and obtain additional information in order to evaluate the request.



## Welcome to Our Newest Residents!

We have seen lots of recent activity involving the real estate in our community. Please join in welcoming the following new neighbors to Meadow Wood Farms:

- ◆ Gil Guillermo (Lake Wood Circle)
- ◆ Tracy True (Lake Wood Circle)
- ◆ Joseph and Michele Hornstein (Lake Wood Circle)
- ◆ Catherine Morgan and Milton Price (Never Bend Drive)
- ◆ Lester and Holly Whitt (Never Bend Drive)
- ◆ Sandra Edgar (Northern Dancer Drive)



## Meadow Wood Equestrians

*An organization for horse enthusiasts within Meadow Wood Farms, offering various social and educational activities throughout the year*

The (newly named) Meadow Wood Equestrians met again on July 14 to begin firming up desired processes and procedures for the club. In this early stage, there will be no dues for club members, but payments may be collected as needed to cover costs for certain events or activities.

At the meeting, participants were invited to complete a survey to identify the types of activities that are of interest to the group. These will be compared and presented for discussion at the next meeting.

Future monthly meetings are scheduled for the second Tuesday at Fellowship Park, unless otherwise noted. All residents are welcome at any time. The next meeting will be August 11, at 7 pm. And now you can also keep up with group activities and discussion by joining our Facebook group, **Meadow Wood Equestrians Club.**



### Did You Know... ?

Last year, it cost us roughly **\$14,000** to keep things running here in Meadow Wood Farms. That covered things like electricity and lights, maintenance of our entrances and Friendship Park, our monthly newsletter, office supplies, and special events. With annual dues at only \$55.00, that means we need at least 254 members to cover costs. (We currently have only 186 paid members for 2020-2021.) If you haven't done so already, *please* join the MWF Property Owners Association and help us to "keep the lights on" while keeping our dues low.

### A Young, New Entrepreneur in MWF

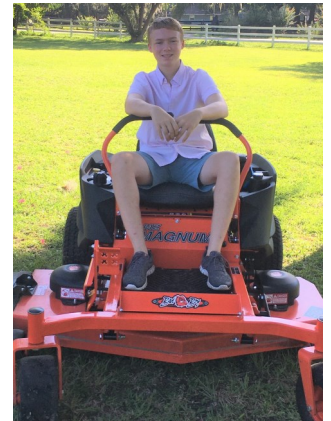
Katie Tibbets and her son, Caden, moved to Ocala about a year ago from a rural area in the Dallas-Fort Worth area. Intentions for their move to Carry Back Road were to downsize and to be near family who had moved to Ocala before them. In Texas, they had had a number of animals, with about 100 head of cattle, 17 horses, and several dogs.



The Tibbets no longer have cattle or horses, but they still have dogs, as well as a few ducks and a cat. Caden competes with his two Australian cattle dogs in herding and with his Scottish terrier in confirmation. He also has a small business to train and groom dogs.

When they first moved in, Caden and his mom were challenged to find reliable and reasonably priced lawn care services. After a few unsuccessful attempts, Caden took on the task himself—at first, with a push mower. It didn't take very long before they purchased a riding mower.

As Caden considered the challenges they had encountered, he recognized a new opportunity and decided to expand his entrepreneurial interests by offering lawn mowing services to neighbors. He recognized that others may also be struggling to find reliable help with mowing, weed eating, brush removal, and leaf raking. [If you are interested in his services, you can contact Caden at (352) 362-6902, or message him on Facebook.]



Caden really enjoys living in our community, sharing: “There are lots of different backgrounds and cultures here, with very few people originally from Florida. But even with such diverse backgrounds, I like that we’re all connected through our love for animals.” Caden looks forward to becoming even more active in the community. He closed our conversation with a quote that he particularly likes from Dorothy Henry: “Once you move in, you don’t move out; you just change homes.” That does say a lot about this wonderful neighborhood and our friends who live here!

*Sydney Smith*



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

**Please email your ideas to :**

**[mwfpoanewsletter@gmail](mailto:mwfpoanewsletter@gmail.com)**

## Voting Update from Your Precinct Clerk

Florida will hold a primary election on **Tuesday, August 18**. Depending on your current registered party affiliation, your ballot will offer you the opportunity to select your party’s candidates for various statewide and county offices, as well as selecting the winners of two nonpartisan races: Circuit Court Judge and Marion County School Board.

Remember that Florida is a closed primary state, which means that the ballot you receive, either by mail or in person at the polling place, is determined by the party affiliation **you chose** when you registered (unless you changed it before the deadline for this election, which was July 20). If you failed to select a party affiliation on your voter registration form, you were automatically designated NPA, or No Party Affiliation, and will therefore receive a much shorter ballot, consisting primarily of nonpartisan offices.

To confirm ALL the details of your current voter registration status and to view your own sample ballot, go to the Marion County Supervisor of Elections website: <https://www.votemarion.gov/>. Click on the green “**Am I Registered?**” button, and follow the instructions to check your address, verify your party affiliation, view your polling place and sample ballot, request a vote-by-mail ballot, and more.









The options for casting your vote include voting by mail, early voting, and voting on Election Day, August 18. Mail ballots can be requested at the website above until 5 pm on August 8 and must be received at the Supervisor of Elections office by 7 pm on August 18. They can be mailed, dropped off at the office, or deposited in a special receptacle at any early voting site during early voting hours.

Early voting will take place at nine locations throughout the county, starting on Saturday, August 8 and ending on Saturday, August 15, from 10 am to 6 pm every day. Voters may go to ANY early voting location to cast their ballot. The locations are listed at the Supervisor of Elections website above.

Finally, of course, Meadow Wood Farms residents are welcome to come and visit us in person on election day! Polls will be open from 7 am to 7 pm, and social distancing precautions will be in effect to protect voters and poll workers alike. The polling location for ALL Meadow Wood Farms residents is at St. Johns United Methodist Church, 12390 West Highway 328, in the large community room (entrance on the left as you face the community building). See you there!

*Elizabeth Woods*  
Clerk, Precinct 2600

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We invite you to join Facebook LIVE Sundays 10:30 am at St. John's UMC Cotton Plant page or stjohncp.com & choose YouTube link to worship service. We continue to pray for the community, our country, and the world during this difficult time.

**Hope to see you soon!**

**\*\*Please check our website for In-Person service attendance guidelines as we strive to keep our Church family safe.**

*ALL are Welcome!*

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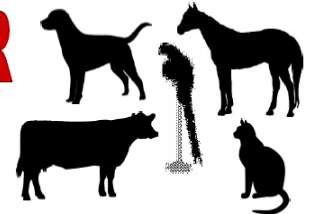
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### Marion Senior Services Needs Volunteers

**Marion Senior Services** helps elderly in our community to remain independent and safe in their own homes.

Although the agency's main office is officially closed and many members working remotely, they are still providing essential services and need additional volunteer support:

- Meals on Wheels Program:** Help ensure that homebound clients receive a nutritious meal on weekdays, delivered with a warm smile, light conversation, and a daily wellness check. (Currently limited contact; door drop only)
- Warm Meals Warm Hearts:** As with Meals on Wheels, deliver a warm restaurant- prepared meal early afternoons. (Currently limited contact; door drop only)
- Commodity Packing/Distribution Program:** Assist with grocery packing once a month. Volunteers may also help distribute commodities to seniors and/or serve as site delivery drivers.
- Telephone Reassurance:** Communicate with a reassuring phone call to determine the client's safety and well-being.



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## Clermont

It has been an interesting summer for all of us, hasn't it? Many of us have either cancelled planned trips and events or had them cancelled out from under us. Either way, it has been a stressful time for all of us. And that assumes we are healthy. With compassion for those who are truly suffering from either COVID or some other ailment, I feel fortunate to enjoy the outdoors and the surrounding area, albeit with adequate precautions. It is just one such short trip that I would like to share with you this month.

Very near the end of July, my good friend and neighbor, Dave Kane, and I decided that we needed a getaway. It needed to be short, easy to get to, and fun. We picked the town of Clermont, just an hour south of MWF. Among other things, Clermont is known for its focus on sports. It is the home for the National Training Center, a renowned athletic training facility where national and international athletes prepare for competitions, including the Olympics. Clermont hosts multiple running, cycling, and swimming events as well, including a number of very well attended triathlons. In addition to the quaint historic downtown, Clermont has invested heavily in the waterfront by building beaches, parks, and facilities on the south shore of Lake Minneola, bordering the downtown shops and restaurants. For us, the surrounding hills and cycling routes and trails were the drawing cards.

The first of 2 days of cycling took us about 30 miles through the countryside. Our goal was to climb Sugarloaf Mountain, the only category 5 climb (a cycling measure of degree of ascent and length) in Florida. At 312 feet above sea level, it is the highest point in the Florida peninsula. I assure you that it is a challenge for any rider, but even more so for a couple of old guy amateurs. We both made it and toasted our success with a drink of water from the coolers that are stationed every day at the end of the driveway of the kind folks who live at the top of that hill.



Our second day was spent entirely on the South Lake and West Orange trails. A 30-mile round trip (okay, that includes a 5-mile detour due to a small navigation error), we started at Waterfront Park in Clermont, turned around in the equally quaint town of Winter Garden, and headed back. It is a wonderful trail, popular with cyclists, walkers, joggers, and a few skate boarders. It includes a few challenging hills as well but is certainly doable for a wide range of fitness levels. There are also several trailheads giving several options for terrain, surroundings, and distances.



Each day, after finishing our ride, we were able to find a good restaurant or brew pub to sip a beer or two and revisit our ride. My favorite was Lilly's on the Lake, which features indoor seating, a nice bar area, and outdoor seating on the screened deck overlooking Lake Minneola. Clermont and Winter Garden are classic small Florida towns who have managed to reinvent themselves and are both worth the short trip.

While we had to "manufacture" this little get-away, it felt so good to be **Out & About**, exploring, enjoying the outdoors, and getting some stress-relieving exercise. Oh yeah, the beers were good too!

*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 [stokey1152@gmail.com](mailto:stokey1152@gmail.com).

*Your MWFPOA thanks you!*

## Please Join

**MEADOW WOOD FARMS PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.**

(Annual Dues Effective June 1, 2020, through May 2021)

Please send your check for \$55.00 with this form to:  
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(Otherwise, it is available on the website, which saves the Association printing and mailing costs.)

A directory is distributed to MWFPOA members at no charge. It may be purchased by non-members for \$5.00. Additional copies for members = \$2.00.

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