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February Holidays and Facts

February 1 marks the **Lunar New Year**, also known as **Chinese New Year**. This year is the Year of the Tiger!

February 2 is **Groundhog Day**—the day we find out whether winter will last six more weeks or call it quits early. How did this quirky tradition get started? Find out

February 12 is **Abraham Lincoln's Birthday**. The 16th president of the United States was born in a one-room, 16x18-foot, log cabin with a dirt floor.

February 14 is always **Valentine's Day**. Heads up, lovebirds! Today, the holiday is celebrated with love, flowers, and chocolate, but how did this holiday get its start?

February 15 is **Susan B. Anthony's Birthday**. How much do you know about this women's right leader?

February 15 is **National Flag of Canada Day!**

February 16, 2022. February's full Moon reaches peak illumination at **11:59 A.M. EST on Wednesday**, Look skyward on that night to catch the best view of this full Moon! It's known as the **Snow Moon** due to the typically heavy snowfall that occurs in February.

February 21 brings **Presidents' Day**, a federal holiday also known as Washington's Birthday that is celebrated on the third Monday in February. (George Washington's actual birthday is February 22!)

If you were born this month, your birth flowers are the Violet and Primrose. Your birthstone is also purple, Amethyst and your zodiac sign is Aquarius or Pisces.

Upcoming Meetings

(subject to change)

Board Meetings

Feb 8, 2022

General Association

March 15, 2022

General Association meetings will be meeting once again at St. John's Church.

Minutes are posted on the website after all Board and Association meetings:
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President's Message February 2022



Warm greetings to all. May this February spread happiness into your life as you share it with your loved ones and friends. It's February, a month full of chilly nights. Yet it is the month for warm hearts and valentines. We hope that the weather is pleasant for our movie night, February 11, in the park. Bring your comfy chair, your favorite beverage, and your friends. We will provide the movie and popcorn. And looking forward to next month we will have the chance to enjoy trop-rock artist Don Middlebrook on 11 March at the park. For those of you who enjoyed him last year, you know what a great concert he puts on.

I want to thank everyone who came to the membership meeting on 18 January, at the church. I think we can agree that Mark Bailey of the Marion County Extension Service shared lots of useful information with us. And thanks to all who brought goodies to share! They were scrumptious. We will continue to schedule speakers for our membership meetings. If you have suggestions, please let us know.

There are lots of things happening around our neighborhood. New houses, new businesses, and road improvements and expansion. We all have different perspectives on how this activity will affect our neighborhood. I encourage you to share your thoughts with our county commissioner, Michelle Stone, (352) 438-2323, or drop her a note at: 601 SE 25th Ave., Ocala, FL 34471

We all have our perspectives, and it takes all kinds of people to make up a neighborhood, a community, and a country. I believe that there are no right or wrong opinions here, there are just differences of opinion. Sometimes we just have to agree to disagree. For those who are, have been, and continue to be members of the MWFPOA---thanks. I think we can agree that the MWFPOA is important. Your association keeps up our webpage, puts out this newsletter, and does the maintenance at our park and entrances for all to enjoy. We also organize activities and parties. We work hard for the entire neighborhood. We also have fun and get to meet all kinds of interesting people. For those of you who aren't members, I invite you to join us. Your association helps make a difference in how outsiders view our neighborhood. Please Join us, get involved, and help make a difference.

I'll see you around the neighborhood.

Jim Thomas

President, MWFPOA

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Community Matters

Writers, Photographers, and Social Butterflies— Your Input is Needed and Always Welcome:

We are fortunate to live in a community that has such a vibrant mix of new and long term residents. We would love to feature your story here next month so that we can highlight the many talents, hobbies, and interests that we have here in Meadow Wood Farms. It's a great way to "Meet your Neighbors" Please contact Gena DeCamella at MWFPOAnewsletter@gmail.com so that I can share your story.



OPEN POSITIONS

Activities Director - Duties include organizing the annual Meet and Greet, keeping the calendar, and inventory supplies in the shed. If enough interest, plan other events to promote a sense of community. This is a great way to get involved and make new friends!

Refreshment Coordinator– Duties include setting up and helping to serve refreshments at the General Meeting every other month. This is a great way to get involved and make new friends!

Please contact Carolyn Camp at 352-304-8506 if interested in either one of these positions

Meadow Wood Farms Communications

Website: 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 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

Wishing a Speedy Recovery to Chris Banks in December, and a Sympathy card to Karen Hannes in January.



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

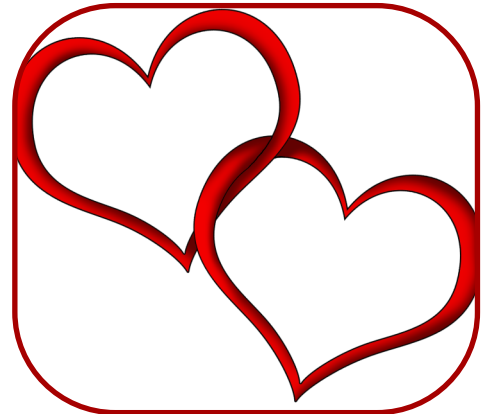
Do you know of a Meadow Wood Farms neighbor in need? The Meadow Wood Farms Angels is a group of anonymous volunteers who are ready to help with those small, one-time projects that our neighbors cannot do by themselves by reason of age, illness, disability, or lack of funds.

To submit a request for assistance, email: MWFAngels@gmail.com 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 — February 2022

- ◆ **Board Meeting** - February 8th via Zoom 7pm
- ◆ **Movie in the Park** - Friday February 11th 7pm.
- ◆ **Super Bowl** - Sunday February 13th
- ◆ **Equine Club Meeting** - February 24th
- ◆ **Line Dancing** - Every Tuesday & Saturday (10:00 am):



If you would like to schedule an event in Friendship Park, please contact and coordinate with our Activities Chairperson, Carolyn Camp, at (352) 304-8506 or leorabs@aol.com.

Have ideas for new things to do, please let someone on the Activities Committee know.

Suggestions are welcomed!

Do you like coordinating social activities?

Contact Carolyn to let her know of your interest!

LINE DANCING!

Join us at Friendship Park every Tuesday and Saturday, from 10 to 11 a.m. New dancers are always welcomed. Instructions and walk-throughs are available.

Questions -- Contact Sandy at lenelew@aol.com or 352-861-9622.



FUNNY HORSE AND ANIMAL LAWS

Horses in Marshalltown, Iowa, are not allowed to eat fire hydrants. *(street lights are okay?)*

In NY hotels, donkeys are not allowed to sleep in bathtubs. *(they must use the beds like everyone else!)*

If the admission fee is paid before they enter, horses in Burns, Oregon are allowed in the town's taverns. *(They just can't drink)*

In Wilbur, Washington, it is against the law for a person to "ride an ugly horse"- the fine is \$300!

You can get jail time for riding an ugly horse in Hartsville, Illinois. *(People just have this thing against ugly horses!)*

In Texas, it is illegal to put graffiti on someone else's cow. *(I guess it's okay on your own cows?)*

In Baltimore, Maryland, it is necessary to document any services performed by a jackass. *(Especially people!)*

Riding a camel on a highway in Nevada is against the law. *(Use an elephant like everyone else does!)*

In North Carolina, it is against the law to use elephants to plow cotton fields. *(Oops, then use camels!)*

In Galveston, TX, it is illegal for camels to wander the streets unattended. *(Tell those people from Nevada and North Carolina!)*

In Cumberland, Maryland, you cannot keep chickens in your hotel room. *(There's that hotel thing again)*

No chicken may cross any road with the city limits of Quitman, Georgia. *(They'll never get to the other side)*

In Colorado, Utah, and Washington, D.C., fishing from horseback is illegal. *(Especially if they are drunk)*

No lassoing fish from horseback, if you live in Tennessee. *(You need to get them drunk first.)*

Men can't eat ice cream while riding a horse in Cotton Valley, Louisiana. *(We all know how sloppy they are.)*

In Pocatigo, Georgia, horses are not allowed to neigh after 10 PM. *(They need to learn "lights out!")*

You cannot open or close an umbrella in the presence of a horse in New York. *(You just have to get wet)*

Your horse is required to wear diapers in public areas in Charleston, South Carolina.

Between March 1st and October 20th in Burdville, Vermont, no horse is allowed to wander around. *(But cows are okay..)*

Careful not to take pictures of horses on Sunday in McAllen, Texas. You can get up to 3 days in jail for disturbing the animal. *(That includes selfies too!! Or go find a cow, they love posing.)*

General Association Meeting

Our first General Meeting of the year was held on January 18th at St. John's Methodist church. Special thanks to everyone who brought delicious baked goods and set up coffee. Mark Bailey from the UF/IFAS Extension Services Marion County was our presenter for the evening. He shared with us the many amazing agricultural programs offered (many for free) to Marion County Residents. Are you having trouble getting your grass to grow in your yard or paddock? They will test your soil for free and tell you exactly what type of fertilizer to use, which type of grass will grow the best and save you lot's of money in the process by avoiding using the wrong products. They also offer hundreds of classes, which can be attended either in person or on-line in all types gardening. Thinking about putting in new landscaping? Consider edible landscaping! Looking to plant a spring garden? These classes not only tell you what to plant and when to plant it, but ways to actually make it easier on your back and your wallet. For more information please visit <http://sfyl.ifas.ufl.edu/marion/marion@ifas.ufl.edu> or feel free to call 352-671-8400. They are in the office and ready to answer any questions that you may have.



February is Ripe for Festivals

No matter where you may find yourself this month in Florida, there are plenty of Festivals to enjoy!

Mount Dora Arts Festival, Mount Dora, Feb. 5-6, 2022

Charming Mount Dora is a city of festivals, and this free fest attracts 250,000 for top art, food and entertainment.

Florida State Fair , Tampa, Feb. 10-21, 2022

It boasts “the largest midway in the USA,” but its core purpose, celebrated for more than 100 years, is to showcase Florida’s agriculture and its history.

Everglades Seafood Festival, Everglades City, Feb. 11-13, 2022

This free event in Florida’s Stone Crab Capitol packs ’em in for fresh seafood, country music, carnival rides, crafts booths. An estimated 50,000 people attend each year in this small town (population 500) for the three-day event.

Strawberry Festival, Williston, February 12-13, 2022

Red, White & Blues Farm’s first Strawberry Festival! There will be tons of strawberries to pick, strawberry-themed activities & treats, live music, art & craft vendors, plus all of your favorite farm activities like our thrilling slide hill, bouncy jump pillows, and more! **Admission & Parking are Free!** Includes: Strawberry-themed activities, Art & Craft Vendors, Access to Strawberry & Sunflower Fields - U-Pick Strawberries (\$4.95/lb), U-Pick Sunflowers (\$2/stem)

9th Annual Scottish Highland Festival, Mount Dora, Feb. 19-20, 2022

This gated event with a \$10 admission ticket features Scottish bands and musicians all the weekend at Donnelly Park. and an afternoon of Highland Games in Gilbert Park on Saturday from 10 a.m. at 5 p.m.

The Battle of Olustee Civil War Re-Enactment, Sanderson, Feb. 18-20, 2022

Florida’s largest Civil War battle is re-enacted, with gun smoke, booming cannons and cavalry.

Cortez Commercial Fishing Festival, Cortez, Feb. 19-20, 2022

Cortez started as a fishing village, and it still has a working waterfront and fishing boats. The festival offers music, nautical arts and crafts, children’s activities, environmental exhibits and lots of fresh seafood.

Coconut Grove Arts Festival, Coconut Grove, Miami, Feb. 19-20, 2022

A huge fair (covering many blocks with 350+ exhibitors) and a beautiful waterfront setting make this one of the most popular art festivals in Florida. As a result, it attracts top entertainers, food vendors and artists. Held annually on Presidents Day Weekend.

ArtiGras Fine Arts Festival, Jupiter, Feb. 19-20, 2022

A top juried festival with 300 artists, Artigras is celebrating 37 years of family fun this year.

Naples National Art Festival, Naples, Feb. 19-20, 2022

Ranked among the top art festivals in the state, the event takes place in scenic Cambier Park and along 8th Street South in downtown Naples.

Swamp Cabbage Festival, La Belle, Feb. 26-27, 2022

For 50+ years, this authentic Florida town east of Fort Myers has been celebrating swamp cabbage in a down-home festival and parade. A unique highlight: Armadillo races.



Dorothy Henry

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For Pictures of Gift Box sets or to discuss how you can customize your Gift Box yourself!



Out & About – *Beach Bound*

I admit it. Going to the beach rarely appears at the top of my list of fun things to do. My wife, on the other hand, truly loves the beach. And so it was that we decided to visit Fort Island Beach on the western shore of the Crystal River area. I had given Merry Lee a picnic basket for Christmas; complete with a gourmet collection of meats, cheeses, crackers, grapes, olives, chocolates, and the requisite bottle of a very fine cabernet.

I had selected Shalom Park as a picnic venue but with temperatures hovering in the mid to high 70s, she opted for the beach. Mind you, Shalom Park is a wonderful place and so close by. Just off of 80th Ave, it's a convenient, beautiful, and relaxing place to spend an afternoon. True, but it's no beach.

So off to Fort Island Beach we went. We timed our visit so that we could arrive in Crystal River and settle into a sports bar just in time for a light lunch and the second half of a Purdue University basketball game. Purdue is in my hometown and is Merry Lee's alma mater. That makes us fans. After tasty "bar food" at Lollygaggers, and a Purdue victory, we set off for the remaining 9 mile drive to the beach, arriving about 2:30 pm. Our plan was to enjoy the beach at the warmest time of that day and hang around for the sunset, during which we would enjoy our gourmet picnic.

Don't you love it when a plan come's together? Fort Island is a relatively small beach, but very well kept. It features picnic tables, a substantial restroom and changing rooms, and a boardwalk out into the gulf at its northern end if you are inclined to fish a bit. The beach was active but not crowded. The weather was as good as it gets in January in Florida. We sat in the sun, napped briefly on our blankets, and read our current book choices while watching other families enjoying their Saturday. The sun began to start its inevitable fall into the water, the beach crowd headed home, and a smaller sunset crowd took their places. We moved to a picnic table with a clear view of the setting sun and laid out our feast. As the sun set over the gulf, it could not have been a more special time.

Like I said, I'm not a big fan of the beach. This little trip, at least for one day, changed my opinion. Fort Island Beach is worth the trip, especially at sunset. I can tell you this. We'll be going back, with or without a gourmet picnic. It's a great place to be ... Out & About.

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 Karen Reade at 352-622-2030 or email her at springlilacs@yahoo.com.

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