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A Year of Change and Challenge

It is hard to believe that my first year as President of the MCA is coming to a close. What a year it has been!

We formed several new committees to help get the strategic plan, which was approved in 2016, put into action. What have those committees achieved so far?

- The volunteer committee led by **Bruce Ferretti** was formed to encourage more Meadows residents to get actively involved in our community. As a result of this effort, more than 60 new volunteers signed up for their choice of committees and have been helping with specific projects.
- A new activities committee, at first chaired by **Bob Clark** and now chaired by **Marilyn Maleckas**, is key to planning for the proposed amenities center and is responsible for some of the programs that are bringing new life into our community.

• Marilyn Maleckas also heads the new community involvement team, which coordinated The Meadows' participation in the 2017 World Rowing Championships at Benderson Park last September.

• To help focus our communications in the community, we formed a new communications team to work with our staff. Together, they have done a great job of creating and sharing a series of articles that highlight individuals and associations in The Meadows who are enthusiastically engaging in the Renaissance Plan by improving their homes. The communications committee also suggested expanding our electronic messaging and developed a policy to guide our digital media communications.

• We renamed the restrictions committee, now standards, to emphasize the work this team does in setting standards for our community's appearance. Under the guidance of Bob Clark, the standards committee recognizes individuals who improve and maintain their properties, and it assures that all residents abide by the rules and standards of The Meadows.

• The new personnel committee under my direction has developed new staff performance review policies and reviewed many of our personnel and salary policies.

It was fortuitous that we had this infrastructure in place when the country club management approached us in August. They reported that the proposed deal to sell the rezoned land adjacent to the clubhouse and plans to construct 180 units there had collapsed. They said they were considering a new deal with the same developer that would include the sale of all the assets of the club and involve as many as 520 additional units.

Notes From the President's Desk

Claire Coyle—MCA President

We agreed to work with the club and the developers and to approve the use of the units, contingent upon their agreeing to work within all our covenants and agreeing that nothing would be constructed without our approval. They also agreed to give us \$1 million for a new activities center for the community.

We already had our strategic plan in place and our work teams ready when the club and the MCA agreed that this new agreement was not quite right. We had built a solid working relationship with the club and were able to quickly take the direction we got from the community to protect our green space.

The executive committees of the club and the MCA meet regularly to develop a vision for the future that secures the finances of the club while protecting the finances of the MCA. This future vision includes offering new and upgraded amenities and activities to both club members and residents, and it includes enhancing the appearance of the entire Meadows property. It has all become a part of our Renaissance Plan, the master plan for our unique community that builds on all

our resources, including The Meadows Country Club, Aviva—Campus for Senior Living, The Meadows Shopping Village and Tarpon Point Nursing and Rehabilitation.

While we are hard at work on developing the Plan, the Renaissance is already happening. Individual home owners and condo associations are revitalizing their landscaping. Several associations have installed new lighting or are in the process of doing so. Pavers are replacing asphalt drives and trucks transporting staff and materials of roofers, painters and renovation teams can be seen on nearly every block. Aviva hosted several events at the MCA, and the MCA has conducted programs at Aviva and the country club, to which all residents were invited.

You can feel the excitement in the air. More residents are joining in and enjoying community events, and we are creating new events. We have made a beginning and are positioned to move ahead in 2018. The Meadows is a wonderful place to live, and with the support and participation of more and more community members, it just keeps getting better.

The Meadows Community Association

Vision—*To be known as a well-maintained, welcoming, safe community with up-to-date housing, activities, and services designed to meet the needs of all residents*

Mission—*To preserve the property values, ambiance, and vitality of our community*

Strategies—*Formulate a plan to modernize housing stock Coordinate with the club on its redevelopment effort and explore opportunities to expand activities offered by MCA*

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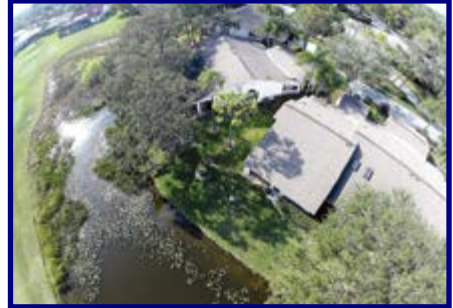


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Safety

Prevention is the best protection

John Spillane—Chair

Incidents up in January 2018 from December 2017

During the month of January, there were 74 reported incidents, 19 more than in December 2017. There were 3 incident-free days. The Safety Patrol issued 176 citations for various violations such as illegally parked vehicles, garbage violations, and open garage doors.

Petit Theft—the Grinch, still roaming the neighborhood

On January 2, a resident of Greenbelt Yard reported that sometime between December 19 and 20, person(s) unknown removed several Christmas ornaments from the Meadowlake Association sign on Glebe Farm Road near Meadowlake Court. A four-foot lighted reindeer and a four-foot, lighted sleigh containing three lighted gift boxes were taken. The value of the items was estimated at \$75.

Auto burglars on one-day binge “break-ins” of unlocked vehicles

On January 24 at 3:31 am, a newspaper delivery person reported an unknown subject going through cars in the 5300 block of Myrtlewood in Somerset. The subject(s) then left the area in an unknown vehicle. Meadows Safety Patrol and the Sarasota County Sheriff’s Office responded and discovered four unlocked vehicles had been entered and rummaged through.

On January 24 at 10:14 am, three separate residents from the 5300 block of Myrtlewood in Somerset reported that person(s) unknown entered their unlocked vehicles and rummaged through the interior.

Petit theft—delivered package removed from door step

On January 29, a resident of Willow Green reported that person(s) unknown removed a package from the front doorstep that was confirmed as delivered on Saturday, January 27 at 12:44 pm.

Unlocked car doors still a big target in The Meadows—despite all warnings

You can see from these brief incident reports The Meadows had seven car break-ins in one night in the Myrtlewood section. Just two months ago, there were nine car break-ins in the Glebe Farm Road

area.

Despite all the warnings given throughout the year about leaving vehicles unlocked overnight, it appears that many of our residents are not paying attention. These seven vehicles broken into in the Somerset section of Myrtlewood were all targeted because the car doors were unlocked.

Thieves like these come into communities like ours overnight and start trying car doors to see which ones open—and apparently they are having great success doing it. They don’t want to break glass or make other noise to gain access into these vehicles. If the car door they try is locked, they just move on to the next one.

It’s possible these are the same individuals, and they know they have easy targets in The Meadows.

Don’t let your vehicle be broken into by these thieves. Just take the opportunity away and lock your car doors overnight!



Be proactive!

The Sarasota Sheriff’s Office asks the Safety Committee to remind Meadows residents that crimes like these can be prevented if citizens take a proactive approach to protecting their valuables.

Follow these top five common-sense tips to prevent vehicle burglaries:

1) **Keep windows closed and doors locked.** The majority of local vehicle burglaries involve unlocked cars, and these crimes wouldn’t occur if car doors didn’t open.

2) **Hide your valuables.** Stash your items out of sight, preferably in a locked trunk. Even criminals know to check the glove box, under a towel, or beneath the seat.

3) **Install a retractable cover to hide your valuables.** If you have an SUV or another model with an open cargo area, install a retractable, fitted cover to keep items safely hidden.

4) **Stow your items before you park.** Experienced thieves stake out parking lots and watch for people who put items in their trunks.

5) **Trust your instincts.** Avoid parking in unlit or overly concealed areas. If you see a suspicious person,

NEXT MEETING of the
Safety Committee
March 5, 2:00 pm, MCA
All residents encouraged to attend

tell security or contact local law enforcement.

Meadows Safety Patrol’s legal authority...

Sometimes at the Safety Committee meetings, we get questions about what The Meadows uniformed Safety Patrol can and can’t do as far as legal authority goes. ***Can they write summonses for speeding?*** And, ***Can they make an arrest?*** And so on.

Well, the answer to those two questions is “no.” Meadows safety guards are not state-certified law enforcement officers.

Police officers and security guards share a major common purpose—to protect the public and/or its property

However, there are differences between the two occupations.

The basic role of security guards is to protect the property and people of the community that employs them.

Public police officers are sworn to protect all people and property, and they are authorized to enforce the laws of the city and county where they are employed.

While security guards do have the power to apprehend and detain non-violent suspects, only police officers can serve arrest warrants and make legal arrests.

So, fundamentally, the job duties and responsibilities of security guards are not the same as those of peace officers or police officers.

Security guards are in the prevention business

It is their job to act as deterrents to crime, to watch for impending danger, and to report crimes they may encounter.

Recently, a resident questioned the need for a Safety Patrol here in our community. “If all they do is write tickets for garbage violations, who needs ‘em?” Well, most of us who have lived here for any length of time know that the Safety Patrol does a lot more than write tickets for garbage violations. They handle a multitude of incidents on a daily basis. Some routine, some not so routine.

Last year, the Safety Patrol handled 440 incidents. There are 40 or so different categories of incidents ranging from animal complaints to home burglaries and everything in between. They are usually the first responders to any

event here and can quickly ascertain if additional emergency response is needed from the Sheriff’s Office or Sarasota Fire Department.

The Meadows Safety Patrol officers are an added measure of security for us in The Meadows

They give our residents peace of mind and they look out for you. They are on patrol 24/7 and are a major deterrent to the criminal element; they’re not just driving past your house or condo to wave as they go by. What you might not see during their patrol is when they observe a car or person who is out of place or something else that doesn’t seem quite right; they investigate to find out why that person or vehicle is in The Meadows. They do everything in their limited power to discourage individuals or vehicles that don’t belong here. And they often get verbal abuse and physical threats in the process.

I’ve noticed from their reports there is an increase in suspicious activity of non-resident individuals and vehicles wandering around. When a Safety officer questions an individual who doesn’t belong here or follows a suspicious vehicle, they deter potential criminal activity.

If you think that something or someone doesn’t belong here, call Safety and express your suspicions. They will check it out for you. And, if you are not sure if you should call the Sheriff’s Office about a particular incident, call Safety; they’ll know what to do.



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Schemes, Scams and Cons...

And how they try to take your money!

John Spillane—Safety Committee Chair

Tax season is officially here, which also means—tax fraud season

It's a time when tens of millions of people become more susceptible to having their personal information stolen and being scammed out of money. The risk may be even bigger this year since just months ago, we saw one of the largest data breaches ever of personal information—the Equifax hack. That is exactly the kind of data that criminals use to commit tax refund fraud and other kinds of tax scams—the most common, when someone files for a refund in your name.

And if they don't already have your personal information, criminals often try to get it through email or phone scams, pretending to be the IRS. For example, they may tell you to access their website to get a refund or tell you you're being fined or are under investigation. If you should get such a call, don't believe it.

The IRS has warned taxpayers about such scams for years.



And if you get a phone call from someone claiming to be an IRS agent, just hang up

From October 2013 to January 2017, more than 10,000 victims collectively paid over \$54 million as a result of phone scams. Don't be fooled by surprise phone calls by criminals impersonating IRS agents with threats or promises of a big refund if you provide them with your private information.

Let's put it this way, if you're really surprised to get a call from the IRS, it almost certainly isn't really the IRS. The IRS always initially contacts taxpayers by mail.

The IRS also combats fraud by delaying refunds for certain types of claims

Besides warning taxpayers about scams, the IRS also tries to combat fraud by delaying refunds for people who claim the Earned Income Tax Credit or the Additional Child Tax Credit, says Nathan Rigney, a tax research analyst at the Tax Institute at H&R Block. "Because those credits are target-rich for tax identity thieves,

this allows the IRS to match the information on those returns to W-2s," he explains.

According to the IRS, the earliest those refunds will be issued this year is mid-February. "The IRS expects the earliest Earned Income Tax Credit or the Additional Child tax credit-related refunds to be available in taxpayer bank accounts or on debit cards starting on February 27, 2018, if they chose direct deposit and there were no other issues with the tax return," the agency said earlier this month.



Grandparents Scam—it's still here

I have written about this scam often in *The Meadoword*. And when I do, it's because someone in this community reported that it actually happened to them.

Last month, another of our residents, who is a grandfather, received a phone call from a scammer pretending to be his grandson. The con artist said he crashed his car on the way to the airport and was in jail. He then said he had a lawyer but needed \$12,000 to get out of jail. And, of course, he asked Grandpa not call his parents.

Luckily, Grandma knew a scam when she heard one and put a quick stop to it by getting Grandpa to verify with his real son before proceeding further. She then contacted the Sarasota Sheriff's Office to report the crime and gave them the number listed on her caller ID.

I love happy endings. In this case, a savvy senior outwitted a slimy scammer—and saved the bacon!

Virtual kidnapping

Scammers and con artists keep inventing and reinventing ways to steal your money. They test new cons everyday, so it seems.

The hottest new scam is virtual kidnapping

Never heard of it? It's a new one to me too.

Scammers are terrifying people and separating them from their hard-earned money. But no kidnapping actually occurs. Here's how it works.

A person claiming to be an emergency professional, like a supposed paramedic or nurse, calls you on the telephone and convinces you that your grandchild is in peril

and will be killed unless your bank wires a large sum of money via Western Union. A conspiring person, using a phony accent to sound like a stereotypical Hollywood gangster, takes over the conversation in a profane, heated, threatening manner.

These calls are random, and the callers have no clue who they are actually calling. They are so skilled at the game, it doesn't matter. They just dial. And, more often than not, they get the money during the 20- to 30-minute, terrifying phone call.

How to protect yourself

Just like I always remind you to do with all suspicious calls, just hang up and call the Sheriff's Office.

Real emergency professionals would never participate in that type of call. The con artists count on creating panic or confusion to scare you.



Wanted dead or alive?

I get phishing emails quite a bit, and I'm sure most of you do, too. Phishing emails are all pretty much the same. First of all, the senders don't know your name and second, the grammar used sounds childish or like broken English.

The email usually starts with "Dear Sir or Madam," "Hello Friend," or so forth. After you read a convoluted story, the basic premise claims the sender will put a lot of money into your bank account if you send your banking information.

We all should be tired of that one by now, right? But wait; there's more!

Yikes! There's a contract on my head?

I recently got one that gave me pause. To begin, the sender's name was Bob Mathews, which sounds like a real person you might know. And it used my complete name, spelled correctly. Then it went on to tell me there is a contract out on my life by a person I have offended.

The writer had received orders "to remove me," but felt he should give me a chance because the order might be unfair. And, his fee to let me live was only \$2200 in bitcoin.

Bitcoin? What?

Maybe you have heard of it; maybe not. But, bitcoin is a type of digital currency where encryption techniques are used to regulate the generation of units of currency and

verify the transfer of funds, operating independently of a central bank. It's a hot commodity among speculators and can be used for online transactions between individuals.

Well, I guess I am a dead man walking because I don't have a clue where to get bitcoin. My bank in The Meadows Shopping Village couldn't help me out either because they don't deal in cryptocurrency.

I was curious where this ransom threat came from and was able to trace it back to a Russian server—a "Russian Bot" (robot)—but could not get any further information beyond that.

Sold on the Dark Web

(Dark Web—noun

The part of the World Wide Web that is only accessible by means of special software, allowing users and website operators to remain anonymous or untraceable.)

I suspect my real name and primary email address, along with other personal information was stolen along with information of 145 million other clients in the big Equifax breach last year and sold for pennies in bulk sale on the Dark Web.

State-sponsored criminals regularly buy stolen personal information on the so-called Dark Web, security experts say. The black market sites where this information is sold are far more exclusive than black markets where stolen credit card data is sold.

It's just another type of phishing attempt

Ransom emails to companies and corporations are prevalent these days, but this is the first time I've seen or heard of an email in The Meadows directed specifically at one individual.

If you should receive a threatening email demanding ransom for any reason—please—don't worry about it. No one is going to "remove" you. Just send it on to me, and I will see it gets to the appropriate law enforcement.

The Safety Guy is looking out for you!

If you know of any scams to report or need information about them, email me at...

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Take a BITE Out of Crime!



Assembly Committee

Mike Mazur—Chair

The February Assembly of Property Owners meeting was very informative, generating lively discussion and good questions

Pat Trefz, founder and owner of OPi (Outside Productions, international), shared information on the OPi approach to projects. With wonderful images of its work, he provided inspiration and ideas for outdoor beautification projects for individual properties and communities in The Meadows.

Please join us at the next Assembly program at 4:00 pm, Wednesday, March 21 for Lighting the Way to the Future—Trends in Outdoor Lighting

Chris Wilson of Frontier Lighting and a representative of Owens Electric will present information on trends and new products for outdoors. Come and learn about the latest in LED lighting for security and decorative purposes, effective signage lighting, and the issues involved with underground wiring

replacement. As always, we plan these programs with a presentation segment, but the real gems often come from sharing questions, answers and ideas.

New person-to-person Q & A format at March 21 Assembly

We are introducing something new at the March Assembly meeting —our person-to-person segment. This new format will give attendees a chance to ask for advice, referrals and other resources regarding an issue or a project and get feedback from other participants in the audience. Come prepared with your specific questions and see if someone in the audience will be able to help.

We round out our program year with informative presentations about emergency preparedness and off-season planning and preparations at the April Assembly meeting. At the May meeting, MCA President **Claire Coyle** presents the Year in Review.

Welcome, new Assembly Executive Committee members **Paul Easley** and **Nancy Harris**. We are so pleased to have you as part of our planning team!

Our Executive Committee members and I always welcome your ideas and input. Do you have ideas for our 2018—2019 programs? Email me: mjmaz0604@gmail.com.

See you March 21st!



Assembly of Property Owners March 21, 4:00 pm

“Trends in Outdoor Lighting”
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and a representative of Owens Electric
at the MCA Community Center

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New advertiser ads and changes to existing ads are due the 5th of the month. Camera-ready ads are due the 7th of the month. Contracts, renewals, and payments must be received by the 7th of the month, PRIOR TO placement of ads. MCA columns are due the 10th of the month. Articles and other submissions are due the 7th of the month. Classified ads are due the 13th of the month. **Deadlines that fall on a weekend or holiday are moved to the previous business day.** Ad deadlines may be moved up to accommodate for holidays, short months (like February), or extenuating circumstances that may impact production. This Schedule is subject to change.

2018 Issue	New Ads, Ad Changes & Builds	CR Ads, Articles & Submissions	Contracts & Payments	MCA Columns	Classifieds
MAY	Thu, Apr 5	Fri, Apr 6	Fri, Apr 6	Tue, Apr 10	Fri, Apr 13
JUN	Fri, May 4	Mon, May 7	Mon, May 7	Thu, May 10	Fri, May 11
JULY	Tue, Jun 5	Thu, Jun 7	Thu, Jun 7	Fri, Jun 8	Wed, Jun 13
AUG	Thu, Jul 5	Fri, Jul 6	Fri, Jul 6	Tue, Jul 10	Fri, Jul 13
SEP	Fri, Aug 3	Tue, Aug 7	Tue, Aug 7	Fri, Aug 10	Mon, Aug 13
OCT	Wed, Sep 5	Fri, Sep 7	Fri, Sep 7	Mon, Sep 10	Thu, Sep 13
NOV	Fri, Oct 5	Fri, Oct 5	Fri, Oct 5	Wed, Oct 10	Fri, Oct 12
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*Dates have been moved up to accommodate for February, Thanksgiving, and Christmas holidays as well as extenuating circumstances that may impact production



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- MCA columns, FRI, MAR 9
- Articles & submissions,
FRI, MAR 9
- Letters to the Editor, due
FRI, MAR 9

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MCA Reception Desk**

- Classifieds, TUE, MAR 13
- For more information,
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What's Happening?

MCA Annual Report—Part II

Frances Rippondi—MCA Manager

As I leave the Operations Manager position and assume the role as General Manager, I want to take the opportunity to thank all of you who have offered your kind words and support...

It has truly meant a lot to me.

Much has been said about the Renaissance of The Meadows and I am excited to be a part of the community's drive towards a new vision. **Claire Coyle** has playfully pronounced me the "Queen of the Renaissance" but I know that no successful queen works alone and that if it weren't for a supportive Board and the "MCA Court"—**Carlene Cobb, Lisa Compton, Kathy Gibson, Kenny Gindlesberger, Randy Mullenax, Kirby Rolfe** and **Sandy Truman** nothing would be possible. They are an amazing, supportive team who are talented, dedicated and work extremely hard to make The Meadows run smoothly on a day-to-day basis. Without them we would all be at a loss as they seem to effortlessly serve the community, the committees and the board. (For this I thank them.)

Meadows residents' roles

With that being said it is you who will be playing the most important role in the renaissance of the community. You are currently doing just that, and it certainly shows. As we have now moved into season and the snowbirds have been back for the winter, we have seen a significant increase



Photo credit: Carlene Cobb

in architectural applications. This increase (coupled with the year-round residents who continually make improvements) enhances and supports the fundamental meaning of the Renaissance.

The way I see it, the architectural applications are the bricks and mortar to building the foundation of the entire Renaissance of The Meadows. These applications indicate that people are freshening up their home's exteriors by landscaping and painting. Driveways are being repaired or replaced with new pavers. This is happening not only in single-family homes but also condominiums and homeowners associations.

However, if you're not ready to take on a new project just yet, March is a great time to assess and plan for what needs to be done for spring and summer. So take a look around, grab a notebook, make a

few notes and create a plan.

Check out your home's exterior

- Do your roof, walls, driveways or sidewalks need to be pressure washed?
- How are the fascia, soffits and gutters?
- Is there mildew growing on walls?
- Take a look at your landscape. Could it benefit from expert advice?
- Is the irrigation system working properly?
- Does the lawn need to be treated for weeds?
- Are the shrubs too tall or leggy?
- Is the lawn routinely being mowed and edged?
- Do the landscape beds need to be mulched?

Or, could your house and landscape benefit from some expert advice? Oftentimes, professionals will come out for free and provide suggestions that will point you in the right direction.

It's not just the big improvements that contribute to the increase in property values but the simple everyday maintenance routines that keep the community moving forward. Therefore, whether you are actively renovating your property, planning for your next project, making repairs or simply continuing to maintain your property, you are the force behind creating the new look of The Meadows.

Again, I thank you and look forward to working with such a great community.



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21 feet & under	\$220.00	\$137.50	\$82.50	\$55.00	\$27.50	\$5.50/day
Over 21 feet	\$297.00	\$181.50	\$110.00	\$82.50	\$38.50	\$7.70/day

Rates are determined by size only—no distinction is made for the type of vehicle (for example, boat, RV, truck or trailer). All locked parking requires a key deposit of \$25.00 (refunded when the key is returned)

Emergency Prep

Meets every month on the second TUESDAY in Hurricane Season, 1:30 pm, at the MCA Community Center
The next meeting is **Tuesday, April 10**
All residents encouraged to attend

THE MCA PRESIDENTS COUNCIL

Monday, March 26
10:30 am to 1:00 pm
MCA Community Center

Topics to Discuss:

Renaissance at the Community Association Level

Water and Wildlife Committee and its role in The Meadows

Association Presidents Only
Please **RSVP** to the MCA by noon
Friday, March 23
Call 377-2300

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The future of The Meadows is a springtime vision of growth and rebirth—a renaissance

In the last issue of *The Meadoword*, MCA President **Claire Coyle** described the vision for the future of The Meadows as a renaissance—a rebirth for our beautiful community. This vision includes the desire to bring what The Meadows offers to its residents in line with what some of the newer developments are utilizing to encourage people to move into their communities. One of the important aspects of this project will be your input into what you would like The Meadows to look like in one, five, ten or more years in the future.

The MCA Board has given its support to this project but there is another aspect to the effort that is just as important. It is the effort each of us makes around our individual homes and HOAs to keep our properties looking good so prospective homebuyers will continue to consider this a premier place to live.

It's a good time of year to look at your landscaping

Make certain your lawn's appearance adds to the value of your home and your neighborhood. A bad lawn can negatively affect the value of your property as much as peeling paint and other exterior problems. If you don't know what to do about a lawn problem, a lawn service can advise you—and some of their services can be obtained at a very reasonable cost.

Anything you do this spring to improve the curb appeal of your property will likely increase the attractive look of our whole community and the potential for more families to join us living here

Architectural Review Approved Applications

5394 Everwood Run
5040 Marsh Field Rd
4844 Marshfield Rd
3390 Highlands Bridge Rd
4824 Marsh Field Rd
4832 Greencroft Rd
2402 Arborfield Sq
3113 Longmeadow
2917 Sandringham
3870 Lyndhurst Ct
5237 Marsh Field Ln
1903 Dalecroft
4626 Glebe Farm Rd
4648 Glebe Famr Rd
Weybridge Condo Assn
5325 Everwood Run
Sandleheath Condo Assn
Huntingwood Condo Assn
3316 Sandleheath
4803 Winslow Beacon
5214 Marsh Field Ln
Pipers Waite Condo Assn
4769 Ringwood Meadow
3072 Highlands Bridge Rd
3408 Highlands Bridge Rd
4758 Ringwood Meadow
5150 Marsh Field Ln
4533 Highland Oaks Cir
3562 Ferndell
4277 Highlands Bridge Rd
Stratfield Park HOA

in The Meadows.

Many of our neighbors have already supported this effort by replacing driveways, painting homes and updating landscaping. If you are planning an improvement to add beauty to your home and neighborhood, please remember to submit your plans in an architectural review application to the MCA for approval before starting your project.

Thank You

If you live in Florida, you live with alligators -- it's a simple FACT of NATURE!

A good Rule of Thumb is...

"Where there's water, there's an alligator!"

Remember, they lived here first; we came later. Respect their existence and give them their space.

For more information about alligators, visit edis.ifas.ufl.edu/uw230



MHOA

Congratulations to new and reelected board members!

Jan Lazar

The MHOA annual meeting was held at The Meadows Country Club on February 27. As usual, **Sandy Diaz** did a great job of planning an enjoyable evening. Dinner was great! Thanks again to Sandy.

During the business meeting, President **Tom Pound** conducted the annual board election. **Vic Reiling** and **Bill Wilson** were reelected to the MHOA board. **Paul Easley**, **Jan Murray**, and **Kent Simons** are new MHOA board members. Congratulations, all and welcome to new members.

The treasurer's report was **Jeff Olesen's** final report as treasurer, and everyone expressed appreciation for his work. Tom then went over the status of the ongoing work being done by The Meadows Community Association and The Meadows Country Club to take steps to maintain our green space and assure future financial stability for the community as a whole.

Tree planting to honor Dr. Shannon's service

MHOA is sponsoring a tree planting in **Dr. Shannon's** name to recognize his service and impact in the community. Outgoing board member **Sue Pound** coordinated this recognition effort. Thank you, Sue.

Membership is the best deal in town

Looking forward, MHOA continues to seek input from its members and encourage those single-family homeowners who are not currently members to join MHOA. Change is going to happen in The Meadows, and MHOA wants to keep its strong voice for the single-family homeowners. If you haven't joined, or renewed, it's the best investment of \$15 dollars you can make to be sure you are heard in the decision-making processes about what will be happening over the next several years in The Meadows.

Become a member of the MHOA—it's easy!

Any single-family homeowner who does not already belong to another sub-HOA can join the MHOA, which is separate from The Meadows Community Association, the master association that all homeowners in The Meadows automatically belong to.

If you would like to become a new member or your membership has expired or will expire soon, contact MHOA Membership Director **Christine Deutsch** for an application or renewal form. She will be happy to answer your questions and send you a form. Email Christine at deutsch623@gmail.com.

Cost for membership:

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The 2018 MCA Annual Assessment was mailed in January, and you should have received it by February 1, 2018.

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Payment was DUE MARCH 1, 2018

- 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 did not receive the Assessment, contact the MCA office at 941-377-2300 to arrange payment and confirm your correct mailing address.
- If you **recently purchased a home** in The Meadows but did not receive the Assessment, contact the MCA office ASAP to verify/arrange payment and to update our records.
- If you **recently sold a home** in The Meadows and received the Assessment for that property, please contact the MCA office ASAP so we can send the Assessment to the new owner.
- Unpaid assessments are subject to late fees and interest and may be referred to our attorneys for collection proceedings.

All owners (including new owners) are responsible for paying the 2018 Assessment, which was due March 1, 2018.

If you have not paid your assessment, if you have questions, or if any one of the above applies to you, please email **Lisa Compton** at mcaaccounting@meadowsca.com or call 941-377-2300.

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A portrait of Donna Baranowski, a woman with blonde hair wearing a red jacket.

A black and white portrait of Hal Poschmann, a man with grey hair.

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March Volunteer of the Month

Pat Farrell: Fine Arts Chair Celebrates 10 Years on Committee

Carlene Cobb—Assistant Editor



LEFT—Pat Farrell likes to paint anything fanciful

Photo credit: Mary Jo Gord

BELOW, LEFT to RIGHT—Melinda Gordan, Charlotte Lee, Claire Hamilton, Jacques Linder and Pat Farrell. Not pictured, Ruth Leventhal

Photo credit: Carlene Cobb



Pat Farrell, a 17-year resident of Willow Links, has served as chair of the Celebration of Fine Arts Committee for the past 10 years and has been on the committee for 17 years. This year, the 26th Annual Celebration of Fine Arts happens on March 17 and 18, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm, at The Meadows Community Association Center. The work of 22 talented artists who live in The Meadows or are members of The Meadows Country Club will be exhibited. The show features a variety of original art for sale, and admission is free and open to the public. Please plan to come in, browse, and say hello to the artists.

“You will see traditional oil paintings, pastels and watercolor paintings along with hand-crafted fine jewelry and wood,” says Pat, who enjoys painting anything fanciful. “I have six new paintings in the works for this show and note cards with legends on the back.”

When she’s not painting or organizing the art show with her committee, Pat works with her husband, Gary Nuttall, running a business called Cultural Research. They keep in touch with family, including five grandchildren in Toronto and Winnipeg, and Pat

teaches a morning aqua aerobics class for Willow Links residents Mondays through Fridays.

What does she like most about chairing the Fine Arts Committee? “The people,” replies Pat, without hesitation. “This committee is wonderful—and we are happy to have a few more volunteers. Jacques Linder is a past chair, an award-winning photographer, my mentor, and he is invaluable on the committee. He and Ruth Leventhal design the show. The artists tell us what they need, and each year we have been able to accommodate their needs for the show. Everyone [on the committee] knows their job; it’s a great team. I just make sure everyone gets heard and the meetings are run in an hour or less.”

The committee meets in January, February, and after the show in April, on the second Wednesday of each month. Pat will be making her annual journey to their summer home in Canada in April, returning to her home in The Meadows again next November. Her 15-year-old grandson, Max Nuttall, rode south with her last year, and she says the other grandchildren are now lining up for their turns to accompany her when she travels south to The Meadows each winter.

Thank you and best wishes in all the next chapters

Frances Rippcondi—MCA General Manager

The MCA would like to thank **Mary Jo Gord**, who retired after 10 plus years of service as Managing Editor of *The Meadow*. Since the day she started working at the MCA in May of 2007, her background in technical writing, design and newspaper production was a proven asset to *The Meadow*.

Over the course of her career at the MCA, she designed more than 120 covers, kept Meadows residents informed by writing and editing articles, and she designed countless ads that contributed to the popularity of the newspaper. The MCA thanks Mary Jo



for her unyielding dedication, commitment, talent and many contributions over the years. We wish her health and happiness as she explores the next chapters of her life.

2018 Sarasota County Flood Zone Workshops

Sarasota County will host a series of educational flood zone workshops throughout 2018 at several county libraries.

The workshops are intended to educate residents, lenders and insurance and real estate agents about flood risks, zones, maps, regulations and mandatory insurance purchase requirements. Attendees will also find out why flood zone maps are continuously updated.

All workshops are from 10:15 am to noon, and no registration is required. Some upcoming workshop dates and locations include:

- May 8—Selby Library, 1331 First St., Sarasota
- March 29—Elsie Quirk Library, 100 Dearborn St., Englewood
- March 20 and April 17—North Port Library, 13800 Tamiami Trail, North Port:
- April 4—Fruitville Library, 100 Coburn Road, Sarasota

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Location	Date	Time
North Port Library	Thursday, Jan. 25	10:15 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Selby Library	Thursday, Jan. 25	10:15 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Elsie Quirk Library	Thursday, Feb. 29	10:15 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Gulf Gate Library	Thursday, Feb. 29	10:15 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Jacaranda Library	Thursday, Mar. 29	10:15 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Fruitville Library	Thursday, Apr. 17	10:15 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

2018 schedule

- March 15—Jacaranda Library, 4143 Woodmere Park Blvd., Venice
- March 6—Gulf Gate Library, 7112 Curtiss Ave., Sarasota

For more information and a full list of 2018 workshops, call the Sarasota County Contact Center, 861-5000 or visit the website, www.scgov.net/floodprotection.

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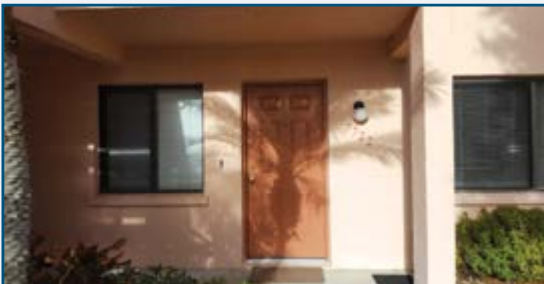
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Happenings at Hampstead Heath

Welcome home, new neighbors!

Ann Hamman

New neighbors are a happy way of life in The Meadows and in Hampstead Heath. In the past year, we have seen a big turnover in our villas—a mixed blessing saying sad goodbyes to former residents and warm hellos to our new neighbors.

Two villas were sold since the first of the year, and one newcomer moved in last August. They hail from Kansas, Massachusetts and right here in Morningside.

Lynette Ford, who is living where original owner **Gail Thomas** lived previously, is from Manhattan, Kansas. “I came down for the weather and to be near my sister,” she says. Her sister, **Chalise Bourque**, lives nearby in Sandringham. “We decided to grow old in the sunshine together.”

Lynette has a degree in elementary education from Kansas State in Manhattan and earned a master’s degree in counseling from the University of Colorado. She taught second grade in Kansas, Colorado and Calgary, Canada. She also worked as a hospice counselor for six years.

“That work is extremely rewarding but sometimes very difficult,” says Lynette.” People let you into their lives at vulnerable times; that’s a privilege.”

Lynette loves to walk and ride her bike and volunteer at the Fruitville Library. When it gets too warm here in the summer, she plans to visit her twin sons. **Sean** is a professor at the University of Wisconsin, Eau Claire, and **Michael** is a doctor of internal medicine in New York City. Michael and his wife, have two children, **Isabel** and **Genevieve**.

Another new resident, **Joe Yana**, originally from Pennsylvania, has been in Florida since 1993. He bought his villa from **Daniel Fabian**. “I’d been

looking for six months.” says Joe. “I knew what I wanted—more room and a garage—and when the (real estate) agent told me about it, it was the right size and in the right price range. It’s also a very convenient location.”

Joe designs computer systems and is also a classical guitarist who plays for private parties, weddings and other events. “That’s what I’m good at,” he says.

He brought his dog, Stella, a Jack Russell terrier, to add to our canine community.

By the time you read this, Dr. **Bernard “Bernie” Pfeifer** and his wife, **Elaine**, will be residents at the former home of **Mary Louise Bayless**, a longtime resident of Hampstead Heath, who now lives in the Atlanta area.

“We’ve been coming to Florida for 10 to 15 years,” says Bernie “We’ve been on the ‘mooch’ tour on the east and west coast. But we liked the idea of the opera here and being on the west coast. We also have friends in Lakewood Ranch.”

Their realtor told them they should see The Meadows. “All in all, we like the area and the villa inside and out,” Bernie says. He started as an electrical engineer and ended up as a spine surgeon at the Lahey Clinic in Boston. His wife is a graduate of the Fashion Institute of Technology, New York City and worked for several designers. They hail from Chatham, Maine.

“We are from the tip of the elbow on Cape Cod,” adds Bernie. “We are looking forward to playing some golf, going to the beach and maybe looking for a boat.”

And we look forward to getting to know all our new neighbors better. Welcome, all, to Hampstead Heath!

The Scene From Chatsworth Greene

Wherever, Whenever, it’s always fun...

Bonnie Detwiler

Perhaps you were holding onto your hats in breezy January. Warming sights and sounds led us into February, and here it is already March! It’s great having our friends and neighbors return from the North. I’m certain this is one year they looked forward to escaping the snow and ice to return to our warm weather.

Dick and I joined **Nancy** and **Dan Morris** plus several “seasoned cruisers” for an Eastern Caribbean Cruise. We enjoyed the beautiful islands, unforgettable sights and very friendly natives—great fun and new friends!

Many of us see **Marty Black**

briskly walking through Chatsworth Greene, and soon he will be turning 95 years young. When you see him, wish him a very happy birthday!

We’re keeping busy in these early months of 2018. January found 50 plus guests at our annual Italian potluck at the MCA Community Center. In February, we gathered again at the Village Pub for dinner and great music.

We’re trying something new for the month of March—a street party with a steel drummer and some great food. Hopefully, we’ll see you and all your neighbors enjoying this fun evening. Check our bulletin board for details. Happy Spring!



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Our Favorite Tunes and Our Favorite Memories

We have all experienced that fantastic moment when a beloved song comes on the radio, bringing with it all the emotion and memory we could muster. Maybe it was the song from your wedding or a loved one's favorite tune; no matter the circumstance, music has an outstanding way of reminding us of days gone by.



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Music & Memory—improving cognition, emotional attachment, and motor skills through music

That powerful connection between music and memory is exactly what gave birth to the world-renowned nonprofit and healthcare initiative, Music & Memory. As a nonprofit group, the program brings a personalized music library to seniors in an effort to improve cognition, emotional attachment, and motor skills. For the first time in 25 years, Aviva—A Campus for Senior Life will feature this extraordinary program at our Anchin Memory Care Community.

Led by Aviva Activities Director, April Moschini, the program will use already existing technology, such as iPods and iPads, to bring residents their favorite music. Residents can choose from hundreds of different artists, genres, and styles to create the their perfect playlists.

Aviva's top-notch nursing team will undergo a rigorous training program provided by Music & Memory, which will help them facilitate music sessions and guide residents in a stimulating, cognitive exercise. The program, which has gained rapid popularity since 2011, targets residents with dementia, Alzheimer's, motor impairments, and similar physical challenges by giving them unparalleled access to the world around them.

Across the country, healthcare facilities and caregivers are sharing the incredible stories of success in residents participating in the program. Residents who, prior to starting the program, kept themselves isolated or even showed aggressive tendencies have been found to relax and even become more social with those who share their love for a particular artist.

One of the most popular success stories from the program was part of Music & Memory's documentary, which was shown at Rubin Museum of Art in New York City. In the clip, a male resident, who was completely incapable of speech, was able to use his love of Cab Calloway not only to communicate with the team caring for him, but also with his fellow residents.

So what will the program bring to Aviva?

As a community and one of the few memory care centers in Sarasota, Aviva's team is always looking for ways to not only challenge our residents, but to bring a whole new aspect to their daily lives. Some of our programs are focused on mobility and motor skills; others serve a singular purpose to ring in a sense of joy, purpose, and community. Our hope is that Music & Memory will fill our halls with not only the sound of some of yesteryear's greatest hits, but also the sound that comes from people enjoying music as a community.

We are so grateful to our volunteers who will assist us in this program. Each day, volunteers will communicate with resident families to curate playlists and an individual's most treasured musical memories. These playlists will then be downloaded onto iPods and kept easily accessible for staff and volunteers.

Next is where the simplicity of this program really shines. Thanks to today's modern technology, which is increasingly portable, our residents can engage with their favorite songs anytime, anywhere. From afternoons spent in the garden to the comfort of their own bedrooms, our residents will have a joyful, stimulating experience brought to them!

At its core Music & Memory takes a simple concept and applies it in a life-changing way

As April stresses when talking about the program, "Bringing joy and happiness to residents with dementia is so important when we are helping them 'live in the moment' day-to-day." By using the power of music to personally engage with every resident, we can, not only care for them, but also help make Aviva even more a place to call home.

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Synergy: noun. *The whole is worth more than the sum of its individual parts.*

It was a buzzword in the '90s, but I hadn't thought much about it recently until the top shelf of my dishwasher fell apart. Those plastic parts lying on the kitchen floor weren't worth two cents, but when the repairman put the parts back together and I didn't have to wash my glassware by hand—priceless!

I thought about synergy again at the Craft Group. One group was working on Iris cards, exchanging ideas about which colors to use for their mosaic-like designs and the embellishments that would give just the right finishing touch. There was an assembly line constructing a choir of angels; another making three-dimensional cards. Jewelry makers were taking a break from their usual designs to add sparkling beads to Christmas ornaments.

With the return of seasonal residents, the room was filled with women proving that by working together, they were achieving more than they could have accomplished by working separately and having more fun doing it—it was synergistic!

Along with returning members of the group, we are glad to welcome new members every week.

Some, like Annik Coudert, had lived in The Meadows for years

Annik, a native of France, who had lived in Virginia and taught French to adults in Washington DC, has been here since 2006, but she never considered joining the Craft Group. Then her neighbors, **Dottie Barr** and **Linda Shaw** saw some of the little things she made at home and told her that she should come along with them and join the group.

Annik began making Iris cards, which she learned were fun to make and not too difficult. She found the members were nice and most of all, she likes the ambiance, the atmosphere of the group, and finds the two hours she spends here passes too quickly.

Others, like Debbie Tasker were new, seasonal residents in The Meadows

Although **Debbie** had been the director of an adult education program and the statewide supervisor of New Hampshire's GED program, she was a little nervous about coming to the Craft Group. She knew no one in the group and had never done crafts. She wasn't sure whether she was artistic enough or what her reception might be. Still, she read about it in *The Meadoword* and figured she could glue. Moreover, she was looking for a way to volunteer for something useful that could be done on a short-term basis. Making crafts for sale to

Craft Group

Senergy!

Liz Barnett



ABOVE and BELOW—Crafters work, creating new items for next year's show



ABOVE—Peggy Stirling watches newcomer Melinda Gordan work on a three-dimensional card (Melinda is also the featured artist for this year's Celebration of Fine Arts, March 17 and 18 at the MCA)

BELOW LEFT—Long-time Meadows resident but newcomer to the group, Annik Coudert works on Iris cards

BELOW RIGHT—New seasonal resident Debbie Tasker got interested in the group reading about it in *The Meadoword* and figured she could glue



support charities appealed to her.

Her apprehension quickly disappeared as **Sonia Sutcliffe** began explaining how to make Iris fold cards. "She was a patient teacher and had the process broken down step-by-step," says Debbie. Two hours later, Debbie completed her first card, a gorgeous dolphin design, and she was hooked. She even bought supplies so she can make cards at home as well as on Wednesday mornings. Even though she could do them on her own, Debbie finds it inspiring to be with the group where artistic, creative people interact and produce new ideas.

This creative interaction also appealed to another newcomer Melinda Gordan

Melinda (Celebration of Fine Arts featured artist in this month's *Meadoword*) is a classically trained artist, who taught art to Philadelphia middle schoolers for 35 years. She continues to draw and paint, primarily in acrylics with some colored pencil work. You'll see her work at the annual Celebration of Fine Arts on March 17 and 18 at the MCA Community Center.

Melinda loves Pop Art and the work of painters like Peter Max, who made art accessible to everyone. She had never done any crafts.

On her first day at the Craft Group, she was drawn to the small group making three-dimensional cards. The cards are made in layers and require precision, free-hand cutting around complex designs using the aptly-named Exacto knife.

Melinda was accustomed to using Exactos to cut mats, and the tool felt familiar in her hand. She began cutting designs like a pro—well, actually she is a pro. She moved on to using a shaping tool to add depth to the leaves and flower petals that would be added to the cards. She found it similar to relief work on metal, but because it's done with paper, it's much more delicate. It's fun for her to use her skills in new ways, and she's been impressed with the group's ideas. "They listen to each other. They're very welcoming and, consequently, everyone can bring their ideas to the table to invent and create together. It's an enjoyable two hours," Melissa concludes.

It's synergy

Perhaps Henry Ford put it best when he said, "Coming together is the beginning. Learning together is progress. Working together is success."

To be part of the fun of making crafts to sell to support local charities, join us at the MCA Community Center on Wednesdays from 9:00 to 1:00 am. There's a place for you whether you are a pro or a beginner.

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Date	Title and Author	Leader
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Mar 14	<i>Georgia: A Novel of Georgia O’Keeffe</i> by Dawn Tripp	Pat Talbott
Apr 11	Luncheon & New Book Selections, 11:30 am	
May 9	<i>1984</i> by George Orwell Karen Rush (Optional Supplemental Reading: <i>Brave New World</i> by Aldous Huxley; <i>The Handmaid’s Tale</i> by Margaret Atwood)	

The Meadows Book Club
March Book Preview

Georgia: A Novel of Georgia O’Keeffe by Dawn Tripp

Joanne Simons

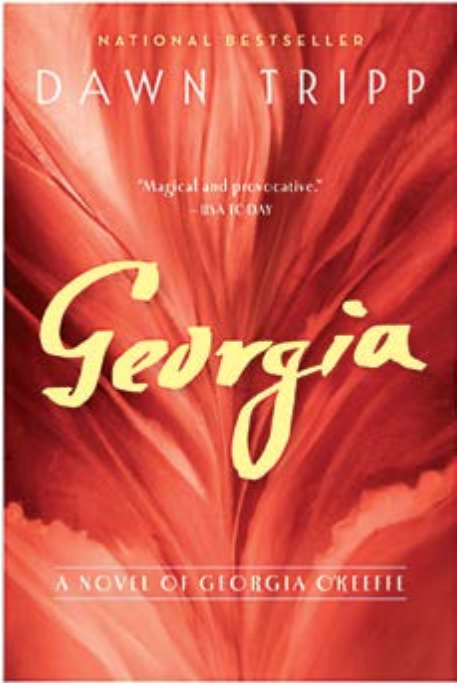
“I no longer love you as I once did, in the dazzling rush of those early days” reads the first line of *Georgia: A Novel of Georgia O’Keeffe* (© 2016; Random House). In the novel, author Dawn Tripp imagines the voice of the renowned artist, Georgia O’Keeffe. O’Keeffe, who is known by some only for her work depicting flowers and bleached skulls, reveals the talent and passion that brought her from her birthplace in Wisconsin, to teaching in Texas, to photographer and modern art promoter Alfred Stieglitz’s Gallery 291 in New York, to her own haven in New Mexico.

Georgia O’Keeffe was born in Sun Prairie, Wisconsin, in 1887, the second of seven children. She had early lessons in drawing and painting before studying art at the School of the Art Institute of Chicago and attending the Art Students League in New York City, where she won a prize for her oil painting *Dead Rabbit with Copper Pot*. (Georgia O’Keeffe, *Untitled, Dead Rabbit with Copper Pot*, 1908, Art Students League of New York collection)

O’Keeffe studied under many of the famous artists of her day, including John Vanderpoel, William Merritt Chase, and Kenyon Cox. She worked as a commercial artist and art teacher at various times in her early career when money for her education ran out. Though she painted in oils and watercolor, the works that brought her to the attention of Stieglitz, who later became her husband, were charcoal abstractions. It was only in the early 1920s, after her first exhibition of abstracts, that she began painting flowers, eventually producing more than 200 flower paintings. Perhaps the most famous of these is *Jimson Weed*, painted in 1932, which sold at auction in 2014 for more than \$44 million.

Supported and encouraged by Stieglitz, O’Keeffe produced a series of paintings of cityscapes after moving to New York in 1925. She visited New Mexico around 1929 where a new source of inspiration took hold of her—the Southwest. She traveled there annually and eventually retired to New Mexico where she died at age 98 in 1986.


O’Keeffe is credited with establishing the American modernism movement, though she vehemently rejected almost all “-isms” and especially disdained being called a




“woman artist.” Surely the greatest influence on her life and work was Stieglitz. Married at the time they met, and more than 20 years her senior, he nevertheless provided the means for her to develop her art, encouraging her endlessly, introducing her to his artistic associates, and providing the funding and space she required to explore her gift. He also was completely obsessed with her, leaving his wife and daughter to be with O’Keeffe. His own creative output was so heavily influenced by her that he produced more than 350 portraits and nudes of her. Their relationship was at times tumultuous, including separations and affairs, though they stayed together until his death in 1946.

Winner of the Massachusetts Book Award for fiction, Dawn Tripp, born in Newton, Massachusetts, in 1969, is also the author of the novels *Moon Tide* (2012), *The Season of Open Water* (2007), and *Game of Secrets* (2011). *Georgia* was reviewed in the *New York Times Book Review*: “Complex and original . . . Georgia conveys O’Keeffe’s joys and disappointments, rendering both the woman and the artist with keenness and consideration.” *The Denver Post* was also laudatory: “Sexually charged . . . insightful . . . Dawn Tripp humanizes an artist who is seen in biographies as more icon than woman. Her sensuous novel is as finely rendered as an O’Keeffe painting.”

The Meadows Book Club will discuss *Georgia* on Wednesday, March 14, at 2:00 p.m., at The Meadows Community Center. Please join us and please keep on reading!




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Family Secrets

I thought every family except mine had a deep, dark secret. My dad bragged that among his eight brothers and sisters and my mom’s sister there had been no divorces, and the marriages had all lasted for decades. Dad and Mom were married on November 7, 1941, at Mom’s home in Follansbee, West Virginia. I was born on March 27, 1943. My brother Jim

came along six years later, and Jane was born two years later. The boys were planned. Jane was the result of a wild Labor Day weekend party at Lake Erie, but that was not much of a secret. But, when I was in junior high school and looked through an old, dusty family scrapbook, I saw that Mom was married and divorced before she married Dad. Mom and Dad dated on and off during high school, but in an impulsive moment in the summer

of 1937, just after her senior year in high school, Mom married Martin Riehl, the captain of the football team. The impulse quickly wore off, and she sought a divorce. The judge somehow granted her a divorce on the grounds that Martin was “dull and boring.” I never heard of those reasons used in a divorce settlement, but Mom claimed that it worked for her. The judge, however, ruled that she could not get

married again for one year. Dad reentered her life, and they were married four years later. I didn’t learn all this until years later. When I confronted them after finding the scrapbook, Dad brushed it off by saying, “They were only married a short time.” “Don’t tell anyone,” said Mom. In the story below, **Valeda Lee** tells of her husband’s family secret.

The Phone Call

Valeda Lee

No one expected that phone call... but one day, it came.

“You have a sister! She lives in England.”

A sister? In England? The call came from Cousin Alva in Darby, Pennsylvania, to the Lee siblings in Chicago, Illinois, in 1975. Alva informed them they had a sister named Enid Jones, who was born in Jamaica and lived in Bristol, England, after immigrating there as a young woman.

The Lee siblings knew their mother, Evelyn, and her sister, Minna, (Cousin Alva’s mother) were born and raised in Jamaica, then moved to the States as young women to seek better lives. What the siblings did not know was that their mother had given birth to a daughter, Enid, in 1923 in Jamaica.

When Evelyn moved to the United States, she left her daughter in Jamaica to be raised by the grandparents. When little Enid was four years old, her grandmother died; Enid was then left in the care of several aunts and cousins—moving “from pillar to post,” as Enid later described it.

After Evelyn immigrated to Grand Rapids, Michigan, she met and married Arthur Lee. She did not tell Arthur about her daughter in Jamaica, and when they began to have children, it must have felt more and more impossible to divulge her secret. Evelyn and Arthur went on to have six children. Life was a struggle; there was never enough money. Evelyn secretly sent a little money to Jamaica when she could, but it wasn’t much or very often. As her family increased and expenses grew, even that little bit had to stop.

Evelyn worked hard to keep her secret. When her Jamaican relatives, who had moved to various cities in the U.S., came to Grand Rapids to visit, Evelyn met them at the door to remind them not to mention Enid. What a terrible burden the secret must have been for her and for her relatives! Unfortunately, the longer a secret is kept; the more difficult it is to tell.

Enid did not have a happy childhood. She was aware that her mom had a new family in the States and sadly thought that her American siblings were living the good life, with plenty of money, while she was very poor in Jamaica. When she was 16 years old, she left school before graduation, learned sewing, and worked as a seamstress. She later met an American man, who was visiting Jamaica, and fell in love and married him in 1956. They had a daughter, Jennifer, but the marriage ended in divorce five years later, and Enid’s ex returned to the States.

In 1961, Enid left Jamaica for Bristol, England, where she had several cousins. She found work in a cigarette factory and later in a hospital as a nurses aide.

One fateful day, Enid’s cousin Alva visited from the States—a visit that Enid insists was God-given. Alva promised she would get in touch with Enid’s siblings, but, of course, she couldn’t do it while Enid’s mother, Evelyn, was alive. After Evelyn’s death, Alva was finally able to make the life-changing phone call.

A sister! A sister!

In 1976, two of Enid’s siblings, Wilbur and Irene, traveled to Bristol to meet their sister Enid and her daughter Jenny. They had a wonderful two-week visit. Then in 1977, Enid and Jenny came to the States and spent a month, meeting and getting to know her other siblings, nieces, and nephews. What a glorious visit! Enid had finally met her entire family.

For everyone, the family was now complete. And any doubt that her siblings might have had about Enid’s identity was instantly erased once they saw her—she was the spitting image of their mom.

Enid wanted so much to be with her family. Finally, in 1981, she was able to move to the United States. Her new home was in Chicago, where all her siblings lived except for her brother Arthur, who lived in Ann Arbor,

Michigan. The family loved getting to know one another, and each day brought more joy. Enid and Jenny lived with her brother and sister-in-law for a while, but once Enid found work at a hospital, they were able to get their own apartment. Enid eventually became a U.S. citizen.

Enid was proud and happy to see that her brothers and sisters were doing well. Wilbur was an engineer, Clifford was an artist, Bobby worked at Sears, Art was a teacher, Irene was a school secretary/travel agent, and Florene was a secretary. Daughter Jenny was so happy to finally meet her aunts, uncles, and 11 cousins, and there were many family gatherings full of laughter and catching up.

The siblings had a good laugh when Enid told them she grew up thinking they enjoyed well-to-do lives as American children, when the truth was they felt that they were the poorest family in the neighborhood. So poor, in fact, that when Evelyn was pregnant with their fourth baby, she was so sure they couldn’t afford to raise another child she arranged to have it adopted by a relative.

Fortunately, baby Arthur (my future husband at the time) was born on Thanksgiving Day and, believing it was a message from God to keep him, she did so.

The Lee kids probably had it as rough as Enid did. Some years the only Christmas gifts they received were from the Santa Claus Girls, a charitable organization that helped poor families. Often neighbors gave them food when they needed it.

The difference was—even though they were very poor—they all had each other, while Enid grew up feeling alone and sometimes unloved by the various relatives who had to care for her.

Life continues for the Lee family. Their children grew up, went to

college, and started their own lives and families. Wilbur, Florene, Clifford, and Bobby died. Sadly, Enid’s daughter Jenny passed away in 2009.

Enid, now a spry 94 years old, lives in an assisted living facility. She is an avid Chicago Bulls fan, regularly watching their games on television. She also attends local high school games with her sister Irene. (Irene says that Enid climbs up into the bleachers with more agility than most of the fans.)

Today, Enid has mild dementia, but remains a happy woman who is delighted to have one sister and brother still living. Some people in this situation might feel bitterness over the lost years. But if Enid ever felt that way, she never expressed it. Apparently, she chooses to simply enjoy finally finding her family and being with them when she can.

Poor Evelyn—she had to live with her secret all her life. She never got to know her firstborn child except through sporadic news from her relatives in Jamaica. We can only speculate about the reasons she felt she had to leave baby Enid. Maybe she planned to send for her later; maybe she felt that being an unmarried mother was too shameful; maybe she just felt unready for the responsibilities of motherhood at that time. And, we can only guess why she felt she had to keep Enid a secret from her husband.

Evelyn never returned to Jamaica. When her son Arthur wanted to take her back to visit so she could see her former home and family, he couldn’t understand why she always refused to go. Now, too late, he understands.

The siblings often wonder what everyone’s lives would have been like if Evelyn had felt free to tell her husband about Enid. What if they had been able to bring her to America when she was a child? What they know is they all feel thankful they got that phone call.





SPOTLIGHT on The Meadows RENAISSANCE

Marilyn Maleckas—MCA Vice President



Artful Floor-to-Ceiling Renovation Renews Chanteclair Villa with Coastal Contemporary Design and Zen Spirit



Photo credits: Eric McGrath

Farewell to Chicago and welcome to The Meadows!

Deciding to move from chilly Chicago to a warm climate with year-round opportunities for connecting with nature and enjoying the outdoors, **Basia Lenczowski** put her “finger on the map” and found Sarasota. She decided it would be the next home for her and her son, **Matt Deka**.

After renting for a couple of months and investigating many new and established communities, she quickly decided she would soon be calling The Meadows home. Its open, green space, nature trails and golf course views provide the perfect backdrop for the ambiance and Zen environment she treasures.

A three-bedroom villa in Chanteclair became available on the market, and she felt it offered the perfect elements—mature shade trees, colorful plantings, golf course vistas and easy access to walking

paths and nature trails. The villa was well-priced and ready for a total renovation; Basia knew this villa would be home. Her design and construction background kicked into high gear, and within two months, the total renovation was completed. Basia was pleased with the look, feel and spirit of her new home, and

she began to relax and enjoy her new life at home in The Meadows.

A beautiful “floating” floor, chosen for its contemporary appeal and easy maintenance, was laid throughout the entire villa. Basia believes that your living space is more serene and inviting with clean lines, large accessories and bold

lighting fixtures. In her words, “less is more relaxing and inviting.”

She decided to totally refinish the existing fireplace with large textured tile in a stacked stone pattern. She removed the cabinetry and shelving that traditionally flanks

ABOVE— Newly installed “floating” floor brings fresh look and easy maintenance to the living room and throughout the entire villa. The fresh, warm whites and cool grays bring a comfortable harmony to the living room.



LEFT—Basia is happy in her new home where she did a stunning do-it-yourself renovation. She says, “Each of us is a creator; we just create different things.”



ABOVE—Upon entering the villa, a vibrant indigo blue wall pops behind large paintings, creating an artful corridor of color

the fireplace, achieving clean lines that are appealing in their simplicity.

Guests feel compelled to linger in the foyer

Visitors immediately notice and express appreciation for this entranceway transformed into an artful corridor of color. The wall color happens to be Pantone's 2017 Color of the Year, called indigo blue, and it is the perfect backdrop for the art display. It also adds contrast to the white walls reaching through the rest of the villa. The blue and white interior evokes a sense of harmony and balance within the coastal contemporary design and décor expertly placed and spaced to lightly anchor each room.

In the kitchen and baths, Basia selected white Shaker cabinetry along with white quartz countertops, creating an alluring mix of sophisticated textures and finishes. She invested time in space planning, design, and ordering products way in advance of the actual renovation.

Precise planning brings the renovation to completion within eight weeks

Basia's attention to detail and precise planning were instrumental in this floor-to-ceiling renovation's completion in less than eight weeks—even with the interruption of Hurricane Irma.

The top-to-bottom kitchen renovation features white Shaker cabinetry with all drawers and no doors on the bottom, white subway tile and newer black stainless steel appliances. A tiled patio off the kitchen is perfect for grilling and relaxing outdoors.

The living room opens to a non-traditional, glass-enclosed lanai with plantation shutters and contemporary side panels flanking



the entrance. The lanai is divided into two beautifully designed areas—one designated for eating and is surrounded by outside vegetation for utmost privacy. The other area features comfortable seating for reading, relaxing or enjoying TV and provides long verdant views of the golf course. New foil on the sliding glass doors shields the inside décor from direct sunlight. Another important goal for Basia's new living space was to enjoy nature all year round, and she definitely does.

Through her meticulous space planning, Basia was able to utilize her existing furnishings. In fact, she repainted and re-glazed her master bedroom set to achieve a lighter, updated hue in a soothing gray that coordinates well with all the surrounding décor.

Basia totally gutted the master bath and removed a dividing wall to enlarge the floor space. She removed the tub and installed a new shower with 36" x 12" porcelain tile, counter-to-ceiling mirrors, rain and handheld showerheads.

She also designed and painted a large black and white dramatic graphic on one wall. Her next project is to put Venetian plaster on the bath walls and possibly add a barn door at the entrance to her master bath.

Renovation goals achieved

Basia's villa renovation goals were to create a tranquil, serene oasis for her and her son to enjoy and to select materials and fine finishes that withstand the test of time so her investment is preserved. She achieved those goals, beautifully.

Asked what she wants Meadows residents to know about her project and her fifteen years' design experience and philosophy, Basia replies quickly. When working with clients, she:

- Enjoys the construction process—planning and communicating with clients and coordinating the crew.
- Is very selective and meticulous about addressing every tiny detail and just as committed to delivering results on time.
- Believes that design should meet and exceed current expectations and also stand the test of time to protect the owners' investments.
- Believes each of us is a creator; we just create different things.

When Basia is not designing and renovating, she enjoys teaching yoga at Chanteclair's south pool and taking vigorous walks along the trails in The Meadows.

For more information about this project or to discuss your renovation, contact Basia Lenczowski, design project manager at ATMA Design & Construction, 779-5571, email gdibasia@hotmail.com or visit www.ATMAconstructionanddesign.com.



CELEBRATION OF FINE ARTS

March 17 & 18

Featured Artist—Melinda Gordan

Pat Farrell

It is no surprise that **Melinda Gordan**, a talented and gifted artist, was encouraged in her childhood to pursue her natural curiosity and creativity. She comes from a family of artists, musicians, social workers and people who are generally helpful to others. Her grandmother taught piano at The Juilliard School in New York. Her Aunt Ruth always had art supplies available for Melinda's visits, and she framed or hung all art Melinda created during those visits.

Melinda's family supported her various creative endeavors. With her father's encouragement, Melinda acted in ads and played the role of Buster Brown on TV shows. Her father also looked the other way when Melinda painted his car with tempera as part of a high school homecoming event when she was 16 years old. The car—a 1968 Oldsmobile Cutlass Supreme—gradually succumbed to rust and ruin.

But don't form the impression that Melinda was allowed to run wild as a child. She was loved and protected and still feels the results of this support. Her early childhood values have in turn supported her strong and loving relationships with her husband **John** and daughter **Manon Jae**. Her cocker spaniel, Zoey Beth, is also a loving and much-loved addition to the family.

Melinda was classically trained in art. She attended the Moore College of Art and Design in Philadelphia. She has a degree in art education at the baccalaureate level, a master's in elementary education, and a PhD in human relations.



Her research included seven years of study to determine whether children who identified with aberrant behaviors would see success with targeted

supports from the school, family and community. Her thesis concluded that in many ways, the support system had good outcomes.

Melinda went on to teach art to sixth,



seventh and eighth grade students in Pennsylvania. She loved teaching art and met her husband John at the school, where he taught special education.

Melinda and John share a love of animals. They started an animal boutique and donated much of its profits to charity. When you visit her booth at the art show, you will see her love of animals reflected in her paintings.

Melinda's paintings range from realism to abstract. Even though her classical training focused on lifelike images, Melinda now relaxes and has fun with her work. And it shows. Her abstracts guide the viewer's eyes to fun elements. Her animal portraiture skillfully guides the eye through the painting with her use of contrast and expression.

Melinda's favorite artists include Georgia O'Keeffe, Hieronymus Bosch, M.C. Escher, Peter Max and Maurice Sendak. Their works appeal to her fanciful nature. Melinda is happy to be at a stage in her life where she can relax and have fun with her own artistic expression.

In addition to art, Melinda enjoys hanging out with her family, singing, listening to all kinds of music, volunteering and working with animals and people.

Be sure to stop and chat with this talented, grounded, fun-loving woman when you wander through the 2018 Meadows Celebration of Fine Arts.

2018 Meadows "U" at a Glance This Month!

Betty Comora performs Fanny Brice, Mar 7, 3:00 pm—Meadows resident puts on one-woman show.

Tour of Gamble Mansion, Mar 8, 10:30 am & 2:00 pm—Gamble Mansion Tour. Two different tours: 10:30 am and 2:00 pm. RSVP and sign waiver at the MCA by Mar 2. \$6.00. Space is limited

Coming up...

Shark Lecture—Apr 4, 3:00 pm at the MCA with Bob Hueter.

Tour of Solomon's Castle in Ona, FL, Apr 11, 10:30 am (leave the MCA at 9:15 am)—A fun look at an incredibly talented artist, designer, creator, and humorist. Leave The Meadows at 9:15 am; it's a 60-minute drive. Arrive in Ona at 10:30 am. Maps will be provided. Admission, \$12.50, CASH ONLY. Restaurant with good food onsite, also cash only. RSVP at the MCA and sign a waiver by April 6.



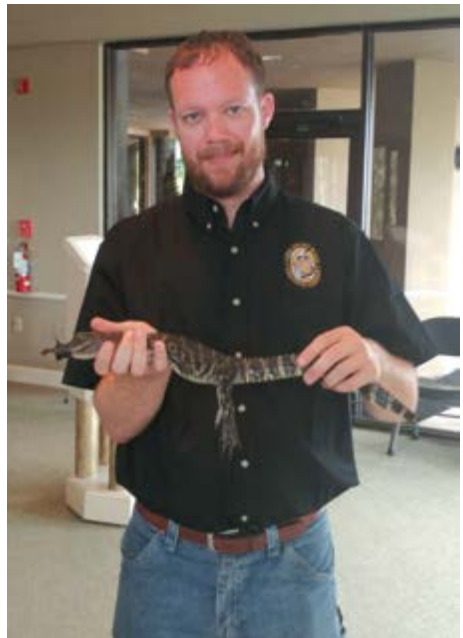
2018 PROGRAM

Meadows "U" Has Something for You!

Programs are at the MCA Community Center unless otherwise noted. Programs are open to all Meadows residents.



ABOVE—Meadows "U" guests at "A Guide to Living with Alligators"
RIGHT— Biologist Ryan Ford shares tips for living among the gators



BELOW— At the ABC 7 Studio Tour, the group smiles for a photo on the weather set after watching Judy Gallagher tape part of her cooking show



Photo Credit: Liz Barnett

FANNY BRICE TELLS ALL!

STARRING
**BETTY
COMORA**



Meadows "U" brings
Meadows resident/actor/musician
Betta Comora
to The Meadows Community Center
March 7, 3:00 pm

FANNY'S BACK TO TELL THE TRUTH ABOUT THE FILMS "FUNNY GIRL" AND "FUNNY LADY."

BELOVED 'ROARING 20'S' ENTERTAINER, FANNY SHARES SECRET ANECDOTES ABOUT THE 'UPS AND DOWNS' IN HER CHILDHOOD, HER CAREER AND HER MARRIAGES.

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AUTHOR-ACTOR BETTY COMORA PERFORMS THIS ONE HOUR-ONE PERSON SHOW FOR AUDIENCES OF ALL SIZES AND SEXES.

Gamble Plantation Historic State Park Tour

March 8, two tours—10:30 am and 2:00 pm

This antebellum mansion—the only surviving plantation house in south Florida—was home to Major Robert Gamble and headquarters of an extensive sugar plantation. It's believed that Confederate Secretary of State Judah P. Benjamin took refuge there after the fall of the Confederacy until his safe passage to England was secured.

In 1925, the house and 16 acres were saved by the United Daughters of the Confederacy and donated to the state of Florida.

Today, the mansion is furnished and decorated in the traditional style of a successful 19th Century plantation.

Meadows "U" will tour the mansion on March 8. There will be two separate tours: one at 10:30 am; the other, 2:00 pm.

Space is limited, so be sure to sign up for the specific tour time you prefer at the MCA Community Center by March 2. Cost is \$6. You will be required to sign a waiver for this popular tour.

At Nathan Benderson Park

Sarasota County celebrates 22nd Big Truck Day at the park, March 31

Big trucks will be rolling into Nathan Benderson Park this March for the annual Big Truck Day, and Sarasota County wants your truck to be part of the action.

Sarasota County Parks, Recreation and Natural Resources is looking for trucks to be showcased on Saturday, March 31, at the popular annual event, which is held to give children and adults a chance to explore the vehicles and trucks they see on the streets and meet some of the people who operate those vehicles.

In previous years, some of the big trucks featured were dump trucks, fire trucks, payloaders, bucket trucks and buses.

Now in its 22nd year, the 2018 Big Truck Day will be held at 5851 Nathan Benderson Circle. This year's event, which is free and open to the public, will take place from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm.

The event is hosted by Sarasota County Parks, Recreation and Natural Resources and Suncoast Aquatic Nature Center Associates, Inc. As in previous years, the event will also include the EGGstravaganza, featuring egg hunts for children ages 4 and younger and for those 5 and older. Food vendors will be available.

For more information, call the Sarasota County Contact Center at 861-5000 or visit www.scgov.net/parks.

If you are interested in participating in the event by providing a big truck to display,

contact the program coordinator Jamal Edwards, 486-2780 or visit www.jedwards@scgov.net.



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Nathan Benderson Park 2017 Events & Programming

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Mar 10 - 11—Sarasota-Bradenton ITU Triathlon

Mar 23-25—Cirque Des Voix Show

Mar 24—Southeastern Guide Dog 5K/10K

Mar 25—Tour de Parks

Mar 31—Big Truck Day

Mar 31—Worship in the Park

PROGRAMS are ongoing at **NATHAN BENDERSON PARK**
5851 Nathan Benderson Circle, Sarasota, FL 34235

- Stand Up Paddleboard (SUP)—Paddle Fitness classes
- Rentals—Single and double sit-on-top kayaks, stand-up paddleboards, and single sculls available by the hour
- Rowing—Learn to row! 101 and 201 courses as well as private lessons
- RC Sailboating—Sarasota Model Yacht Club meets at the North Lake on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday
- Chi/Walking

For more information about events, up-to-date program scheduling, and pricing information, visit www.NathanBendersonPark.org

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News from The Meadows Country Club



Mar/Apr Events

Golf Call The Golf Pro Shop for Information 378-5153

- Mar 2 to 4—Meadows Men’s & Women’s Club Championship
- Mar 4—Guest Day
- Mar 6—LGA Member Guest, Golf, 8:30 am; Lunch, 12:30 pm
- Mar 7—Mulligans & Martinis, Golf 3:30 pm; Cocktails, 4:30 pm
- Mar 11—Mixed Pairs St. Pat’s Day, 12:30 pm Golf; 5:00 pm, Dinner
- Mar 17—MGA St. Pat’s Day, Golf 8:00 am; Lunch at noon
- Mar 20—PGA Conversations & Cocktails
- Mar 25—Canada Day, Golf at 12:30 pm, Dinner at 5:00 pm
- Mar 30—Mixed Pairs Scotch Scramble, Golf 12:30 pm; Dinner 5:00 pm
- Apr 1—Guest Day
- Apr 4—Mulligans & Martinis, Golf 3:30 pm; Cocktails, 4:30 pm
- Apr 6—Mixed Pairs 9 & Dine, Golf 3:30 pm; Dinner 5:30 pm
- Apr 14—MGA Spring Classic, Golf 8:00 am; Lunch 12:00 pm
- Apr 17—LGA Closing, Golf 8:15 am; Lunch 12:30 pm
- Apr 21—Meadows Cup

Tennis Call The Tennis Pro Shop for Information 378-5265

- Mar 3—Think Pink Ladies RR & Luncheon
- Mar 4—Guest Day
- Mar 7—Courts & Cocktails, 3:30 pm Tennis; 4:30 pm Cocktails
- Mar 17—St. Patrick’s Day Fast-4 Doubles RR, 11am
- Mar 20—24 Bob Leisenring Memorial Day Doubles Championships
- Mar 24—Super Saturday Doubles Finals
- Apr 3—Sun Coast Senior Awards and Luncheon
- Apr 7—Professional Staff Team Round Robin, 9:30 am
- Apr 20—Pro Doubles Exhibit, 6:00 pm

Dining & Social Call for Reservations 378-2135

- Mar 1—Trivia Night, Regency Room, 5:30 pm
- Mar 6—Book Club, Board Room, 11:00 am
- Mar 8—Around The World, Regency Room, 5:30 pm
- Mar 9—Monthly Member Social, FVL Patio, 5:00 pm
- Mar 13—Speakers Bureau, Regency Room, 4:00 pm
- Mar 17—St. Patrick’s Day Dinner Dance, Regency Room, 6:00 pm
- Mar 24—Meadows Mystery Night, Regency Room, 6:00 pm
- Mar 28—High Tea Luncheon, Regency Room, 12:00 pm
- Mar 31—Seder, Regency Room, 6:00 pm
- Apr 1—Easter Buffet
- Apr 3—Book Club, Board Room, 11:00 am
- Apr 10—Speakers Bureau, Regency Room, 4:00 pm
- Apr 13—Monthly Member Social, FVL Patio, 5:00 pm
- Apr 14—Supper Club, Regency Room, 6:00 pm
- Apr 19—Wine & Dine, Regency Room, 6:00 pm
- Apr 26—Trivia Night, Regency Room, 6:00 pm
- Apr 29—Chef’s Challenge, Regency Room, 6:00 pm

Fitness Activities Call for more details 371-6000 x 228

- Water Aerobics—Mon, Wed, 11:30 am, weather permitting
- Balance classes Tue’s, 9:30 am & Fri’s, 12:30 pm space limited, contact Rebecca or Penelope at fitness center for fees and registration
- Yoga—Beginner/Relaxed, Mon’s, 4:00 pm; “Mindful Moments, 5:30 pm; \$12-member fee & guest of a member; \$17 cash, nonmember
- Slow Flow Yoga—Wed’s, 10:00 am, \$12 member fee & guest of member fee; \$17 cash, nonmember
- Sports Yoga—Tue’s, 4:30 pm & Thu’s, 9:30 am, \$12 member & guest, \$17 cash, nonmember
- Stretch & Tone—Tue’s & Thu’s, 8:30 am, free with fitness privileges
- TPI Golf Fitness Classes Mon’s, 12:30 & Wednesdays, 11:30, \$20.00 members \$25 non-members (if space is available)
- Tai Chi - Mon’s, 10:00 am; limited class size, contact Crystal for fees and to reserve your spot

Activities in the Dickens Center

- Ladies Bridge—1st & 3rd Wed & 2nd & 4th Fri, 1:00 pm, sign up at Dickens lobby podium
- Men’s Bridge—Every Tue, 1:00 pm, to sign up, call Bill, 379-7955
- Mahjong—Every Fri, 9:30 am to noon, to sign up, call Dotty, 342-9890
- Water colors (by appointment only) Thu, 9:30; contact Carolyn 366-2866, \$30 class fee

*All dates and times are subject to change. For additional information, call the club, 941-371-6000.

Martina Venz—Master Gardener

Keep Sarasota County Beautiful Advisory Board recognizes Meadows resident

Submitted by Agnes Rutushni

Prize winning Master Gardener **Martina Venz** is a Meadows resident. She was awarded Master Gardener in November for her work in local community gardens by the Keep Sarasota County Beautiful Advisory Board.

Meadows resident and neighbor **Agnes Rutushni** is a member of that Advisory Board. “I am very proud to have a neighbor who is so committed to our community and who inspires young people with the joy of creating sustainable gardens in their neighborhoods.”

She obtained permission from the Board director, Wendi Crisp, to reprint the article that follows.

One of Keep Sarasota County Beautiful community garden awards [was] presented to a Master Gardener who has dedicated countless hours to 4-H Youth Development projects over the years. She has also championed the Radish Growing Project year after year, which has impacted thousands

of Sarasota third-grade students at multiple schools. This year, there were over 800 participants, who learned the beginning lessons of edible gardening skills.

The project also involved journaling and competition. [Martina] has assisted with garden plantings at multiple schools throughout the county, and took on another project this semester, with Second Chance in Newtown. She wrote a grant to provide the supplies necessary to begin a vegetable gardening project for troubled youth at this site. By involving them with horticulture, they will learn how to nurture a plant while taking their minds off crisis happening at home. Not only will this project positively impact youth, it will also beautify the space for the surrounding community.

Congratulations to Master Gardener Martina Venz for her help with Community Gardens!

Why I Joined The Meadows Country Club

Bob Clark

On February 1st I did something that I had not done before; I joined The Meadows Country Club. This choice was partially the result of an exposure to the club’s financial position, which made me realize that the best and most economical solution to the club’s problem is increasing its membership. So, I decided to become part of that solution.

If any of the following applies to you, it might be in your own best interest to consider a membership in the club, as well:

- If you are one of those Meadows residents who asked if they could purchase the golf course land behind their house to prevent development on it—join the country club!
- If you would spend \$1000 to prevent an estimated 20% drop in the value of your property in the Meadows—join the country club!
- If you believe the loss of the country club and its beautiful green space would be detrimental to the quality of life in the Meadows—join the country club.
- If you want to help control the future of The Meadows, join the country club!



- If you want to be part of the best solution to the problem—join the country club!
- If you are part of a group who has said they would do anything to preserve The Meadows and support our community—join the country club!

I became a social/sport member, and for those of us who don’t play golf or tennis, it is a very attractive option. At that level of membership, we have access to the dining facilities, special events, the exercise facility and pool. And, we can even play a round of golf or use the tennis courts for a modest fee.

If only 10 percent of the residents of The Meadows who are not already members of the country club would join, we could preserve our community and our beautiful green space without the fear of development beyond the 180 units that have already been approved.

So, if you are interested in becoming part of the solution for a modest investment in your community and an enjoyable uplift in your social lifestyle—join your friends and neighbors by joining The Meadows Country Club!

Irish Rover Productions Presents

"When Irish Eyes Are Smiling"

Acclaimed Irish Musician and Vocalist Paul Duffy performs

Bring your family and friends to a celebration of St. Patrick's Day Sunday, March 11, 3:00 pm, at the Unitarian Universalist Church

Paul Duffy joins master fiddle performer Darin Graves to celebrate the music of Ireland with traditional and contemporary Irish favorites. Partial proceeds from the concert will be used to help fund Special Olympics Manatee.

Described as one of the greatest musicians to ever come out of Ireland," vocalist/guitarist Paul Duffy teams up with master fiddle performer, Darin Graves for an early St. Patrick's Day celebration, Sunday, March 11, 3:00 pm, at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 3975 Fruitville Road, Sarasota.

Traditional and contemporary Irish tunes and songs

The program celebrates the music of Ireland with traditional and contemporary Irish music. Duffy, who performed around the world with the legendary Irish band The Commitments for six years, is one of Sarasota's most popular entertainers. He is known for presenting a multi-faceted program of Irish lore, sea shanties and folksongs.

A multi-talented musician, composer and vocalist, Duffy plays the saxophone (for this concert, he promises to play two saxophones at one time!) He also plays trumpet,

flute, guitar, keyboards, drums, bass, tin whistle and bagpipes.

Duffy attended the Dublin Conservatory of Music to learn to read music; his prowess with wind instruments is self-taught. "I practiced the sax with a John Coltrane record playing for hours on end," says Duffy. "Mum would yell at me to go out and play, but until I discovered pints and women, all I wanted to do was practice me music."

At 17, he played sax for the popular Irish band, The Miami Showband. By the ripe old age of 21, he joined The Irishmen and gained a reputation around Dublin as a talented and reliable studio musician.

At 26, Duffy started his own band, MPH, with his siblings. Noticed by a promoter while touring with MPH in Texas, Duffy received an invitation to tour internationally with the legendary Irish band, The Commitments, and remained on tour with the group for the next six years. He has since performed with Ben E. King, Robert Plant, Jimmy Page, Brian Johnson, Suzi Quatro, Chris de Burgh, Paul Brady, The Corrs and Hazel O'Connor.

Darin Graves has a passion for music and has been playing fiddle for 20 years. His love for Celtic music has been growing since 2005, when he joined his first Irish band. Graves performs with Duffy and others at Irish-themed festivals and events.

Tickets are \$15 and can be purchased at the door. Partial proceeds from the concert will be used to help fund Special Olympics Manatee. For more information, call Paul Duffy at 941-376-1390.



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Single-Family Homes	22	8	10

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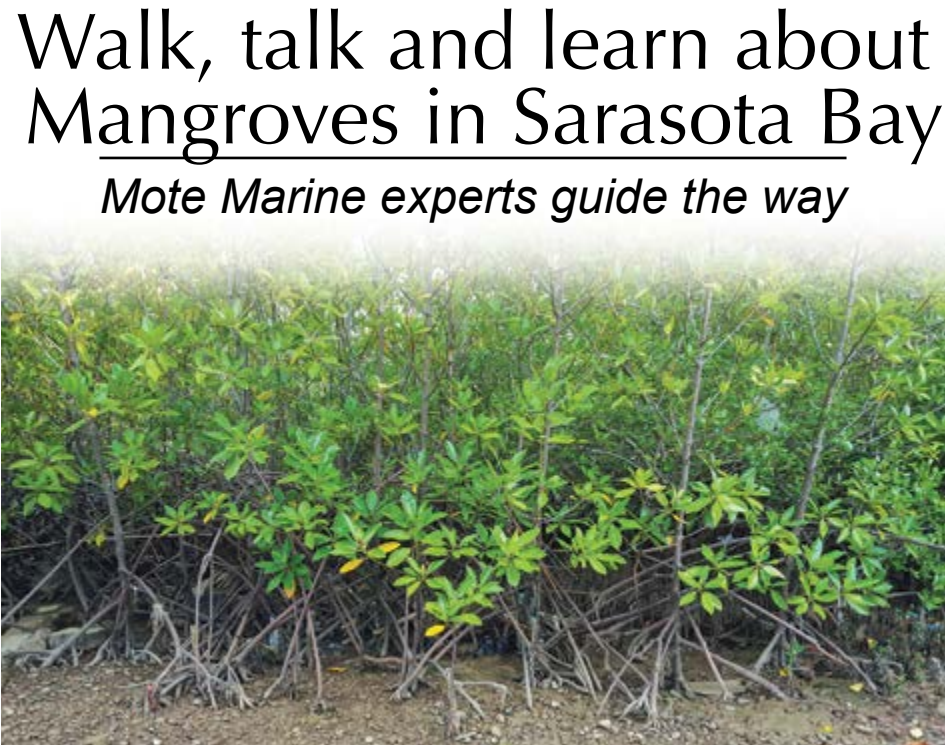


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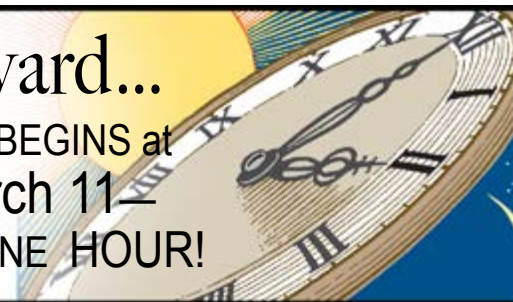
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All events will be at the Sarasota Garden Club, located at 1131 Boulevard of the Arts in Sarasota, and will start at 7:00 pm. Light refreshments will be available.

The programs are free to members of the Friends of the Sarasota County History Center and \$5 for non-members.

Dr. Steve Noll, a master lecturer in the history department at the University of Florida, will tell Florida's history as a territory and state through the changing

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Dr. Steve Noll

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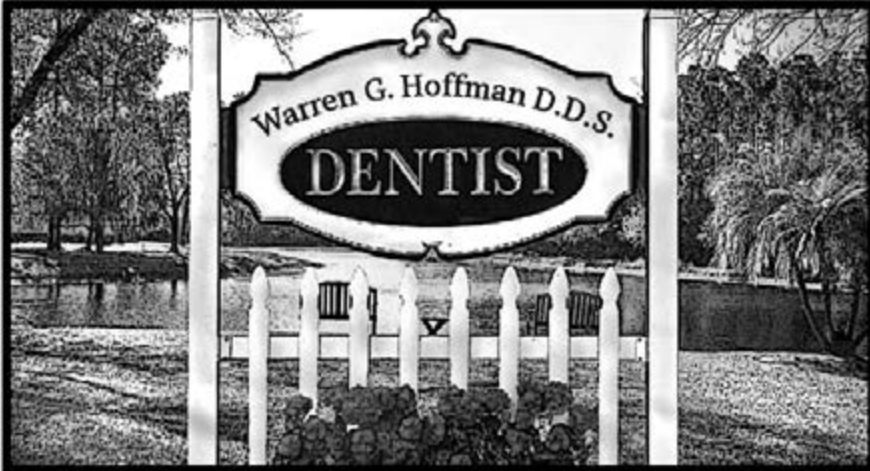
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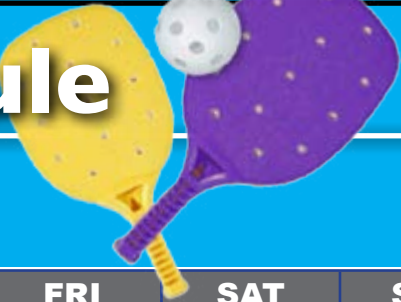
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NOTE: First Thursday & Friday every month, January through March, from 9:00 am to noon are for organized instructional clinics: Offering Beginner/Advanced Beginner/Intermediate Clinics the first Thursday and Friday of each month. Email Ron at famerflorida@hotmail.com to sign up for a clinic.


Rationale for this schedule

A. 9:00 am to noon is for the more “serious” BEG/INT/ADV players who like set times to play on a regular basis with others of the same ability levels.


B. 7:00 to 9:00 am, noon to 3:00 pm, and 5:00 to 7:00 pm slots are OPEN for recreational players who play less frequently and want to reserve court time to play with their own groups. OPEN play scheduled times must be reserved through the MCA office. One court must remain open for WALK-ON play during scheduled OPEN play. The 5:00 to 7:00 pm time will also allow for occasional “MIXERS/SOCIALS.” These times will attract more participants, have additional interaction, and create interest with more members of The Meadows community. MIXERS/SOCIALS will be organized by the Pickleball Interest Group and scheduled well in advance.

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TOWNHOUSE MEADOWS Springlake Condo Association. Three bedrooms, 2 baths. Recently updated. Yearly rental \$1800 month, security, no pets, non-smoking. Picture sent upon request. Call (941) 302-3849

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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 941-232-2087 or visit us at www.sarasotaautodetailing.com

DOES YOUR PET NEED CARE when you're not there? I provide loving, reliable expert care. Lots of TLC. Animal lover/ former pet owner. Short/long term. Your home/mine. Long time Meadows resident. Experienced. Reasonable rates. References. Call Kate 371-6862.

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.

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.

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

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.

ON-SITE MOBILE SCREENS. Fully equipped mobile screen service. We come to you. Services include: -Custom made window screens -Custom rescreening of your existing window screens -Sliding and swinging screen doors -ClearView retractable screen doors –Pet screens. Call (941) 727-3367.

BRIDGEWATER SERVICES for yard maintenance, weeding, palm meadow trimming and all aspects of keeping your yard in shape! Plus any other odd jobs around your property. Call Oliver, Meadows Resident at (941) 809-6965.

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.

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

SRQ HOME IMPROVEMENT quality home repair and improvement, carpentry, remodeling, plumbing, electrical, painting, siding, general repairs, much more. Free estimate 941-896-0850.

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.

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GARDENS BY ALLISON: Licensed & Insured, SEASONAL, YEAR ROUND GARDEN BED AND LAWN CARE MAINTENANCE, PALMS, OAK TREES, STORM CLEAN-UP AND MAKEOVERS! REFRESH YOUR BEDS! NOW IS THE TIME! Do you need an extra set of hands? Let us help with your garden beds and landscaping needs; Mowing and Lawn Care, Plants and Flowers, Annuals, Perennials, Palms, and Oak Trees, Planting, Pruning, Trimming, Mulching, Clean-Up, Courtyards, Patios, Lanai, Pots? No job is too small! Combine services and save \$\$\$. Call/text: 941-400-0431 or 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.

WANTED TO RENT

GARAGE OR CARPORT WANTED to rent for car storage in off season. Call 781-686-3139.

CONGREGATIONS

PRAY DAILY- you will have a clearer vision of the Risen Christ this Easter. Sunday worship 8:30a and 10:30a. St. Paul Lutheran Church, 2256 Bahia Vista St. www.StPaulSarasota.org.

NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 3131 61st St. at Lockwood Ridge Rd. Sunday worship 10:30. Sunday Bible Study at 9:00 in the Fellowship Hall. Weekday Bible Study Tuesdays 10 and 4, and Thursdays 10. EASTER celebrations: Thursday, March 29, 7 pm “The Living Last Supper” presentation, and Easter April 1 at 10:30 traditional Easter service and music. npcsarasota.com or call 941-355-4729 for information.

CHURCH OF THE INCARNATION A Welcoming Catholic Community. Join us at the table of the Lord: Saturday Vigils: 4:30 & 7:00pm Sunday 7:00, 9:00, 11:00am & 6:00pm Our parish offers opportunities for faith enrichment, Bible study, and prayer. We also have lively social activities such as bingo, trivia, and pancake breakfasts. 2929 Bee Ridge Rd. near Tuttle Ave.

SAINT JAMES UMC 2049 N. Honore Sarasota. Worship 10:00 am on Sunday. Worship 6:30 pm on Wednesday. Small Groups Sunday, Wednesday and Thursday. www.saintjamesumc.org for more information.

The Meadoword

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

Assembly of Property Owners March 21, 4:00 pm

Chris Wilson of Frontier Lighting and a Representative of Owens Electric present
“Lighting the Way to the Future—Trends in Outdoor Lighting”
at the MCA Community Center

DELEGATES—SIGN IN ON ARRIVAL
Open to all Meadows residents

MARCH 17 & 18

Celebration of FINE ARTS

10:00 am
to 4:00 pm

MCA Community Center • 2004 Longmeadow





2018
Wed, Mar 7
3:00 pm

Meadows Resident/Author/Actor/Musician
Betty Comora shares secret anecdotes and
sings rare, novelty tunes in
Fanny Brice Tells All!
at the MCA Community Center











2018
Thu, Mar 8
10:30 am & 2:00 pm

Tour of the Historic
Gamble Mansion
\$6.00 | RSVP by Mar 2 at the MCA
You are required to sign a waiver



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
February All meetings and events are at the MCA Community Center, 2004 Longmeadow, unless otherwise noted. Daily notices are posted for room locations						
25	26	27	28	1	2	3
4	MEMOIRS 10:00 am SAFETY 2:00 pm MCA ANNUAL MTG 7:00 pm	STANDARDS 3:00 pm	CRAFTS 9:00 am FINANCE 10:00 am BRIDGE 12:30 pm MEADOWS "U" Betty Comora on Fanny Brice 3:00 pm	BOARD OF DIRECTORS 1:00 pm MEADOWS "U" Gamble Mansion tour 10:30 am & 2:00 pm	BRIDGE 12:30 pm	
11 Daylight Saving Begins Set clocks forward one hour 	MAH JONGG 9:00 am		CRAFTS 9:00 am BOOK CLUB 2:00 pm MAINTENANCE 2:30 pm	BLOOD PLATELET DRIVE 9:00 am - 1:30 pm 	BRIDGE 12:30 pm	CELEBRATION OF FINE ARTS 10:00 am-4:00 pm  Erin go Bragh
18 CELEBRATION OF FINE ARTS 10:00 am-4:00 pm	MAH JONGG 9:00 am MEMOIRS 10:00 am	ELECTION DAY 7:00 am - 7:00 pm (School Board Millage)  First Day of Spring	CRAFTS 9:00 am BRIDGE 12:30 pm ASSEMBLY 4:00 pm		BRIDGE 12:30 pm	
25  Palm Sunday	MAH JONGG 9:00 am PRESIDENTS COUNCIL 10:30 am	HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION 9:00-11:00 am	CRAFTS 9:00 am		BRIDGE 12:30 pm	First Day of Passover 
26	27	28	29	30 Good Friday		31