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# MEADOW WOOD FARMS NEWSLETTER

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## President's Message: A Year in Review

It's hard to believe that it has been almost a year since I received the honor of being elected as your Association President. Yes, it has been a challenging year. The COVID pandemic certainly put a damper on our social activities, but it also gave us some time to work on some internal association housekeeping. Our Secretary, Karen Reade, and our Control Committee Chair, Dale Kennedy, purged boxes of old files stored in the sheds at the park, freeing up space for association supplies. Karen also made sure that our by-laws on the MWFPOA website reflect all approved changes. Vice President Marilee McGinnis and Wayne Hebert tidied up our webpage and started a calendar of activities to improve information about our neighborhood. Deb Kane and Jim Bain completed an audit of association finances to ensure we continue as good stewards of your funds. (They also complimented our Treasurer, Lisa Yanes, on her excellent accounting.)

Several committees contributed to improving life in our neighborhood. Allison Carnell and Sandy Mollberg reinvigorated the Welcome Committee to help new residents settle in. Chris Banks and her husband, Paul Gregorzek, co-chair the Beautification Committee and have done a great job at decorating our entrances. Ian Reade and his group of helpers have completed a number of jobs to include putting up new signs at the entrances, repairing fences, and keeping our park looking great. Dale Kennedy and the Control Committee expertly handled several issues concerning fencing, signage, and animals, reminding residents about our deed restrictions and involving the appropriate Marion County agencies as needed to resolve problems.

As the COVID pandemic restrictions started to loosen, Carolyn Camp and the Activities Committee breathed new life into the party schedule. Some of the fun activities included our first ever Horses and Hot Rods Cavalcade (organized by Dorothy Henry); another great Veterans/First Responders BBQ (organized by Dave and Deb Kane); a well-attended Car Show at the park (organized by Jeff Rice); a really enjoyable concert under the stars, by famous tropical rock musician, Don Middlebrook, and a fun movie night (both events organized by Jim and Merry Lee Bain).

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### Upcoming Events 2021

*(subject to change)*

#### Board Meetings

May 11, Jun 8, and Jul 13

#### General Association

May 18 (*Elections*) and Jul 20

**Association meetings are held at Friendship Park until further notice.**

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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Your Executive Board recently approved the rental of a port-a-potty for the park to be available through the summer months for the convenience of our residents. The Board also approved funds to repair cracks and settling in the brick signs at our entrances.

Sydney Smith continues to publish our monthly newsletter. Jennie Adams continues to bring some sunshine into the lives of neighbors. Heidi Boynton and the Membership Committee are gearing up for the yearly membership drive and directory update.

Many thanks to **all of** our volunteer committee members for their contributions in making our neighborhood a great place to live.

Just a reminder that we will hold elections for the Executive Board positions at the May 18th General Membership meeting. If you would like to take part in the operations of your association, please consider running for a position and, most importantly, exercise your right to vote as a member!

The MWFPOA is alive and serving the neighborhood. Membership in MWFPOA also allows you to serve your friends and neighbors in small but meaningful ways and to be a part of something important. We start our new year on June 1, 2021. Join us. Heck, it's worth the 55 bucks just to join in the fun.

I'll see you around the neighborhood.

*Jim Thomas*

President MWFPOA

## Officers of MWFPOA

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## Committees

<b>Activities</b>	Interim Chair: Carolyn Camp	352 304-8506, <a href="mailto:leoarabs@aol.com">leoarabs@aol.com</a>
<b>Beautification</b>	Chair: Chris Banks	706-889-8310
<b>Control</b>	Chair: Dale Kennedy Robert Zachary, Judy Perez	352-291-1799
<b>Directory</b>	Chair: Carolyn Camp	352-304-8506
<b>Membership</b>	Chair: Heidi Boynton	253-347-3573
<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

## Welcome to Our Newest Residents!

- ◆ Jeffrey Stockmal (Hill Prince)



## Annual Elections: May 18

**Elections will be held at the May Association meeting, so be sure to come out and vote!**

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, and we have one volunteer who is being considered for this position. The slate of candidates currently stands as follows:

- ◆ President: Jim Thomas
- ◆ Vice President: Marilee McGinnis
- ◆ Secretary: Karen Reade
- ◆ Treasurer: Sandy Mollberg  
(*Frenchie Bisiaux has withdrawn*)

Nominations may be taken from the floor at the meeting, for any member in good standing. The newly elected officers' term will begin June 1, 2021, and extend through May 31, 2022.



## 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
- ◆ Meadow Wood Farms Equestrian Club
- ◆ Meadow Wood Farms Garden Exchange

## Neighborhood Sunshine



*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 — May 2021

- ◆ Saturday, May 8 (9:00 am): **Horse Hair Jewelry Workshop** (Friendship Park)
- ◆ Sunday, May 9: **Mother's Day**
- ◆ Tuesday, May 11 (7:00 pm): **MWFPOA Board Meeting** (via Zoom)
- ◆ Tuesday, May 18 (7:00 pm): **MWFPOA Association Meeting—Elections!** (Friendship Park)
- ◆ Wednesday, May 19 (7:00 pm): **Meadow Wood Farms Equestrian Club** (Friendship Park)
  
- ◆ Wednesdays (7:00 pm): **Line Dancing**
- ◆ Saturdays (10:00 am): **Line Dancing**



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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!*



### LINE DANCING!

The group meets on Wednesday nights at 7:00 p.m. and 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.

## Meadow Wood Farms Equestrian Club

The April meeting for the Equestrian Club took place on a beautiful evening and encouraged a good turnout. There were several general topics for discussion, followed by an informative presentation by Erin Keely from Ratzlaff Farms.

Ratzlaff Farms (formerly Equestrian Hay) reopened in September under new management. They are a family-owned farm and business that grows a variety of high-quality hay (orchard, timothy, alfalfa, and mixed hays). Most of the hay comes from the Ratzlaff farm in Idaho, allowing them to ensure that hay is consistent and clean. Located at 2695 NW 4th Street (just off of NW 27th Avenue), they also deliver for local Ocala (25 miles), with a delivery fee of only \$25.

In addition to hay, they offer products such as Buckeye Feed, Derby Gold bedding, flax bedding, and Guardian “Swift Pick” bedding. Learn more at [Ratzlaffhay.com](http://Ratzlaffhay.com) or [Facebook.com/RatzlaffHay](https://Facebook.com/RatzlaffHay). And remember that Club members get a 10-percent discount!

The following are some upcoming events that the Club has scheduled and discussed at the meeting:

- ◆ **Horse Hair Jewelry Workshop** (Saturday, May 8 at 9:00 am in Friendship Park) – Bring some hair from your favorite mount’s tail to make all sorts of jewelry. (\$25/person)
- ◆ **Chalk Couture** (Saturday, Jun 12 at 9:00 am in Friendship Park) – Join us in making some magical pieces of artwork. With this craft, you use adhesive silkscreen on chalkboards, windows, glass, mirrors, tile, whiteboards, wood, painted furniture, fabric, or other medium of your choosing.
- ◆ **Hellhat Workshop** (TBD) - If we have enough interest, our very own Marilee McGinnis has offered to host a workshop to convert helmets to cowboy hats, referred to as “hellhats.” (Check them out online. FUN!)

Be sure to join our **next meeting on May 19**. (Meetings are planned for the 3rd Wednesday of every month.)

If you or someone you know would like to speak to the club at one of our meetings on any horse-related topic, please be sure to let us know !



### **Loose Dogs – Again!**

It's the stuff of nightmares: you and your (leashed) dog are out for an easy-going stroll around the neighborhood when a loose dog appears out of nowhere and is heading your way. Or in the case of many MWF residents, you are out for a ride and your horse is startled by a loose dog that wants to nip at the heels of your mount. Either situation could quickly escalate into a catastrophe, with several serious situations having already occurred.

More than a few residents have expressed concern for themselves and their pets, as well as concern for the dogs at large, who could easily be hit by a passing vehicle. It isn't unusual for individuals to feel the need to carry pepper spray, walking sticks, and/or tasers as a means of protection against loose dogs. And it is shameful that anyone should feel the need to send out a patrol to "clear the perimeter" for a walk! Once one of the most appealing activities for MWF residents, walking our dogs can now be one of the most stressful.

According to Marion County Code, the keeper of a dog commits a civil infraction if the keeper's dog commits any of the following:

- Runs at large
- Chases a person or a vehicle while off the keeper's property
- Trespasses onto private property
- Damages or destroys property while at large
- Scatters garbage while at large
- Creates a disturbing level of noise
- Is a potentially dangerous dog

Such an infraction may result in official notice and a summons to appear for a hearing. In addition to fines and court fees, the dog owner may be required to take corrective actions to avoid future infractions. Examples range in severity from requiring completion of a dog behavior and training class to relocating or even euthanizing the dog. In the case of repeated violations, the owner may be restricted from owning or keeping a dog in Marion County for a period of time.

Sadly and despite all of these potential negative outcomes, this issue is dividing our community when, in fact, we should be coming together to resolve the situation. Let's not wait for something devastating to occur to make a change. If one of our neighbors is struggling to contain a dog due to their own age, illness, disability, or lack of funds, we have other neighbors (MWF Angels) who would be willing to help with a one-time project, maybe to repair a fence. There are a number of experienced dog owners and trainers in the neighborhood who can easily refer others to excellent dog training classes. Raise a hand for help; lend a hand to see improvements. We can fix this if we work together!



*Sydney Smith*

## Studebakers Visit Meadow Wood Farms

On Saturday, April 10, Meadow Wood Farms was visited by a nice group of Studebakers and their proud owners. The North Central Florida chapter of the Studebaker Drivers Club held their monthly meeting at Jeff and Carrie Rice's place on Saddle Drive.

The Studebaker Drivers club has more than 12,000 members worldwide. Florida is well represented with more than 8 chapters.

It was a superb morning – warm and mostly cloudy. Several very interesting Studebakers made the trip to Ocala, proving that this reliable orphan marque can still travel on today's roads. Several of the group made a drive-around tour through the streets of Meadow Wood Farms. A good time was had by all. The best part was that the heavy rain held off until afternoon, when everyone was safely back home.

*Jeff Rice*

*Visit our website to view color photos: [MWFPOA.com](http://MWFPOA.com).*





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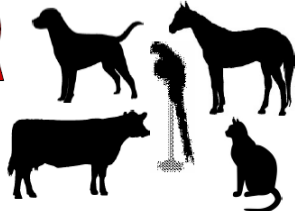
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1/2 page	\$30/ month	\$45/ month	\$150	\$225
Full page	\$70/ month	\$80/ month	\$350	\$400

### Spring Break

For years I have joked that we have three seasons here in Florida. We have the wet season (aka the hurricane season) in the summer and early fall, the dry season in the late fall and winter, and the spring break season when all of our friends and family come from the cold northern states to visit us. Even with Covid—or possibly because of Covid—this year has been no exception. In the last 60 days, we have had house guests from Michigan, Indiana, Alabama (ok, Alabama isn't very far north), and most recently North Carolina. Our visitors have ranged in age from their late 30's to 90 years old. Given the differences in ages, interests, and physical abilities, we have tried to entertain each of our guests with activities and places that might appeal to them. The best thing about living here in Ocala is that it is pretty easy to find things to do that appeal to a broad spectrum of people.

In each and every case, we have taken them to the World Equestrian Center (WEC). Maybe because it is new or maybe because of its sheer size and class, every one of our guests has been suitably impressed. At WEC, we listened to live musicians on the plaza, toured the grounds, arenas, and stables, and witnessed the Easter service in the Grand Arena delivered by none other than the WEC Chaplain, Larry the Preacher Guy, from horseback.



We have kayaked at Silver Springs State Park as well. As a favorite activity of ours, this trip never disappoints. In addition to turtles and fish all around, we were treated to sightings of rhesus monkeys and the biggest alligator any of us has ever seen in the wild. While I didn't get close enough to pull out a tape measure, we all agreed that he was probably 14 feet long!

As for dining, we much prefer our own cooking at home but managed to visit a few of our favorite local establishments. Among these were Swampy's in Dunnellon (three times), Horse and Hounds, Ralph's at WEC, the Salted Brick at Trilogy, Brooklyn's Backyard, and a couple of newer spots downtown: Big Hammock Brewery and the Tippy Skipper. Unlike when we moved here 16 years ago, there are so many great options for an entertaining lunch or dinner out.

Add in a couple of trips to the golf course, several bicycle adventures, and the requisite horse trail ride, and you have the makings for an entertaining spring break for your northern visitors or for yourself. Let's face it. We live in a fantastic place with more than enough opportunities to be **Out & About**. Now, as the Nike ads would say, "Just Do It!"

*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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