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# MEADOW WOOD FARMS NEWSLETTER

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## 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 President, Vice President, and Secretary are interested in remaining in their Board positions for the 2021-2022 fiscal year.

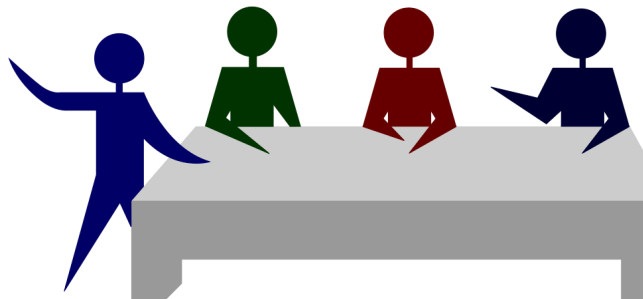
Our current Treasurer, Lisa Yanes, is stepping down, so as we thank her for 3 dedicated years of service, we would especially like to see other Association members step up and into that position. The newly elected officers' term will begin June 1, 2021, and extend through May 31, 2022.

We have a number of new residents, which 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:

- ◆ President: Jim Thomas
- ◆ Vice President: Marilee McGinnis
- ◆ Secretary: Karen Reade
- ◆ Treasurer: **Vacant**

You can read about the duties of the officers in our By-laws, available in your Directory or online at [www.mwfpoa.com](http://www.mwfpoa.com). Any Association member in good standing may serve on the Board. Send your interest to me at [mwfpoanewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:mwfpoanewsletter@gmail.com). Thank you in advance!

*Sydney Smith*  
Election Chair



## Coming Meetings 2021

*(subject to change)*

### **Executive Board**

**March 9, April 13, &  
May 11**

### **General Association**

**March 16 and  
May 18 (Elections)**

**Association meetings are held at St. John's United Methodist Church.**

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—

The Thomas family has been busy this last month. We enjoyed a number of horse events and several bike rides in the good weather. We're glad to see spring arriving.

Gail and I have a lot of years in the rearview mirror of life, so we qualified for COVID vaccinations. We received both of our injections at Publix. The process was pretty simple and the after-effects not too bad. It seems like we may be getting close to turning the corner on this dreaded pandemic, and we are glad that we could help stem the tide. Mask and physical distancing appear to be helping. Vaccination production is increasing, and several more vaccinations are in the approval pipeline. The numbers of deaths and hospitalizations are starting to trend in the right direction.

With this glimmer of hope, I know we are all eager to get some more neighborhood social events on the calendar. Even with the COVID precautions, we have been having fun in our neighborhood. The Equestrian Club is keeping busy, the car guys had a great day in the park, and soon we will have our beach music concert by Don Middlebrook on 6 March in the park. I'll be breaking out the tropical shirt for this great night of music under the stars. Hope to see you there. Many thanks to the volunteers who cleaned up the park and spread some mulch so that we can all enjoy the activities there.

The Activities Committee is hard at work coming up with ideas for events that we can put on the calendar as the COVID restrictions start to ease. They have some great ideas, but they could use your help. If you have an idea for something we can do as a neighborhood, please let the Activities Committee know. In fact, a great place to do that is at our next General Membership meeting on Tuesday, March 16. If the weather is good, we will try to have the meeting at the park. If not, we will meet at St. John's United Methodist Church. Keep an eye on the webpage for location. See you there...

And I'll see you around the neighborhood.

*Jim Thomas*

President MWFPOA

## Officers of MWFPOA

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<b>Activities</b>	Interim Chair: Carolyn Camp	352 304-8506, <a href="mailto:leoarabs@aol.com">leoarabs@aol.com</a>
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<b>Sunshine</b>	Chair: Jennie Adams	352-854-1914
<b>Welcome</b>	Co-chairs: Allison Carnell Sandy Mollberg	352-857-8146 352-861-9622

## Welcome to Our Newest Residents!

- ◆ Susan Graziano (Gulfstream Blvd)
- ◆ Sandy Galeano (Saddle Drive)



The Treasurer plays a vital role in the successful operation of the association and is a voting member at all Executive Board meetings. The Treasurer maintains the association's checking and savings accounts, checkbooks, ledgers, safe deposit box, and any other assets. The Treasurer pays all bills authorized by the Board and/or by a vote of the membership present at any general association meeting.

The Treasurer also maintains an updated list of all dues-paying members and those property owners who have not paid their dues and makes those lists available to the Executive Board. Other duties include assisting auditors and preparing financial reports, which are presented at Executive Board and general association meetings.

If you are interested in running for this or any Board position, please send your interest to [mwfpoanewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:mwfpoanewsletter@gmail.com). Names of those who wish to be on the ballot will be published in the April and May newsletters.

## Meadow Wood Farms Communications

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

The newsletter is available in **color** on our website:

- ◆ From the main page, click on **Newsletter**, and then select the month.

### eMail

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 service is offered by a private member of the association. It is extremely useful, and we are grateful to them.

### Facebook

Ask to join our private groups on Facebook: **Meadow Wood Farms** and **Meadow Wood Equestrians Club**.

## Neighborhood Sunshine



A sympathy cards was sent to Gus Gray, who lost his wife in February.

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

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.





## Calendar of Activities — March 2021



- ◆ March 6 (7:00—10:00 pm): **Don Westerbrook, Trop Rock Concert**  
*“He takes you to the beach without leaving your seat.”*
- ◆ March 9 (7:00 pm): **MWFPOA Board Meeting** (via Zoom)
- ◆ March 16 (7:00 pm): **General Association Meeting** (St John’s Church)
- ◆ March 17 (7:00 pm): **MWF Equestrian Club Meeting** (Friendship Park)
- ◆ March 17: **St Patrick’s Day**
- ◆ Wednesdays (7:00 pm): **Line Dancing**
- ◆ Saturdays (10:00 am): **Line Dancing**

February 2021						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
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If you would like to schedule an event in Friendship Park, please contact and coordinate with our new Interim Activities Chairperson, Carolyn Camp, at (352) 304-8506 or [leoarabs@aol.com](mailto:leoarabs@aol.com).

Suggestions for other events are welcomed!

*Do you like coordinating social activities?  
Contact Carolyn to let her know of your interest!*

## Thank you, Neighbors!

Many thanks to **Ian Reade, Jeff Rice, and Doug Nelson**, who spent the day on February 11 cleaning up Friendship Park, in preparation for upcoming events. They even moved the chips left by SECO tree services and spread them in the playground area. Thanks for making our park even more beautiful!



## Meadow Wood Farms Equestrian Club

There are so many benefits to joining the Equestrian Club, not the least of which is to get to know some of your neighbors and share information, as well as good times. The Club has engaged a number of local vendors to offer our members great discounts (with our membership card). And now, at the Tack Shack, you can have the Club logo embroidered onto apparel or equipment for just \$8.00.



Greet 'n Rides continue to be offered once each month, and we're now preparing for a large **Used Tack Sale** to be held on **Saturday, March 20**, at Friendship Park from 10:00 to 3:00. Plan to stop by and support the Club's efforts.

The Club is having a food drive for CF college students in unison with our Used Tack Sale. Virginia Bisiaux (aka Frenchie) has agreed to host a drop-off site for food donations (52 Lake View Dr West). She has a horse trailer on her property where the food can be left. Food should be nonperishable and easy to eat without much preparation (for example, instant drinks, bottled water, tuna fish, etc.). You can also drop off food items at Friendship Park while shopping at the tack sale. Please bring a food item or two to donate when you come to check out the lightly used gear and equipment offered for sale. Thank you in advance to everyone who will help to make this a successful event!

### USED TACK SALE & Food Drive for CF Students

**Saturday, March 20**  
**Friendship Park**  
**(10:00—3:00)**



### LINE DANCING!

The group meets on Wednesday nights at 7:00 p.m., as well as on Saturday mornings at 10:00 a.m. There is always room for new dancers! Sandy Mollberg provides instructions before each dance, as needed. If you are interesting in joining the fun, please contact Sandy at 352-861-9622 or [lenelew@aol.com](mailto:lenelew@aol.com), so you can get on the email list for updates each week.



## Good Times Had By All!

Kudos to **Jeff Rice** for his dedicated efforts to rouse neighbors and encourage fellow car buffs to get out and get together at Friendship Park for a Meadow Wood Farms Car Show! Held on February 27, the event attracted a number of people in the community and from all indications, good times had by all! Those with older cars, trucks, and motorcycles shared and compared notes. The rest of us got to just enjoy—in the words of Jim Bain—getting *out and about* in the community with friends and having the opportunity to get a close-up view of some really snazzy vehicles. Who knew we had all this horsepower right here in our neighborhood?!!! (Check them out in color at [www.mwfpoa.com](http://www.mwfpoa.com).)





# ASSOCIATION INFORMATION







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**ALL are Welcome!**

**Hope to see you soon!**

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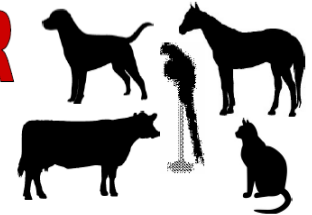
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### ...and Still Close to Home

It was just a few weeks ago. I had just returned from a quick trip to Charlotte, NC – but that’s a story for another time. It was Thursday and some very close friends stopped by to spend a couple of days with us on their way back to Michigan from Ft. Myers. While not a total surprise, we hadn’t really planned anything. So we decided to show them (and us) the newest addition to our “neighborhood.” Off to the new World Equestrian Center, or WEC as we locals are now calling it, we went. It was a beautiful Friday evening. WEC advertised live music on the plaza. I’m a huge fan of live music and at least a casual, if uneducated, fan of the horse world. It seemed like a decent idea to me. And wow, what a place!



For the most part, I spent the evening wandering around the place with my jaw hanging slack. First and foremost, I was struck by its sheer magnitude. It’s huge! More than that, I was overwhelmed by the quality and class exhibited at every turn. From the paver plaza and sidewalks to the cleanliness and design, you can’t help but think of the place as a Disneyland for horse people.

As you walk into the plaza from the main parking lot, you are facing a gorgeous bronze statue of Reckless, or more accurately Sergeant Reckless, a veteran of the Korean War. I don’t have room in this column to recount her bravery and stamina, but her service during that war was heroic – and she was a horse! Candidly, it is worth the trip to WEC just to see that statue and read of her service.

Already, many of the restaurants are open. Most important, Miss Tilly’s Lollipops, the ice cream shop is a treat in and of itself. Ralph’s Burgers is also really good. It’s a bit of a walk from the main plaza, but that walk will take you past some of the horse barns and the stunning little chapel tucked in behind the hotel—another shining example of the thought and care that have gone into designing and building the entire complex.

Add some high-end, horsey-related shopping, a convenience store, and an on-site gas station, and you have everything you need for an evening or for an extended stay in the adjacent RV area. WEC is truly remarkable, even for a non-horsey person like me. As I understand it, the hotel and two more restaurants will be opening in April: Stirrups, a fine dining steak house, and the Yellow Pony, a lobby gastro lounge featuring starters, pub fare, and craft beers. We’ll be going back, probably over and over again. It’s a stunning place.

And finally, on a different note and as a reminder, please join us Out and About on **Saturday, March 6, from 7:00 – 10:00 pm** at Friendship Park for some more fun live music with Don Middlebrook. As a Tropical Rock entertainer (think Jimmy Buffet), he takes you to the beach without leaving your seat. His songs are original, fun, and clever. Donny improvises as he goes along, including verses about people in the audience or anything else that comes to his inventive mind. His music specializes in taking you to a good place in your mind.

As spring beckons, enjoy being **Out and About** – but still very close to home.

*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!*

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