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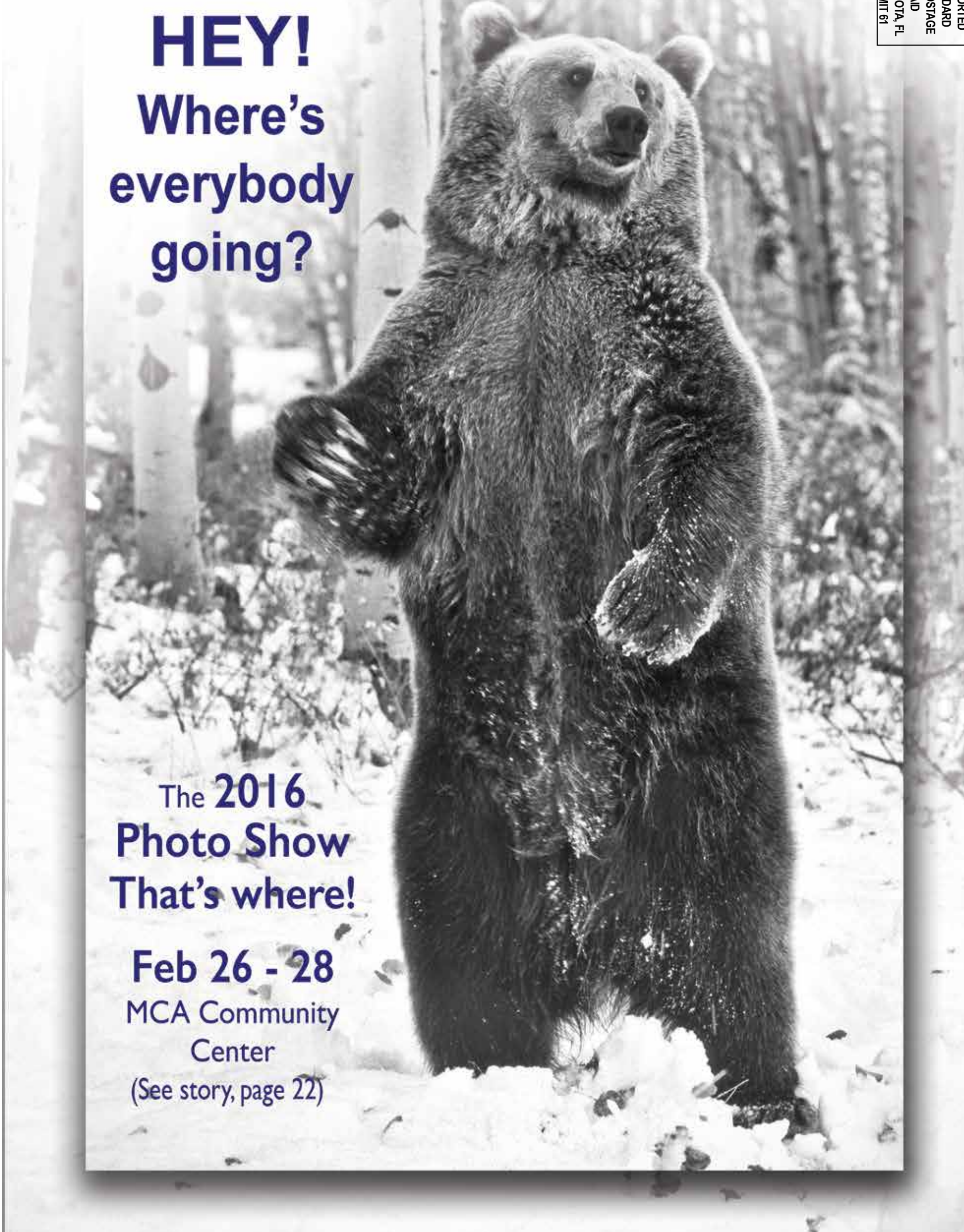

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Notes From the President's Desk

John Spillane—MCA President

Hi Folks ~ The first month of the year is already behind us, and we are focusing on upcoming events scheduled for our community at the MCA Community Center.

MCA hosts 34th Annual Amateur Photo Competition and Show this month

This is a great opportunity for all our resident amateur photographers to showcase those favorite photos. While entries are open to residents of Sarasota and Manatee Counties, we also have a unique Meadows Resident Award category that only a Meadows resident can win. This award is in addition to the other top prizes. You have to be a Meadows resident to win this award, so the competition is not so daunting.

We try to encourage all our residents to enter. If you are not a photographer, maybe you have a relative or friend who enjoys taking photos. So, c'mon, give it a try! The worst that can happen is to have your photo displayed alongside the other great pictures at the exhibit.

Entries will be accepted Friday, February 5, and Saturday, February 6 from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. The exhibit begins Friday, February 26, and runs through Sunday, February 28. Rules and entry information are published in this month's issue and on the MCA website at *www.themeadowssarasota.org*. You can also pick up a copy of the rules at the MCA Community. You will need to label your entries and can download labels from the website.

Meadows resident **Betty Comora** and her Happy-Jazz Band will perform at the Concert in the Park the last day of the exhibit, February 28, from 1:30 to 3:30 pm.

Honore Avenue petition continues to gather names

The Sarasota County Commission will also be deciding soon on the issue of Honore Avenue becoming a mobility corridor or a multimodal corridor. What they decide will make a huge difference in the amount of traffic going through our community in the future. The County Planning Staff may recommend that Honore Avenue be designated a mobility corridor, which could make it a four-lane roadway through our community. The MCA Board of Directors decided not to leave this decision solely to the county planners. At the December meeting, the Board of Directors decided to hire a traffic engineering firm to draw a plan showing the benefits of a multimodal corridor for the MCA to present to the county commissioners. And, at last count, we had more than 1800 names on the petition and countless numbers of emails sent to the Sarasota County Commission. If you have not signed the petition in favor of a multimodal corridor, please stop by the MCA and do so. Thank you to our proactive residents. We can make a difference.

Whole Foods parcel on University could affect traffic on Honore Avenue

Back in December, the Sarasota Planning Commission voted unanimously to recommend approval for a new 40,000-square foot Whole Foods at the corner of University Parkway and Honore. Preliminary drawings show three large parking lots to serve all the stores included in that parcel. If approved by the County Board of Commissioners, the developer could break ground as early as March. This, of course, could mean more non-Meadows traffic traveling along Honore Avenue.

Charities benefit from MCA Craft sale

At the January Board of Directors meeting, the ladies of The Meadows Craft Group made us all proud of their good works and craft sales proceed donations to seven local charities. Craft Group cochair **Betty Turner** presented checks to representatives of All Faiths Food Bank, Baby Basics, FISH of Sarasota, JOY, Resurrection House, SPARCC, and Tidewell Hospice.

TMCC welcomes new general manager

As most of you are aware by now, The Meadows Country Club general manager, **Doug Domino**, has bid farewell after almost 12 years of service. The new general manager, **Andrew Kingsley,** hails from the Pittsburgh area and has begun the process of moving his family to the Sarasota area. All of us at the MCA welcome him and wish him well in his new position. TMCC President **Gordon Cummings** has more information about changes at the club in his article on page 17.

MCA/TMCC rezoning committees continue work on concept plan

In addition to regular monthly joint committee meetings, MCA and TMCC rezoning committees continue to meet to work toward finalizing a Development Concept Plan that meets the club's needs and enhances the overall beauty of The Meadows.

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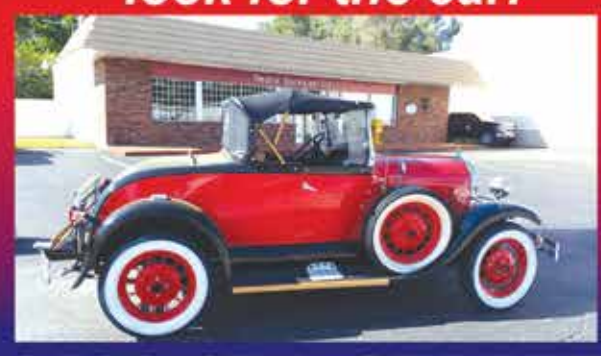

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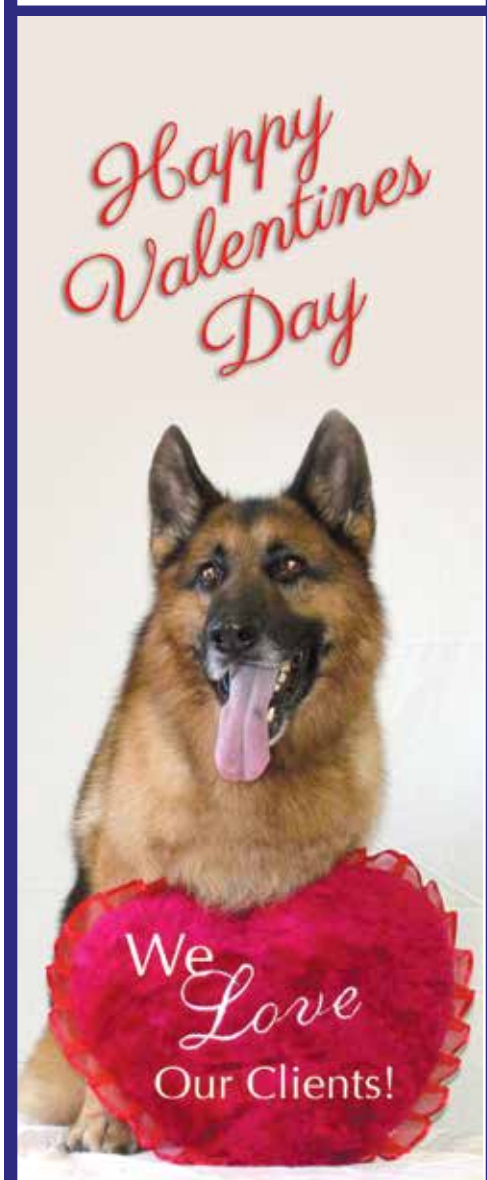

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NEXT MEETING of the
Safety Committee
February 1, 2:00 pm, MCA
All residents encouraged to attend

Six serious crimes in The Meadows under investigation

During the month of December, there were 82 reported incidents, 20 less than in November. There were only 3 incident-free days. The Safety Patrol issued 171 citations for various violations such as illegally parked vehicles, garbage violations, and open garage doors.

Forced-entry burglary: jewelry stolen

On Monday, December 7, a resident of Huntingwood Court reported that person(s) unknown broke a small bathroom window and entered the residence. Approximately $200 of jewelry was missing.

Forced-entry burglary: $3,000+ in jewelry and cash stolen

On Wednesday, December 9,a resident of Greencroft Circle reported that person(s) unknown broke a glass window behind the garage and entered the residence, removing cash and jewelry. The victim believes this occurred between December 5 and 8. The total value of items missing and damage is estimated at approximately $3,330.

Burglary: $10,000 in jewelry taken

On Thursday, December 10, a resident of Windrush Bourne reported that person(s) unknown entered the residence and removed several pieces of jewelry from a dresser drawer. There were no signs of forced entry, but on December 8, the victim did notice dirt from an unknown source on her enclosed lanai floor. The total value of the jewelry is estimated at approximately $10,000.

Burglary: pressure washer stolen from garage during resident's long-term absence

On Thursday, December 10, a resident of Greencroft Road reported that person(s) unknown entered the victim's garage and removed an electric pressure washer. The victim was out of town between May 15 and November 27, 2015. There were no signs of forced entry, but a neighbor did observe the victim's garage door open one week before the victim returned.

Possible forced-entry burglary: patio chairs removed

On Monday, December 14, a resident of Hadfield Greene reported that person(s) unknown entered the garage and removed two patio chairs. The side door had what appeared to be scratch marks and a broken piece of wood near the door lock, suggesting the door may have been forced open. The victim was out of town the previous three weeks, but a neighbor observed the garage door open a few days after the victim departed.

Forced-entry intruder

On Thursday, December 17, a resident of Woodman's Chart reported that person(s) unknown pried open and broke a glass window near the entrance of the residence. The victim believes someone entered the residence. No items appear to be missing at this time.

December had highest number of burglaries during a one-month period in recent memory

During the month of December, we had six home burglaries in our community. It was the highest number of burglaries in a one-month period we have experienced in my recent memory. Yet, none of the neighbors saw or heard anything suspicious. It makes you wonder, "How is that possible?"

We always seem to take notice of the annoying things in our daily lives—like the incessant sound of a weed wacker or noisy leaf blower… or maybe the hammering of workman on a neighbor's roof. When the lawn company comes to mow the grass, we always seem to hear the lawn mower engine starting. We get used to these everyday noises. The reality is, it does not take very long to kick in a front door or break a window, and those sounds make a lot less noise than some of the things I just mentioned.

So what can you do to protect yourself? Prevention is key

The first step is always prevention. Of course, start by always locking your doors when you leave home. The first thing the bad guys do is knock loudly and ring the doorbell to see if anyone is home. When no one answers the front door, intruders then try to see if the door is unlocked. Once they are reasonably certain no one is home, they will walk around the outside of the house to look in windows and the lanai to try to find an easy hidden point of entry.

We often forget to lock those sliding glass doors, and sliding glass doors left unlocked just make a thief's job easy. So don't forget to lock them. Always lock your side windows when no one is home. And don't forget about the side door of the garage. If you have done those things, at least you have made your home a harder place for an attempted burglary.

If you have an alarm system, be sure to arm it, even if you are just running out to do a few errands or playing a round of golf. If you have a dog (or dogs) that barks at intrusions to the windows or doors, it's an excellent deterrent. The size of the dog doesn't matter. These guys don't want to deal with "Fido" making a scene. Incidentally, there have been no reported burglaries in homes of The Meadows where a dog was present. These are not trained watch dogs, folks; they are just household pets—but they know their jobs.

Do for your neighbor what you hope he would do for you—KEEP AN EYE OPEN and report anything unusual

Well, these burglars had to drive to get here, and they have to drive to get out. And, they want to do it quickly. Most of us park our cars with the vehicle front facing the house so we can back out our driveways.

It should raise a red flag if you see a car or van that you don't recognize ***backed up*** to the house, facing the street in your neighbors' driveway. Or maybe a car or van is parked in the street in front of your neighbor's home for a length of time and you know your neighbor is not home. Call Meadows Safety Patrol and express your suspicion; they will check it out.

You're not being a "nosy" neighbor by keeping an eye open for unusual activity. You're being a "great" neighbor!! *Being vigilant is really the only way to be proactive in deterring thieves!*

The Sarasota Sheriff's Office has informed the Safety Committee there were similar type burglaries in other communities in our area. In three of the above burglaries, windows were broken to gain access. There are ongoing police investigations targeting these criminals, and, hopefully, they will be caught sooner than later.

In the "Schemes, Scams, and Cons" article on the next page, I'll cover a theory on the possible cause of these types of burglaries that the Safety Committee and the Sarasota County Sheriff's Office are working on.

Stop crime before it happens

The Safety Committee looks over every reported crime that occurs in The Meadows, and we are always trying to look for ways to help stop crime before it happens.

"The Inside Job"...

Sometimes there are instances of property stolen from homes where owners are out, the doors and windows are locked, and there are no visible signs of forced entry. Say, for example, you come home and after some point in time, can't find a piece of jewelry or notice money or some other valuables are missing.

Could a "Cat Burglar" be working The Meadows? Not likely. That's the stuff of TV and movies.

So how could that jewelry just go missing with no sign of forced entry? A more likely scenario is you let a workman, contractor, or home healthcare person into your home in the recent past and didn't keep an eye open. Maybe you left your valuables out in plain view. And, unfortunately, that is a temptation that makes for easy pickings for a stranger not likely to return anytime soon. That Rolex watch or those diamond earrings you wear only on special occasions won't be missed until you go to put it on, but the thief is long gone by then.

You can't supervise everyone who works or performs a service inside your home, and frankly, it's annoying to workers if you're peering over their shoulders while they work.

So what's the solution? Just secure or move your jewelry box to another room or area where no work is going on. You wouldn't tempt someone by leaving your wallet or watch on the table at a restaurant while you go to the bathroom. Why would you do it at home if strangers are present?

An "ounce of prevention" is the best medicine to keep in your guest bathroom

This temptation also holds true for the medicines in your bathroom medicine cabinet. Service workers who ask to use your bathroom close and lock the door. You can't see what they're doing in there and they could be going through your medicine chest looking for prescription drugs to steal.

In this case, the best "medicine"is an "ounce of prevention." Just remove any temptation or opportunity to steal your prescription meds. Move them to your master bathroom where strangers cannot find them. Direct contractors or workers to your guest bathroom, where only the essentials are kept.

Safety, *continued from previous*

Schemes, Scams, and Cons…

And how they try to take your money!

"The Travelers" are moving through the area—you can help move them on out

In December, a 16-year-old girl in the Sarasota area was home alone when crooks tried to break into her home. Law enforcement officials say the burglars are part of an organized crime ring from Chicago known as "The Travelers." Officials warn that the group may be trying to strike homes all over the Tampa Bay and Sarasota areas. In this case, the 16-year-old girl was home alone in the Founders Club community while her parents went out to play tennis. Two women began banging on the front door and peering in the windows.

The girl called 911, and Sheriff's deputies said the women then ran off and hopped into an SUV driven by a man. The deputies soon found the suspects and locked them up. According to the Sarasota County Sheriff's Office, these thieves arrive in Florida during the winter months and wander in groups of three or four knocking on doors in residential communities pretending they lost a dog. If no one's home, they break in.

Officials believe this trio is not alone

They warn it's very important for neighborhoods to be careful. Also, according to the Sheriff's Office, the three suspects are not cooperative, and officials believe they don't have the suspects' real names, so it's unclear how big or widespread this particular crime ring is. Deputies say it's vital that you stay vigilant and report any suspicious activity you see.

It's not the first time "that dog" has been lost in The Meadows

In the past, here in The Meadows, we've had reports of that same ploy with the "lost dog" being used. It's the standard excuse these criminals use if they're caught wandering around a resident's property. With The Meadows being so close to Honore Avenue, it's very possible that some of the burglaries we experienced in December are linked to this crime ring. Detectives are investigating all our cases.

"I can fix this for you and give you the deal of a life time"—here's how the con works

This group of "Travelers" consists of hardcore-criminal types who are not afraid to break into homes to steal jewelry and other valuables. But the "Travelers" are also known as smooth-talking con artists looking to take your money by offering home services and not doing what they promise to do.

They move around from county to county and are usually gone by the time complaints are reported to local authorities. They target older homeowners who tend to be more trusting. They have been known to actually damage a home in some way in order to create a need for repairs and then offer a cheap solution to fix the problem. And, they offer to work as house painters, driveway pavers, roofers, and other trades people.

These con artists may offer to prune your trees, seal your roof, and exterminate your termites (usually by spraying nothing more than water)—and often, one of them will keep you engaged in a conversation while a cohort goes inside your home and steals anything of value, especially silverware and jewelry. This con has actually happened in The Meadows.

Often, "Travelers" tell their victims a story about having too much material left over from their last paving job and how their bosses will fire them if they take it back since it can't be returned to the asphalt plant. After convincing homeowners their driveways are in desperate need of repaving, "Travelers" will offer the "deal of a lifetime," just to keep their jobs—and victims get thin coats of driveway sealer or, at best, very thin coats of asphalt, which soon begins to deteriorate and crumble.

Any work performed by "The Travelers" is suspect and shoddy. They use inadequate, inferior materials and often leave a residence before the work is completed, leaving the homeowner to hire someone else to correct and clean up the mess.

Refuse To Be A Victim.®

"Is that a dent in your Fender? I can fix that" (whether you want me to or not)

In December, a resident of Chanteclaire was approached by two men in a nearby Home Depot parking lot. They offered to "fix" a dent in her fender. Even though she told them "no" and went into the store, these men did a shabby patch job on her dented fender anyway. When she came out, they were waiting and demanded payment for the work they did. Feeling intimidated, she eventually wrote a check to get them away from her. Later, she canceled that check, but realized they had her name and address.

These are the types of scams "The Travelers" are known for. If they can't smooth talk you into paying them for something, they will try to intimidate you to get money. If anyone ever approaches you in this way, just say "no" to the scammer and tell him (or her) you will call the police he continues to bother you.

So how can you protect yourself at home from these thieves?

Remember, it all starts with a knock on the door and an offer you can't refuse. If any solicitors come to your home, just tell them to wait one minute, close and lock the door, and call Meadows Safety Patrol, 809-0084. They will be there quickly and handle it from there.

Phony IRS calls continue to plague residents

In past issues, I have warned residents about phony calls from individuals claiming to be from the IRS. These calls continue to reach homes in The Meadows. Just remember, the IRS WILL NEVER contact you this way.

The IRS reminds people how to easily recognize a fake caller posing as an IRS agent. Here are five things the scammers often do that the IRS will not do—any one of these things is a tell-tale sign of a scam.

The IRS will never:

1. Call to demand immediate payment or call about taxes owed without first mailing you a bill.
2. Demand that you pay taxes without giving you the opportunity to question or appeal the amount they claim you owe.
3. Require you to use a specific payment method for your taxes, such as a prepaid debit card.
4. Ask for credit or debit card numbers over the phone.
5. Threaten to bring in local police or other law-enforcement groups to have you arrested for not paying.

If you should get a call like that, just hang up! Then call Meadows Safety Patrol to report it.

Caller ID Spoofing

Caller ID was originally invented to allow people to identify persons who are calling. Caller ID is available in digital phone systems and most VoIP (voice over internet) applications. It can be used to limit prank calls, telemarketers, and other annoyances.

Almost all of us have it, and we like to see who is calling before we pick up the phone. We live in a high-tech society, however, and there are devices and software available that can change the actual phone number of the incoming call to show any number or name the caller wants you to see.

This practice is called "spoofing." For example, the phony IRS calls our residents are receiving—the caller ID might say IRS or some other governmental name and show a bogus phone number. But it's not what it appears to be. Scammers even use caller ID spoofing to look like legitimate charities. Remember, just because your caller ID shows a name and a number doesn't mean it's actually from that organization.

Let's stay vigilant and keep these scammers at bay.

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Assembly Committee

Ginny Coveney retires as committee chair—Joy Howes takes the reigns in March

Ginny Coveney—Chairperson

The January issue of *The Meadoword* included biographical information about the five candidates for the 2016 MCA Board of Directors. Please review this information carefully so you can make an informed decision when you vote. Remember that you can only vote for no more than three candidates, and you must sign your ballot in order for it to count.

The January Assembly featured **Heidi Brown**, CEO of Kobernick-Anchin-Benderson, who brought us up-to-date on all the different services, amenities, and activities available to Meadows residents.

The February, March, and April Assembly meetings on the third Wednesday of the month will feature community forums on contractors and vendors such as roofing, plumbing, painting, and pavers.

The February 17 Assembly will be my last meeting as chair of the Assembly of Property Owners. **Joy Howes** assumes the responsibilities of chair in March. I want to thank you all for the loving support you have given me; it has meant so much to me and I really appreciate it.

I will be moving nearby to Lakehouse West Independent Living. And, you can be sure I will be back to visit since I will remain a member of The Meadows Country Club and will want to see my many friends.

NEXT MEETING of the
Assembly of Property Owners
Community Forum
February 17, 7:00 pm
MCA Community Center

Delegates, please sign in when you arrive; all residents encouraged to attend

MCA Annual Assessment

The 2016 MCA Annual Assessment was mailed in January, and you should receive it by February 1, 2016.
This Assessment is your Master Association fee, due yearly—not your sub-HOA or condo fee.

Payment is DUE MARCH 1, 2016

- Because of limited space and for cost-saving measures, the Assessment was addressed to the first owner listed in the Sarasota County records and mailed to the billing address on file.
- If you do not receive the Assessment by February 1, 2016, contact the MCA office at 941-377-2300 to confirm your correct mailing address.
- If you ***recently purchased a home*** in The Meadows but do not receive the Assessment by February 1, 2016, please contact the MCA office to update our records and request the Assessment.
- If you ***recently sold a home*** in The Meadows and receive the Assessment for that property, please contact the MCA office to update our records so we can send the Assessment to the new owner.

All owners (including new owners) must pay the 2016 Assessment by March 1, 2016.

If you have questions or if any one of the above applies to you, please contact **Lisa Compton** at 941-377-2300 or email *mcaaccounting@meadowsca.com*.

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Display Advertising—contact *The Meadoword* **Editor**
- New and revised display ads are due WED, FEB 3
- Camera-ready display ads are due FRI, FEB 5

Editorial Content—contact *The Meadoword* **Editor**
- Articles and columns are due FRI, FEB 5
- Letters to the Editor are due FRI, FEB 5

Classified Ads—contact The MCA Reception Desk
- Classifieds are due FRI, FEB 12

For more information, call **377-2300**

** **NOTE:** Deadlines for camera-ready ads are on or about the 10th of the month prior to publication. When the 10th falls on a weekend or holiday, the deadline is the previous business day. New advertiser ads and revised ads are due two days prior to camera-ready ads. Deadlines may be moved up as necessary to accommodate production and press requirements for Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays, the month of February, and extenuating circumstances.

What's Happening?

On the horizon…

Jay Brady, AICP, CAM, CMCA—MCA Manager

Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design

One of our condominiums recently had a couple of break-ins that could have easily been prevented. It appears the burglar hid behind large, thick "elephant ears" to gain entry through a window. The property manager says they plan to alter the landscaping to remove these hiding places.

Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED), pronounced "sep-ted," uses four key principles to enhance the safety of developments and minimize opportunities for crime: 1) natural surveillance, 2) natural access control, 3) territorial enforcement, and 4) maintenance and management. For more information, take a look at the *CPTED Guidebook* produced by the National Crime Prevention Council at *www.ncpc.org.sg/images/media/CPTED.pdf* or *www.cpted-security.com/*.

Pick-Up truck parking rule change to be drafted

The MCA Board of Directors accepted the Restrictions Committee's recommendation for MCA staff and our attorney to draft amendments to the restrictions and rules that, if adopted, would allow non-commercial pick-up truck parking in some single-family home driveways overnight from 11:00 pm to 5:00 am. Non-commercial may be defined to mean trucks also not exhibiting any commercial equipment or cargo, not just those without commercial signage or markings.

The MCA's legal counsel has advised the MCA to amend the pick-up truck parking restrictions, based on decisions in two Florida court cases.

This change would not affect condominiums and our eight sub-homeowners associations—including Scarborough Common, Stratfield, and Wood Ridge—if they now have and choose to keep rules that are more restrictive than the MCA's.

Of The Meadows' 3455 units, there are 561 single-family homes not affiliated with a sub-HOA. These are the only ones that would be directly affected by this proposed change if the board adopts it.

This topic will be on the Restrictions Committee's February 2 agenda. The committee meets at 3:00 pm at the MCA Community Center. Residents are invited to provide input to the Committee. If you plan to speak, please sign in when you arrive.

The current rule states, *No restricted vehicle shall be parked overnight at any location exposed to public view except for a builder's trailer(s) during construction or except within an area specifically designated by the Developer (i.e. The MCA) for that purpose. "Restricted vehicle" shall mean any truck; …*" The implementing rule defines truck *… as having a bed, covered or uncovered and include body types, such as vans and sport utility vehicles which do not have a back passenger seat and/or are used for the commercial, or non-profit, transportation of goods and/or services.*

Currently, of seven non-commercial pick-up trucks parked in the MCA's storage lot off Honore Avenue, only one is owned by a single-family homeowner. The rest are owned by residents of various condominiums.

Master Plan Modification update

Our team is in the process of responding to the final set of comments from Sarasota County staff. The Meadows Country Club proposes to add 179 condominium units and one home in the 30-acre club area. Kobernick-Anchin-Benderson plans to add up to 100 independent living units to their facility on Honore Avenue.

For MCA property, the proposed plan modification includes a proposed office site at the northeast corner of 17th Street and Hammock Place. The two-acre site would allow up to 15,000 square feet of office space in a two-story building with about 60 parking spaces.

The other MCA piece consists of 9.2 acres that borders 47th Street to the north. A small gated subdivision of 12 to 14 homes is proposed. Graduate architecture student Shane LaMay, in his final year with the University of Florida CityLab-Sarasota program, is working with the MCA on environmentally sustainable design concepts for the new neighborhood.

Most of the county's material comments relate to floodplain compensation, drainage, and stormwater management issues. That's because part of The Meadows, including part of the proposed areas for redevelopment, includes land within the 100-year floodplain. County land use policies allow development within the floodplain if the floodplain is protected through floodplain compensation. Such compensation must meet land development regulation requirements and will be reviewed by the county during the site and development plan review process.

Once the application is found complete, it will be scheduled for a Planning Commission public hearing. My best guess, at this point, is that it will be at least mid-March before we get on their agenda.

Honore Avenue and I-75 flyover study expected

The MCA has its consultant on standby to review the county's report and recommendations on the corridor designation and location for the proposed I-75 flyover from Lakewood Ranch to North Cattlemen Road. The report is expected by the end of January, so please check with the MCA office if you wish to read it.

Meadows residents continue to add their names to the petition to change the designation of Honore Avenue through The Meadows from a mobility corridor to a multimodal corridor. Read more about this in MCA President **John Spillane's** column on page 2.

Please continue to voice your opinion to the county commissioners by phone, letter, or email. Contact commissioners at 1600 Ringling Boulevard, Sarasota, FL 34236, call 861-5344, or email:

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Sue Pound—Chairperson

Relax, enjoy Florida—but stay on guard!

Looking back at 2015, we were very lucky. We came close in November, but *Hurricane Erika* decided to just move on. Let's hope that 2016 is a repeat.

In the wake of the recent tornado, however, that hit Sarasota, I feel we need to have a meeting on February 16 to discuss that event.

I want to reiterate how much I appreciate the advice and suggestions you give me. Because of them, I feel we have a very strong committee. I hope you know just how much I appreciate each and every one of you.

Area Leaders, please keep me updated on any changes in your area: moves, new homeowners, etc. Take care, have fun, and be safe!

Emergency Prep Committee 2016 Calendar

Feb 16	**Full Meeting, 1:30 pm**
Mar 8	Officers/Area Leaders/Coleaders/ Rovers
Apr 12	Full Meeting
May 10	Full Meeting
Jun 14	Full Meeting
Jul 12	Full Meeting
Aug 9	Full Meeting
Sep 13	Full Meeting
Oct 11	Full Meeting
Nov 14	Full Meeting
Dec	No Meeting

Area Leaders, please keep the committee updated with any changes in your area, moves, new homeowners, and so forth.

Emergency Alert!

If a tornado occurs at night, would you know?

Mary Jo Gord—Managing Editor

During the tornado outbreak last month, the emergency alert on my cell phone activated… but I didn't hear it. Unknown to me, my volume was turned all the way down.

What about you? Do you have an alert system in place, and is it where you can hear it?

Some cell phones have emergency alert systems already installed. I have an Android, and it has a simple app called **Emergency Alerts**, but there are others and most are free. The important thing is just to be sure you have one

The American Red Cross offers a **Tornado App** with an audible siren that automatically activates, even if the app is closed, whenever NOAA issues a tornado warning and notifies you when the warning expires. It also has features for safe notification to friends and family and information on Red Cross location-based open shelters as well as other useful information.

For more information about the Tornado App and others, visit *www.redcross.org* and enter **mobile apps** in the search field at the top right of the page. On the search page, select the first link for **Mobile Apps | American Red Cross**.

Sarasota County also offers a free emergency notification service—**CodeRED—**to all residents in unincorporated Sarasota County (property and business owners as well as renters) that allows you to receive calls, email alerts, or text messages if an emergency event could impact your area. Alerts include water or sewer interruptions, missing person alerts, major traffic detours, among others.

To register for the system, visit *www.scgov.net* and click **CodeRED notification registration** under **Emergency Services** at the bottom of the page.

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Year (December 21, 2015)**-to-Date—3.77 inches**

2016 Deadlines for *The Meadoword*

This Schedule is subject to change. Deadlines may be moved up to accommodate for holidays or other extenuating circumstance that may impact production. Deadlines for **camera-ready ads** fall about the **8th to 10th of the month prior to publication**, *depending on how the press date falls*. Deadlines for new advertisers and ad changes are two business days prior to the camera-ready deadline. ***Deadlines that fall on a weekend or holiday are moved to the previous business day***.

2016 Issue	Contracts/ Payments	New Ads/ Changes/	CR Ads/ MCA Columns	Classifieds	Articles/ Submissions
Feb	Jan 6	Jan 6	Jan 8	Jan 13	Jan 8
Mar**	Feb 3	Feb 3**	Feb 5**	Feb 11**	Feb 5
Apr	Mar 4	Mar 4	Mar 8	Mar 11	Mar 8
May	Apr 4	Apr 4	Apr 8	Apr 13	Apr 8
Jun	May 5	May 5	May 9	May 13	May 9
July	Jun 6	Jun 6	Jun 8	Jun 13	Jun 8
Aug	Jul 6	Jul 6	Jul 8	Jul 13	Jul 8
Sep	Aug 5	Aug 5	Aug 8	Aug 13	Aug 8
Oct	Sep 7	Sep 7	Sep 9	Sep 13	Sep 9
Nov**	Oct 5	Oct 5**	Oct 7**	Oct 13	Oct 7
Dec**	Nov 3	Nov 3**	Nov 7**	Nov 11**	Nov 7
Jan 2017**	Dec 2	Dec 2**	Dec 5**	Dec 12**	Dec 5

**Note: These dates are moved up to accommodate for February, Thanksgiving, and Christmas holidays and extenuating circumstances.

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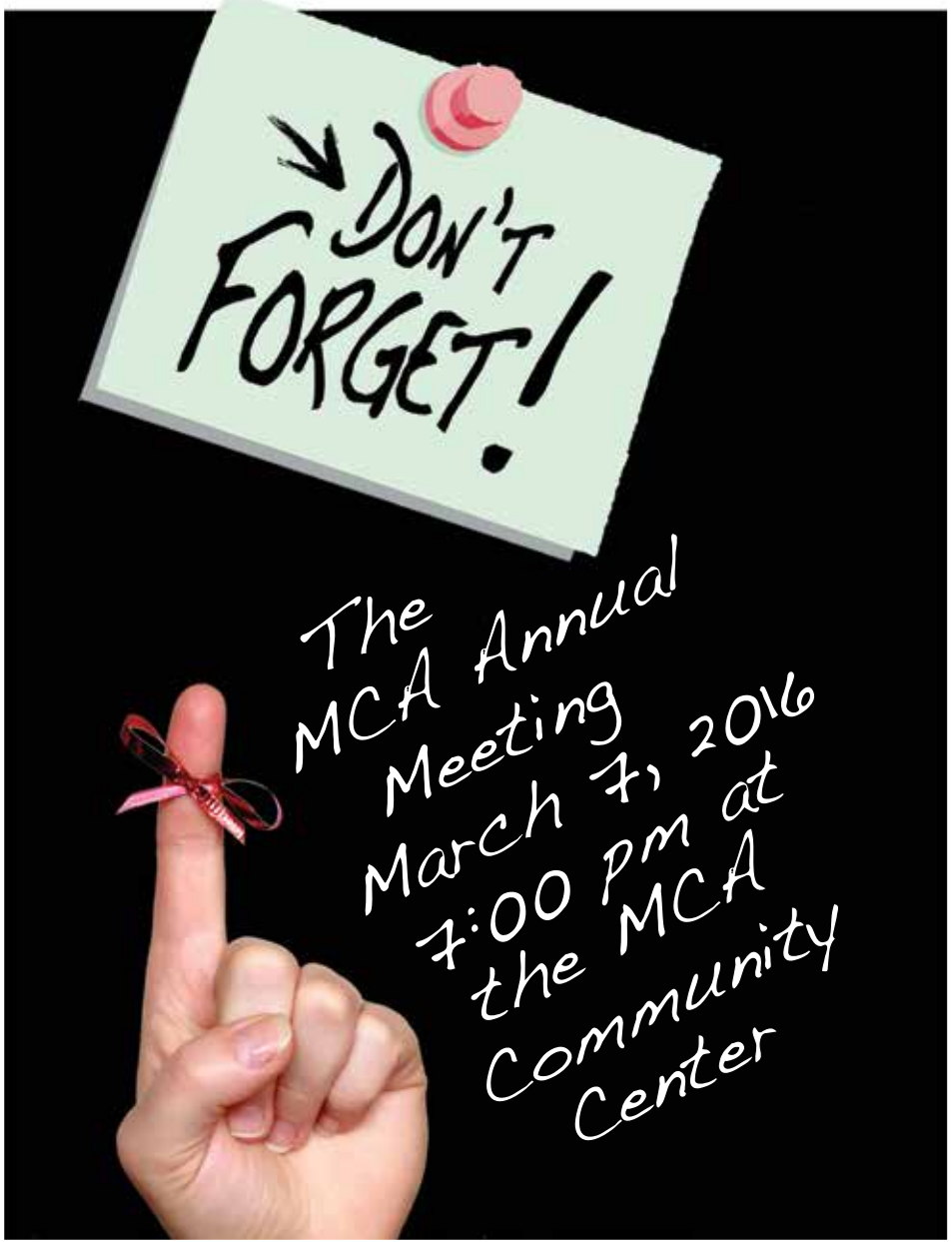

Clearing Storm Debris From Your Property

In the wake of the recent tornadoes that hit in Sarasota and Manatee Counties, the county reminds you to use caution if you need to clear storm debris on private property

After a storm, Sarasota County crews will push debris to the edge of the road in affected areas to make way for emergency vehicles. The debris will be picked up as soon as possible, but you should use caution driving in those areas.

As a resident, if you choose to move debris from your property, please remember to handle it according to solid waste guidelines. To see the guidelines for properly handling yard and storm debris, visit *www.scgov.net* and click the **How Do I** tab in the top navigation to open a drop-down selection menu. Select **Trash (Solid Waste)** under the **Dispose Of** category at the bottom of the left panel of the menu to open the **Solid Waste & Recycling** page.

For more information, call the Sarasota County Contact Center at 861-5000.

Architectural Review

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Hadfield Greene Condo Assn	4742 Ringwood Meadow
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4755 Ringwood Meadow	4290 Highlands Bridge Rd
4887 Greencroft Rd	4564 Arborfield Rd
3261 Ringwood Meadow	2402 Arborfield Sq
2850 Wrenwood Ct	4884 Waterbridge Down
Wedgewood Lake Condo Assn	4915 Rutland Gate
Springlake Condo Assn	2921 Heather Bow
4321 Highland Oaks Cir	4967 Taywater Dell
5515 Downham Meadow	Huntingwood Condo Assn
3024 Rosemead	5042 Marsh Field Rd
4775 Ringwood Meadow	Chanteclaire Condo Assn
Muirfield Heath HOA	4732 Longwater Chase
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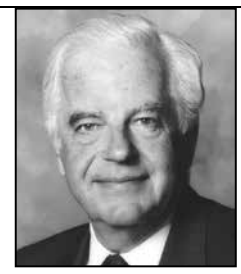

Restrictions

Gardening… the Florida-Friendly way: Part 1

Phil Hughes—Chairperson

Springtime is closer than we think—so it's a good time to review some basic ideas for planting flowers, shrubs, trees, and lawns

Please remember that all changes to the appearance of your exterior property must have an approved Architectural Review Application form submitted to the MCA. Following submission and approval, you may proceed with work.

The University of Florida IFAS Extension provides nine landscaping principles for gardening with "Florida-Friendly Yards." We'll cover planting, watering, fertilizing, and mulching this month.* Next month's column will include more Florida gardening tips.

1. Right Plant, Right Place

Almost any plant will survive if you plant in the right [location]. *You can drastically reduce the need for water, fertilizer, pesticides, and pruning if you follow these tips:*

• Make a note of the type of soil, sunlight exposure, and water conditions of the planting site before you shop. Choose plants that thrive under the conditions you noted.

• Limit the number of plants that require a lot of water or care.

• Keep only as much grass as you directly use for recreation and other purposes. Plant beds and mulched areas use less water than grass.

• Remove invasive exotic plants so they don't steal water and nutrition from Florida-friendly plants.

2. Water Efficiently

Typically, up to 50 [percent] *of water used by households is used outdoors. Efficient watering will not only help you save money and conserve water, but can also create a healthier landscape. Follow these tips to save water and money:*

• Water your lawn and plants only when you know they need it or show signs of stress.

• Use a rain gauge or moisture sensor so you will know if rainfall has done the job.

• Install a drip or micro-spray system to your plant beds. They use water more efficiently than traditional spray heads.

• Stop over-watering. Over-watered grass has short roots that makes it harder to survive pest attacks, disease, and drought.

• Install an automatic rain shutoff device to avoid watering when it's raining.

3. Fertilize Appropriately

When too much fertilizer is applied to landscapes, it seeps past the root zone of the grass, plants, or trees and into the aquifer or runs off into water bodies. Plants, animals, and people depend on clean water for survival. Follow these tips to help prevent water pollution:

• Fertilize lawns, trees, and plants only to maintain health. Don't exceed recommended amounts. Fertilizer will not help poor growth caused by too much shade, disease, or pests.

• Use slow-release fertilizers that make nutrients available to plants for a longer time. They are kinder to the environment and are usually more cost-effective.

• Use iron instead of nitrogen if you want to "green-up" your lawn.

• Hold off on fertilizing if a heavy rain is expected, and don't over irrigate after applying.

• Follow the directions on the fertilizer package and apply with a drop spreader instead of a rotary spreader.

• Avoid weed and feed products.

4. Mulch

Who likes to weed? Keeping mulch on your plant beds helps control weeds, retain soil moisture, and reduce erosion and stormwater runoff. Follow these tips:

• Cut down on mowing by replacing grass with mulch in areas that are shaded or difficult to mow.

• Keep the level of mulch up to 2-3 inches by applying it once or twice a year.

• Keep mulch 2 inches from the base of plants to avoid disease.

• Let fallen tree leaves stay under a tree to create self-mulching areas.

• Avoid cypress mulch harvested from wetlands.

• Choose recycled mulch or alternatives like melaleuca, leaves, pine needles, or bark.

** Information source: "9 Landscaping Principles for Florida-Friendly yards," published by University of Florida IFAS Extension, Florida Yards & Neighborhoods at FloridaYards.org and fyn.ifas.ufl.edu.*

If you have a pet…

Please consider the enjoyment of everyone, including your own and others' pets

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Keep your pet confined or leashed at all times
Observe Sarasota County's quiet hours from 11:00 pm to 7:00 am
Pickup and dispose pet droppings in trash receptacles

"A Place We Call Home"

ABC 7's Linda Carson spotlights The Meadows

Mary Jo Gord—Managing Editor

ABOVE (LEFT to RIGHT)—MCA Manager Jay Brady, MCA President John Spillane, and ABC 7 newswoman Linda Carson

ABOVE—Linda Carson conducts interview by the pond at the MCA Community Center while photojournalist Bart Dellarmi films

If you missed the recent story about The Meadows shown on Channel 7 News in January, you may still be able to view it on ABC 7's website. The story aired on the 6:00 pm news, January 18, and again at 5:00 am, 6:00 am, and noon on January 19.

As part of her ongoing feature, "A Place to Call Home," about Sarasota communities, Linda Carson and photojournalist **Bart Dellarmi**, also a new Meadows resident, spent an afternoon filming at The Meadows and interviewing MCA Manager **Jay Brady** and MCA President **John Spillane**. "I get to do the happy news," she says. The segment aired at the end of the newscast.

Carson compared The Meadows to a "small hometown of yesteryear where neighbors knew and cared about each other and worked together to make their neighborhood a beautiful and safe place." She also paid note to the wide open spaces and preserved natural beauty and said it was very much like a vacation resort, focusing on golf and tennis at The Meadows Country Club, the lakes and nature trails, bicycle paths, fitness trail, and butterfly gardens.

To see the segment online, visit *www.mysuncoast.com*. In the **ABC 7 MySuncoast menu bar** at the top of the page, select **News at 5, 5:30 & 6 P.M.** from the **All Shows** drop-down menu. In the scrolling menu bar at the bottom of the video window, click **A Place We Call Home: The Meadows**. If the segment is no longer available in the scrolling menu, you may have to do a search.

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To claim an item you may have lost, contact the Safety office at 809-0084 and provide a description of the item or proof of ownership.

The current list of found items includes:

Lost and Found Items
Meadows Safety Patrol

Item #	Date Found	Item Description	Donation Date
15-032	12/12/15	Clothing	02/11/16
15-031	12/07/15	Tool Box	02/06/16
15-034	12/20/15	Scooter	02/19/16
15-033	12/20/15	Scooter	02/19/16
15-037	12/30/15	Rifle Rest	02/28/16

Please contact The Meadows Safety Patrol Office at ***809-0084*** *to reclaim a lost item. You must be able to describe the item or show ownership*

Reminder to residents

MCA office closes early on Fridays

The MCA Community Center closes at 3:00 pm every Friday for staff to hold a planning meeting for the upcoming week

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Winslow Beacon

It's The Most Wonderful Time of the Year… at Winslow Beacon

By Peg Mimno

It's the happiest season of all, with our neighbors returning
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It's the happiest season of all…

There were parties for hosting
And turkey for roasting
And caroling out by the pool.
There were fun travel stories
And tales of the glories of
Golf games long, long ago.

It's the most wonderful time of the year!

There was much wine and egg nog
Or toddies and hot grog
To be of good cheer

It's the most wonderful time of the year!

Santa's helpers, Tom and Joanne Nastase

Jay Pearson welcomed Loretta Sutera back to Winslow

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The MARKET REPORT

December sales down from 2014

Dick Plumb

In The Meadows, the total number of sales— condominiums and houses combined—in December 2015 was 12, down from 14 in November 2015 and 15 in December 2014. The median sale price ($165,950) in The Meadows during December decreased 23 percent from November ($216,200) and 1 percent from December 2014 ($167,500).

BUT! The total number of sales in The Meadows for 2015 (231) increased 16 percent over sales in 2014 (194). Condominium sales (173) were up 14 percent; house sales (58), up 22 percent for the year.

How about prices? Condominium prices were up 5 percent (median $158,500) and houses up 3 percent (median $320,000).

How do these figures compare to Sarasota County sales?

The total number sales (923)—condos and houses combined—in December 2015 was up 14 percent from November 2015 and down 1 percent from December 2014.

Median sale prices in Sarasota County for December and November 2015 were $234,000 and $222,500 respectively. The December 2014 median sale price was $190,000.

The listing supply (number of months the current property supply for sale on the market will last if no new listings are added) in The Meadows in December was 4.7 months, compared to 3.1 in November 2015 and 3.2 months in December 2014.

In Sarasota County, the listing supply in December 2015 was 3.9, compared to 4.4 in November 2015 and 3.9 in December 2014.

Total sales in Sarasota County for 2015 (12,254) increased 7 percent over 2014 sales (11,377). The median sale price also increased 19 percent to $214,162 from the 2014 median of $174,320.

Condominium prices ($199,408) in Sarasota County were up 8 percent from 2014, and condo sales, up 7 percent. Single-family houses in Sarasota County increased 13 percent to $222,188 with sales up 7 percent.

Brief Comparison of The Meadows to Sarasota County for 2015 vs. 2014

All sales and median prices increased for the year

In The Meadows:
Total sales (231)up 16 percent
Median sale price ($184,075) up 8 percent
Total condominium sales (173) up 14 percent
Median sale price ($158,500) up 5 percent
Total house sales (58) up 22 percent
Median sale price ($320,000) up 3 percent

Sarasota County:
Total sales (12,254) up 7 percent
Median sale price ($214,162) up 19 percent
Total Condominium sales (3845) up 7 percent
Median sale price ($199,408) up 8 percent
Total house sales (8407) up 7 percent
Median sale price ($222,188) up 13 percent

Sales and Activity for Houses and Condos in The Meadows

As of December 31, 2015*	Condos	Houses
• December sales	8	4
• Property available for sale	42	14
• Property available for sale (distressed)	4	1
• Property with pending contracts	13	5
• Median sale price	$146,950	$423,750
• Median price of property for sale	$209,938	$377,500
• Median price of property with pending contracts	$175,000	$409,900

The December 2015 listing supply was 4.7 months (3.1 months in November). 6.0 is considered a healthy market.

As of November 30, 2015		
• November sales	10	4
• Property available for sale	33	11
• Property available for sale (distressed)	4	2
• Property with pending contracts	15	7
• Median sale price	$195,500	$305,000
• Median price property for sale	$199,900	$335,000
• Median price of property with pending contracts	$169,900	$409,900

As of December 2014		
• December 2014 sales	10	5
• Property available for sale	37	11
• Property available for sale (distressed)	3	2
• Property with pending contracts	9	8
• Median sale price	$145,900	$320,000
• Median price of property for sale	$167,900	$334,900
• Median price of property with pending contracts	$154,900	$289,900

** Information obtained from My Florida Regional MLS & Sarasota Association of Realtors. Occasionally there will be a slight change in figures because late reporting*

Happenings at Hampstead Heath

Back in the swing of things…

Ann Hamman

Another successful "Nothing Party" took place on February 13 at the home of **Jon** and **Helen Stafsholt** with 24 guests who brought appetizers to share. As usual, the men gathered on the lanai while the women settled in the living/dining room. "It's like junior high," someone quipped.

These traditional parties occur once a month during season with occasional parties at other times during the year. What makes them so popular? "We get to catch up with our friends more than just in passing," **Carol Cain** says. "And the food is good, too," adds her husband, **Jerry**. It was the day before Jerry's birthday, so **Chuck Younger** led the group in singing *Happy Birthday*.

Talk ranged from the usual medical updates to the topic of what you would do it you won the Power Ball lottery prize. Permanent residents were happy to see more snowbirds back from the north, and northerners expressed their happiness to be back.

Next month, the Cains have another celebration—their 60th wedding anniversary. Carol Deich married Jerry Cain at St. Mary's Church in Racine, Wisconsin, on February 11, 1956. The couple has three children, seven grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren. These Wisconsin natives still have their permanent home in that state, and if the Green Bay Packers are playing, you can be sure they are watching and cheering them on. Congratulations to Jerry and Carol!

On a sad note, we received word that longtime resident **Doris Mayer** died in December. Doris is survived by two daughters, Gail Knoph (who lives on Long Island) and Linda Wood (who lives in New Jersey). Doris was a retired nurse with "a cute sense of humor," says **Betty Turner**. "She will be missed," **David Willick** says. All of us here at Hampstead Health extend our condolences to her family.

The Scene From Chatsworth Greene

Now that it is really cooler…

Fred Jensen

Now that the "season" is here, we continue to see lots of activity. The annual potluck dinner was on January 19 at the MCA Community Center. Arranged by **Eileen Finehirsh** and **Susan Schucker**, our residents had too much to eat and too good a time.

Unfortunately, our local cruisers had to miss it because they were in the Western Caribbean aboard the new *Regal Princess*. **Marty Black** and his friend **Betty Savenor**, **Sigrid** and I, and **Dan** and **Nancy Morris** lapped up the luxury. Not too much weight gain, however, as we all thought about exercising all the time.

Jim and **Eileen Young** spent time in the Long Island area, as evidenced by the wonderful video he published on Facebook

The recent Holidays taxed the area pool with many grandchildren. **Kevin** and **Mona Malone** were here with the kids. Many members of **Mary Kehoe's** family were here as well.

Claire Bolger was lucky to have the world celebrate her birthday. It wasn't her fault she was born on New Years Eve!

The **Jensens** hosted granddaughter, **Kristin Jensen**, from Iowa, along with daughter **Kristin Jensen** (a Meadows resident), for the New Year's weekend. It was a joy to watch the two buddies work to get us out of the way!

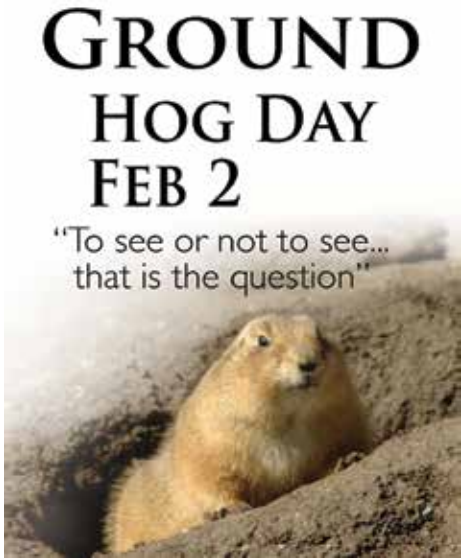
Casey Wolcott had a brief touch of pneumonia and is now back home in good shape.

Dot Mitchell is convalescing at Sunnyside from her fall. We all wish her continued success in her recovery.

Our Tuesday evening Happy Hour continues to be attended by the regulars, who simply dress warmer during these cooler days.

The best way to keep warm, though, is to remember August!

And, that's it, for now, from Chatsworth Greene.



Concert in the Park

Betty Comora's "Happy Jazz Band"

Sunday, February 28 • 1:30-3:30 pm

in the Rear Garden of The Meadows Community Center

Marci McFarland
GRI, Realtor®

New Listings!

5562 Chanteclaire • $296,000—
3/2 Updated Villa, 2 car garage, golf course view, close to pool.

3093 Willow Green • $249,500—
3/3 Renovated townhouse, great views of heart of The Meadows.

2714 Goodwood Court • $294,000—
2/2 with den, move-in ready maintenance-free single family.

2738 Goodwood Court • $324,900—
3/2 Maintenance-Free single family with beautiful sunrise & park views.

If you are considering listing, I would be happy to meet with you to discuss the value of your home in today's market and how best to prepare your home to sell. If you are looking to buy, I know The Meadows and the many types of homes available.

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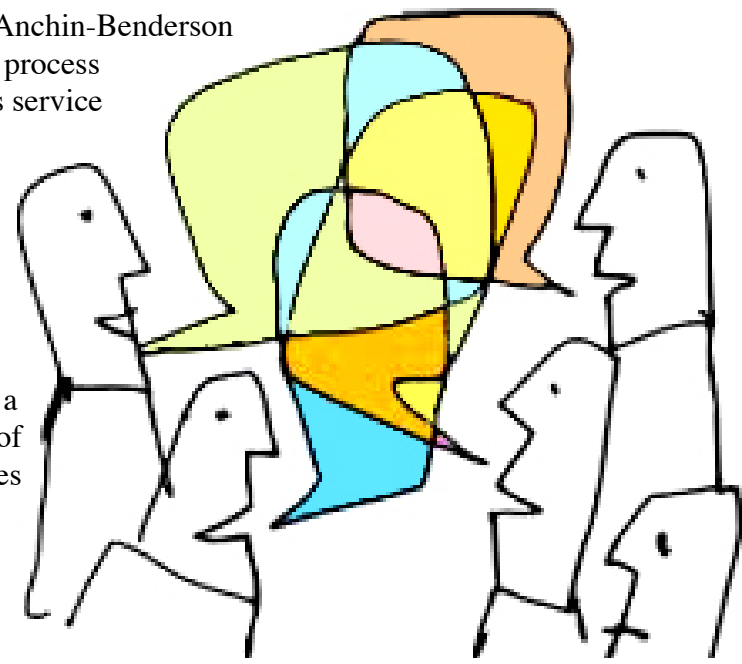
Seeking Focus Group Participants



Kobernick-Anchin-Benderson (KAB) is in the process of evaluating its service offerings to residents and the community and wants your feedback and opinion.

KAB currently offers a full continuum of care that includes independent living, assisted living, skilled nursing care, and inpatient and outpatient rehabilitation services and is considering expanding services to include adult day care.

Adult day care services would extend care and companionship to older adults who need assistance or supervision during the day. Programs would also offer relief to family members and caregivers

Your opinions matter.

In the wake of a survey recently mailed via Constant Contact to Meadows residents, Kobernick will hold a focus group discussion about senior service needs and wants.

Please join us on Tuesday, February 23, from 2:00 to 4:00 pm at the MCA Community Center. Refreshments will be served, and you will receive a $25 Publix gift card for your time.

If you are interested or want more information, call Michelle Williams at 377-0781, ext. 205 or email *mwilliams@kobernickanchin.org*.

The 33 Jewish Languages — **Wednesday, March 2nd 1:00pm to 2:20pm**

Marden Paru is a dean and co-founder of the Sarasota Liberal Yeshiva and ethics instructor at the Melton Adult Mini-School. For over 3,500 years the Jewish people have endured anti-Semitism, conquest and subjugation yet they have remained a distinctively identifiable people. Various languages and dialects have developed in Jewish communities around the world but only a few remain active today: Aramaic, Yiddish, Ladino and Hebrew. In this course you will explore the fundamentals of Jewish history and the role their adaptive language played in the perseverance of their culture.

Five Wishes: Aging with Dignity — **Thursday, March 3rd 2:00pm to 3:00pm**

There are situations in life that will be out of your hands but how you are treated when you are ill should not be one of them. Five Wishes addresses your personal, emotional and spiritual needs and has become America's most popular living will because it is written in everyday language with a focus on initiating and structuring important conversations about care in times of serious illness. Written in part by The American Bar Association's Commission on Law and Aging, Five Wishes is changing the way America talks about and plans for care at the end of life. This session is for anyone 60+; with or without a living will and is presented by Jens M. Albiez, CDFA, financial advisor at Waddell & Reed, Inc.

Five Wishes Informs Your Family & Doctor's of:

1. Who you want to make health care decisions for you when you can not make them.
2. The kind of medical treatment you want or don't want.
3. How comfortable you want to be.
4. How you want people to treat you.
5. What you want your loved ones to know.

Living with a Genius — **Thursday, March 24th 2:00pm to 3:00pm**

"Living with a Genius" is a witty, one woman show that engages the audience in what it is like to live with a genius – in this case, Mina Edison and her husband, Thomas Edison. Storyteller, writer, playwright and professional actress, Nan Colton will bring to life the remarkable and charitable Mina Edison. Colton is well known for her charming representation of historic women which includes storytelling and audience involvement. You do not want to miss this performance!

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Craft Group

Creativity is the result of a wild mind with a disciplined eye

Liz Barnett

Dorothy Parker was right… "creativity is the result of a wild mind with a disciplined eye," I decided as I listened to the ideas for new crafts presented by our members in January. The Craft Group had paused to plan for the coming year, not something we do frequently. We're more doers. We like to have our hands, as well as our minds, occupied. But in short order, 28 new ideas were presented. The wild minds of our members envisioned ways to put materials together in new ways and with their skills, the disciplined eyes created beauty and products to enhance our lives. We could hardly wait to begin.

There were so many new ideas that the group expanded its meeting time by adding two hours on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month. By meeting from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm, we can undertake projects that require longer periods of sustained work or need time for paint to dry, and so forth, before we pack things up. Not everyone will need to stay the entire time, however. A number of individual and group projects are always underway, and many will continue to use the regular time frame from 9:00 to 11:00 am. And, those who can only attend for two hours will find plenty to do.

We are also branching out to include sewing projects at the group meetings. Previously, we only did sewing at home. That was a little limiting because in our downsized quarters, the floor was often the only surface large enough for us to lay out material and cut out patterns. But many of us can't get down to crawl around on the floor, and those who make it down to floor level may not be able to make it back up.

Local charities benefited from proceeds of the Craft Sale last November; pictured LEFT to RIGHT—Jamie Minton, SPARCC; Vonda Leonard, JOY; Bill Wilson, Resurrection House; Elizabeth Wildhack, Baby Basics; Raphael Robles, Tidewell Hospice; and Betty Turner, cochair of The Meadows Craft Group, who presented the awards at the January meeting of the MCA Board of Director

The tables at the MCA are exactly what we need. Several of us will bring our portable sewing machines so that sewing can be done on the spot while we share tips and get instructions on new techniques from our most talented seamstresses.

Getting instructions and improving our skills while we create finished products to be sold for charity is one of the benefits of participating in the Craft Group. In a research study of creativity and aging (National Endowment for the Arts, 2001-2006), adults from 65 to 100 who participated weekly in professionally taught arts programs for a year had higher morale and required fewer doctor visits and less medication than a control group who participated in their normal activities. Social interaction was one reason for the changes. Equally, if not more, important was the increased sense of personal control that developed and was reinforced each week as the participants developed mastery of their skills and derived satisfaction with results.

That's just what we experience at the Craft Group, which includes several professionals (who regularly sell their products) and many skilled crafts women who teach short classes and provide ongoing instruction at our meetings. No matter what level we began on, each of us has seen our skills improve. And not only have we been satisfied with the results, people have bought the things we made, enabling us to contribute the proceeds to charity.

No wonder we're so engaged week after week. No wonder we begin to smile when we open the door to the MCA Community Center at 9:00 every Wednesday morning.

Join us if you want to experience the joys of a wild mind and a disciplined eye…

If you can glue, we want you!

Mah Jongg on Mondays

Are you looking for a chance to play Mah Jongg? Come by the MCA Monday mornings, 9:30 am For more information, call Caryl Magnus at 378-5055.

Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has.

~Margaret Mead

This MONTH!

The Meadows 2016 34rd Annual Juried Amateur Photographic Competition

For Amateur Photographers and Camera Buffs

Sponsored by The Meadows Community Association

Feb 26 thru Feb 28, 2016

10:00 am to 4:00 pm

Entry dates

Feb 5 and Feb 6
9:00 am to 4:00 pm

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News from The Meadows Country Club

Change has arrived!

Gordon Cummings—TMCC President

Last month's TMCC news featured our former general manager's farewell column. Since we thought it was unfair to ask our new general manager, **Andrew Kingsley**, to write the article, I, as TMCC board president, am a "guest columnist" this month and, hopefully, will convince Andrew to take over next month.

Billy Casper Golf (BCG) assumes TMCC management

On January 1, Billy Casper Golf (BCG) formally assumed overall management of the club, reporting to the club's board of directors. Representatives of BCG have been on site since early October, and the transition to the new company and arrangements have gone quite smoothly. BCG brings us a broad level of experience and expertise, which will greatly help our onsite management team—indeed, they directly recruited a number of our new management people now onsite. Without BCG, we would simply not have been able to find some of the great new people we now have, even if we had worked with a recruiter to locate personnel.

New general manager takes the baton

Also on January 1, Andrew Kingsley became our new general manager. He comes to us from Treesdale Golf and Country Club in the Pittsburgh area.

Andrew began his hospitality career with Hilton and Marriott hotels in the Michigan area and moved to country club management in 2002. At Treesdale, he and his team were able to grow membership to the highest point in history and receive the highest member satisfaction rating in the ClubCorp system. His wife also works in the county club business. We are delighted to be able to attract someone of Andrew's caliber to TMCC.

Also new to the club...

Previously, former manager Doug Domino noted we had attracted a new director of golf, **Tom Maxwell**, and a new head golf professional, **Mike Tuohy**, who came from another BCG facility in the BCG family.

At the end of December, **Pat Franklin** joined us as golf course superintendent. Pat comes from the Country Club of Winter Haven, also managed by BCG. His entire career has been golf course management. We look forward to Pat's skills and experience combined with the support of the BCG agronomy specialist and the experience of loyal employees in the course maintenance area as they make improvements to our three courses.

The food service area has also seen changes with the well-deserved promotion of **Karen Lawson** to the position of food and beverage director. Virtually every member has experienced the enthusiastic, professional approach that Karen has taken at events in the Regency room and the Fountain View Lounge. We are all proud to see "one of our own" move forward in her career at our club.

We also added **Ashley Beckstrom** as the banquet, catering and events manager. She and Mike Tuohy both came from Sun'N Lake Golf Club, another BCG managed facility. This club lent us Mike when our former professional left. Mike enjoyed it at The Meadows so much, both he and Ashley made the move to our club, much to our delight.

Two factors influenced our ability to attract these new outstanding people

One factor is the community of Sarasota itself. A spouse of one of our new people told her husband when they toured Sarasota and Siesta Key the day before his interview at TMCC, "don't blow this one!"

The other factor is The Meadows and club community. It's easy to take The Meadows and Sarasota for granted, but it's nice to see it through the eyes of these new people who moved from elsewhere to join us and live here.

It's an exciting time in our history

As club president I am also chair of the ad hoc Rezoning/ Redevelopment Committee for the club. I continue to be pleased that the club and MCA work so well with each other on what, no doubt, will be an exciting, game changing part of club and community history.

We are now dealing with a number of very specific matters, including where storm water will be collected, the exact location of grand trees, and the elaboration of the Development Concept Plan. It's a lot of work, but good progress is being made. We have also started the process of developing the package to submit to developers when we seek proposals—which will happen once we are further along the rezoning approval process.

The Meadows Country Club is very much a part of the overall Meadows community. Many homes in The Meadows, including mine and my wife's, overlook one of the courses, and this adds to our enjoyment. We look forward to adding to the overall quality of The Meadows through the redevelopment on the Club core property area.

The Meadows Country Club

Feb/Mar Events

Golf *Call The Golf Pro Shop for Information 378.5153*

Feb 4 — Ladies Think Pink
Feb 9 — 18 Hole LGA USA vs. International
Feb 14 — Couples Valentines Day Event, 12:30 pm Shotgun, Banquet to follow in Regency Room
Feb 23 — LGA 18 Hole Club Championship
Feb 24 — Gulf Coast Inter-club
Feb 28 — Couples "Big Event," TB
Mar 4, 5 & 6 — Men's Member/Guest Event
Mar 8 — 18 Hole LGA Member/Guest
Mar 10 — 9 Hole LGA Club Championship
Mar 13 — Couples St. Patrick's Day
Mar 19 & 20 — Men's Club Championship
Mar 21 — Canada Day
Mar 25 — Couples Nine & Dine
Mar 29 — 18 Hole Spring Fling

Tennis *Call The Tennis Pro Shop for Information 378-5265*

Feb 13 — Valentines Tennis Round Robin, 11:00 am
Feb 15 thru 20 — USTA Super Senior Grand Prix, 11:30 am
Feb 22 thru 28 — Club Mixed Doubles Championships, Ongoing thru out the day
Mar 12 — Think Pink Round Robin & Luncheon & Fashion Show
Mar 15 thru 19 — Bob Leisenring Memorial Doubles Championships
Mar 19 — "Super Saturday" Doubles Finals & Awards

Dining & Social *Call for Reservations 378-2135*

Feb 2 — Mediterranean Night, Regency Room, 5:30 pm
Feb 13 — Valentine's Day Dinner Dance, Regency Room, 6:00 pm
Feb 16 — Seafood Buffet, Regency Room, 6:00 pm
Feb 23 –Trivia Night, Regency Room, 5:30 pm
Feb 25 — Wine & Dine, Regency Room, 6:00 pm
Feb 27 — Jazz Night, Regency Room, 6:00 pm
Mar 1 — Mediterranean Night, Regency Room, 5:30 pm
Mar 4 — Seafood Buffet, Regency Room, 6:00 pm
Mar 9 — High Tea, Regency Room, 12:00 pm
Mar 17 — St. Patrick's Dinner Dance, Regency Room, 6:00 pm
Mar 20 — Club BBQ, Pool Deck, 5:30 pm
Mar 24 — Seafood Buffet, Regency Room, 6:00 pm
Mar 27 — Easter Sunday, Regency Room, Reservations 11:00 am to 6:00 pm
Mar 29 — Trivia Night, Regency Room, 5:30 pm
Mar 31 — Wine & Dine, Regency Room, 6:00 pm

Fitness Activities *Call for more details 371-6000 x 228*

Golf Yoga—Weds, 8:30 am &Thus, 9:30 am;$10 Member Fee & Member Guest; $15 Nonmember Fee
Pilates Fusion—1st & 3rd Tues monthly, 8:00 am, Included with Fitness Privileges; $10 Nonmember Fee (cash only)
Anusara Yoga—Beginner/Relaxed, Mons, 4:15 pm, $10 Member Fee & Member Guest; $15 Nonmember Fee
Anusara Yoga—Intermediate, Wes, 10:00 am, $10 Member Fee & Member Guest;, $15 Nonmember Fee
Line Dancing Intermediate—Weds, 4:30pm, $5
Stretch & Tone—Tues & Thus, 8:30 am
Latin Aerobic Dance — Mons & Fris, 8:30 am; Included with Fitness Privileges;Nonmember Fees Apply

Activities in the Dickens Center

Feb 10 & Mar 2 — Speaker's Bureau, Regency Room, 4:00 pm
Book Club — 1st Tue Monthly, Board Room off FVL, 11:00 am
Ladies Bridge—1st & 3rd Wedy and 2nd & 4th Fri, 1:00 pm
Men's Bridge—Every Tues, 1:00 pm
Mah Jongg—Every Fri, 9:30 am to Noon Camera Club, Feb 1 & 15, Mar 7 & 21, 7:00 pm

Nathan Benderson Park (NBP)

Volunteers Needed to Drive Referee Launch Boats

Bob Whittford, Nathan Benderson Park's Director of Facilities and Operations, will be teaching a referee launch boat driving class on February 23. Class starts at 5:30 pm and concludes with classroom work covering the rules of racing by 7:30 pm. The class, held at Nathan Benderson Park, is open to anybody who would be interested in driving a launch for the upcoming races. The class is free, however, participants must have a FWC Boating safety certificate (or equivalent) in order to attend the class and operate a vessel during a regatta.

For more information, contact *Bob@sanca.us*.

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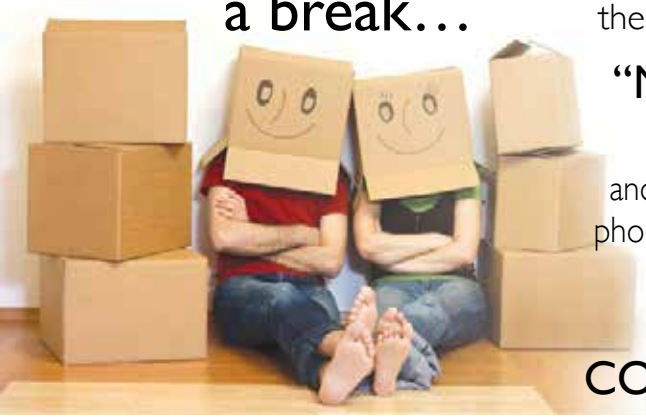

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MARCH 12 & 13

10:00 AM TO 4:00 PM

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Weybridge Appreciation Ceremony

Honoring the Men and Women of our Uniformed Services

Where: Corner of Weybridge and Honore

When: President's Day – 2/15/16
Rain Date – 2/16/16

Time: 11:00 A.M.

CEREMONY TO INCLUDE:

- Presentation of Colors by V.F.W. Post 3233
- Participation by members of the Sarasota Military Military Academy
- Guest Speaker: **Richard J. Rogala**, ex-POW, *USS Pueblo*
- Wreath Presentation by military, police & fire personnel
- Playing of *Taps*
- Knights of Columbus Honor Guard

All Are Invited!

First Responders in attendance are asked to wear their uniforms; Veterans are asked to wear their hats, ribbons, and awards.

Refreshments will be served.

American Flag lapel pins will be distributed while supplies last.

Household Chemical Collection

The Meadows

Curbside Collection of Hazardous Chemicals

Tue, Mar 29, 2016
9:00 to 11:00 am
In the MCA Parking Lot
2004 Longmeadow

This community collection event is for **The Meadows Community Association residents *only.*** Proof of residency may be requested before the county accepts any waste.

The collection event is for residential-generated waste only. Waste generated by businesses & other organizations will not be accepted at this event.(For information about disposal alternatives for business & other waste, contact Oland Stokes at 650-7143.

Collection event is hosted by The Meadows Community Association, Inc.

Sarasota County

For Further Information Call: 861-1531

We will also be collecting FOOD for All Faiths Food Bank NO PERISHABLES PLEASE!

Types of Items Accepted:
Aerosol Cans
Paint Thinner & Solvents
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Propane Cylinders (BBQ size only)
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Motor Oil
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Types of Items NOT Accepted:
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Needles or Syringes
Ammunition
Fireworks
Flares
Radioactive Materials
Empty Containers >5 gallons
Tires

Library News

Getting the books where they need to go

Jean Rezabek—Chairperson, Library Committee

The MCA Community Library is a great place to find current novels, mysteries, nonfiction, large-print, and some interesting classics (Flaubert, Steinbeck, Tolstoy to name three) to give you the opportunity to read a new book or reread a favorite.

But did you know we also have puzzles? **Doris Simmons** monitors the puzzle shelf on Monday mornings to make sure there is a variety of puzzles that will interest young and old alike. All full-time and seasonal residents are welcome to take up to six books and/or puzzles each visit—all on the honor system.

The library is fortunate to have many talented writers living in The Meadows. **John Pearce** and his wife **Jan**, Meadows residents for 11 years, also live part-time in Paris, where he seeks inspiration for his novels. John recently donated hard copies of two of his books to The Meadows library—*Treasure of Saint-Lazare*, named best historical mystery of 2014 by the Readers' Favorite site, and its sequel *Last Stop: Paris*, one of five finalists in the 2015 *Shelf Unbound* Magazine Competition for Best Indie Book. Both are mystery thrillers. The books are also published in audio and Kindle formats.

The library is open during regular MCA office hours, 8:00 am to 4:00 pm Monday through Thursday and 8:00 am to 3:00 pm on Friday. A library volunteer will be happy to answer your questions.

Nathan Benderson Park

2016 Events

Feb 11-15—USRowing Referee College II
Feb 12-28—Circus Sarasota Winter Show
Feb 17—The Lake Club Book Club
Feb 27-28—Sarasota Invitational Regatta
Mar 6—Pedal for Pups
Mar 6—Loop the Lake Run
Mar 12-13—Sarasota-Bradenton ITU Triathlon
Mar 14-18—Pan Am Gulf Coast Training and Race Camp
Mar 19—The Suncoast Dragon Boat Festival
Mar 19-20—Cirque Des Voix
Mar 26—American Youth Cup Series II
Mar 27—Crosspointe Sunrise Easter Service and Egg Spree
Apr 1-2—FIRA Rowing Regatta
Apr 2—Pinwheel 5k Run
Apr 9—Superhero 5k Run
Apr 16-17—FSRA Sculling Championships
Apr 18-24—USRowing Olympic Trials
Apr 29—Sunshine State Conference Regatta
Apr 30-May—FSRA Sweep Championships
May 6-8—Modern Pentathlon World Cup Final
May 14-15—USRowing Southeast Regionals
May 21—SUP & Run 5k
May 22—Storm Challenge Triathlon and Open Water Swim
May 28-29—American Youth Cup Series III
Jun 1-12—Sunshine State Games
Jun18-19—MLT Sarasota Triathlon
Sep 11—10th Annual 9/11 Remembrance Ride

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Holiday Decoration Awards

Eugenio Galiano

It is very rewarding to drive around and admire all the beautiful decorations during the Holiday Season. All the lights and glowing additions to the already beautiful Meadows community reminds us all why we chose to live at The Meadows. As usual, selecting a few winners is extremely difficult because so many owners put so much love and attention into decorating their homes, condos, and entrances. Our committee volunteers, however, gathered to tour the nominated displays and pick the 2015 Holiday winners with special mention to recognize the great decorations at The Meadows entrance on 17th Street.

Single-Family Awards

Awards in this category were given to First, Second, and Third Place winners. (Only First and Second are shown here.)

First Place, 4406 Highland Oaks Court

Alan and **Lucille Hultman** received First Place (ABOVE RIGHT) for their display at 4406 Highland Oaks Court, consisting of outdoor lighted Christmas trees all along the property that stretched around a corner. Its understated elegance and calm setting provided a peaceful, visually stimulating display that stirred emotion among the committee members. The owner committed to continuing enhancing his display in the future.

Second Place, 5055 Marshfield Road

Steven Dzialo and **Tanya Havlas**, Single-Family runners up, (CENTER RIGHT) up at 5055 Marshfield Road said their theme was Christmas stars. "All the stars were built and installed by me," says Dzialoa, "from the three pieces to the left of the house and giant star to the right of the driveway to the stars centered on the front of the house and the three giant stars on the peak of the roof." White lighted garland framed the house and spotlights accented the palm trees, a fountain of angels, and the large oak tree, which was also surrounded by tiny starlit landscape tree lights.

Third Place—5175 Everwood Run

Candice Hill received Third Place (not pictured)

Condo Association Awards

The First Place Award went to Woodland Grove; Second Place, Chandlers Forde; and Third Place, Meadowlake.

First-Place winner Woodland Grove (ABOVE RIGHT) used the same motif at both entrances with angels playing flutes towards the Heavens while lighted Christmas trees, live palms, and other lights twinkled around the entrances. It was a wonderful reminder of the season and a good first impression to people driving through The Meadows!

Homeowners Association Entrance Award

Scarborough Commons (LEFT) received the Homeowners Association Entrance Award. The entrance sign featured deer in a woodland setting among holiday presents, and the scene was enhanced with lots of white lights, a bright star, and purple ribbons. Although this entrance was wonderful to see at night, the colors used in decorations made it just as beautiful during the day without artificial lighting.

Best Kept

Walter and Lesley Totten—Committee Chairpersons

THINK SPRING AWARDS

Chase away your "winter woes" by planting flowers, weeding, pruning, mowing, and mulching. The Meadows takes pride in its well-maintained landscaping.

To acknowledge residents' efforts and show appreciation, The Meadows Best Kept Committee will present Spring Awards in April. Judging will be from March 21 through 25 in two categories; each category will have a first-place winner and a runner-up.

The categories include Single-Family Homes, for appearance of the yards, and Condominium Associations, for appearance of the entrances.

Spring Awards will be presented at the April 20 Assembly of Property Owners Meeting. Winners and photographs will be published in the May issue of *The Meadoword*.

2016 Meadows "U" at a Glance

Next Month!

The Story of John and Mable Ringling by Ron McCarty—Mon, Feb 15, 3:00 pm

Ryan McCarty, curator of the Ca d/Zan, speaks at the MCA.

Miracle of the White Stallions—Thu, Feb 25, 3:00 pm

A visit to Myakka City to see Herrmann's Royal Lipizann Stallions.

Coming up…

Florida's Treasurers—Tue, Mar 8, 3:00 pm

Author Bea Hartman presents *55 Great Sites on the National Register of Historic Places* at the MCA.

Tour of Ringling College of Art—Wed, Mar 23, 10:30 am

Explore the unique campus and its various art Collections. Observe students at work in the animation studio.

Mark Twain—Mon, Apr 11, 3:00 pm

Author, humorist, and event speaker Alan Kitty presents Mark Twain.

Tour of Art and Backstage at the Van Wezel—Apr 21, 10:00 am to noon

2016 PROGRAM PLANNING

Meadows "U" Has Something for You!

Meadows "U" programs are held at the MCA Community Center unless otherwise noted. Programs are free, open to all Meadows residents.

The Meadows "U" Committee will continue on its theme, **"Expanding Your Horizons and Your Mind!"** in the 2016 season. We have a lot planned and hope you will join us for a great season.

2016 Meadows "U" Team
Nancy Bushnell,
Claire Coyle
Bernice Davis
Barbara Gardener
Kathy Gibson
Chris Hannafin
Angelika Schultz
Susan Whitcomb

We have a great team. All our members have input and take responsibility for planning events. We are always looking for enthusiastic new members and good ideas. If you would like to learn more about the Committee and what we do, contact the MCA, 377-2300. We look forward to hearing from you and working with you!

Florida's Treasures:

55 Great Sites on the National Register of Historic Places • Tuesday, March 8, 3:00 pm

Bea Hartman is a graduate of the University of Florida with a Masters degree in urban planning. On March 8, she will take us on a virtual trip throughout the state of Florida, sharing many slides and stories of historic buildings on the National Register.

Bea was appointed to the City of Gainesville Planning Board and has worked in the real estate sector for many years.

She also will be selling her book, *Florida's Treasures*, following the slide show. The cost is $22; cash would be appreciated.

Join us at the MCA Community Center for an exciting Meadows "U" journey of the state.

Ringling College of Art Tour

Wednesday, March 23, 10:30 am

Also in March, Meadows "U" tours the Ringling College of Art. Come with us to explore the school's unique campus and see how students get the job done in the animation studio. For more information about the tour or to sign up, call the MCA at 377-2300.

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Don't Miss It!

34th Annual Photo Show This Month

February 26 through February 28

Mary Jo Gord—Managing Editor

The Meadows Photo Committee is a well-oiled group

So well-oiled, in fact, that they meet only once prior to receiving entries for the show.

Led by **John Spillane**, a nine-year veteran committee chair, the Photo Committee—**Barbara Bates**, **David Bates**, **Ellie Brewster**, **Bill** and **Irene Kramer**, **Judy Sargent**, **Sally Twinem**, and **Mary Jo Gord**—met on January 13 to discuss where things stood and make assignments.

Photo Committee, seated LEFT to RIGHT—Sally Twinem, Judy Sargent, Irene and Bill Kramer, Batbara Bates, David Bates, and chair John Spillane at the table (NOT PICTURED, Ellie Brewster and Mary Jo Gord)

By that time, much had already been done behind the scenes. Ads, and flyers were done; posters were in the works. Judges, arranged by John, were already in place. By mid-January, sponsors were lined up with contributions exceeding last year's by almost $1,000—thanks in large part to MCA Manager **Jay Brady** who made contact with many of them.

Bill and Irene Kramer, members of the committee since 1999, have done the "nuts and bolts" of the competition year after year. Their knowledge of the National Photographic Society's guidelines, which The Meadows show adheres to, and expertise of competitions and judging have been valuable assets on the committee. They prepare the receiving procedures and instructions on what can and can't be accepted in accordance, arrange for the photo light box used in judging, log the entries, prepare the labels for the entries, oversee how the entries are displayed, and provide the names of all entrants and prize winners to be included in the program.

The Meadows Involvement Committee, with new cochairs **Lorraine Karpel** and **Linda Stanley**, will again lend their support to provide greeters at the show and help with refreshments.

Judges, who are professional photographers or instructors, are recruited from outside the area. This year's judges—Wayne Smith, Lou Parrillo, and Cheri Halstead—will travel from New Port Ritchy. Like all past judges, they were selected because they are not familiar with the work of our local photographers; every effort is made to ensure that judges are unbiased.

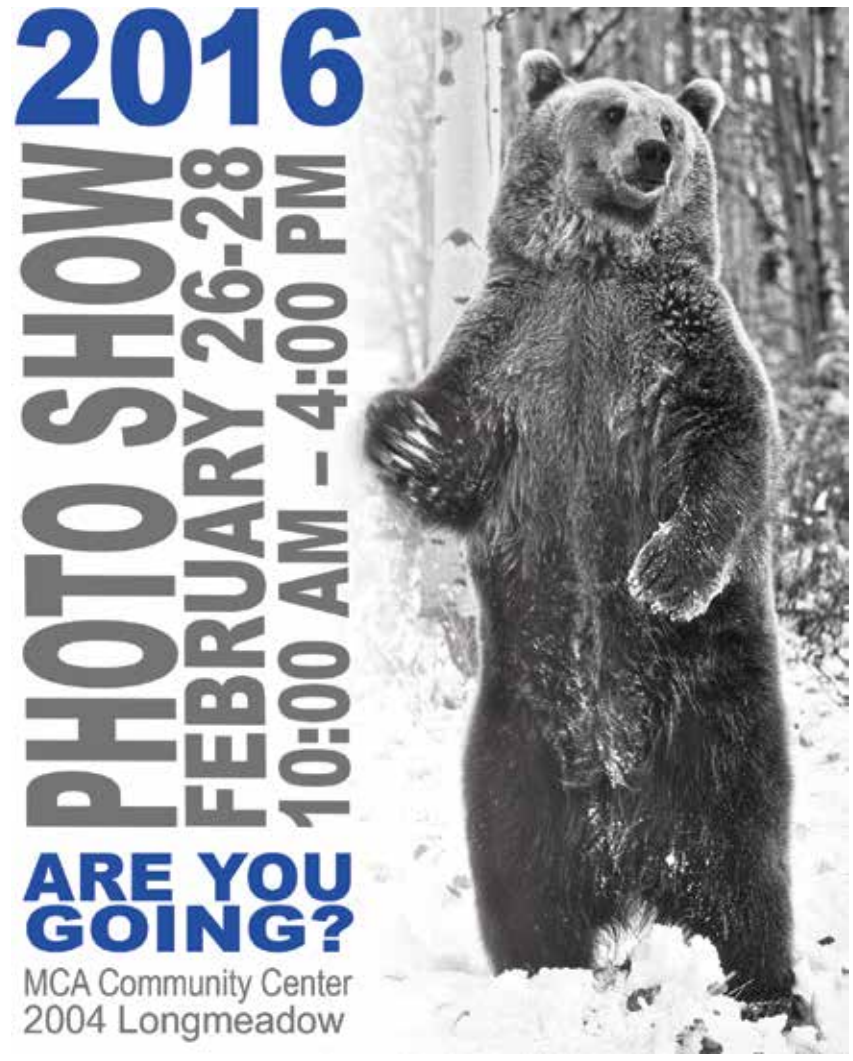
During the judging process, the judges view each print from a light box and rate each from 1 to 10—just like the Olympics—and punches in a number for a combined total up to 30 points. No photograph has ever achieved that perfect score in memory; most fall between 20 and 27.

The photos are placed in groupings according to their scores, and those with the highest numbers are hung. Prize winners are selected from the top 41, which includes First, Second, and Third in each category (color and black and white), 16 Merit awards, 16 Honorable Mentions, Meadows Resident Award, and Best of Show as well as a People's Choice awarded the last day of the show. All in all, the top 200 photographs of all entered will be hung.

The competition, now in its 34th year, is open to all amateur photographers in Sarasota and Manatee Counties. A number of the people who compete every year are from The Meadows, although the bulk of participants come from the outside. We would like to see more Meadows residents involved, both as entrants and committee volunteers.

The show is open Friday through Sunday from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm.

On the last day of the show, Meadows resident **Betty Comora** and her Happy Jazz Band also perform the Concert in the Park from 1:30 to 3:30. It's a performance you will not want to miss!



The Meadows 2016
34th Annual Juried Amateur
Photographic Competition

For Amateur Photographers and Camera Buffs

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Feb 26 thru Feb 28, 2016
10:00 am to 4:00 pm

$3000 in Prizes to be Awarded…

Including **Best of Show ($400)**, **1st Place ($300)**, **2nd Place ($200)**, and **3rd Place ($100)** in both the COLOR and BLACK/WHITE categories; a special Meadows Resident Award; and the remainder of prizes in **Merit Awards ($50)** and **Honorable Mention Awards ($25)**.

- Open to all resident amateur photographers and camera buffs in Sarasota and Manatee Counties. Photos submitted by professional photographers will not be awarded prizes.
- Entry fee, $7.00 each entry, with a maximum of 4 entries in each category—color and black/white. Make checks made payable to the MCA. Forms and requirements are available at the MCA
- Entries must originate from a photograph taken by the entrant and may not incorporate any element produced by another person. **A Black & White entry must not have any other color incorporated into the print.** The photographer's name and print title cannot appear on the front side of the print. Prints can be computerized and enhanced.
- Prints must be unframed and mounted on 16" x 20" black or white matting boards, 3/16: maximum thickness. Foam core is allowed. No front matting or hangers.

Entry dates

Feb 5 and Feb 6 • 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

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The MCA is not responsible for loss or damage to a photograph. Pick up prints at the MCA Community Center from March 2 through March 31 during business hours.
The Photo Show Committee will dispose of prints not picked up by March 31, 2016.

Memoirs and Life Writing Group

Describing significant events that happened in your life and hearing the same from others is what The Meadows Memoirs and Life Writing Group is about

Bob Barnett—Memoirs Coordinator

I love being old? Not!

In the April 2013 Memoir column I wrote that, "I loved being old." Being old gave me an excuse for napping and not having to lift heavy objects. When I wrote that column, I was only 70 years old. I never thought I would really grow old. I ignored the fact that I could no longer walk on my hands or even stand on my head—things that I could do easily through my 40s. But what really convinced me that I actually was old occurred in August when we took the grandchildren to the Jumpin' Fun trampoline facility.

I had taught trampoline as part of the beginning and intermediate college gymnastic classes at Marshall University for 15 years. In my late 40s I could demonstrate all of the trampoline skills to the class.

Now, despite not having jumped for 20 years, I could clearly remember how to do each skill and felt ready to perform when we got to Jumpin' Fun.

As I started to bounce, I felt awkward and a little dizzy. I tried a front drop, one of the first skills for trampoline beginners. The trampoline came up to my face very quickly. I barely had time to pull my head back before I broke my nose. Undaunted, I tried a seat drop, which required bouncing on my bottom and coming back to my feet. Unfortunately, I locked my elbows and my hands landed before my seat. The shock went all of the way through my shoulders. I thought I had dislocated both shoulders, but when I crawled off the trampoline, both my arms worked somewhat, even though there was intense pain in both shoulders.

A trip to the orthopedist confirmed bruising of the shoulder joints but nothing broken. "Should I have it operated on?" I asked the orthopedist. "Avoid a shoulder operation like the plague," he said. "Plague," I thought.

Five months later, I am getting better but my right shoulder grinds and periodically catches and hurts.

The pain in my shoulder and the length of time it has taken to get better continue to remind me that I am old. And what is this about the plague? Should I get a plague shot to go along with my flu and pneumonia shots?

In the story below, **Beverly Kuzman** provides additional details on the evils of aging and who might help.

"Old Age Is Not For Sissies"

Beverly Kuzman

Growing old is a challenge. Either no one warned me about this, or I wasn't listening.

Did anyone even hint that I would develop John L. Lewis eyebrows? Remember that old-time-labor leader who seemed to have small animal pelts over his eyes, bristly hairs growing every which way? In my case, my eyebrows look like caterpillars preparing for a very hard winter—they are bushy with random white hairs sticking straight out like spears.

When I was younger and there might have been an opportunity for romance, my forehead caterpillars would have stabbed anyone who got too close. Actually, I can't say that I no longer attract men, but the caliber had changed. In fact, just recently, a drunk rode up on his bicycle; fell at my feet, looked up at me from the gutter and said, "Oh Babe, you're my kind of woman."

I'm quite sure that my inebriated suitor would not be deterred by my forehead caterpillars, but in any case, I do have a dilemma. If I pluck my forehead caterpillars, my brows will be bald, and I'll be forced to draw clown-type eyebrows in their stead.

And I am not alone. There seem to be universal aging situations. The minute we sit down to read or watch television, we fall asleep, our mouths fall wide open and we then have our very own model of the Grand Canyon—complete with the Colorado River, waterfalls and all—as drool runs down our chins.

There are also avalanches, everything headed south. A man's muscular chest now resides around his middle. A woman's once perky breasts are at half-mast.

Hair meant to be growing on our heads is now growing randomly in other places. For women, the hair has headed for their chins; we develop little chin forests. For men, "loggers" have clear-cut the tops of their heads leaving a shiny dome, but their ears harbor a dense forest of underbrush.

Simultaneously, with the caterpillars on our foreheads and the avalanches, the rest of our bodies are also apparently falling into ruin.

"Old age is not for sissies."

When we wake up in the morning and crawl out of bed, we do a quick assessment to see which, if any, parts of our turncoat bodies might have betrayed us overnight. If we discover a problem, we can head to the phone and make an appointment with the proper doctor.

As we all know, doctors specialize these days. When we were young, there was one doctor who cared for entire bodies—head to toe and finger-tip to finger-tip. In a pinch, he might even make a suggestion for an ailing cow. This all-purpose doctor also made house calls; like the proverbial mail man, neither rain nor snow nor dark of night would keep him from his rounds.

But now, is it our toe causing a problem? The podiatrist's number is right here. Our knee? We have many choices for knee problems. Perhaps we'd like a new knee. The newest models are expected to last ten years, and they'll be accompanied with a letter to help the new-knee-body navigate airport security without setting off alarms and being whisked off for a thorough body pat down.

Moving on up, what about a new hip or two? Disc problems? Is the world cloudy? Blame your cataracts. Can't hear? Hearing aids are barely visible. Itchy skin? I know a good dermatologist.

Now for the tricky inner parts. Heart pumping? Lungs working? Take a big breath in and a big breath out? Esophagus properly doing its esophageal work? And by the way, have you had a recent colonoscopy?

"Growing old is not for sissies"…but it ***is*** preferable to the alternative.

Concert in the Park

Betty Comora and Her "Happy Jazz Band" play "the park" again this year, Sunday, February 28—and, it's the "happiest jazz" you'll hear this side of New Orleans

Betty is back! It's a highlight of the annual MCA Photo Show and Competition that just makes you feel—well, happy!

So, limber up your snappin' fingers and loosen up your tappin' feet when **Betty Comora** returns with the "HAPPY JAZZ BAND" for another free performance at the Concert in the Park this month.

In conjunction with the Annual Photographic Competition and Show, Betty and her band "bring it" to the patio of the MCA Community Center on the last day of the show, Sunday, February 28, from 1:30 to 3:30 pm.

You may know Betty as the "Washboard Woman" and have seen her play the washboard…and that's more fun that snappin' peas on the backyard porch!

Betty has been performing at the Concert in the Park for more than a decade. And, this year's performance is guaranteed to get you moving in your seat if not on your feet. You'll hear familiar Dixieland tunes you've probably clapped along with for many years, including the quintessential finale, *When The Saints Go Marchin' In*.

Betty is a fixture in the local jazz scene, performing at various venues and a guest performer at the Sarasota Jazz Club "Jazz at Two" concerts. She has an entertainer's spirit with a volunteer's heart, performing regularly at the Senior Friendship Centers of Sarasota and for seniors at area assisted living facilities.

Betty and her husband, **Owen**, The Meadows' own "Bird Man," have been Meadows residents since 1999.

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If you would like to become a new member or your membership has expired or will expire soon, contact MHOA Membership Director Sue Pound for an application or renewal form. Call 941-552-6927 or email *SuePound88@Hotmail.com*.

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Chelmsford folks at work on holiday decorations

Well, at least some of them…

The Wyznskiys's twin grandchildren enjoy the pool

Hi From Chelmsford Close

Chelmsford Close residents decorating for the holidays

Chelmsford neighbors are saddened by the passing of long-time Resident, **Phyllis Grubbs**.

Chelmsford, Sandringham, and Hampstead Heath folks will miss **Doris Mayer**, who recently died at the age of 89 after fighting ill health for some time. Doris lived in Hampstead Heath and was a friend and bridge player with residents, not only in Hampstead, but in Chelmsford Close and Sandringham Place. Her friends at the Bridge table have missed her since she recently moved to New Jersey to be near her family, Doris was a resident of Hampstead Heath for 20 years. A donation in her name was sent to the Humane Society.

On the brighter side, my nephew and niece in Durham, North Carolina, have a new baby boy, born on December 12.

Such is life. May 2016 be a good year to all!

Decorating team enjoy the after-party at the pool (LEFT to RIGHT) Kathryn Kwasaienwski, Sharon Lydford, Grace Lutes, and Linda Catshpole

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Simply Sarasota

Junior League of Sarasota's 2016 Tour of Homes February 26 and 27

The Junior League of Sarasota, Inc. (JLS) announces the 2016 Simply Sarasota Tour of Homes on Friday, February 26, and Saturday, February 27, from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. The fundraiser for JLS will feature homes in Granada Park, Prospect Street, and Osprey Avenue.

Each home will host demonstrations by chefs, artists, and designers. Visitors can enjoy the architectural design and decoration of the homes and also come away with tips on entertaining in their own homes.

This event is the sixth annual, and it will include local chefs giving cooking demonstrations and Girls, Inc. providing flower arranging and live watercolor painting. A brunch will be held on Friday morning, 9:00 to 11:00 am, location to be announced. The brunch requires a separate ticket. "Toast of the Tour "happy hour happens on Saturday, 4:00 to 7:00 pm, location to be announced.

Raffle prizes and silent auction items range from airline tickets to a shopping party, and 800 guests are expected. To purchase tickets ($25), contact the JLS headquarters. For more information, call 941-953-5600 or visit www.*jlsarasota.org/simply-sarasota-tour* or *https://www.facebook.com/events/499349376899643/*.

Art Center Sarasota Presents Theatre of the Mind 2016

Enjoy play readings and staged performances

Art Center Sarasota presents the 2016 season of ***Theatre of the Mind***, a series of play readings and performances established in 2010 by Emilie Robinson and Janet Davies. This season features three performances directed by Janet Davies, from 4:00 to 7:00 pm at Art Center Sarasota, 707 North Tamiami Trail in Sarasota. Tickets are $10 for Art Center Sarasota members; $12 for nonmembers. All proceeds benefit Art Center Sarasota.

On Sunday, January 24, enjoy *The Importance of Being Earnest* by Oscar Wilde, adapted by Albert and Bertha Johnson. Laugh along with the hilarious repartee of Jack, Algie, Cecily and Gwendolyn as they ride the roller coaster of courtship. Actors include Michael Brown, Cassandra Caballero, Dylan Caruso, and Janet Davies.

On Sunday, February 14, *Kalamazoo* by Michele Kholos Brooks and Kelly Younger, is a delightful comedy about two 70-somethings who meet online, fall in love, and want to get married. They have to deal with their grown children, their pasts, and their hopes for the future. Actors are Charles Craig and Emilie Robinson.

On Sunday, April 3, *Hedda Gabler* by Henrik Ibsen and adapted by Albert and Bertha Johnson, portrays the tragedy of a beautiful, bitter woman and the men in her life. She copes with her inattentive husband, her troubled lover, and a lecherous judge. Actress is Eve Caballero.

Art Center Sarasota's gallery hours are Monday through Saturday, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. Admission is free. For more information and performance reservations, call 365-2032 or visit *www.artsarasota.org/theatermind*.

Barefoot Beach Bazaar, Nokomis

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Sarasota County Parks, Recreation and Natural Resources' Barefoot Beach Bazaar arts and crafts shows are back at Nokomis Beach for the 2016 season.

The bazaars are held the third Saturday of the month, January through April, at the Nokomis Beach Plaza, 100 Casey Key Road in Nokomis.

The bazaars begin at 4:00 pm and end at sunset. All items sold at the bazaar are handcrafted by local artisans.

Upcoming dates are February 20, March 19 and April 16.

For more information and vendor applications, call the Sarasota County Contact Center at 941-861-5000 or visit the website, *www.scgov.net*.

Artist Series Concerts 2016 Gala

Swing into "The Roaring Twenties," February 11

Artist Series Concerts of Sarasota celebrates its 20th anniversary with "The Roaring Twenties." The gala starts at 6:00 pm on Thursday, February 11, at Michael's On East Ballroom, 1212 East Avenue in Sarasota. Enjoy swinging jazz music, inspired cocktails and cuisine, and a live auction. Tickets are $160. Proceeds benefit the Artists Series Concerts' scholarship and community outreach programs, including the National Competition for Young Artists.

The event is produced by the Artist Series Concerts Friends, the organization's volunteer branch. It features live musical performances by the Bill Buchman Trio, My Three Sons barbershop quartet, mezzo-soprano Amy Connours, baritone Jason Stearns, and pianist Joseph Holt—along with inspired cocktails, dinner, a fun souvenir photo booth, and a live auction with travel and entertainment packages and "speakeasy" gourmet baskets. Event cochairs are Antonette Cunningham and Karen Iezzi.

Scholarship Goals

President of Artist Series Concerts Friends Olivia Swaan says a primary goal for funds raised is expanding its "active role in building the next generation of professional musicians. In the past decade, we've raised nearly $250,000 for 66 gifted young musicians. Our focus is the future, and this gala makes that future possible."

Swaan, a harpist originally from Dublin, Ireland, enjoyed an extensive performing career, touring Europe and the U.S. before she moved to Sarasota and became involved with Artist Series Concerts. She says the Friends have more fundraiser events scheduled, including the third annual "Tennis Bash" at **The Meadows Country Club** from 1:00 to 4:00 pm on January 30.

The 2015-2016 season runs through May, presenting six concerts in its "Classical Recital Series," four concerts in its "Pop Series," three "Lunch, Look and Listen" concerts, and three special concerts. Most performances are staged at the restored Historic Asolo Theater at The Ringling.

Artist Series Concerts of Sarasota will launch its first national scholarship competition for voice, with more than $20,000 in prize money and a new local student competition, presented in partnership with the Sarasota Music Club. For more information and event registration, call 941-306-1202 or visit *www.artistseriesconcerts.org*.

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Before or after viewing the flowers, treat yourself to a traditional, delicious English Tea! You'll be served homemade scones, assorted tea sandwiches, and sweets. Tea service begins at 10:30 AM and runs until mid-afternoon at $15.00 per person. This is a very popular activity, but no reservations are required.

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Legacy Trail, Moving Along

Surrey Rides offer accessibility to mobility- challenged residents

The Friends of the Legacy Trail (FLT) Surrey Ride Program, which offers an opportunity for mobility-challenged residents and visitors who would otherwise be unable to share in The Legacy Trail experience, returns for another season.

In January, FLT volunteers began pedaling passengers in the surrey from Laurel Park at the Sandra Sims Terry Community Center. Complimentary, 45-minute surrey trips are offered on Wednesdays and Thursdays through April 14, at 9:00, 10:00, and 11:00 am and noon. Riders can relax and enjoy the ride on a four-passenger, four-wheeled, surrey-type bicycle with a canopy cover while FLT volunteers provide the pedal power.

Surrey rides require preregistration. To register, visit *www.scgov.net/parks*, click **View Activities,** and enter **surrey** in the search field. Space is limited to four participants each ride, each time slot, and participants must be willing to sign a waiver. Sun protection is recommended as well as a light jacket on cooler days and sturdy walking shoes. Registrants must have the ability to climb up one step onto the surrey bicycle.

The surrey stop location is Laurel Park's Sandra Sims Terry Community Center, 509 Collins Road in Laurel. Passengers meet in front of the community center. All county nature programs prohibit smoking and pets. The surrey rides will be canceled if it rains and when it is very cold. For weather cancellation information, call 486-2753.

The Surrey Program has been well-received. FLT volunteer peddlers enjoy meeting and visiting with the riders, organizers say. The surrey was a gift to Sarasota County, donated by FLT to promote The Legacy Trail and other county parks.

The Legacy Trail is the regional backbone of a recreational and nature-based trail system connecting communities across Sarasota County and stretching into neighboring Charlotte County. The trail offers several areas to stop, rest, read about its history, and enjoy the natural beauty surrounding the trail.

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Lifelong Learning Academy offers more new ways to keep on learning, with winter and spring semesters bringing more than 150 courses, lectures, workshops, and special events through April 28.

Students can register for both winter and spring semester courses at the same time. New class start times at the University of South Florida Sarasota-Manatee campus are 9:00 am, 10:30 am, noon, and 1:30 pm.

Courses are offered at 10 different locations—on the campus of USF-Sarasota-Manatee, State College of Florida in Lakewood Ranch, Center of Anna Maria in Anna Maria Island, Westminster Towers & Shores in Bradenton, Ringling College of Art and Design in Sarasota, Florida Maritime Museum in Cortez, Players Theatre in Sarasota, South Florida Museum in Bradenton, Art to Walk On Gallery in downtown Sarasota, and the Edwards Building in north Sarasota. Weekly classes run two to eight weeks through April 28.

Dance, Science, and Wall Street

Special events, workshops, and conversational lectures add to course offerings. For information about events, workshops, and registration, call 359-4296 or visit the website, *www.lla-sm.org*. Proceeds benefit Lifelong Learning Academy and Sarasota International Dance Festival.

Einstein's Circles

Einstein's Circles are held at 3:00 to 4:00 pm in Selby Auditorium on the University of South Florida Sarasota-Manatee campus. These open forums, moderated by knowledgeable experts in a variety of topics, including "Five Short Videos That Could Change Your Life," February 3; "Does U.S. Experience Prevent Us From Understanding the Middle East?" February 10; "The Dolphins of Sarasota Bay: Lessons From Four Decades and Five Generations," February 17; and "The New Doctor in Town: Education of Medical Students: Past, Present & Future," February 24.

Cost is $5 per session for LLA paid members; $6, general admission. Seating is limited to 180 people. For more information about the academy, including weekly updates of Einstein's Circle, or to request a catalog, call 359-4296 or visit *www.lla-sm.org*.

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Women's Interfaith Network

Film and discussion: Pink Smoke Over The Vatican

Pink Smoke Over The Vatican is an award-winning documentary film about challenges facing women who are seeking to be ordained as priests in the Roman Catholic Church. Join the film viewing and discussion on Saturday, February 13, at 2:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall of St. Andrew Church, 6908 Beneva Road in Sarasota. (Entrance is west of Beneva, off Gulf Gate Drive.) The film and discussion are open to the Public; the cost is $2 a person.

This film chronicles events leading to the "Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith" issued in 2008. It was a sweeping order of excommunication for the "crime of attempting sacred ordination of a woman."

The film also tells the stories of the determined women and men who are working to end what many people see as underlying misogyny.

The discussion will be led by Bishop Bridget Mary Meehan, Mother of Jesus All Inclusive Catholic Church. To learn more, visit *www.womensinterfaithnetwork.org*.

Sons of the American Revolution

Awards for JROTC Enhanced Program for Outs tanding Cadets

The Saramana SAR Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution hosts an awards ceremony and luncheon at the Sara Bay Country Club (7011 Willow Street in Sarasota) on Friday, February 19, at 11:30 am. The program includes induction of new members, awards for the JROTC Enhanced Program for Outstanding Cadets, and a special program celebrating George Washington's Birthday. High school cadets are nominated by their schools Senior Military Advisors.

The Sons of the American Revolution is the leading male lineage society that perpetuates the ideals of the war for independence. As a historical, educational, and patriotic, nonprofit corporation, they seek to maintain and expand the meaning of patriotism, respect for national symbols, the value of American citizenship, and the unifying force of "e pluribus unum" that was created from the people of many nations—one nation and one people.

Lunch is $25. For information and reservations, call Preston Adams at 941-914-8999 or email at *prestonadams3@gmail.com*. For membership information, contact Ken Aubrey at 941-484-1788 or *kaubrey1@* . To learn more about the Saramana SAR Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution, visit *www.saramanasar.org* or at *www.facebook.com/saramanasar*.

Fifth Annual HLAA Hearing Loss Tech Expo

Hearing Loss Association of America
Sarasota/Manatee Chapter

The 2016 Sarasota/Manatee Hearing Loss Tech Expo, presented by the Hearing Loss Association of America, will be held on Saturday, March 5, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm, at Manatee Technical College (MTC), 6305 State Road 70 in Bradenton. The event is free to the public, with the goal of reaching out to people in the community who have a hearing loss.

Reflecting the huge strides recently made in hearing aid technologies, this year's theme is "What's New?"

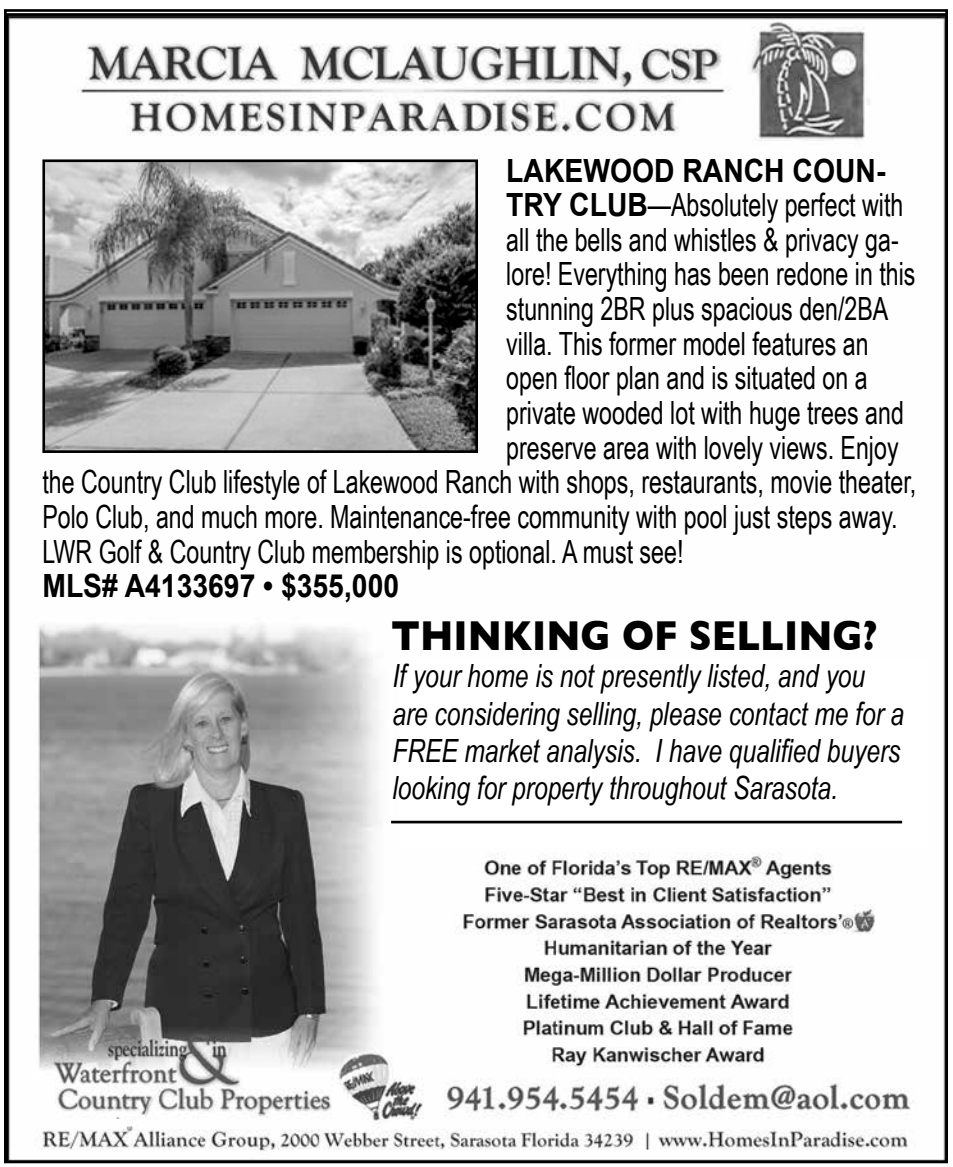
HLAA Consumer Technology Initiative

Expo highlights include more than 50 vendors and presentations by hearing loss experts. Free hearing and health screenings are available. Experts will present information on a wide range of topics, including tinnitus, financial assistance options for hearing loss treatment, and veterans' services.

A common complaint about hearing aids is that they increase the volume of all sounds–background noise and conversations–making it difficult to converse in social situations. The Hearing Loss Association of America (HLAA) is addressing this issue with its Consumer Technology Initiative. This initiative and its various ground-breaking features will be highlighted at the Expo.

To address the needs of 85,000 veterans living in Sarasota and Manatee counties, 17,600 of whom suffer with hearing loss, the Veterans Hearing Awareness Forum will be featured at the Expo. New hearing technologies reduce isolation due to hearing loss, benefiting veterans and their families.

For more information on the Hearing Loss Tech Expo, contact JoAnne DeVries at 941-320-8825 or *president@hlas.org*.



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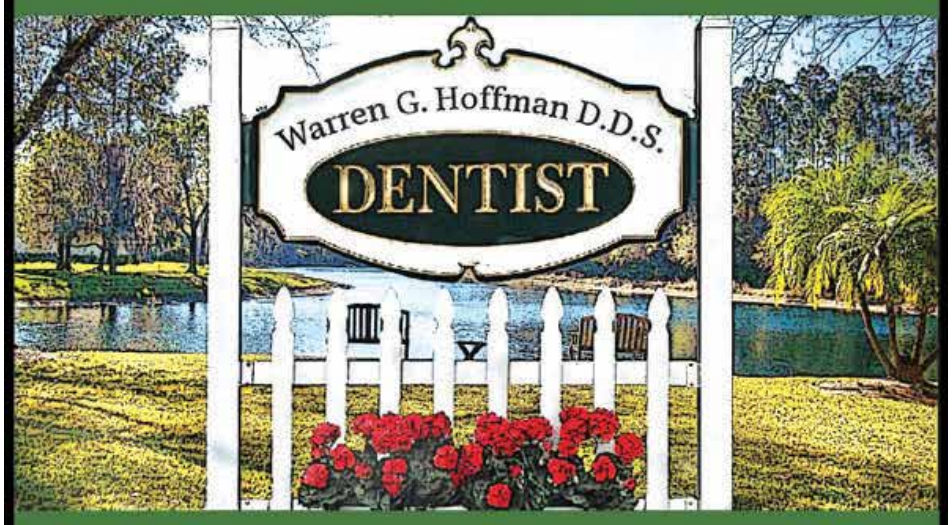

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Baltimore Orioles spring training opener at Ed Smith Stadium is March 4

The Baltimore Orioles are back for its seventh consecutive year of Spring Training at Ed Smith Stadium. They will play 16 home games in March. The club's Major League operations moved to Sarasota in 2010. The first home game vs. the Atlanta Braves is Wednesday, March 2.

The ball club works out from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm daily on the back fields until game opener on March 2. Free parking is available in the East Lot off 12th Street and Tuttle.

Tickets range from $8, $11, and $14 for standing room, $16 to $22 for Left Field Pavilion, and $18 to $24 for Reserved Grandstand to $22 to $28 for Lower Box, $24 to $30 for Infield Box, $28 to $34 for Premium Infield Box, and $30 to $36 for Third Base Lounge. To buy tickets visit *www.baltimore.orioles.mlb.com* or call Ed Smith Stadium at 893-6300.

Pittsburgh Pirates return to McKechnie Field for 2016 spring training

McKechnie Field has hosted the Pirates since 1969. The ball park is the oldest spring training facility in use and regarded as one of Florida's spring training gems, named the "Best Ballpark Renovation" of 2013 by *Ballpark Digest*.

The Pirates play 16 games at McKechnie Field. For more information, call 747-3031 or visit *www.Pirates.com*. Advance individual game tickets range from $15 for standing room and $17 for the grandstand to $24 and $28 for boxes. Day-of-game tickets are an additional $3. To purchase tickets, call 877-893-2827 or buy online at *www.pittsburghpirates.com*. Box office hours through March 30 are 9:00 am to 5:00 pm week days and weekends from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm when there are no home games. Day-of-game box office hours are 9:00 am till 30 minutes after the final out.

2016 Orioles Spring Training
Home Games

Orioles v. Atlanta Braves
1:05 pm | Wednesday, March 2

Orioles v. Tampa Bay Rays
7:05 pm | Saturday, March 5

Orioles v. Minnesota Twins
1:05 pm | Monday, March 7

Orioles v. Boston Red Sox
1:05 pm | Tuesday, March 8

Orioles v. New York Yankees
1:05 pm | Thursday, March 10

Orioles v. Minnesota Twins
1:05 pm | Saturday, March 12

Orioles v. Philladelphia Phillies
1:05 pm | Monday, March 14

Orioles v. Pittsburgh Pirates
1:05 pm | Wednesday, March 16

Orioles v. Minnesota Twins
7:05 pm | Thursday, March 17

Orioles v. Tampa Bay Rays
1:05 pm | Sunday, March 20

Orioles v. Pittsburgh Pirates
1:05 pm | Thursday, March 24

Orioles v. New York Yankies
1:05 pm | Friday, March 25

Orioles v. Boston Red Sox
1:05 pm | Saturday, March 26

Orioles v. Atlanta Braves
6:05 pm | Tuesday, March 29

Orioles v. Detroit Tigers
6:05 pm | Wednesday, March 30

Orioles v. Atlanta Braves
3:05 pm | Thursday, March 31

2016 Pirates Spring Training
Home Games

Black & Gold Game
Noon | Monday, February 29

Pirates v. Detroit Tigers
1:05 pm | Wednesday, March 2

Pirates v. Toronto Blue Jays
1:05 pm | Thursday, March 3

Pirates v. Minnesota Twins
1:05 pm | Friday, March 4

Pirates v. Houston Astros
1:05 pm | Sunday, March 6

Pirates v. Philladelphia Phillies
1:05 pm | Monday, March 7

Pirates v. Boston Red Sox
1:05 pm | Wednesday, March 9

Pirates v. Tampa Bay Rays
1:05 pm | Friday, March 11

Pirates v. Detroit Tigers
1:05 pm | Sunday, March 13

Pirates v. New York Yankies
1:05 pm | Thursday, March 17

Pirates v. Minnesota Twins
1:05 pm | Saturday, March 19

Pirates v. Baltimore Orioles
1:05 pm | Wednesday, March 23

Pirates v. Tampa Bay
1:05 pm | Saturday, March 26

Pirates v. Baltimore Orioles
1:05 pm | Sunday, March 27

Pirates v. Minnesota Twins
1:05 pm | Monday, March 28

Pirates v. Atlanta Braves
1:05 pm | Wednesday, March 30

Dogs Make a Difference

Join the Southeastern Guide Dogs Walkathon, March 16

At Southeastern Guide Dogs, the Walkathons represent the biggest fundraisers of the year. In Sarasota, the 2016 Walkathon event festivities begin at 8:30 am, Saturday, March 19, at Payne Park, 2050 Adams Lane. Southeastern Guide Dogs are making an extraordinary difference in so many lives, and The Meadows residents are invited to share in that joy by participating and supporting this event.

Join in the celebration of the Walkathon's 30th anniversary at the 2016 Sarasota Walkathon. Proceeds help raise, train, and match amazing dogs with visually impaired students, veterans and other people whose lives are transformed by new levels of independence, confidence and companionship provided by Southeastern Guide Dogs.

The Walkathon event festivities include a fun walk for two- and four-legged participants—along with music, food, shopping. and friends. Start a team today. Sign up online at *www.guidedogswalkathon.org* and select the link for **Sarasota Walkathon**. *If you use the word **"Meadows"** in your team name, you will receive a surprise gift from Southeastern Guide Dogs!*

CROP Walk to end hunger

Walk starts at St. James United Methodist Church Sunday, March 6

For the past five years, the Sarasota CROP Walk has started at St. James United Methodist Church (UMC). Everyone is invited to participate in this walk and support the fight to end hunger. Sponsored by Church World Service, the walk raises awareness and ends hunger in local communities as well as worldwide. Last year, 400 walkers participated.

The 2016 CROP Walk is Sunday, March 6. The five-mile walk starts at 2:00 pm and continues down Honore through The Meadows and takes a turn at DeSoto Road. The turn around point is Community Haven.

Meadows residents are invited to walk, put a community team together, or join a group that is already established. Meet at 1:30 pm, St. James United Methodist Church, 2049 North Honore Avenue in Sarasota, just outside The Meadows.

All Faiths Food Bank will receive 25 percent of the proceeds; the remaining funds raised will support women and children around the world by providing food and clean water. To date, CROP Walk has raised $80,000 for All Faiths Food Bank. The goal over the next two years is to increase that support to $100,000.

For more information, contact Saint James UMC at 377-6180.

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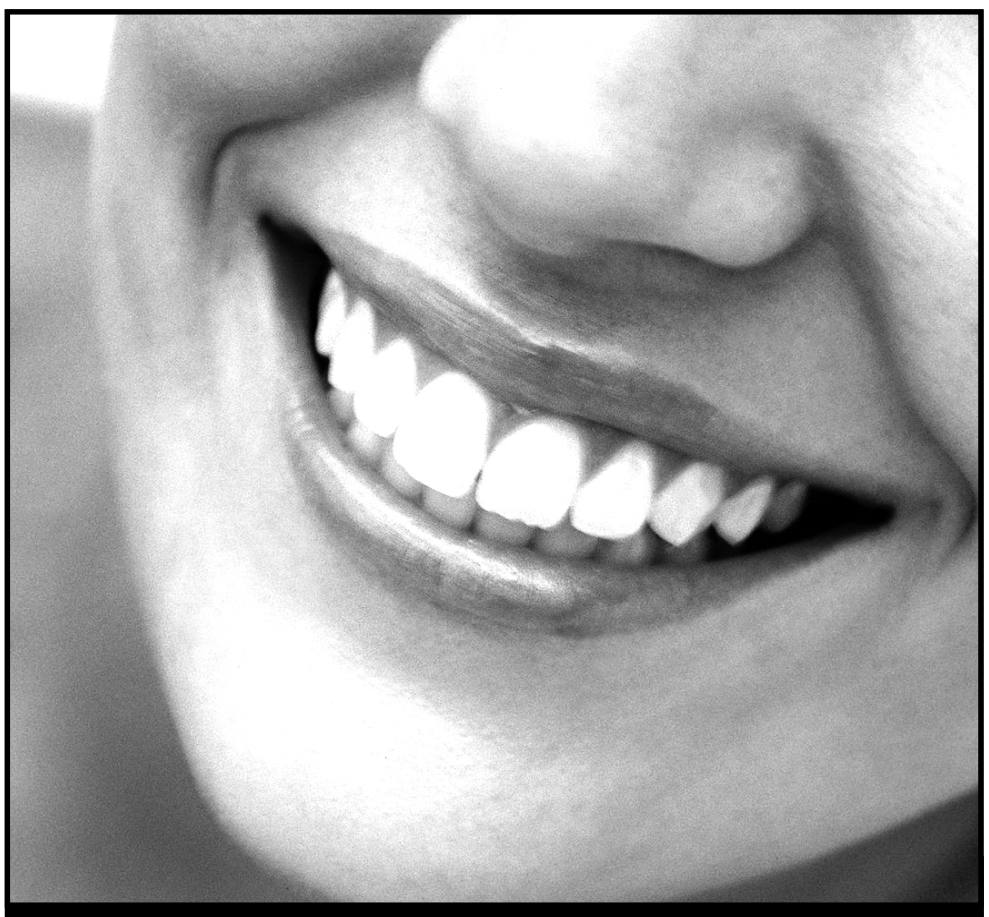

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Feb 6, 10:00 am to 6:00 pm—2016 BRADENTON RIVER REGATTA ART FAIR. Enjoy boat races, food, music, kid's zone & art. Enjoy paintings, drawings, photography, pottery, sculpture, jewelry and fine crafts along the Manatee River on the Riverwalk in Bradenton.
Thru Feb 19—MARY WHYTE: A PORTRAIT OF US. Watercolor exhibition by world renowned artist, author and teacher.
Thru Feb 19—FLORIDA SUNCOAST WATERCOLOR SOCIETY JURIED SHOW, ANNUAL AQUEOUS SHOW 2016. View in Searle and Reid Hodges Galleries.
Feb 23 thru Mar 25—FINE CRAFT & PHOTOGRAPHY. Juried open show. **Feb 25, 5:00 to 7:00 pm—Reception**.
Sat, Feb 27, 10:00 am to 5:00 pm & Sun, Feb 28, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm—FINE ARTS FESTIVAL OF MANATEE COUNTY. Enjoy fine craft, jewelry, painting, drawing, photography, pottery & sculpture on historic Ware's Creek, 500 15th Street, West, Bradenton.
Fri nights monthly, 7:00 to 9:00 pm—Nights Out. Arts & crafts creations for 21 and older. Fees include materials and refreshments.
• **Feb 5—Leaf Pendant** with Donna Carrion, $55.
• **Feb 19—Mosaic Wine Stoppers** with Liana Martin, $35.

Exhibits of local, state, & national artists; changes monthly. Adult classes & after school programs (ages 6-10); summer camps, ages (4-15). 209 Ninth Street West, Bradenton. Visit www.artcentermanatee.org or call 746-2862.

ART CENTER SARASOTA

CALL TO ARTISTS 2016 SEASON

Jan 28 thru Mar 5—SARTQ, limited edition prints; **SPECTRUM,** independent work of three artists; **ASALH: BLACK MUSE,** curated exhibit ;**Visually Speaking** juried, all media show.

EVENTS

Jan 28, 5:00 to 7:00 pm—OPENING RECEPTION
Feb 13, 3:00 to 7:00 pm—SARTQ's 7th ANNUAL PRINT PARTY.
Feb 14, 4:00 to 7:00 pm—Theater of the Mind reading from *Kalamazoo* by Michelle Kholos & Kelly Younger. Member, $10; nonmember, $12.
Feb 21, 5:30 to 10:00 pm—iconcept dinner & fashion show, Saks Fifth Avenue, UTC in Sarasota, benefits Art Center Sarasota. $175 Reserved table dinner & show, $75 General admission seating & show. Cash bar available. For information and tickets, call 365-2032, email *lisa@artsarasota.org*. Sponsorship, email *iris@artsarasota.org.*

ARTIST DEMONSTRATIONS

Watercolor Painting.Refreshments served.Proceeds fund scholarships. Members $20; nonmembers $25.
• **Feb 7, 2:00 to 4:00 pm—Linda Daly Baker, Layers of Design.**
• **Feb 21, 1:00 to 3:00 pm—Karlyn Holman, Watercolor Fun & Free.**
• **Feb 28, 1:00 to 3:00 pm—Janet Rogers, Expressive Watercolors Flowers, Faces & Figures.**

Member-based organization offers affordable, creative opportunities with curated & juried exhibits, classes, workshops, & educational programs. Hours, Mon thru Sat: 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. Galleries free and open to public. Closed Sundays. 707 North Tamiami Trail, Sarasota. Visit www.artsarasota.org or call 365-2032.

MANATEE VILLAGE HISTORICAL PARK

Located at 1404 Manatee Avenue East in Bradenton. Open Mon thru Fri & 2nd & 4th Sat, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. For more information, call 749-7165.

RINGLING MUSEUMS

SPECIAL EXHIBITS

Feb 5 thru May 1— Ink, Silk and Gold: Islamic Art from the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston
Thru Feb 29—Glittering Grandeur: Spectacles Under the Big Top, Circus Museum
Thru Apr 17—Samurai: The Way of the Warrior. Enjoy viewing objects related to the legendary Samurai warriors, including full suits of armor, helmets, swords, saddles, and personal use items like lacquered writing boxes and incense trays. Free with museum admission. For more information, call 359-5900 or visit *www.ringling.org.*

COLLECTING RECOLLECTIONS

Feb 2, 10:30 am—Dorita Estes
Feb 16, 0:30 am—Corki Christiani Bowes
Collecting Recollections features fascinating story tellers talking about their lives,The Ringling, the Circus, Sarasota- and more. Reception follows.

RINGLING UNDERGROUND

Feb 4, 8:00 pm to 11:00 pm— Enjoy an evening of live music and art in the Museum of Art Courtyard. An eclectic mix of local & regional live music with up-and-coming artists' work. Select galleries will be open until 11:00pm.$10. Free with college student ID. Call 359-5700 or email *underground@ringling.org.*

ART AFTER 5

Feb 4, 11, 18 & 25, 5:00 pm Explore the Museum of Art permanent and special exhibition galleries, and Circus Museum. Adults $10; Children 6 to 17, $5; 5 & under, free. Members, no charge. Events may require a ticket. View schedule and ticket requirements at *www.ringling.org.*
Feb 15, 5:00 to 8:00 pm—RINGLING BY THE BAY in the Bayfront Gardens for live music by SOULRCOASTER. Food & beverages available for purchase on the bayfront. Limited seating. Members free; $10 nonmembers. Call 358-3180.

BAYFRONT GARDEN TOURS

Thru Oct 2016—Walker Guest House Replica. Free
Every Fri & Sat, 10:30 am to noon—Walking tour of the Bayfront Gardens. Members $10; nonmembers $20.

FAMILY FRIENDLY

Feb 4, 7:00 pm & Feb 5, 10:30 am—Literati Book Club, *The Tokaido Road: A Novel of Feudal Japan* by Lucia St. Clair Robson. Education Center Art Library. Free.
Feb 6, 10:30 am—ROAR! Ringling Order of Art Readers. Family storytime & activity. Education Center. Free. For information, call 359-5700.
Feb 6, 13, 20 & 27, 1:30 to 5:00 pm—Family Workshop, Visitors Pavilion. Drop in during workshop hours to create art project with children 4 to 10 years of age. Free.
Feb 6, 13, 20 & 27, 1:00 pm—Kids Quest. Meet at Visitors Pavilion. $2 per child. For information, call 359-5700.

JOSEPH'S COAT SKYSPACE AT SUNSET

Thu & Fri evenings, 30 MINUTES AFTER SUNSET—JOSEPH'S COAT, permanent installation by artist James Turrell. LED lights change the color of the space and sky. Bring Yoga mat; dress for outdoors. Reservations recommended. Members free; nonmembers $5. Call 358-3180 or visit *www.ringling.org.*

PERFORMANCES AT RINGLING

Feb 12, 7:30 pm—KATE WEARE COMPANY: UNSTRUCK, part of the New Stages series at Historic Asolo Theater. $25-$30 For tickets, call 360-7399.

FILMS

Feb 5, 1:00 & 6:30 pm—*Jane Eyre* by Charlotte Bronte**,** Historic Asolo Theatre. A woman's fight for freedom & fulfillment on her own terms.
Feb 13, 1:30 pm—Art and a Movie - Yojimbo. Education Center. Members Free, nonmembers $5. Call 358-3180.
Feb 19, 1:00 & 6:30 pm—*Skylight* by David Hare. Tickets, $18 Members $20 nonmembers. Call 360-7399.

SOUTH FLORIDA MUSEUM

EXHIBITS AND EVENTS

First Floor Galleries—Marine & mammal fossil collection.
Second Floor Galleries—The Patrons Gallery acknowledges museum founders.
Environmental Hall explores Florida's environment.
Rincon Gallery shows John Allinson's Celebrating Snooty.
2nd Wed of every month, 7:00 & 9:00 pm—THINK + DRINK (SCIENCE) CAFE. All ages. Learn cutting-edge science in relaxed setting. Beer, wine, soft drinks & snacks available for purchase. $3 members; $5 general admission. RSVP 746-4131 ext. 131, or *www.southfloridamuseum.org.*

BISHOP PLANETARIUM

Astronomy education, multi-media theater for films, music & digital art performances. Visit *www.southfloridamuseum.org/ThePlanetarium.*
Feb 6, 10:30 am—Perfect Little Planet is a 23-minute solar system journey ideal for space travelers of all ages.
Feb 13, 4:00 to 8:00 pm—IQUEST. Middle school students star in cooking show, creating the Healtiest Choice, Most Bizarre Combo or Prettiest Plate. $5 admission includes a slice of pizza and a drink. RSVP:746-4131 ex 131.
4th Wed every month, 7:00 pm—STELLIFEROUS LIVE, Bishop Planetarium. Observe & discuss the night skies. View schedule at *www.southfloridamuseum.org/ThingstoDo/PresentationSchedule.aspx*.
Fridays 6:00 pm—FILM FRIDAYS, most Fridays year-round in the Bishop Planetarium Theater. Music & Movies about cultural & scientific topics. Music starts at 6:30 pm; movie starts at 7:30 pm. Members $5; nonmembers $7.
First Saturday Night Every Month, 8:15 pm—ROCK HALL OF FAME. Enjoy 45 minutes of classic rock music thru 25,000 watts of surround sound with animations on the planetarium's dome. Museum Friends Members admitted free to Family Night and Rock & Roll Hall of Fame.
No Family Night in Feb due to Downtown Bradenton Regatta.

Located at 201 10th Street West, Bradenton. Open Tue thru Sat, 10:00 am to 5:00 pm & Sun noon to 5:00 pm; closed Mondays & Christmas Day, & New Year's Day. General admission to all films, $3, Members; $5 nonmembers.

Attractions

BRADENTON RIVERWALK PARK ON THE MANATEE RIVER

Riverwalk, in downtown Bradenton, is an outdoor gathering place for diverse events & activities. For information about the Bradenton Riverwalk Park, visit *www.realizebradenton.com & select Riverwalk from the menu.*

BRADENTON MARAUDERS HOME GAMES at McKECHNIE FIELD

*To view Marauders' game calendar in season, visit www.bradentonmarauders.com & select **Schedule** from menu. Click in-town games. McKechnie Field is located at 1611 9th Street West in Bradenton.*

POWEL CROSLEY MUSEUM AND NATURE CENTER

Feb 2, 3, 9, 10, 16, 17, 23 & 24, 2:00 to 4:00 pm—Royal Tea. Enjoy a traditional Royal English afternoon tea service at the Crosley Estate. Tickets, $32, with a portion benefiting the Crosley Foundation. To reserve, call 225-9122. *The Crosley is located at 8374 North Tamiami Trail in Sarasota. Visit website www.bradentongulfislands.com/event*

CROWLEY MUSEUM AND NATURE CENTER

Sat, 9:00 am to 2:00 pm—OLD MYAKKA FARMER'S MARKET at Crowley, 16405 Myakka Road. Sarasota.
Weekends & evenings—**CROWLEY FOLK SCHOOL.** Survival skills, sustainability, gardening & crafts. Weekends & Wed evening classes; some at Florida House Learning Centre, 4454 Beneva Rd, Sarasota. Register online.

Located at 16405 Myakka Road, Sarasota. Jan thru Apr—Thu thru Sun, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. Admission (adults $10; children $2) benefit CMNC. Visit *www.crowleyfl.org.*

DE SOTO NATIONAL MEMORIAL

Located at 8300 De Soto Memorial Hwy, Bradenton.Visitor Center open daily, 9:00 am to 5:00 pm; grounds, dawn to dusk. Gates close at 5:00 pm. Closed Thanksgiving, Christmas, & New Years. Free; donations accepted.

MANATEE VILLAGE HISTORICAL PARK

Mon thru Fri, 9:00 am to 4:30 pm; second & fourth Sat, 10:00 am to 4:30 pm. Closed holidays. 1404 Manatee Ave E in Bradenton. For information, call 741-4076 or visit website *www.manateevillage.org.*

MARIE SELBY BOTANICAL GARDENS

EXHIBITS & EVENTS

Thru Mar 3, 10:00 am to 4:30 pm—NEW AMERICAN BOTANICALS—THE ART OF M F CARDAMONE
Philadelphia artist MF Cardamone returns to Selby. *For more information, contact the Events Department at 941-366-5731 or specialevents@selby.org.*
Feb 7, 7:30 to 9:00 am—SARASOTA MUSIC HALF MARATHON. Enjoy Magnificent Mile 10 of the Half Marathon, taking runners through Selby Gardens. A band will be playing at Selby Gardens from 7:30 to 10:00 am. Admission to the Gardens is free on race day until 10:00 am. Cheer on the runners! For more information or to enter the race, visit *www.Sarasotahalf.com.*
Feb 13, 6:00 pm—2016 ORCHID BALL: GOWNS IN THE GARDEN. Cocktails, dinner and dancing on the Great Lawn to benefit programs of Marie Selby Bontanical Gardens.For individual tickets from $350 & sponsorship opportunities, call 366-5731 ext. 251 or visit *www.selby.org/orchidball.*
Feb 14 thru Mar 27, 10:00 am to 5:00 pm—THE ORCHID SHOW: CELEBRATING 40 YEARS AT SELBY GARDENS. Experience the elegance of orchids in this stunning tropical display in the Conservatory. Purchase orchids from the shop. On March 11, Marc Hachadourian, curator of the Orchid Collection and Manager of the Nolen Greenhouses for the New York Botanical Garden, presents the Orchid Show Keynote Lecture.
Feb 26, 5:30 to 8:30 pm—GARDEN TO PLATE WINE DINNER. Enjoy a memorable garden dining experience celebrating fresh food from the garden, kicking off the Plant & Garden Festival. One continuous table will be set for guests on the Great Lawn. Complimentary wine pairings are included with the meal catered by Michael's On East, and a full bar is available. Tickets $150 per person. For reservations, *visit www.selby.org/events/event/garden-to-plate-wine-dinner*
Sat, Feb 27, 8:00 am to 5:00 pm & Sun, Feb 28, 10:00 am to 5:00 pm—GARDEN TO PLATE: PLANT & GARDEN FESTIVAL. Meet plant and gardening experts and vendors during this two-day event and plant sale. FREE for Selby Gardens Members. VIP Ticket $25 for early admission & first choice of plants. Guests, $19; Children 4-11 $6, Children under 3 Free, Reciprocal Admission: $10. Shuttle service to & from South Palm Avenue Parking Garage.

LECTURES AND CLASSES

Feb 1, 8, 15 & 22, 9:00 to 10:00 am—YOGA IN THE GARDENS, SESSION II. Member, $55; nonmember, $75. Winter Yoga Pass available, thru Apr 25. Member, $110; nonmember pass fee $150. Instructor: Linda Lee.
Feb 2 & 3, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm—NEW! HUMMINGBIRDS IN WATERCOLOR. Learn to paint a realistic hummingbird in watercolor. Instructor is award-winning UK artist Anna Mason. Member, $160; nonmember $180.
Feb 2, 9 & 16, 10:00 am to 2:00 pm—INTERMEDIATE WATERCOLOR SESSION II. For students with some experience in watercolor techniques. Member, $90; nonmember, $105. Instructor: Carolyn Merenda.
Feb 3 & 10, 10:00 am to 2:00 pm—HAND PAINTED BOTANICAL JOURNAL. Two-day workshop for printing botanicals and creating delicate color washes to produce a unique botanical journal. Member, $65; nonmember $80. Materials Fee to instructor, $25. Instructor: Sandy Frick
Feb 4, 11 & 18, 10:00 am to 2:00 pm—ADVANCED WATERCOLOR SESSION II. For experienced painters to refine techniques or work on individual projects. Member, $90; nonmember, $105. Instructor: Carolyn Merenda.
Feb 16, 9:00 to 10:00 am—NEW! TRIPOD TUESDAYS SESSION I. Selby offers special access to Tropical Conservatory before hours on three Tuesdays during The Orchid Show. Photographers who register in advance will be allowed to use tripods to capture images of thousands of orchids and other tropical plants. Members $15; nonmembers $20. Space is limited.
Feb 17, Noon to 1:00 pm—FOR THE LOVE OF ORCHIDS. Join Orchidologist Dr. Toscano de Brito in Selby's Great Room by the Bay, to learn about orchids.
Feb 17 & 18, 10:00 to 3:00 pm—PRINT THE GARDENS. Selby Gardens' diverse plants inspire nature print designs. No previous experience needed. Members, $70; nonmembers $90; $15 materials fee to Instructor JoAnn Migliore Campisi.
Feb 20, 10:00 am to noon—BROMELIADS IN THE LANDSCAPE. Discover the many types of bromeliads that grow well in Florida landscapes. Bromeliads are hearty with diverse texture, color, size and blooms. Interactive discussion. Members, $35; nonmembers, $50. Instructor: Maureen McCracken
Feb 22 & 23, 10:00 am to 3:00 pm—NEW! WATERCOLOR NATURE'S TEXTURES. Learn 24+ texture techniques to enliven your watercolor paintings. This is a fun, creative way to add color and texture to paintings. Members, $140; nonmembers $160. Instructor: Frederica Marshall
Feb 24, 10:00 am to 2:30 pm—MYSTERY IN THE GARDENS WRITING RETREAT. Mystery writers receive clues to create a mystery and bring settings to life. Learn about Marie and William Selby, avid nature lovers. Tour the Selby House Cafe & write your own mystery. Instructor Gail Condrick is an award-winning television journalist, author, movement healer, and nature lover. Bring your imagination, pen, & journal. Member, $55; nonmember $65.
Feb 25 & 26, 10:00 am to 3:00 pm—NEW! FOUR SEASONS IN ASIAN LANDSCAPE BRUSH PAINTING. Elegant Asian Landscape Painting features trees, mountains, skies and water. Create four paintings appropriate to each season. Members, $140; nonmembers $160.Instructor: Frederica Marshall.

LITTLE SPROUTS CLUB

Feb 4 & 6, 10:30 to 11:30 am—SUNFLOWERS GALORE. Fun, interactive program for preschoolers and caregivers, exploring the Garden's treasures through children's books. February Book is *Big Yellow Sunflower.* Sprouts Club sessions feature hands-on activities, sensory experiences, and free-play for young children and their families in a fun setting.Snack and story-time begins at 11 a.m., Free play activities open until 11:30 a.m. Members, Free; guests pay normal admission; reciprocals, $10; member guests, $10.

For more information classes or visit the Calendar page at http://www.selby.org or call 366-5731, extension 239.

MOTE MARINE

Feb 5, 2:00 to 5:00 pm—TEA FOR THE SEA 2016. Mote Marine Laboratory's annual high tea event at The Resort at Longboat Key Club, Harbourside Dining Room, 3000 Harbourside Dr., Longboat Key. Celebrate women's leadership in science and philanthropy. Enjoy hors d'oeuvres, engaging speakers and a live auction. Individual Tickets, $150. Sponsorships available. Contact Kate Knepper at (941) 388-4441 ext. 393 or *kknepper@mote.org.*
Feb 17, 4:00 to 5:30 pm—TEEN SCIENCE CAFE: SOME STORIES THE END WELL
Experience amazing individual animal exhibits from the open water Shark Zone exhibit, to the touchable rays and reef animals exhibits, the aquarium offers entertainment & education. Mote Marine Laboratory & Aquarium is an independent, nonprofit 501(c)(3) research organization in Sarasota with field stations in eastern Sarasota County, Charlotte Harbor & the Florida Keys. Open 10:00 am to 5:00 pm daily, 1600 Ken Thompson Parkway in Sarasota. Call 388-4441 or visit www.info@mote.org.

MYAKKA RIVER STATE PARK

Myakka River State Park, located 9 miles east of I-75 at 13208 State Road 72 in Sarasota, is open 365 days a year from 8:00 am until sundown. $6.00 per vehicle (limit of 2-8 people per car); $4.00 per single occupant vehicle. Pedestrians, bicyclists, extra passengers, passengers in vehicles with holder of Annual Individual Entrance Pass $2 per person. Campsites available. Email Biology@MyakkaRiver.org or call 361-6511.

OLD MAIN STREET BRADENTON

Feb 5, 6:00 pm to 9:30 pm & Feb 6, 11:00 am to 4:00 pm—ARTWALK, Enjoy galleries, studios, healing arts, food & music in Village of the Arts, 1113 12th St. W, Bradenton.
3rd Thu each month, 6:00 to 10:00 pm—MAIN STREET LIVE for libations, food, & live music. Call 744-2589.
Saturdays thru May, 9:00 am to 2:00 pm—FARMERS' MARKET. 12th St W, between 3rd Ave W & Manatee Ave W. Call 840-0017 or visit *www.BradentonFarmersMarket.com.*
2nd Sat—CHEF AT THE MARKET. Corner of 4th Ave W and Old Main Street. Free tasting samples.
3rd Sat, 9:00 am to 2:00 pm—MAINLY ART, every third Sat thru May, featuring arts & crafts by local artists & artisans, live music, & more.
4th Sat—FOODIE AT THE MARKET. Showcases local residents who cook using local produce and food products.
Weekly—FAMILY ACTIVITIES. Includes "hands-on" arts, crafts, & education for kids, from scavenger hunts to creation of personalized artwork.

SARASOTA JUNGLE GARDENS

Sarasota Jungle Gardens is located at 3701 Bay Shore Road in Sarasota. Open daily, 10:00 am to 5:00 pm (closed Christmas) Annual Passes available. For events and information, call 355-1112 or visit www.sarasotajunglegardens.com.

HISTORIC SPANISH POINT

Feb 11, Noon to 2:00 pm—DIEGO RIVERA ART LECTURE. Members, $20; nonmembers $25, includes lunch.
Feb 18, 2:00 to 3:00 pm—THE ROSENWALD SCHOOLS
Feb 23, 11:00 am to 1:30 pm—AN ENCHANTED LUNCHEON AT MICHAEL'S ON EAST. Annual fundraising luncheon with all proceeds supporting Historic Spanish Point. Tickets. $95; Patrons $175. Enjoy writer, historian & filmmaker Laurence Cotton, who filmed a documentary, *Designing America,* about Frederick Law Olmstead (known for his design of Central Park and the Biltmore Estate in Ashevolle, NC.) *Luncheon is at Michael's on East, 1212 S. East Ave., Sarasota. Tickets & information, call 966-5214, ext. 2200, email enchantment@historicspanishpoint.org, or purchase online at www.historicspanishpoint.org/enchantment.*
Feb 20, 10:00 to 11:00 am—READ WITH DOGS, Osprey Public Library.
Historic Spanish Point is a 30-acre historical, archaeological, & environmental museum overlooking Little Sarasota Bay at 337 N. Tamiami Trail in Osprey, Florida. Mon thru Sat, 9:00 am to 5:00 pm; Sun noon to 5:00 pm. General admission always free for members; $12 ,nonmember adults and teens; children 5 thru12, $5; $5 guests accompanying members; $2 senior discount. For more information call 966-5214 or visit www.historicspanishpoint.org.

VILLAGE OF THE ARTS

Feb 1, 6:00 pm to 9:30 pm & Feb 2 11:00 am to 4:00 pm—ARTWALK WEEKEND SWEETHEART'S STROLL. Enjoy galleries, studios, shops, healing arts, food & music.
Feb 27, 11:00 am to 4:00 pm—ANNUAL STUDIO TOUR. Tour the studios and meet the artists in the Village. Enjoy demonstrations. Visit *www.villageofthearts.com.*
Village of the Arts, 1113 12th St. W., Bradenton between US 41 & 9th Street W, & 17th Avenue W & 9th Avenue W., Bradenton..

AROUND THE TOWN • February 2016

Performing Arts

ARTIST SERIES CONCERTS

Feb 18, 11:00 am—MIAMI GUITAR TRIO. Enjoy classical guitar compositions at Michael'd on East. $45
Feb 20 & 21, 7:30 pm—ACROPOLIS REED QUINTET-RECITAL SERIES III. Enjoy this passionate performance at Historic Asolo Theater. Tickets $40 to $45.
For information & concert tickets, call 360-7399 or visit www.artistsseriesconcerts.org. Artist Series Concerts of Sarasota, a nonprofit corporation, presents major national & international concerts, opera, orchestral, Broadway, & film performances at the restored Historic Asolo Theater, the Ringling Museum of Art, 5401 Bay Shore Road, and Michael's on East, 1212 S. East Ave, in Sarasota.

ASOLO REPERTORY THEATRE

2015-2016 REPERTORY SEASON

Thru Apr 9—*ALL THE WAY* by Robert Schnekkan, directed by Emily Sophia Knapp is a gripping political drama set in 1964 America, depicting Lyndon Baines Johnson as a masterful politician with ruthless tactics. Mertz Theatre.
Thru Feb 25—*LIVING ON LOVE* by Joe DiPietro, directed by Peter Amster. Enjoy this new comedy filled with passion, flamboyance and romantic intrigue. Mertz Theatre
Thru Apr 10—*AH, WILDERNESS!* by Eugene O'Neill. Romantic comedy set in 1906 New England. Mertz Theatre

2015-2016 CONSERVATORY SEASON

Feb 23 thru Mar 13, 7:30 pm—*MACBETH* by William Shakespeare. Dark, powerful play. Cook Theatre.
For specific show times and tickets, visit www.asolo.org. The Asolo Repertory's Mertz Theatre and FSU/Asolo Conservatory's Cook Theatre are at 5555 N. Tamiami Trail in Sarasota, 351-9010. Actor Training is a three-year Masters of Fine Arts graduate program.

FLORIDA STUDIO THEATRE

Thru May 28—2016 Mainstage Season presents *One Man, Two Guvnors*. Next up is *Butler, Outside Mullingar* and *Alabama Story*, all in FST's Keating and Gompertz stages. Subscription to all four plays only $59. Check website for dates and times.
Thru June 11—Winter Cabaret Season presents *Soul Mates: A Journey to Hitsville*, *Yesterday* iconic songs of the British musical invasion & *Laughing Matters (vol.5) Lock the Gates*, an original musical satire. Subscription to all three plays is only $39. Check website for dates and time.

1241 N. Palm Avenue in Sarasota. For more information or tickets, call the Box Office at 366-9000 or visit www.Floridastudiotheatre.org.

JAZZ CLUB OF SARASOTA

JAZZ AT TWO

- **Feb 5—Kitt Moran Quartet.**
- **Feb 10—Libby York Quartet**.
- **Feb 12—Mac Chrupcala Quartet.**
- **Feb 19—Al Hixon & the Underheard Herd**
- **Feb 26—Eddie Tobin**

Jazz Club Members, $10; nonmembers, $15. Unitarian Universalist Church, 3975 Fruitville Rd., Sarasota
The Jazz Club of Sarasota is located at 330 South Pineapple Ave, Suite 111 in Sarasota, 366-1552. For tickets or information, call 366-1552 or visit www.jazzclubsarasota.org.

KEY CHORALE

Sun, Feb 13, 4:00 pm—Great Choral Masterworks—Bach & Beethoven. Choral splendor, orchestral brilliance and soloistic virtuosity. First United Methodist Church, 104 S. Pineapple Avenue, Sarasota. $35 tickets available online at *www.keychorale.org* and at the Van Wezel box office, 953- 3368.

THE MANATEE PLAYERS

2015-2016 SEASON

Feb 11 thru 28, 2:00 pm Sunday matinees, 7:30 & 8:00 pm evening performances—CHESS. Rock opera about a love triangle with music from ABBA. $27 to $37
Feb 18 thru Mar 6, 2:00 pm Sunday matinees, 7:30 & 8:00 pm evening performances—YANK! A WW II LOVE STORY. Musical featuring swing & big band music. $26
The Manatee Performing Arts Center is located at 502 3rd Ave West in Bradenton. For tickets, call Box Office, 748-5875, or visit www.manateeplayers.com.

MUSICA SACRA CANTORUM

Mar 13, 5.15 pm—MUSIC FROM FILM & TELEVISION. Presented in Cabaret Style by Musica Sacra Cantorum Chorus, Gillespie Hall, Church of the Redeemer Episcopal, 222 S. Palm Avenue, downtown Sarasota. $25 For tickets, call 405-7322 or visit *www.MusicaSacraCantorum.org. Musica Sacra Cantorum is one organization of two choral ensembles. "This is Voices," professionals dedicated to the highest levels of musical artistry join talented, qualified volunteers to comprise Musica Sacra Cantorum Chorus.*

MUNCHTIME MUSICALES (sponsored by Sarasota Concert Accociation)

THE 2015-2016 SEASON
Feb 17—Piano 4 Hands, Sister Team of Lawing & Cook. Free noon-time concerts in a wide variety of musical genres. Beatrice Friedman Symphony Center, 709 N. Tamiami Trail in Sarasota. Open seating, no reservations. Bring your lunch. Call 351-7467 or visit *www.scasarasota.org.*

SARASOTA BALLET

Thru Feb 1, 2:00 & 7:30 pm—BALANCHINE, DE VALOIS & GRAZIANO. Premier of George Balanchine's *Emeralds*, with *The Rake's Progress* and *In a State of Weightlessness.* $35 to $105. For performance tickets call 359-0099 or visit *www.sarasotaballet.org.*
Feb 8, 6:00 pm—Film Series 3 - 25 Years of The Sarasota Ballet. Film clips from past performances of The Sarasota Ballet from the past 25 years. $15 Call 359-0099.
Feb 26, 7:30 pm, Feb 27 & 28, 2:00 & 7:30 pm—SMUIN BALLET. Enjoy San Francisco ballet company known for distinctly American rhythm, speed and syncopation. Gather for lunch at Muse Restaurant (formerly Treviso) at the Ringling Museum of Art before the Sat, Feb 27 or Sun, Feb 28 matinee performance. $20. To RSVP, call Lydia Landa at 941-923-0298. Ballet tickets, $35 to $105. For performance tickets call 359-0099 or visit *www.sarasotaballet.org.*
Feb 29, 6:00 pm—A STERLING AFFAIR. The annual fundraising Gala celebrates The Sarasota Ballet's 25th Anniversary with a memorable Black Tie event featuring a unique performance and delicious dinner at Michael's on East. For tickets and sponsorships, contact Barbara Worth, 225-6510 or email *bworth@sarasotaballet.org.*

The Sarasota Ballet is the Gulf Coast of Florida's first & only professional ballet company. Venue is FSU Center for the Performing Arts, 5555 N. Tamiami Trail, Sarasota.

SARASOTA CONCERT ASSOCIATION

Feb 15, 7:30 pm—MIRO STRING QUARTET
Mar 8, 7:30 pm—RUSSIAN NATIONAL ORCHESTRA featuringStefan Jackiw on violin.

The Sarasota Concert Association (SCA) is a not-for-profit, self-supporting organization. Single ticket and subscriptions available. Visit www.scasarasota.org.

SARASOTA OPERA

Thru Mar 19, **1:30, 7:00 & 7:30 pm—*AIDA*,** by Giuseppe Verdi presented by Sarasota Opera for the first time.(Feb 7 & 20 Matinees)
Feb 2, 9 & 23, 5:00 pm—Meet the Artists, Sarasota Opera House.
Feb 6 thru Mar 12, 1:30 & 7:30 pm—*COSI FAN TUTTE*, by Mozart (Feb 14 & 21 Matinees)
Feb 6, 13 & 27, 5:00 pm—Prelude Dinner at Bijou Cafe before performance.
Feb 13 thru Mar 11, 1:30 & 7:30 pm—*FIDELIO*, by Beethoven.(Feb 28 & Mar 5 Matinees)
Feb 19, Noon—Concerts at Noon, Apprentice Artists perform at Sarasota Opera House.
Feb 27 thru Mar 18, 1:30 & 7:30 pm—*THE BATTLE OF LEGNANO*, by Giuseppe Verdi.(Mar 6 & 12 Matinees)

The Sarasota Opera House is located at 61 N. Pineapple Avenue, Sarasota. For tickets, call 366-8450, email boxoffice@sarasotaopera.org or visit www.sarasotaopera.org.

SARASOTA ORCHESTRA

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Feb 25, 5:30 pm—SPLENDID STRINGS. Debussy's ***String Quartet in G Minor*** & Beethoven's ***Razumovsky, Op. 59, No. 2 in E Minor***. $32. Holley Hall, 709 North Tamiami Trail, Sarasota

MASTERWORKS 4

Feb 4, 5 & 6, 8:00 pm & Feb 7, 2:30 pm—ALL ABOUT MOZART. Music by Brahms ***Variations on a Theme by Haydn,*** Mozart ***Sinfonia concertante in E-flat Major*** & ***Mozart Symphony No. 41 (Jupiter).*** Thu at Neel PAC; Fri, Sat, & Sun at Van Wezel. Tickets from $30.

MASTERWORKS 5

Feb & 20,8:00 pm & Feb 21, 2:30 pm—MAESTRO. Conducting legend Neeme Jarvi leads Sarasota Orchestra at Van Wezel, iperforming Brahms' ***Tragic Overture in D Minor***, Wilhelm Stenhammar's ***Piano Concerto No. 1*** & Richard.Strauss'.***Also.sprach Zarathustra***. Tickets $30.

GREAT ESCAPES 4

Feb 10 & 12, 5:30 pm, Feb 11, 7:30pm & Feb 13, 8:00 pm—A SONG IN MY HEART. *Ain't that Love* by Ray Charles, *I Dreamed a Dream* from *Les Miserables*. Holley Hall.Tickets from $36. *Visit www sarasotaorchestra.org or call 953-3434..*

SPECIAL EVENTS

Feb 27, 7:30 pm—THRILL OF A LIFETIME. Youth Philharmonic performs side-by-side with the professional musicians of the Sarasota Orchestra at Neel PAC. $15.

THE (Sarasota) PLAYERS

Feb 17 thru Mar 6, 2:00 pm matinees and 7:30 pm evening performances—HANDS ON A HARD BODY. Comedy. Tickets $25 to $30

BACKSTAGE AT THE PLAYERS

Feb 3 thru 6, 8:00 pm & Feb 7, 2:00 pm—LOVE, LOSS & WHAT I WORE by Nora & Delia Ephron. Comey $18.

The Players is located at 838 N.Tamiami Trail between 10th Street & Boulevard of the Arts. Call Box Office at 365-2494 or visit www.theplayerstheatre.org.

VAN WEZEL PERFORMING ARTS

Feb 2, 8:00 pm—YANNI. Legendary composer & performer, Yanni returns to the Van Wezel by popular demand.
Feb 4, 7:30 pm—MASTERS OF ILLUSION - BELIEVE THE IMPOSSIBLE. America's largest touring magic show.
Feb 9 thru 12, 8:00 pm; Feb 13, 2:00 pm; Feb 14, 7:00 pm—THE BOOK OF MORMON. New York Times calls it "the best musical of this century."
Feb 17, 2:00 & 8:00 pm—NEIL BERG'S 107 YEARS OF BROADWAY.Favorite songs from Broadway hits.
Feb 18, 8:00 pm—MICHAEL FEINSTEIN & HIS 17-PIECE BAND. Enjoy classics by Gershwin, Porter, Berlin & more.
Feb 23,8:00 pm—PATTI LABELLE sings R&B, soul & pop.
Feb 24, 7:00 pm—MOSCOW FESTIVAL BALLET - CINDERELLA. Classic ballet with score by Prokofiev.
Feb 25, 7:30 pm—THE BEACH BOYS sing hits like *Surfin' USA, I Get Around & California Girls.*
Feb 26, 7:30 pm—VINCE GILL & LYLE LOVETT Americana & country music performance.
Feb 27, 8:00 pm—KRISTIN CHENOWETH sings hits from Broadway and beyond, with new songs and surprises.
Feb 28, 8:00 pm—JOSH GROBAN Special musical event & Gala to support Van Wezel Performing Arts Hall programs. For tickets and information, visit *www.vwfoundation.org/events/gala.*
Feb 29, 8:00 pm—AUSTRALIAN BEE GEES SHOW. Tribute to the Bee Gees.

The Van Wezel box office is located at 777 N. Tamiami Trail, Sarasota. Tickets & information, call 953-3368 or visit www.vanwezel.org.

WEST COAST BLACK THEATRE TROUPE

Thru Feb 20—*MA RAINEY'S BLACK BOTTOM* by August Wilson. Adult tickets $36; Student/Active Military $22.

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JUVENILE DIABETES RESEARCH FOUNDATION (JDRF)

Feb 10, 5:30 pm—Adult Support Group for Type 1 adults meets in coffee shop of Books-A-Million, 6591 S. Tamiami Trail, Sarasota. Free. Call Deanna at 928-2698.
Feb 18, 9:30 am—Cups of Hope. Monthly gathering for T1D adults, parents and loved ones share experience to help make life better. Courtyard Marriott, 8305 Tourist Center Dr, Sarasota (across University from UTC Mall) Free. JDRF, Florida Suncoast Chapter has been active in the Sarasota area for over 20 years. For more information, contact Tammy or *www.jdrf.org.*

SAHIB SHRINERS

BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY DINNER DANCE—Second Tue monthly dinner & dance, 6:00 pm; $17.50/person. Public welcome!
Sahib Bingo—Tue, 11:00 am to 3:00 pm. Public welcome!
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SARASOTA COUNTY BUTTERFLY CLUB

Thru May, 4th Thu every month, 9:30 am. Free and open to the public. Fri mornings work in butterfly gardenis led by Catherine LaBrie.

Located at 1131 Boulevard of the Arts, Sarasota. For more information, visit www.sarasotabutterfly.com.

SARASOTA GARDEN CLUB: OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Sarasota Garden Club, a non-profit charitable organization located at 1131 Blvd. of the Arts, corner US 41 N., bay-side in Sarasota. Open 9:00 am to 1:00 pm, Mon thru Fri; grounds open every day. Call 955-0875 for more information or visit www.sarasotagardenclub.org.

Congregations

CONGREGATION FOR HUMANISTIC JUDAISM

Fri, Feb 5, 7:30 pm—Daughters for Life Scholarship Program at New College. Following Shabbat Service, Sue Jacobson talks about the Daughters for Life Scholarship Program at New College, which selects young women from the Middle East who show potential to become leaders, in the effort to achieve lasting peace. Jacobson will introduce Leen Al Fatafta, New College Class of 2014, from Amman, Jordan & Diana Tarazi, New College Class of 2015, from the Gaza Strip.
Sat, Feb 20, 10:30 am—Victories and the Tough Road Ahead for Civil Rights. Following Shabbat Service, Nadine Smith, CEO of Equality Florida, speaks about civil rights. Smith is a former award-winning journalist turned organizer. She was named one of Florida's "Most Powerful and Influential Women" by the Florida Diversity Council.
Fri, Mar 4, 7:30 pm—Following Shabbat Service, Carol Kaufman presents "George Gershwin – An American Musical Treasure." Listen to and discuss Gershwin compositions that intertwine Tin Pan Alley and Carnegie Hall. Kaufman gives Sarasota Orchestra pre-concert lectures on Longboat Key and Broadway musical theater presentations throughout Sarasota.
Humanistic Judaism combines a human-centered philosophy with a celebration of Jewish culture and identity to meet the needs of humanist, secular Jews and their non-Jewish family members or partners and friends in the greater Sarasota and Manatee areas. CHJ meets at Unity, 3023 Proctor Rd., Sarasota. For more information, call 929-7771 or visit www.chj-Sarasota.org.

CONGREGATION KOL HANESHAMA

Kol HaNeshama, 3145 Southgate Circle in Sarasota, is affiliated with the Reconstructionist Movement, which stems from traditional orientation with a positive value on innovation & change. Call 244-2042 or email office@congkh.org.

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Sun, 10:00 am—CELEBRATION WORSHIP SERVICE
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Wed, 4:00 pm, weekly—WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY
Wed, 5:45—Community Meal
Wed, 7:00—Small Groups
Sun, Mar 6, 1:30 pm—CROP Walk to end hunger. Kennsington AA Group, Narcotics Anonymous (NA), & Gamblers Anonymous (GA) group meetings available. Call 377-6180 for meeting days and times.

St. James United Methodist Church is located right by The Meadows, 2049 N Honore Ave in Sarasota at the corner of Honore and Park Club Dr. For more information about services and other programs, call 377-6180 or visit www.saintjamesumc.org.

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First Fri, 7:00 pm—FAMILY SHABBAT SERVICE
Friday, 7:30 pm—SHABBAT WORSHIP Services. Dessert *onegs* follow all services.
Select Saturdays, 10:30 am—MORNING SERVICES.
Fri , Feb 5, 7:30 pm—*SHABBAT ALIVE!* Musical Shabbat celebration featuring Craig Taubman. All are welcome!

ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

Wed, Feb 3, noon—LUNCH WITH RABBI Glickman, brown-bag lunch & a discussion topic. Dessert provided.
Tue, Feb 9 & 23, 10:00 am—MITZVAH KNITTING & CROCHETING GROUP
Tue, Feb 9, 7:30 pm—AN EVENING WITH STEPHEN FLATOW shares courage & wisdom. Call 371-2788.
Thu, Feb 11, 7:00 pm—THERE'S NO BUSINESS LIKE SHUL BUSINESS. Bay Area Cantorial Association concert.
Fri, Feb 12, 7:30 pm—CHOCOLATE SHABBAT
Fri, Feb 19, 7:30 pm—BRANDEIS SHABBAT
Sun, Feb 28, 5:30 pm—TEMPLE EMANU-EL 60th ANNIVERSARY GALA. All are welcome! Call 232-3026.

Temple Emanu-El is located at 151 McIntosh Road, just south of Fruitville. For more information, please call the Temple office at 371-2788 or log onto www.sarasotatemple.org.

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Sun thru Fri, 8:00 am—DAILY MINYAN
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Sat, 9:00 am—MORNING SERVICES
Sat, 10:30 am—SHABBAT SHABOOM CHILD'S SERVICE
Sat, 10:30 am— YOUTH HAVURAH SATURDAY SERVICE for grades 2 thru 6.

ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

Tue, 9:15 am—"Cup of Joe and Five Books of Mo"
Tue, 1:30 pm—Yiddish Group
Thu, 10:30 am—CHUG IVRI
Wed, Feb 3, 1:15 pm—TAKING A STAND: MY LIFE IN THE LAW, by Alan Dershowitz will be discussed. Call Arlene Hamburger, 921-2554.
Feb 5, 5:30 pm— DR. JONATHAN SARNA, SCHOLAR-IN-RESIDENCE. Dinner, Shabbatt Service and presentation, "Looking Ahead: American Judaism in the 21st Century." $30 for delicious Friday night Shabbat dinner.
Feb 6, 9:00 am Service & Presentation, 12:30 pm Q & A with Dr. Jonathan Sarna—discusses his new book, *Lincoln and the Jews: A History*. Services & programs are free and open to the public.
Feb 6, 13, 20 & 27, 10:30 am—Youth Havurah.
Feb 7, 9:00 am—MEN'S CLUB BREAKFAST & 17th ANNUAL WORLD WIDE WRAP, with Rabbi Michael Werbow discussing "The Mitzvah of T'Fillin." All welcome.
Feb 10, noon—SOPHISTICATED LADIES GO HOLLYWOOD. Lunch & Foxy Lady fashion show,. $45..
Feb 17, 1:15 pm— STREIT'S MATZO AND THE AMERICAN DREAM. Suggested donation $3, members; $5, nonmembers. 1050 S. Tuttle Ave., Sarasota. Call 955-8121, email *knester@templebethsholomfl.org* or visit *www.templebethsholomfl.org.*

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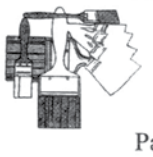

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2 NEW JAMIS CITIZEN HYBRID BIKES: $150 each, also tube adaptors, basket, lock and bike rack available. Call 941-556-9059.

FOR SALE A 3 BY 5 FOOT charcoal gray top table with 4 chairs in good condition. Asking $80.00, if interested call 941-961-5349.

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ITEMS FOR SALE

LANAI SET: ROUND TABLE, 4 matching chairs & lounge. Like new. $200. TREADMILL, Hardly used. $200. MEN'S LEFT-HANDED LYNX GOLF CLUBS: Full set; Metal Woods, Extra Irons, bag and cart. Excellent Condition. $150. CASTRO CONVERTIBLE DOUBLE SLEEPER SOFA. Hardly Used. $200. GLASS TOP COFFEE TABLE. Like New. $100. Phone 941-343-0095.

SERVICES

MOBILE AUTO DETAILING WE COME TO YOU! Professionally serving and satisfying Meadows residents for over 12 years. From washing to detailing, RIDE ON DETAIL, INC. is your company. Meadows residents receive $50.00 off a Full Detail. To schedule an appointment call 941-371-0780 or visit us at www.sarasotaautodetailing.com

DOES YOUR PET NEED CARE when you're not there? I'll provide loving, reliable care, daily/overnights. Walks, feeds, vet appts. Etc. Meadows resident. Experienced. Reasonable rates. Check residents homes too! References. Call Kate 371-6862.

YOU NEED HELP? THIS IS WHAT WE CAN DO! Private care - assistance with personal care and bathing. Housekeeping and laundry service. Specialized activity in the home as well as community outings. Asst. to doctor or any appointments you have. Available day or night. We wish to meet each patient's specific needs! Reference available upon request. 21 years at Kobernick House. Call 941-364-1700.

JONES HANDYMAN SERVICES HOME REPAIRS & REMODELING: Drywall, painting, tile, screening, ceiling fans, minor plumbing, fencing, power washing & more. For all general repairs inside & out! Licensed. 30 Years' experience. Meadows references available. Bill 941-724-0952.

CATERING: Specializing in Cocktail Buffets, freshly made hors d 'oeuvres, and elegant dinner entrees Bar/ and Service. 34 years experience and references in Sarasota. Let me help you enjoy your fabulous party! Call Laura Pruitt your Personal Chef/ Caterer 941-379-8635.

STAY AT HOME HEALTH CARE: There is no place like home! Registered nurse and full time Meadows resident. Medical, non-medical and respite care provider. Rest assured with a professional RN to care for your loved one/family member without expensive agency costs. Outstanding references. Available 24/7. Compassionate, dedicated and committed to ensure the highest quality of care. Canine caregiver too! Call 941-706-1917.

DOG SITTING: In my home. Close-by, reasonable. Call Sue to discuss 378-9321.

SERVICES

IRONING: HOT OFF THE PRESS Pick up/delivery. No more exorbitant dry cleaner rates. Call 941-350-0296.

AUTO DETAILING WE COME TO YOU! Car wash and wax $50.00. To schedule an appointment call 941-371-0780 or visit us at www.sarasotaautodetailing.com

VICTORIA'S GARDEN & COURTYARD LANDSCAPING: Design, installation, and maintenance. Time for a garden clean up? With 17 years of on-site Meadows experience, I can offer a conservative personal touch and a variety of services to meet your needs. Neighborhood references are available. I look forward to meeting you! Victoria (941) 350-2566

HANDY HANDS: Do you need a strong pair of hands? General Handyman here to help! Indoor-Outdoor remodeling, trimming, planting, tree removal, landscaping, gutters and hauling to name a few. Free estimates. No job too Big or too Small. Call Robert Knutsen day or night, 24/7, at 818-917-7562.

CLEANING SERVICES: Window Cleaning: In/Out 1Story $80 House Cleaning: 2bed, 2bath $70. Pressure Wash: driveway $70, roof up to 2500sqft $250. Insured Company. Reliable and Professional Services. Call for Free Estimate 941-264-7822

SHARON'S CLEANING SERVICE: Detailed cleaning at its best. Residential & Commercial. Licensed & insured with 30 years' experience. 941-296-5048 Free Estimates.

COMPLETE IN-HOME CARE: Errands, homemaking, transportation, medication supervision, meal preparation. Also, medical staffing available 24/7. Call 377-4465 for more details or visit or mobile/online website at EldercareSarasota.com. Lisc. #30211372, Bonded and Insured up to 5K.

PLUMBING: Austin Plumbing - Master Plumber with 45 years' experience. Licensed and insured. Backflow certified. Call Wayne @ 320-3986.

SEAMSTRESS: Home Décor Items: Pillows, cornices, drapes, cushions & hems too. Call Sue to discuss 378-9321.

SERVICES

OHIO OWNER OPERATOR PAINTING CONTRACTOR w/35 years' experience. Full time resident and owner in The Meadows. I pay attention to detail. Interior and Exterior painting. Popcorn ceiling and wallpaper removal. Drywall repairs. Insured and Licensed. Michael at 330-827-1636.

AWESOME CAREGIVER: Hospital background, 22 years' experience - dementia, Alzheimer's, light cleaning, transportation to doctor, shopping. 320-4578.

LET ME HELP you have more peace of mind. Errands, transportation, organizing, personal assisting and more. You and your loved ones will enjoy services tailor made to suit your individual needs. Visit me on the web at www.letamyhelp.com or call me today to get started. Amy Zeusler 941-364-8071. Helping your neighbors in The Meadows since 2009. I look forward to hearing from you!

GAIL'S CLEANING SERVICE: 30 years' experience. A few openings left. Free Laundry Service. Only $75.00. God Bless Our Great Country. Please leave message at (941)746-1562.

CLEAN AND SHINY HOMES: Licensed, insured and bonded. Residential, Commercial and Rental cleaning. Reliable, friendly and professional service at competitive prices for over 10 years. Call NOW!!! 941-920-4426.

HESS HOME SERVICES will take care of all your home improvement and repair needs. With over 35 years' of experience there is no job to small. We are licensed and insured. Estimates are always free. Give us a call at 941-306-6026 or 941-809-7734.

FRUSTRATED WITH YOUR COMPUTER, IPAD, Kindle, or Smartphone? Call Dave--The Patient Trainer-- for in-home help with any of your devices. Training, troubleshooting, even help shopping for the right product. Call 941-404-5585 for help from The Patient Trainer.

ARNIE'S HANDYMAN SERVICE: Certified Home Inspector, all phases of home repairs, wholesale distributor of walk-in bathtubs, and no job too small. Call me first 941-993-4023, licensed and insured.

Classified Ads for the MARCH 2016 issue of *The Meadoword* are due

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11

For More Information, Call the MCA Office, 377-2300, or email administration@meadowsca.com

Ads cost $4.00 for ten words and $.10 for each additional word. Submit copy with payment on or before the 13th of the month prior to publication. If the 13th falls on a weekend or holiday, ads are due the previous business day. Deadlines are also moved up to accommodate for Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays and the short month of February.

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SERVICES

ARE YOU SEARCHING FOR SENIOR CARE FROM THE COMFORT OF YOUR OWN HOME? At ElderCare Services Unlimited we offer affordable, in-home Senior Care with Peace of Mind. Whether you are looking for home care for yourself or a loved one, we know that it's about caring, not just healthcare. You can choose services of both medical and non-medical home care. Call or visit us on the web at 941-377-4465/ www.ElderCareSarasota.com for more information. Licensed, Bonded and Insured. Lic# 30211372.

COMPUTER TECH SUPPORT: Hardware and software problems solved. Upgrades, networks, Internet, malware removal, data recovery, etc. A+, Network+, certs, telephone, A/V issues. Navy trained electronics tech. Vet. Phone 941-225-0046.

PET CARE: Giving lots of love and attention to your furry one while you're away. Daily visits to your home or overnight in my home, dog walks, vet visits, pet/personal errands. Also providing transportation to doctor, grocery store, groomer, pick up after medical procedures and other miscellaneous needs. Great rates! Bonded & Insured. Debbie 284-5088.

TAX PREPARATION BY CPA. Meadows resident. Will make house calls. 941-379-6400.

SERVICES

PAINTER/CLASSIC HANDYMAN: Specializing in all phases of interior/exterior painting for your home. Handyman for all those "little jobs". Insured, living in The Meadows. Call Phil 941-400-1071.

CERTIFIED VETERINARY ASSISTANT Animal care: Pet sitting, feeding, walking. Experience with Dogs, Cats, Birds, Rabbits, Turtles, Fish, Guinea Pigs and Hedgehog. Flexible hours. Meadows resident 25 years. Please call Nancy at (941) 685-0248.

DONNA'S HOUSECLEANING & HOMEMAKING: 12 years in Meadows. New openings. 928-1889.

WINDOW & PRESSURE CLEANING: Frank, from Nick's Block 5 is a local teacher. He and his staff specialize in Residential Window Cleaning and Pressure Cleaning Services. New service…Low Pressure Roof Cleaning. Call for your free estimate today! 941-538-8072.

CLEANING BY JENNIFER: Honest, reliable service with references in The Meadows. 822-5733

BUDGET and keep your financial freedom. Free consultation and in-home appointments. Contact: Leonard Schimberg at lschimberg@verizon.net or call 941-224-9750.

SERVICES

ARNIE'S SCREENING SERVICE: Rescreening all types of enclosures. Pool cages, patios, lanais, windows and doors. Using only quality materials. No job too large or small. For free estimate call 941-993-4023.

HOUSECLEANING PLUS STEAMCLEAN FLOORS: affordable cleaning most 2BR/2BA basic cleaning $70.00 plus steam clean floors with every visit. For reliable, professional service call Carla 941-894-9262.

SEAMSTRESS: Experienced seamstress, reasonably priced, excellent work. Call Lois at 907-0177.

PAINTING: Interior and Exterior. Low prices, local references; insured. Call Walter 524-4477.

GARDENS BY ALLISON: 2014 MEADOWS BEST KEPT AWARD WINNER! GARDEN MAKE-OVERS AND CLEAN-UP! Do you need an extra set of hands? Let us help with your garden make-over, garden clean-up and maintenance, courtyards, patio, lanai, pots? No job is too small. Call 941-400-0431.email: gbyallison@yahoo.com, website: www.gardensbyallison.com

CLASSIC CLEANING BY COCOA: Meadows resident, 30 years' experience, bonded & licensed, references. Please call Cocoa 377-2538.

UNCLUTTER YOUR GUTTERS: Keep your roof looking new. I can do that for you. I have a home in the Meadows too. Call Mike 377-2538.

TILE-TILE-TILE: Professional ceramic & porcelain tile installation and sales. Free estimates, many Meadows references. Call Neil 726-3077.

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SERVICES

NOTARY SERVICES-Will, PoA, Etc., Wedding Officiant. Meadows resident comes to you. 941-870-9819.

WANTED TO RENT

PERFECT TENANTS-Retired, professional couple looking to rent in The Meadows for March 2016. No pets, non-smokers, clean, neat, etc. Call (845) 926-2893 or email wrp233@aol.com

LOOKING TO RENT: A 1 or 2 bedroom unit for either February or March, anywhere in The Meadows. Please call Diane at 607-754-3640 with details if you have something available.

LOOKING FOR: 1BD/1BA unfurnished, 1st floor condo in The Meadows. Annual/Long-term lease. Call Donna 262-565-8915.

WANTED: 2BR/2BA for January and February 2017. Presently renting in The Meadows looking for next year. Call Jerry 617-905-3290.

WANTED: ANNUAL UNFURNISHED VILLA 2/2. Professional semi-retired couple, married 45 years. No kids, no smoke, no pets. Maybe long term. Currently renting large single family home near Meadows. Time to downsize. 11 year full time Sarasota resident. Contact Bob Brilliant at 941-321-0814 or email at sarahotel@verizon.net.

GOING AWAY FOR THE SUMMER OR A LONG WEEKEND? BE SURE TO LET MEADOWS SAFETY PATROL KNOW. CALL 809-0084.

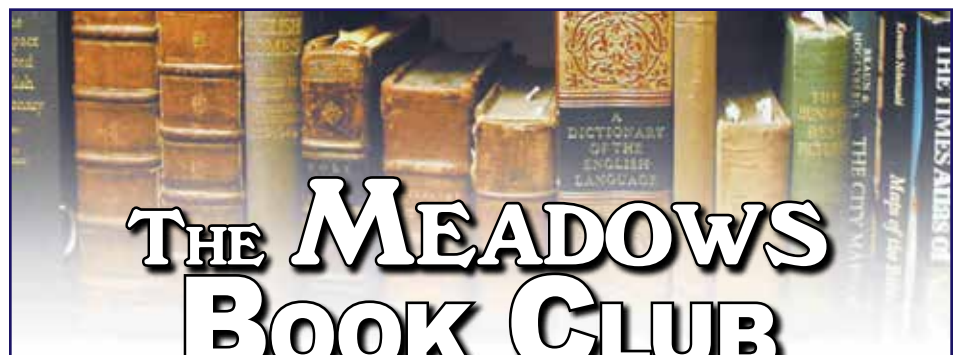
The Meadows Memorial Garden

with its serene, natural setting…

is the perfect place to memorialize your loved ones. Any Meadows' resident, past or present, can have an engraved, granite plaque placed on the Memorial Wall.

To find out more about the Garden or to order a plaque, contact:

The **Meadows Community Association, 941.377.2300**, or email **mca@meadowsca.com**



The Meadows Book Club

New Titles for 2015-2016

(Meets on 2nd Wednesday of the month at 2:00 pm at the MCA)

Administration	Priscilla Schlegel	341-0434	pschlegel@comcast.net
Luncheon	Caryl Magnus	378-5055	carylmagnus@verizon.net

Date	Title and Author	Leader
	—2016—	
Feb 10	***The Invention of Wings*** by Sue Monk Kidd	Cindy Kodish
Mar 9	***Luncheon & New Book Selections*** (11:30)	
Apr 13	***The Warm of Other Suns*** by Isabel Wilkerson	Karen Rush
May 11	***The Birth House*** by Ami McKay	Charles LaSalle

The Meadoword

Community Events—All Events are at the MCA Community Center unless noted otherwise

Assembly of Property Owners

February 17, 2016 • 7:00 pm

The presentation is the first in a
SERIES OF FORUMS
on MAINTENANCE and other CONCERNS
of associations and homeowners

Please remember to **RETURN YOUR BALLOTS** by **MARCH 7**
for MCA Board of Directors to the MCA

DELEGATES—SIGN-IN ON ARRIVAL
Open to all Meadows residents. Coffee and Cookies provided

2016
Thu, Feb 25
3:00 pm

Miracle of the White Stallion
Herrmann's Royal Lipizann Stallions
Meet at the MCA parking lot at 1:30 pm $5 at the gate
Bring a comfortable chair or seat on the bleachers at the site.

2016
Mon, Feb 15
3:00 pm

The Story of John and
Mable Ringling
Presented by Ron McCarty
MCA Community Center

2016 PHOTO SHOW
FEBRUARY 26-28
10:00 AM – 4:00 PM
MCA Community Center
2004 Longmeadow

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	MAH JONGG 9:00 am MEMOIRS 10:00 am SAFETY 2:00 pm **1**	RESTRICTIONS 3:00 pm **2**	CRAFTS 9:00 am INVOLVEMENT 10:00 am BRIDGE 12:30 pm **New/Revised Ads Due** **3**	**4**	PILLOWS 9:00 am PHOTO RECEIVING 9:00 am-4:00 pm BRIDGE 12:30 pm **CR Ads and Editorial Due** **5**	PHOTO RECEIVING 9:00 am-4:00 pm **6**
7	MAH JONGG 9:00 am **8**	**9**	CRAFTS 9:00 am BUDGET 10:00 am BOOK CLUB 2:00 pm MAINTENANCE 2:30 pm **10**	BLOOD DRIVE 7:00 am -1:00 pm BOARD OF DIRECTORS 1:00 pm **Classifieds Due** **11**	PILLOWS 9:00 am BRIDGE 12:30 pm **12**	**13**
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February

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