



Team Players

Recently, I've been giving a lot of thought to teams. I'm a huge fan of both college football and college basketball and have been known to watch a pro football game or two as well. I have played both sports over the years and look back on those experiences as some of the most valuable lessons of my life.

Lately, the two teams that have occupied a large part of my time have been roles at the Ocala Civic Theater and serving as President of the MWFPOA. My third, uh, first, and most important team is my wife and family but that is a subject for its own column. As I reflect on all of the things I've done over the years, the common thread to my joys of participating in those activities is being part of the team.

What do I get from my team experiences? First and foremost, the benefit of being part of a team is developing the relationships and friendships that often last a lifetime. I am still in regular contact with several of the men with whom I played high school football all those years ago. I communicate often with a significant number of my college fraternity brothers. Yes, this was a team, too. In each and every show I have had the pleasure of doing at O.C.T. I have met new and interesting people that I continue to enjoy. There is simply no comparison in terms of the opportunity to enrich your life with the relationships and the shared goals and aspirations of being part of a team – which brings me to the Board and Committee Chairs of your MWFPOA.

Whether you are a member or not – and why on earth wouldn't you be? – you benefit from the team that leads your Association. As many of you know, this is my 5th term as President. You might be asking, "why, in heaven's name, would you do that job 5 times?" The answer is quite simple. What I receive from that service is being part of an outstanding team of like-minded servants – people who share the thought that, just maybe, we can make our neighborhood a little bit better place to live. Look around. If it needs doing in this community, this is the group that does it. In the five years I've been at the helm, your current Board and Committee Chairs are easily the best team with whom I've worked. They are caring, creative, and tireless, and willing to help with whatever needs to be done. They are a joy and will be my friends for many years to come.

I would be remiss at this point if I didn't suggest that you consider joining our team. We are in constant need of both members and volunteers. It need not take a lot of your time and the return is always much greater than the investment. Join our team and your Association. Please!

I'll see you around the neighborhood -- Jim

Upcoming Meetings
(subject to change)

Executive Board Meeting

February 9 - 4pm

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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Dear Friends and Neighbors,

February is the last month of winter, therefore it's a great time to get out and enjoy some of the beautiful weather that we are now having. Please see pages 4 & 5 to see activities that are going on around us. Whether you are into art, shopping, music, dogs or horses there is absolutely something for everyone!

February is also known as the month of Love. If you know of anyone that has not been feeling well, or could use a little "sunshine" in their day, please reach out to Jennie Adams. She is MWF Sunshine Committee and would truly enjoy making someone's day by sending them a card.



Gena DeCamella

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Community Matters

Calendar of Activities — February 2023

- ◆ **Ground Hog Day** - February 2nd
- ◆ **Executive Board Meeting** - Thursday February 9th Friendship Park 7pm
- ◆ **Super Bowl Sunday** - February 12th 6:30pm
- ◆ **Valentine's Day** - February 14th
- ◆ **Book Club** - Monday February 20th Friendship park 6:30 pm
- ◆ **Equine Club Meeting**- Thursday February 23rd Friendship Park 7pm
- ◆ **Line Dancing Has Returned!!** Saturdays Only 10am

Trivia Night

Trivia Night Come join the fun!! We hope to see you there.
For more information contact: Kim Cooper, Carol



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	1	2	3	4

Holidays and Observances: 14: Valentine's Day, 20: Presidents' Day

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**



Neighborhood Sunshine

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.



First Friday Art Walk – 2/3/23 6:00-9:00pm

Downtown Square, 1 SE Broadway St.

Grab some dinner and then stroll around the square to experience all different types of art from local artists.

Festival of Hearts, Arts and Craft Fair – 2/4/23 10:00am – 3:00pm

Tuscawilla, 800 NE Sanchez Ave.

Arts and Crafts Festival.

Cattle Drive and Cowboy Round Up – 2/11/23 10:00am – 2:00pm

Begins Downtown then to Tuscawilla, 800 NE Sanchez Ave.

Dust off your cowboy hat and shine up your boots for Ocala's annual Cattle Drive and Cowboy Round Up! Start the morning off early watching real cowboys drive Florida cracker cattle through downtown Ocala to Tuscawilla Park, then let the festivities begin! Live music, cowboy demonstrations, craft vendors, food trucks, trucks, and trailers. Kid's corral, farm animals, Marion Rotary Duck Derby and more!

3rd Thursday Sip and Shop – 2/16/23 5 – 8:00pm

Downtown Square, 1 SE Broadway St.

This is a shopping event to promote the downtown businesses. Participating select businesses are providing a 15% discount and allowing you to sip while you shop.

Tuscawilla Art Park Series: Art Outside the Lines – 2/18/23 9:00am -12:00pm

Ocala Union Station, 531 NE 1st Ave

Ocala Cultural Arts in partnership with Magnolia Art Xchange (MAX) PRESENTS Art Outside the Lines Brunch. Enjoy brunch, and signature coffee drinks (including spirits), experience a musical performance, and engage with arts speakers, all on the beautiful platform of the Ocala Union Station.

PAWS Ice Cream Social – 2/25/23 10:00am – 12:00pm

Letty Towles Dog Park, 2299 SE 32nd Ave

Let's all bark for Ice Cream! This dog-tastic ice cream social, benefiting the Marion County Humane Society, will be filled with fun activities for you and your pooch to enjoy. Grab an ice cream for yourself and your pooch while you meet new friends.

HITS Ocala Winter Circuit

January 18 - March 26, 2023

Since 1982, HITS has called Central Florida its Winter Home. In 1985, HITS moved to the 'Horse Capital of the World' – Ocala, and later purchased Post Time Farm in 2002 cultivating one of the world's most horse-friendly show grounds. For four decades and counting, the HITS Ocala Winter Circuit has provided one of the largest show circuits in the country. Each year HITS Ocala is host to 12-weeks of USEF-Rated Hunter/Jumper competition from December through March, culminating with the Great American \$300,000 Grand Prix during the final week!



2/4/23 - \$100,000 Alltech Grand Prix - Hunter/Jumper, Free Event

2/8/23 to 2/12/23 - 2023 Ocala Winter Spectacular Show Series VI – USEF Premier Hunters/Level 6 Jumpers - Hunter/Jumper, Free Event

2/9/23 to 2/11/23 - Grandview World Nights - Draft, Special Events,

2/11/23 - WEC Premier Equitation Cup Championship Powered by Gary Yeomans Ford Hunter/Jumper, Free Event

2/12/23 - \$100,000 Budweiser Grand Prix - Equestrian, Hunter/Jumper, Free Event

2/15/23 to 2/19/23 - 2023 Ocala Winter Spectacular Show Series VII – USEF Premier Hunters/Level 6 Jumpers - Hunter/Jumper, Free Event

2/18/23 - \$100,000 Florida Coast Equipment Grand Prix - Hunter/Jumper, Free Event

2/22/23 to 2/26/23 - WEC – Dressage



2/3/23- Grand Oaks Classic

2/6/23, Four in Hand Club

2/7/23, Boyd Exell Clinic

2/13/23 - Palm Equestrian Academy

2/13/23 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm - Valentine's Dinner at The Bistro

2/16/23 - USEF Developing Driver Clinic

2/18/23 - Appaloosa Show

2/25/23 - HSITP/Hunt Country Horse Shows

GENERAL ASSOCIATION MEETING

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Meadow Wood Farms General Association Meeting was held on January 17th at Friendship Park at 4pm. Some of the items discussed and voted on include MWF standing with Eileen and Scott Woods on the Sand mine expansion opposition, having the newsletter printed at a new company in order to save money, and the new website.

In regards to the website, we have approximately 30 members already signed up and using the website. The address is the same as the old website: mwfpoa.com. Please visit the website and if you are a member, you can make a request for full access which includes the directory. Non-members can access the newsletters, ads, and meeting minutes. Couldn't attend and want to know what you might have missed at the meeting? Go to mwfpoa.com, click on the "Meetings" button and you will find all of the minutes posted there.

A neighborhood wide photo contest is currently going on so that we may post updated pictures of our beautiful neighborhood on the website. Pictures must be horizontal, must not contain people or houses (for privacy purposes), but may contain animals, fencing, trees, etc. Photos are to be submitted to President Jim Bain at president@mwfpoa.com. The deadline for photo submission is February 28th. The executive board will vote on the pictures and the name of the photographer will be posted on the website along with their picture. Don't give up hope if your picture doesn't make the first cut, as this may be a rotating event possibly occurring quarterly.



"It pays to come to meetings" was established several months ago, with a member's name being drawn from a box at every General Association Meeting and a \$25 prize given to the attendee. The member name drawn this month was not present, therefore the \$25 prize will roll over to the March General Association Meeting. You won't want to miss out on being a possible winner of \$50!



The 50/50 winner was Mark Cooper, who donated his winners back to the POA and will be earmarked for the shed replacement project. Thanks Mark!!





Super Bowl LVII is fast approaching and the excitement is growing among teams and fans. The Philadelphia Eagles and Kansas City Chiefs will face off at State Farm Stadium in Glendale, Arizona. The Cincinnati Bengals had a chance to make their second consecutive Super Bowl, but they lost a heartbreaker in Kansas City to the Chiefs. In the NFC, the Philadelphia Eagles destroyed the San Francisco 49ers in the NFC Championship.

How to watch Super Bowl LVII

Date: Sunday, Feb. 12, 2023 | **Time:** 6:30 p.m. ET

Location: State Farm Arena (Glendale, Arizona)

TV: Fox | **Stream:** fuboTV (try for free)

Follow: CBS Sports App

Where is the 2023 Super Bowl?

This year's Super Bowl will be held at State Farm Stadium in Glendale, Arizona -- home of the Arizona Cardinals.

About State Farm Stadium

State Farm Stadium has both a retractable playing field and a retractable roof, the first of its kind in North America. It was completed in August of 2006 and has hosted a variety of events, from the Super Bowl to the annual Fiesta Bowl, international soccer matches, motorsports as well as trade and consumer shows. State Farm Stadium has a capacity of 63,400 people, but can be expanded for "mega events" to fit 73,000 people. The stadium cost \$455 million to build and was originally named University of Phoenix Stadium from 2006 until 2018.

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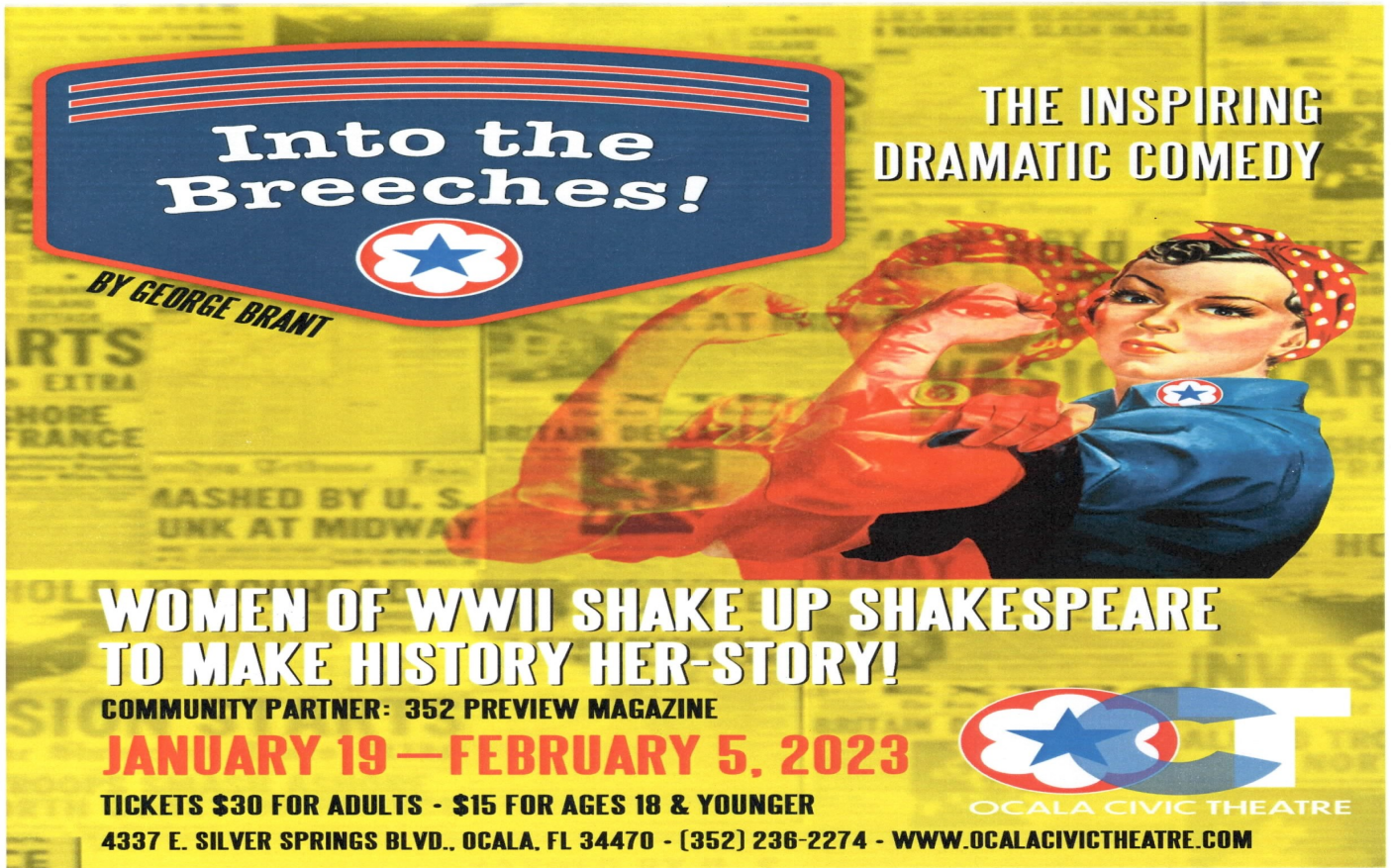
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NEIGHBOR CONTRIBUTION

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Our neighbors, Scott and Eileen Wood contacted President Jim Bain about their concern of the expansion of the Sand mine located on Hwy 328. The original mine was 20 acres in size and after dredging all they could get out of it, the company purchased an additional 40 acres. They reached out to MWF looking for support in opposition of this potentially dangerous, and definitely destructive situation that could be headed our way. As many of you know, there have already been dump truck accidents at the curve located near our entrance. These trucks drive way too fast, and are very heavy. We are fortunate that no one has been hurt yet. Inevitably, these trucks will cause damage to the roads, and an increase in traffic. Please see their letter below.

“If you have noticed the increased truck traffic on CR 328 thru our rural neighborhood, you are not alone. The existing 24 acre sand mine at Barber Farms on CR 328 has been ramping up the excavation of house pad dirt for about a year or so now. At first it was only a handful of trucks a week, now it’s more like 250-300 a day. It’s been a loud, dirty, and obnoxious year or so. They are almost dug out and now want to expand the mine to another 40 acres, approx. 2.5 million yards of sand. That is approximately 250,000 truckloads!

The first meeting with the Marion County Planning and Zoning Board went well as they voted 3-1 to deny the expansion. The county commissioners will meet next and they can vote for it or deny it. It ends with their vote. If you have noticed the truck traffic and noise levels and safety issues, we need your voice. Remember, property values always suffer around these construction zones. There is a reason these developments do not dig out their own dirt. It is just too much of a mess and chaos for the existing homeowners to witness. Numbers matter and we need your support if you can. We only want your support, nothing else. The meeting is Feb 7th at 2pm in the county commissioner’s chambers. Emailing letters also helps, but nothing works better than opposing in-person, in numbers. For more info, you can reach out to Eileen Wood at 352-816-8022 or nosand384@yahoo.com. Eileen will make every effort to get you the information you need.”

Mr. Scott Wood attended the General Association Meeting and provided a lot of information about this situation. A member made a motion (which was seconded and approved by acclimation) that President Bain represent MWF at the County Commission Meeting scheduled for February 7th, 2pm in opposition to the expansion of the sand mine. Anyone interested in attending this meeting please contact Eileen Wood or President Jim Bain at president@mwfpoa.com.





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 treasurer@mwfpoa.com.

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