



The Meadows
in The Sandhills

Homeowners' Association

Please know that since horses are prey animals they can be startled by noise and/or movement or another horse approaching that is not familiar to them. This can initiate fighting (kicking, striking) or fleeing (bolting) behavior and become quickly dangerous for everyone. So keep the following best practices in mind as you enjoy the neighborhood and trails:

- This is an Equestrian Community, "and, in all cases --with consideration that horses and pedestrians shall be granted the unquestioned right of way in all traffic matters. Any traffic activity or action that is considered dangerous to horse, horse & rider, or pedestrian will not be acceptable and subject to policies that will strictly halt the infractions". (Declaration of Covenants, Exhibit D page 32, Community Etiquette Rules, Section A Roadway Traffic, part 1(3))
- If you are out day or night, walking/running with your dog or riding your horse and a horse in a pasture starts running, please slow down and if you have a dog keep them close to you. A flashlight bouncing on the trail is scary to a horse in a field. If you slow down, this should reduce the anxiety the horses feel and reduce the likelihood of injury to the horse.
- All riders, both lot owners and/or accompanied guests need to have a signed release submitted to the Board email Meadowsboard@mitshoa.org. These releases should be submitted annually for all guests.
- The Meadows trail Map is posted on the website and denotes several areas as walk only, call out for Riders in the ring, and other restrictions. It would be appreciated for you to follow the owners requests.
- For Riders, if approaching another rider on the trail, be alert to the other horses' disposition. Slow to a walk and speak to the rider, if it is startled or anxious, stay back a safe distance and let the other rider calm or gain control of the horse and ask if it is OK before proceeding. Once past the other rider, continue to walk until you are several horse lengths away so the other horse you are passing does not get anxious and try to follow, then you can continue at your pace of choice.
- For Riders and Cart interactions on Trail, when riders approach a cart, both should stop and speak to each other to determine how comfortable both of the horses are. If they are fine, the cart should stay still while the horse passes as it is easier for a horse to maneuver past in a tight area. If the horse is uncomfortable, the horse should turn around and go another way as it is very difficult to turn a cart in a small area. Familiarization is always a good thing, if think your horse may react poorly, please feel free to contact our drivers in the community as they will be happy to assist you with the process.
- If on foot and you approach a horse on the trail, walk if you are not already doing so, speak calmly to the rider/handler and make sure you remain visible to the horse.
- If passing by a rider training a horse either in hand, under saddle or in a cart on their property, walk, call out to the rider/handler and make sure you are acknowledged by the rider/handler. If you wish to continue at a faster gait, ask for permission before doing so.
- All dogs should be under control and by your side. Use a leash if you need to make this happen. Some horses do not like dogs. So be sure to give plenty of space to any horse you

are passing so you or your dog are not kicked. (Declaration of Covenants, Exhibit D page 32, Community Etiquette Rules, Section B)

- Do not touch, feed or approach other horses without asking permission from the owner first. Horses can have food allergies too! Biting and kicking may ensue with the playful ones.
- If you are driving down the road and approaching a horse or horse and cart, slow down proceed very slowly. If the horse begins to dance or move around quickly, stop until the rider/driver is able to get the horse safely away from the vehicle and waves you through. When passing, go slowly and give a wide berth, drive on the verge if needed, in case the horse spooks into the road. A large object kicking up rocks is going to potentially unnerve a horse.
- If you are biking down the road and come across a horse, stop and say something to the rider/handler/ driver. They will let you know if it is safe to continue past the horse.

We have all levels of riders and horses in the Meadows. Despite the best training, horses can still be unpredictable. Thank you for helping us keep this a safe place to ride and work horses.