



I Was Supposed to Be...

I recall a wonderful holiday party a couple of years ago. We enjoyed great food, good wine, a fun game, and most important, some great laughs with terrific friends. We met a very pretty young lady who, when describing her vertically challenged height of barely 5 feet tall, said “I was supposed to be 5’6””. She based this conclusion on the respective heights of her parents and grandparents, which are, I’m sure, reasonable predictors of one’s adult height.

I immediately started thinking about the phrase “I was supposed to be...” My first thought was that I was “supposed to be” a doctor. I think most of us probably had some idea of who, or what, we were “supposed to be” as children, high schoolers, or college students. In addition to a doctor, at one point or another in my life, I was “supposed to be” an insurance agent, a respectable golfer, a corporate mogul, and a football coach. Needless to say, I am none of those now.

The fact is that I am what I am. So is the 5 foot tall pretty young lady. And so are you. We spend too much time in our lives mulling over whatever it is we think we are supposed to be and not enough time working on being the best of what we are. Maybe it’s just because I’m getting a little older, but I’m running out of time for “supposed to be’s.” I only have time for working on who I am now.

As I do every year in November, I’ll prepare my goals for 2023. These are not New Year’s resolutions. They are specific and attainable goals that, when reached, will help me to feel better about the person I have become. They include physical goals, spiritual goals, professional goals, and goals for serving others. I fully intend for 2023 to be my best year yet.

2023 can be Meadow Wood Farms’ best year yet, too! We have set some goals for our association and will continue to work toward those goals. But, the Board and a handful of willing and able volunteers are simply not enough. We need more help. As you start planning your best year yet, please consider participating in, and serving your community. Our contact information is all over this newsletter. Call any of us and let us know you want to help. There are so many opportunities to help, that I’m sure we have a need that you can fill. I, for one, really don’t care what our neighborhood was “supposed to be.” I only care about making it the best it can be. Won’t you help?

I’ll see you around the neighborhood -- Jim

Upcoming Meetings
(subject to change)

Executive Board Meeting

November 8th, 2022 7pm

General Association

November 10th, 2022 7pm

General Association meetings will be held at Friendship Park under the Pavilion.

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

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Community Matters

Calendar of Activities — November 2022

- ◆ **Board Meeting** - Tuesday November 10th
Friendship park 7pm
- ◆ **Book Club** - Monday November 14th
Friendship park 6:30 pm
- ◆ **General Association Meeting** - November
17th Friendship Park 7:00 pm
- ◆ **Craft, Tack & Yard Sale** - November 19th
Friendship Park 9:00 a.m.
- ◆ **Equine Club Meeting - Thursday December
1st Friendship Park 7pm**
- ◆ **Thanksgiving** - November 24th
- ◆ **Line Dancing Has Returned!!** Saturdays
Only 10am



Trivia Night

Trivia Night for the remainder of the year will be at 7 PM at Friendship Park on the following evenings:

Thursday, December 8th

Come join the fun!! We hope to see you there.
For more information contact: Kim Cooper, Carol English or Frenchie Bisiaux
(Ltfrenchie16@hotmail.com)

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.

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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

A sympathy card was sent to Kim Cooper and Family, please keep them in your prayers.



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

If you would like to schedule an event in Friendship Park, please contact and coordinate with our Activities Chairpersons,

Kim Cooper kandmcooper@comcast.net

or Carol English caenglish55@gmail.com.

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.



November 5th Morning - Friendship Park 8:30 a.m.

Meadow Wood Farms to Participate in the Walk to End Alzheimer's for the Eighth Consecutive Year.

Our Meadow Wood Memory Walkers will be participating in the **Ocala, Florida 2022 Walk to End Alzheimer's**. Our team of walkers, with the financial support of friends, family, and community members, has been one of the top teams for seven years now. Please consider joining and helping us raise funds to support the objectives of the Alzheimer's Association.

Again, this year we will be walking within our own community. We will meet at Friendship Park on East Lake View Drive at **8:30 am on Saturday, November 5th**. The walk, which is optional, is less than two miles. Dogs, cats, horses, and well-behaved adults are invited. If you cannot walk, drive your golf cart, ride a horse, or just hang out and enjoy the company of your neighbors. All registered team members who raise \$100 or more will receive a commemorative t-shirt mailed to their address. We will have a support vehicle with cold drinks and snacks.

About Alzheimer's:

More than six million Americans are living with Alzheimer's.

One in three seniors will die with Alzheimer's or another dementia.

Alzheimer's kills more than breast cancer and prostate cancer combined.

In 2022 Alzheimer's will cost the United States \$321 Billion.

More than eleven million Americans provide unpaid care for people with Alzheimer's or other dementias.

This is a disease that is guaranteed to affect almost all of us on a very personal level. It robs us of our memories, our independence, our confidence, even of our families and friends. Please consider joining our team this year and/or financially supporting our cause toward a world without Alzheimer's. Go to <http://act.alz.org>. Click on **Walk to End Alzheimer's**, then **Find a Team**, and type in **Meadow Wood Memory Walkers**. You can then either join the team or select a team member you wish to support.

Thanks again for your interest in this worthy cause. For more information contact team captain Robert Coveney at 352 229-4243 or rwcoveney@yahoo.com. View my page at: https://act.alz.org/site/TR?pg=personal&px=11115300&fr_id=15470

Robert Coveney



Hurricane Ian Help for Horsemen

The horror of a hurricane. It can cause major damage and personal anguish. But with modern day technology, we are kept informed so that we can prepare as best as possible. At the end of September our area was warned of a coming storm that led us all to stock drinking water, get generators working, and buy canned goods. I thought I would be celebrating a wedding anniversary by candlelight, not as a part of a romantic dinner, but because I anticipated the power would be out.

Hurricane Ian was the second deadliest hurricane to hit the continental US, behind Hurricane Katrina. Almost 100 people died in Florida. Our area, though prepped and ready, was relieved when the path of the storm went further south, and at just shy of 150 MPH, it came ashore at Fort Myers.

Horse owners across the state feared for their horses' safety as many farms leave their animals out 24/7. The World Equestrian Center (WEC) opened its barns and hearts as a safe haven from the storm for those who needed stalls. Three thousand horses and other animals from all across the state from Tallahassee to areas south of Tampa were relocated there for protection. WEC didn't charge for the stalls and offered stall shavings and meals at a nominal rate. The onsite veterinary clinic was available for any animal medical issue.

Farms in the Venice and Fort Myers area were especially hard hit. Few people had enough notice to evacuate in time. One woman was missing her horse and donkey from the storm. Horse people stepped in, helping her search on foot, by boat, using drones, and reporting her loss on social media. Hundreds of horsemen across the country posted her story. Debi Metcalf, Founder at Stolen Horse International-NetPosse Missing and Stolen Equine shared her loss with members. Unfortunately, her story did not have a happy ending. While her donkey was located unharmed, her beloved horse was found days later, deceased from the effects of the storm when 9 feet of water filled his pasture.

Another example of horsemen helping horsemen is the story of the Childer family from Daytona. Severe flooding necessitated their leaving their home without any clothing or shoes. They evacuated to WEC whereupon other families taking refuge there rose to the occasion and provided clothing and other items. Their 30 horses followed in trailers arranged by other helping hands. Many other donations continued to flow in after the storm while their farm was still underwater.

Louisa Barton of The Horse Talk Show and Equine Initiatives of Ocala started a GOFUNDME page to solicit donations for supplies for horse farms in south Florida. Horse lovers opened their hearts and their wallets, with one anonymous donor offering up twenty thousand dollars.

AND in our own neighborhood, residents gathered up tack and other necessary barn items to be brought to the Florida Horse Park, under the direction of our own Frenchie, for donation to those horse owners who lost just about everything from the storm. Trailer loads of hay and grain were coordinated by Larsen Farms and other feed dealers.

Horse owners rallied together to help other horsemen. These stories help to restore our faith in humanity. Although hurricanes can be horror-canes, adequate preparation, staying well informed and having an evacuation plan, if necessary, can go a long way towards alleviating anxiety and being able to "ride out the storm".

Submitted by:
Pat VanNostrand

Community Clean up

Thanks to all for coming out on Saturday morning October 29th for the MWF annual clean up to make our neighborhood beautiful in preparation for the Car show and upcoming Veterans BBQ.



Car Show, Concert & Food

A great time was had by all at the Car show and concert event! Thanks to everyone who helped out with setting up and making this event possible for everyone to enjoy.



Trivia Night

We had a great turn out at the October 25th Trivia Night and lots of laughs were had by all. The Sophmoronics are now 3 for 3. Who would like to challenge this team?? Come to our next Trivia Night on Thursday, December 8th at the Park at 7:00 pm. Hope to see you there!





November 5th Afternoon - Friendship Park 3:00 p.m.

Veterans & 1st Responders Appreciation BBQ

Like so many people in so many countries around the world for over a hundred years, we are about to celebrate Veterans Day. On November 11th, 1919, many folks came together around memorials in their town squares to commemorate the first anniversary of the end of World War I and the signing of the Armistice. In a few weeks, we will once again mark that day by honoring our neighbors who have served in the Armed Forces and those who dedicated their lives to public service as law enforcement officers, firefighters, and EMTs/paramedics. Therefore, I hope that all of you will join me on Saturday, November 5th at Friendship Park for the 9th Annual MWF Veterans and First Responders Appreciation BBQ. The event will start at 3:00 p.m. with the presentation of the flag and the national anthem. The meal is free to all veterans and first responders (active or retired). All others pay just \$5. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. Our friends from the military vehicle preservation Association will bring some of the trucks for everyone to enjoy. There will also be military displays for all to look at. Thanks and see you at the park,

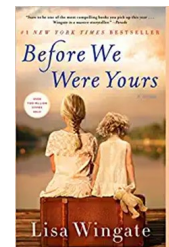
November 14th - Friendship Park 6:30 p.m.

Book Club

We have selected our next book to discuss at the November 14th book club meeting. It is "Before we were Yours" by Lisa Wingate.

See the book review below:

Based on one of America's most notorious real-life scandals—in which Georgia Tann, director of a Memphis-based adoption organization, kidnapped and sold poor children to wealthy families all over the country—Lisa Wingate's riveting, wrenching, and ultimately uplifting tale reminds us how, even though the paths we take can lead to many places, the heart never forgets where we belong.



November 19th—Friendship Park 9:00 a.m.

Community Tack, Craft and Yard Sale

We are having a community Tack, Craft and Yard Sale on Saturday, November 19th at Friendship Park between 9:00 am and 1:00 pm. Come find some treasures!!

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VOTING UPDATE FROM YOUR PRECINCT CLERK

Tuesday, November 8th is the date of the 2022 General Election. Unlike the primary election, **ALL** registered Marion County voters will be eligible to vote a ballot determined by their address within the county. For Meadow Wood Farms residents, the ballot will be comprised of the following choices:

United States Senator for Florida

Representative in Congress for District 3

Governor and Lieutenant Governor of Florida

Attorney General of Florida

Chief Financial Officer of Florida

Commissioner of Agriculture

Florida State Senator for District 9

Board of County Commissioners for District 2 and District 4 (elected at large)

Whether or not to retain five Florida Supreme Court justices, six District Court of Appeal judges, and one Marion County judge

Approval or disapproval of three Constitutional Amendments

Approval or disapproval of continuing a one mill ad valorem tax for the School District

Voters in this election must have registered prior to October 11, 2022. Vote By Mail requests must have been received by the Supervisor of Elections by October 29th.

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 “VOTERS” button on the banner, and then on “Check My Registration Status” 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, November 8th. Mail ballots can be mailed, dropped off at the Elections office, or deposited in a special Secure Ballot Intake Station receptacle at any Early Voting site during Early Voting hours. However, mailed ballots must reach to Elections office by 7 pm on Election Day.

Early Voting will take place at nine locations throughout the county, starting on Thursday, October 27th and ending on Saturday, November 5th from 8 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 web site 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 our staff will include several familiar MWF faces. 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 2100



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.

Your MWFPOA thanks you!

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