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There’s definitely a buzz in the air...

Have you noticed the energy and excitement in the air around The Meadows? It’s more than the usual signs of spring. I attribute a good deal of the positive air to feelings of accomplishment on the part of residents and associations who are completing or just getting started on plans to fix up and spruce up their properties. You can really notice a difference as you travel around the community. At the MCA we’re continuing to work on our plans to beautify Longmeadow. You’ll be hearing more about that in the next few months.

I want to thank the residents I’ve seen recently who are stopping to pick up after others who leave trash behind or pick up debris that has fallen from trees onto walkways or into ponds. The MCA staff appreciates the extra helping hands, and it is a great sign that you care about The Meadows. One word of caution: check around for signs of gators or snakes before you reach into a pond to retrieve anything.

Country club update

As you probably know, the MCA purchased the loans Synovus Bank held on The Meadows Country Club on March 16. This is step one in our plan to strengthen the community by enhancing the financial security of the club. MCA and country club teams are working together to develop plans that more closely align our operations and create new programs and activities to bring more revenue into the club operations—and provide more amenities for residents.

We are also talking to developers and other experts on how to make best use of the 32-acre parcel of land surrounding the clubhouse that has been rezoned for development. Part of the plan will include updating some existing club facilities and building some new recreational and wellness facilities that will be available to both club members and residents. There will also be some residential units built in this area. We are asking developers to focus on developing housing that meets our goal of adding value to The Meadows in two ways: producing the maximum value from the sale of our land and maximizing the property values of our existing homes. It seems that some of the larger buildings we originally envisioned on the property aren’t attractive to developers in today’s market, so we are exploring other options.

I know it’s difficult for many of you to believe after the plans that were discussed last year, but we are not considering building on any of the golf courses. Our green space is too important to us and it is one of the

# Notes From the President’s Desk

Claire Coyle—MCA President

things our residents value the most. We don’t want to touch it. All 54 holes of golf will remain open. It is what makes The Meadows unique and we plan to capitalize on that.

No major changes are planned for our tennis program. We plan to promote the fact that The Meadows is home to one of the best tennis facilities in Florida and to take steps to make it even more attractive.

Meadows activities

We won’t need to wait for building programs and major changes to see exciting activities. The Meadows’ photo show and art show were both put on by Meadows residents for Meadows residents. Both were impressive events that highlighted the talents of our folks. Meadows “U” has offered programs that have drawn record audiences. In the future, we will offer more programs and will work with the country club to offer a broader range of topics and events.

We also had our first-ever car show, the brainchild of Meadows resident Jim Rutushni. This is a great example of how a single resident can bring an idea to the MCA staff and get the go ahead and support needed to make it a reality. So if you are thinking “I wish we had a \_\_\_\_\_ group” just step up and bring the idea

forward. If others are interested in the idea, we will see if we can help you make it happen.

Sign up for Constant Contact

For those of you who are leaving The Meadows for a part or all of the summer, I strongly encourage you to sign up for our Constant Contact emails. Simply call **Lisa Compton** at the MCA office and give her your email address. That will assure you get the news on what’s happening here in Florida while you are away. I hope we don’t have any weather emergencies, but Constant Contact is our first line of communications in a hurricane and the best way to make sure your house and your friends are all safe.

Summer issue of *The Meadoword*

This summer we will also be restructuring our communications program. Communications Director **Carlene Cobb** is working with a team of volunteers to develop a plan to better integrate electronic media into our strategic marketing and communications campaigns. To allow time for this important work, we have adujsted the production schedule to publish a summer issue of *The Meadoword* in mid-July. There will be no June or August issues.

So be sure you are on our email list to stay informed this summer.

## The Meadoword

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Letters to the Editor

- Letters must be signed and include a return address.
- Issues must be of interest to a large portion of The Meadows.
- Obscene or derogatory remarks will not be published.
- We reserve the right to edit letters in the interest of space or to refuse publication.

Articles and Monthly Columns

We welcome submissions from our Meadows residents for publication in *The Meadoword*. Articles should be of general interest to the community. We copy edit all articles for accuracy, content, style, and length and will not publish articles that contain offensive material or inaccurate information. Articles must be received by the posted deadline for publication in the following month’s edition.

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**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

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## Safety

*Prevention is the best protection*

John Spillane—Chair

NEXT MEETING of the  
**Safety Committee**  
**May 7, 2 p.m., MCA**

All residents encouraged to attend

During the month of March 2018, there were 43 reported incidents, 16 less than in February. There were eight incident-free days. There were 188 citations issued this month for various violations such as illegally parked vehicles, garbage violations, and open garage doors.

While most of the incidents reported in March were fairly routine, there was one incident that was not.

**Burglary—Auto:** On Friday, March 23, 2018 a resident of Harpers Croft reported that sometime overnight, person(s) unknown entered his **unlocked** vehicle and rummaged through the interior. An old cell phone was taken.

### Crimes of opportunity

It is impossible to predict where and when a thief is going to strike next. As is the case with almost all of these crimes of opportunity, the car was unlocked. While a pair of sunglasses, an old cell phone and a few dollars in change doesn't seem like much, it is a crime nonetheless. If you leave your vehicle unlocked overnight in a parking area or driveway, you invite thieves looking for an easy score.

Our Safety Patrol can't be everywhere, and thieves are mobile, often on bicycles and they make no noise getting into an unlocked car. It's a quick and easy crime and the owner doesn't know it occurred until much later. How do we stop them? Just hit the lock button on your remote. The thief will move on to another car that is unlocked. The Sheriff's Office encourages all residents to report auto break-ins when they occur. Reporting this type of crime helps them apprehend the perpetrators.

### Crime Prevention Triangle

In past articles, I have talked about the Crime Prevention Triangle theory that Law Enforcement uses for education. In essence, for any crime to occur, you need three parts, **Desire**, **Ability** and **Opportunity**. By eliminating any one of these elements a crime cannot occur. We as citizens cannot remove a criminal's **desire** to commit a crime. Nor can we affect his **ability** to commit a crime. But if we take away the **Opportunity**, we



remove that side of the triangle and the crime cannot occur. If the criminal does not have an unlocked vehicle or an unlocked door or window, we have taken away that type of opportunity. **Just lock it up!!**

### Register your home

Recently a Meadows resident asked me if the Safety Patrol will hold the house keys of a homeowner who goes out of town. The short answer is, no they will not. What they will do however, is keep a close eye on your home and increase patrols around your immediate area. Just give the Safety Office a call at 809-0084 to let him know when you will be out of town.

### So, how else can a homeowner increase security of their home when they are away?

Meadows residents can also register their homes with the Sheriff's Office Crime Prevention Unit. Having a home registered with the Sheriff's Office is particularly helpful to the Sheriff's Deputies when trying to contact a homeowner who might be away. We have quite a few snowbirds here in The Meadows and homes are unoccupied for months at a time. Sometimes, contact with the homeowner would be necessary for things other than crimes such as property damage from weather, fire and accidents of different sorts.

You don't have to be a snowbird to take advantage of this service. All Meadows residents are encouraged to register. This service started primarily for homeowners to register their alarms, but it is extremely helpful to the deputies responding to an address to be able to contact a homeowner when no one is home. A call to the office manager at the Sarasota Sheriff's Crime Prevention Unit, 861-4084, will get the necessary forms and stickers to the homeowner. Even if you don't have an alarm on your property, it is a deterrent for a thief to see an official sticker from the Sheriff's Office displayed. And best of all, it's free.

### Speeding on our streets

Almost every month at the Safety Committee meetings, we have residents who report cars speeding through their neighborhoods. One of the streets that is particularly sensitive to speeding traffic is the east side of Ringwood Meadow from the traffic circle down to Pinebrook Hollow. This section of Ringwood Meadow has single-family homes lining both sides of the street. The residents who live there are extremely concerned

that there will be a serious accident or someone struck because the driver did not obey the speed limit.

In an effort to help slow traffic through that neighborhood, the MCA reduced the speed limit to 20 mph and installed two electronic speed detection signs. While this has had a positive effect on reducing the vast majority of speeding vehicles, there are still those who disobey the posted speed limit signs. Other Meadows neighborhoods have a similar problem with speeding vehicles as well. Marsh Field Road North currently is utilizing one of these electronic signs now. Please obey the posted speed limits on all streets in The Meadows. Our residents' safety is the first priority in The Meadows. Please, just slow it down.

### Bicycles should stop, too!

You hear about cars striking bicycle riders from time to time, but you don't think it can happen to you.

The Meadows has nice, wide sidewalks to ride on and we seldom have to go into street traffic. When we go out for a leisurely bike ride, we often just enjoy the surroundings and getting some exercise. We kind of forget that we are a moving vehicle, too. Our sidewalk on Longmeadow was widened so that walkers and bicyclists could all enjoy it. But remember that the sidewalk you are riding on crosses some streets and driveways.

Cars have the right of way if there is no traffic control device to stop them. The intersection of Longmeadow and Highlands Bridge Road is one such intersection where a bicyclist should be extra cautious. Despite the big stop sign, riders often blow right through that intersection without even looking at the traffic. We have had some close calls with our bike riders not paying attention here. Please, play it safe and always stop bicycles at stop signs.



Photo credit: Carlene Cobb

At the April 2 Safety Committee meeting, Chairman **John Spillane** recognized the contributions of Deputy Vince Riva, Sarasota County Sheriff's Office Crime Prevention Unit. "For more than a decade, Deputy Riva has attended monthly Safety Committee meetings and performed home security surveys for Meadows residents," says John Spillane. "He has helped The Meadows become one of the safest communities in the county." We thank Deputy Riva and wish him well in his retirement.

### Phone, Email & Text Alerts

- Water & Sewer Interruptions
- Missing Persons • Major Traffic Detours
- **Weather Warnings** issued by the National Weather Service

Available free at [www.scgov.net](http://www.scgov.net)—click the **CodeRED** registration under **Emergency Services** and enter your first and last name, physical address, and primary telephone numbers.

For more info, call the Sarasota County Contact Center at 941-861-5000 ask about CodeRED registration.







# Schemes, Scams and Cons...

## And how they try to take your money!

John Spillane—Safety Committee Chair

### Words to the wise about Medicare card scams

In an article published last year, I warned residents about new Medicare card fraud that became prevalent as soon as the government announced it was sending out Medicare cards. One of our scam-savvy residents asked to see this information again.

#### Medicare card scams are out there...

Medicare will begin to mail new Medicare cards between April 2018 and April 2019. Your new card will have a new Medicare number that's unique to you, instead of your Social Security number. This will help to protect your identity which is a long overdue security improvement. The new card won't change your coverage or your benefits. You don't need to take any action to get your new Medicare card. Medicare will never contact you for your Medicare number or other personal information. Do not share your Medicare number or other personal information with anyone who contacts you by phone, email, or by approaching you in person, unless you've given them permission in advance.

The government's Medicare card issue program is automatic. There's no need for you to do anything; you will receive it in the mail. Telephone calls you may get that claim you have to pay a fee, that your benefits may be cancelled, or that request your Social Security number are all scams. Just hang up on them.

#### Scammers impersonate the Social Security Administration

Your Social Security number is an important key for an identity thief. Scammers want it, and they think of all sorts of ways to trick you into giving it away. The Federal Trade Commission is getting reports about calls from scammers claiming to be from the Social Security Administration. They say there has been a computer

problem, and they need to confirm your Social Security number. Other people have reported that they have come across spoof websites that look like the place where you would apply for a new Social Security card—but these websites are actually a setup to steal your personal information.

If you get a phone call or are directed to a website other than *ssa.gov* that claims to be associated with the Social Security Administration, don't respond. It's most likely a scam.

#### Here are some tips to deal with these government imposters:

1. Don't give the caller your information. Never give out or confirm sensitive information—like your bank account, credit card, or Social Security number—unless you know who you're dealing with.

If someone has contacted you, you can't be sure who they really are.

2. Don't trust a name or number. Con artists use official-sounding names so you will trust them. To make their call seem legitimate, scammers use internet technology to spoof their area code—so although it may seem they are calling from Washington, DC, they could be calling from anywhere in the world.

3. Check with the Social Security Administration. The SSA has a warning about these scams and suggests you contact them directly at 1-800-772-1213 to verify the reason for the contact and the person's identity prior to providing any information to the caller.

If you come across one of these scams, please report it to the Social Security Administration's Fraud Hotline at 1-800-269-0271.

#### Polite versus rude

Senior citizens are known for their extraordinary politeness. It's just the way we were raised. Even in this high pressure telemarketing age we live in, we still have a tendency to answer the telephone and be polite to the person giving

us an unwanted sales pitch on the other end of the phone. Many of us listen patiently to the sales pitch and, worse, some of us agree to buy whatever they are

selling. Unfortunately, seniors get taken advantage of because they are so polite. So what can we do to protect ourselves from those

unwanted telemarketer calls? Here's some info that might help.

#### How to handle an unexpected sales call

##### Questions to ask

When you get a call from a telemarketer, ask yourself:

##### 1. Who's calling...and why?

The law says telemarketers must tell you it's a sales call, the name of the seller and what they're selling before they make their pitch. If you don't hear this information, say "no thanks," and get off the phone.

##### 2. What's the hurry?

Fast talkers who use high pressure tactics could be hiding something. Take your time. Most legitimate businesses will give you time and written information about an offer before asking you to commit to a purchase.

##### 3. If it's free, why are they asking me to pay?

Question fees you need to pay to redeem a prize or gift. Free is free. If you have to pay, it's a purchase—not a prize or a gift.

##### 4. Why am I "confirming" my account information—or giving it out?

Some callers have your billing information before they call you. They're trying to get you to say "okay" so they can claim you approved a charge.

##### 5. What time is it?

The law allows telemarketers to call only between 8 am and 9 pm. A seller calling earlier or later is ignoring the law.

##### 6. Do I want more calls like this one?

If you don't want a business to call you again, say so and register your phone number on the **National Do Not Call Registry**. If they call back, they're breaking the law.

#### Some Additional Guidelines

- Resist pressure to make a decision immediately.
- Keep your credit card, checking account, or Social Security numbers to yourself. Don't give them to callers you don't know—

even if they ask you to "confirm" this information. That's a trick.

- Don't pay for something just because you'll get a "free gift."
- Get all information in writing before you agree to buy.

#### What to do about pre-recorded calls

If you answer the phone and hear a recorded message instead of a live person, it's a **robocall**. Recorded messages that are trying to sell you something are generally illegal unless you have given the company written permission to call you.

#### If you get a robocall:

Hang up the phone. Don't press 1 to speak to a live operator or any other key to take your number off the list. If you respond by pressing any number, it will probably just lead to more robocalls.

Consider asking your phone company whether they charge for blocking phone numbers. Remember that telemarketers change Caller ID information easily and often, so it might not be worth paying a fee to block a number that will change.

Report your experience to the FTC online or by calling 1-888-382-1222.

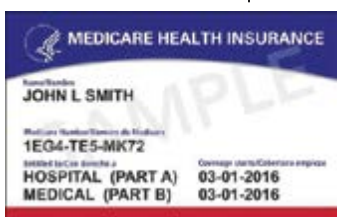
If you get phone service through internet or cable, you might want to look into services that screen and block robocalls. Try doing an online search for "block robocalls."

#### Alert of the month

##### Join the National Do Not Call List

Register your home and mobile phone numbers with the **National Do Not Call Registry**. This won't stop all unsolicited calls, but it will stop most. The Do Not Call Registry accepts registrations from both cell phones and land lines. To register by telephone, call **1-888-382-1222**. You must call from the phone number that you want to register.

If your number is on the registry and you still get calls, they're probably from scammers ignoring the law. Hang up, and report them at [www.donotcall.gov](http://www.donotcall.gov).







# Assembly Committee

Mike Mazur—Chair

The Assembly of Property Owners meeting on April 18 provided a wealth of helpful ideas on preparing your home and yourself for the upcoming hurricane season and other weather emergencies

**Charlie Mericle**, an 18-year Meadows resident and a very active member of the Emergency Preparedness Committee, provided a thorough view of various aspects of this topic, including information on National Weather service broadcasts, evacuation zones and shelters. He also addressed preparing residences and providing personal protection and preparedness for emergencies.

### Zello walkie-talkie app

I delivered an overview of Zello, the smartphone walkie-talkie app that eventually became the backbone of communications efforts in The Meadows during Hurricane Irma and its aftermath.

### Emergency supply kits

Enviro-neers, a local hiking and camping supply shop, briefly outlined products in their inventory that may be useful for individual emergency supply kits.

### Best Kept Spring Awards

Best Kept Chairmen **Walter** and **Lesley Totten** recognized the winners of Best Kept Spring Awards and thanked everyone for their efforts in keeping The Meadows beautiful.

Please join us for “The Year in Review” presented by MCA President **Claire Coyle** at the final Assembly program for the season, 4 p.m., Wednesday, May 16. This has been an unprecedented year in our history and Claire provides a look-back and focus on the future.

### Planning fall and winter Assembly programs

The Assembly Executive Committee members began planning the fall and winter programs, resuming October 17. Some of the upcoming topics include: Association Management companies, proposal preparation, interviewing and evaluation, home checkers and house sitters, insurance coverage including law & ordinance, claims, property appraisal and Association legal Q&A with attorneys on a panel to answer your questions.

Do you have ideas for our 2018-2019 programs? If so, email [mjmaz0604@gmail.com](mailto:mjmaz0604@gmail.com). Our Assembly Executive Committee members always welcome your ideas and input.

Please plan to join us at the May 16 Assembly Committee meeting—See you there!

## Assembly of Property Owners Wednesday, May 16, 4 p.m.

Claire Coyle, Meadows Community Association President

**The Year in Review**  
at the MCA Community Center

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### 2018 Deadlines for *The Meadoword*

Advertising deadlines may need to be changed to accommodate for holidays, short months (like February), and extenuating circumstances that affect publication production. This schedule is subject to change.

2018 Issue	New Ads, Ad Changes & Builds	CR Ads, Articles & Submissions	Contracts & Payments	MCA Columns	Classifieds
<b>JULY*</b>	<b>Wed, Jun 13</b>	<b>Thu, Jun 14</b>	<b>Thu, Jun 14</b>	<b>Fri, Jun 15</b>	<b>Wed, Jun 20</b>
<b>SEP</b>	Fri, Aug 3	Tue, Aug 7	Tue, Aug 7	Fri, Aug 10	Mon, Aug 13
<b>OCT</b>	Wed, Sep 5	Fri, Sep 7	Fri, Sep 7	Mon, Sep 10	Thu, Sep 13
<b>NOV</b>	Fri, Oct 5	Fri, Oct 5	Fri, Oct 5	Wed, Oct 10	Fri, Oct 12
<b>DEC**</b>	Fri, Nov 2	Mon, Nov 5	Mon, Nov 5	Thu, Nov 8	Mon, Nov 12
<b>JAN**</b>	Mon, Dec 3	Wed, Dec 5	Wed, Dec 5	Fri, Dec 7	Tue, Dec 11

**\*The JULY issue is the SUMMER issue, replacing June and August issues**

**\*\*Dates have been moved up to accommodate for February, holidays and extenuating circumstances that affect publication production**

## The MCA Center is CLOSED Wed, July 4

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# What's Happening?

*What's on the outside counts too!*

Frances Rippondi—MCA Manager

## Look at what's trending today...

My mother always said (and we have all heard this), it's not what's on the outside that's important; it's what's on the inside that counts. True, but if you're not speaking of people, pies or filled donuts, it's not just what's inside that matters. It's the outside, too!

Last month, I wrote about what was trending in communities, lifestyle changes and themed developments. However, communities today are not only looking at their amenities and social infrastructure, but also at the latest architectural trends and styles.

### Increase your property values with current colors and updated styles

Many improvements are taking place in The Meadows, so it's important to note what exterior improvements in styles, colors, materials, lighting and other details will keep your properties current and your property values increasing.

When I am out meeting with residents who are looking to improve their homes' exteriors, I am sometimes asked if there is a color paint or paver color that would be a better choice given The Meadows is currently undergoing a Renaissance?

My answer is, while we don't have a specific color palette that must be adhered to, keep in mind that the latest colors that are easily adaptable to the new architectural styles and trends are great choices.

### What's new in architectural styles and colors?

Color is the first way to create an instant impact in your home's exterior. Currently there has been a shift towards Mid-Century Modern. Designs with modern, sleek and clean lines are popular in architecture for both interior and exterior design. You see it wherever you go. Facades of buildings and exteriors of homes use neutral colors such as greys, beige and off whites. Often, neutrals are contrasted with darker colors or varying shades. Enhancing neutrals with a pop of color or textured accent wall is eye-catching and updates the look.

Not ready to incorporate a modern approach? Colors such as whites are classic in appearance, but can also create a little more maintenance. If you choose a white house, add a splash to the front door to make your house pop. Selecting a cream color house? Accent it with taupe or a grey door that works with the cream you selected. Tying your accent color with the fixed elements will harmonize your entire appearance and instantly upgrade your home.

### Textures for interest and emphasis

Textures are a big trend for exteriors. Incorporating stone, wood, sidings to a home's exterior can accentuate and change the look of a stucco home's façade. Modern houses have seen an increase in a natural, authentic approach to materials. By going beyond one material, incorporating multiple textures into your home's façade you can emphasize focal points and break up the monotony of a single material façade. The use of

stone, wood, shiplap, fiber cement are all possibilities to transform or accentuate your home's beauty.

### Don't overlook the details

Giving attention to the details on the exterior of your home is a sure-fire way to update your property. The peripheral elements include garage doors, coach lighting, doors, windows, fences, mailboxes and house numbers. These details strengthen the architectural style and quality of your home.

Your exterior's appearance is a reflection of you. Whether your style is traditional, Mediterranean, modern, or an eclectic fusion of multiple styles, incorporating new colors, textures and details will set your home apart and bring it into the future. The increasing number of architectural applications is a great signifier that improvements are being made. It's exciting to witness the transformation in The Meadows, and we encourage you to keep up your great work with ongoing improvements!

### Changing Gears

Every year in observance of Arbor Day, the MCA has planted a variety of trees, including Powder Puff, Silver Buttonwoods and Olive trees throughout the community. This year, the Maintenance Committee decided to delay our planting until the rainy season arrives—typically late May or early June until October. We will be looking forward to our additional trees as they are the backbone to the beauty of The Meadows. We encourage you to take advantage of the summer rains by adding trees, plants, shrubs and sod to continue to beautify The Meadows and our environment.



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# Emergency Prep Committee

*Be prepared and stay safe*

John Spillane—Chair

After a devastating hurricane season for the United States in 2017, forecasters predict the upcoming hurricane season will be near normal to slightly above-normal, with 12 to 15 tropical storms. Of those storms, six to eight are forecast to become hurricanes and three to five are forecast to become major hurricanes.

Last year, we had 17 tropical storms. This year may not be quite as active. Similar to last year, sea surface temperatures are expected to remain warmer than normal across most of the basin and normal to above normal over the main developmental region, where more than 85 percent of all tropical storms form. Warm water creates more favorable conditions for tropical storm development.

While last year brought six impacts to the United States, including Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands, this year is more likely to result in three or four. Conditions are ripe for early season development in the Gulf of Mexico due to warm water already in place in that part of the Atlantic basin. Can a major hurricane make a direct hit on Sarasota? You bet it can. *Hurricane Irma's* path last September had Sarasota firmly in her sights. We were spared massive devastation here, but others were not so lucky.

## The first 48 hours are on us

The Emergency Prep Committee knows that the first 48 hours after a storm has passed may be difficult for outside agencies to get into The Meadows to help. First responders will be busy throughout the county, and we might have to fend for ourselves for some time. Our volunteers will go out into the community after the storm has passed to inspect and report damage and medical emergencies to our Command Center at the MCA. Those of us in the Command Center will send assistance to the area as needed. We will all have to depend on each other. We were exceptionally proud of our volunteers in the aftermath of *Hurricane Irma*—The Meadows community really pulled together.

## Have a plan

All of us should have a plan. In other words: If you had to evacuate, what would you take with you? Where would you go? Will you go to a shelter? If you stay home, how will you deal with a storm that may knock your power and water service out. Do you have hurricane shutters? Can you install them by yourself? You want to prepare for the worst case scenario—that's called having a hurricane plan.

## The time to do this is now

It's not very likely that we will experience any hurricane activity

before the summer months. So now is the time to stock up on supplies. You can easily buy cases of bottled water now to store in your garage or pantry. There won't be any left on the supermarket shelves at the last minute. Also, about a day before the hurricane is scheduled to arrive, put as many bottles in the freezer as you can safely fit. They will freeze (but not burst), and can then be moved to an ice chest to replace expensive bags of ice. Remember, an average person needs about a gallon of water a day for drinking and food preparation. Don't forget to stock enough water for your pets, too!

You'll need batteries and battery-powered lanterns if your power goes out. Keep enough food and supplies on hand to last at least 72 hours. If you really want to prepare for the storm, have at least one week of food and water on hand for your family. Remember, your microwave won't work. Do you have a full tank of propane for your grill?

## Stay or go?

One of the most difficult decisions is whether to stay put and ride out the storm at home or evacuate and take your chances on the highways. As you decide to either stay or go, there are several factors that should help you make your decision:

- How big and powerful is the storm? There's a huge difference in a small, Category One hurricane and a monster Category Five!
- Do you have a place to go should you choose to evacuate? Do you know where the shelters are along your evacuation path?
- How secure is your home, and how safe do you believe you will be if you don't evacuate? How prepared are you to care for yourself before, during, and after a storm and possible protracted power outage?

## People with special needs

As part of Sarasota County's disaster preparation, the respective Office of Emergency Management maintains a "People with Special Needs" Registration program designed for:

- People who have physical or mental conditions or limitations such as having or being: visually or hearing impaired, wheelchair bound, or have respiratory problems.
- People who need help with daily living activities such as eating, bathing or mobility.
- People who are dependent on medications or medical treatment such as oxygen, electric life support or dialysis.
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# Emergency Prep

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## Complete the proper application at the MCA

You must pre-register for a special needs evacuation center placement as soon as possible. Registration applications are reviewed, then the applicant is assigned to appropriate facilities that meet their medical needs or conditions including:

- Red Cross Shelters
- Special Needs Shelter
- Nursing homes or hospitals (as arranged in advance by your physician)
- The county's Special Needs Shelters provides cots, meals, oxygen and volunteer medical personnel to assist with medication/oxygen administration, mobility and monitoring of stable medical conditions.
- Registration does not guarantee assignment to a Special Needs Shelter. The Special Needs Program cannot provide 24-hour skilled care.
- Those who require skilled medical care on a 24-hour basis should contact their medical professional to make arrangements if hospital or nursing home admission will be required.
- If you, or someone you know, needs to be registered in the Special Needs Program, please call the Office of Emergency Management in the county where you reside and request a PSN registration packet.

The MCA will have these forms on hand as well as the *Sarasota County Disaster Planning Guide* and other information that will be helpful in your hurricane planning.



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## Standards

*Does your house have curb appeal?*

Bob Clark—Chair

Curb appeal might be more important than you think!

When considering selling a house, we typically worry about what the kitchen or bathrooms look like, but a recent Cost vs. Value study suggests that what is on the outside may be more important than what is on the inside.

**This survey concluded that curb appeal projects often generated a higher return on the money invested than work done inside the home**

A potential buyer will look at a home with a dirty, cracked driveway or a roof that needs care and wonder what else is being neglected that would have to be addressed after purchasing that house. It is a little bit like the thoughts that go through your head when you get on an airplane and find your seat broken and wonder what other items maintenance crews may have been overlooked.

**Look at the outside of your home like you did when you were considering buying it**

Is the driveway cracked and dirty, does the paint need refreshing, is the roof covered with mildew and the lawn in bad need of some tender loving care? Correcting these things will not only boost the home's appeal to a prospective buyer, it will make you proud to live in a house that enhances the overall beauty of The Meadows and your neighborhood.

**Compare costs of concrete and pavers when repairing driveways**

A final thought about driveways. At a recent meeting of the Presidents Council, it was suggested that replacing a worn or damaged driveway with pavers will likely increase the value of your house more than the cost difference

### Architectural Review

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between repairing with concrete or installing pavers. With that in mind, if you are considering a driveway replacement, it is wise to ask for quotes using both concrete and pavers.

As you look at your house, think of what small improvements you can make that will increase your property's curb appeal. Many homeowners find that sometimes small improvements can yield big dividends along with the bonus of feeling a great deal of personal pride.



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# MHOA

## Working together in The Meadows

Jan Lazar

As the season winds down, MHOA will hold its last dinner social until the fall on Wednesday, June 6, 5:30 p.m., at The Meadows Country Club

Our new Social Chair, **Christine Duetsch**, is planning another great dinner that will be as enjoyable as those organized by outgoing Social Chair, **Sandy Diaz**. We thank Sandy for her excellent service over the years. Please add the date to your calendar and plan to join us for a relaxed evening and great dinner with friends!

At the recent Meadows Home Owners Association (MHOA) Board meeting on April 2, there was again discussion of getting individual homeowners more involved as a group within the community. With all the changes currently occurring in The Meadows, it is more important than ever for us to know what individual homeowners want to see happening in this community. And it's vital for the MCA to hear our strong, collective voice representing individual homeowners.

### Lighting presentation

MHOA Board member **Jerry Lazar** reported on the great presentation and discussion on lighting presented at the last Assembly meeting. If you have not updated your lights to LED yet, it is worth looking into. Modernizing things in our homes doesn't have to be a big, expensive endeavor. Lighting is one of many things we can update to make things more attractive and cost effective.

### Community service projects

We are seeking recommendations for a community project to be sponsored and conducted by individual homeowners. We'd like to develop ongoing annual community service projects to contribute to the Renaissance of The Meadows. It behooves us all to keep our community and lifestyles vibrant and to protect our property values.

As a reminder, whether you are leaving to head north, traveling, or staying home and enjoying the many activities in our area, please be mindful of the many empty homes over the next few months. If you are leaving, make sure that someone is keeping an eye on your property, and that someone knows how to contact you immediately if there are any problems. It's just about time to begin thinking about preparations for the upcoming hurricane season. Last year, we had a real scare with *Hurricane Irma*. Let's make sure we are prepared, safe and our homes are protected.

### MHOA membership

If you are not getting the mailed invitations to the great dinner socials, your MHOA membership may have lapsed, or you may not yet be a member. Remember, the \$15 annual dues, or \$45 for four years' membership, is the best investment you can make in your Meadows lifestyle that includes joining in, having fun, eating well, and making sure your voice is heard in community decision-making. Please refer to the announcement on this page. It's so easy, so important and such a good deal to join MHOA now! (You even get a reduced members' cost on the delicious dinners.)

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Any single-family homeowner who does not already belong to another sub-HOA can join the Meadows Homeowners Association (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](mailto:deutsch623@gmail.com).

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# Water and Wildlife Committee

## Alligators contribute significantly to ecology and to our economy

Richard Bragaw—Water and Wildlife Committee Member

### When MCA must remove an alligator, it will be killed...

It's not unusual for Meadows residents to call The Meadows Community Association to report a concern about an alligator lolling in the sun nearby, according to MCA General Manager **Frances Rippondi**. Sometimes, the caller reports a major issue, such as an alligator crossing through The Meadows Shopping Village to get from one pond to another, or an animal on someone's back stoop. Usually, it's just the presence of an alligator in one of more than 100 water bodies in The Meadows that's being reported. For some people, it may be scary to have an alligator nearby, and many callers just want "the powers that be" to catch the unwelcome visitor and relocate it.

"That's easier said than done," says Kyle Mader, a biological scientist specializing in alligators and crocodiles in the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) North Florida Alligator Field office in Eustis. His agency receives 16,000 to 20,000 nuisance alligator complaints each year, but only removes a small number. "Relocating alligators to remote areas that already have an established alligator social structure would likely cause fighting, which would possibly result in the death of the resident alligator or the relocated alligator," Mader explains.

Quite often a relocated alligator will just move back to the pond or lake from which it was taken. So the alligator you report can be removed, but in almost every case it will be killed and its hide and meat sold. Is that all right? Should we want to keep alligators in The Meadows' ponds?

Meadows Water and Wildlife Committee Chairman and Mote Marine Laboratory Marine Biologist **Bob Hueter**, PhD says, "Absolutely we should! Like sharks in the ocean, alligators in Florida lakes and ponds are 'top predators,' which is to say, they occupy the top of the food web." Dr. Hueter lives on Everwood Run, and he heads Mote Marine Laboratory's shark research unit. "In fact, alligators have been known to ambush deer, Florida panthers and black bears. They help maintain the ecological balance and long-term environmental health of Florida water bodies. Without them, prey species may overpopulate, leading to overuse of available resources



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and even disease. With alligators, the weak and sick prey animals are culled, and even exotic species like tilapia fish are held in check. The result, with an alligator in most ponds, is a healthier and more aesthetically pleasing system," says Dr. Hueter.

Mader cites ecological and economic reasons to appreciate the presence of alligators. "They are considered ecosystem engineers," he says. "They build caves and holes and the females build nests, which can help with increasing plant diversity. They construct nests from many different materials, mostly grasses and mud, which they mound up above the waterline. These nests later may provide a nesting habitat for turtles and amphibians. Alligators provide a real benefit to the ecosystem."

Florida is home for 1.3 million alligators, second only to Louisiana in state alligator population. Alligators deliver an obvious economic benefit to our state—tourists come here to see alligators. They visit parks, where you can see alligators, and enjoy airboat rides to get a closer look. According to Mader, operators of airboat tours and some golf course managers believe alligators contribute to their businesses and speak out for killing fewer alligators. Their most important economic benefit to humans in some areas may be the control of coypu, a large semiaquatic rodent also known as beaver rat, and muskrats, both of which contribute to shore erosion in ponds and wetlands.

Around 100 alligator farms across the state provide further evidence of the economic value of the large reptiles. Their hides are used for manufacturing luggage, handbags, shoes, belts and other leather items. Alligator meat is offered in many restaurants. In 2010, the Archbishop of New

Orleans ruled that for purposes of Catholic Church discipline in relation to abstention from meat, the flesh of the alligator is characterized as fish.

Alligators are found in all 67 Florida counties. Once on the endangered species list, they are now considered "threatened," which means they can be hunted (in Florida only by individuals with proper licenses and permits). The FWC's nuisance alligator program permits the killing of about 7,000 alligators per year.

The likelihood of a Florida resident being seriously injured during an unprovoked alligator incident is roughly one in 3,200,000. The risk would probably drop to zero if everyone followed a few safety tips outlined in the FWC's brochure, *A Guide to Living with Alligators*, copies of which are available in the MCA office. These tips include:

- Do not swim or allow your pets to swim in wetlands or ponds where there may be alligators. Swimming in MCA water bodies is prohibited.
- Do not allow children or pets near these wetlands or ponds, especially at dusk or dawn.
- Always keep your dog on a leash outside, as MCA rules require.
- Do not approach an alligator, even if you just want to take a picture. Keep at least 30 to 50 feet away.
- Never feed an alligator. It is illegal. Do not leave anything edible outside your home that could attract them.
- Leave alligators alone. It is against the law to harass, kill or possess them.

Alligators become sexually active when they reach a size of six to seven feet. At that size, males are 8 to 12 years old and females are 10 to 15 years

old. The mating season begins in late April with courtship, when you may hear so-called "bellowing choruses." Groups of alligators bellow together for a few minutes a few times a day. Actual mating occurs in May and June. The female alligator lays eggs, and in summer, she builds a nest of vegetation where the decomposition of the vegetation provides the heat needed to incubate the eggs. The eggs hatch from mid-August to early September, and the mother often protects her young while they are around the nest. Alligators can be more aggressive during these months. The baby gators are very colorful compared to the drab coloration of the adults, and they communicate with the mother by making sounds that attract her attention. From a "clutch" of 35 alligator eggs, only about four will reach adulthood.

MCA's new Water and Wildlife Committee has developed detailed guidelines for handling alligator reports from residents. The Committee will evaluate every report by listening to the resident's concerns and reviewing a series of investigative questions, and then seeking input from Sunwest Waterway Management, the firm the MCA retains to maintain ponds and waterways throughout The Meadows. Based on the results of the investigation, the Committee will make a recommendation to the MCA on what action to take in response to the resident's concern. With its mission to "eco-beautify" The Meadows ponds and lakes, the Committee will be looking for tangible evidence of a true risk to residents before it will recommend removing and destroying this important ecological asset for our aquatic environment.

*This is one of a planned series of communications for Meadows residents from the Water and Wildlife Committee, written by **Dick Bragaw**, who says he's never seen an alligator in the pond behind his Chatsworth Greene home.*



Robert Hueter, PhD



# Long Range Planning Committee



Malcolm Hay—Chair

## Community survey indicates continued high satisfaction level

Over 1,000 residents responded to the recent community survey sent to the MCA Constant Contact list of over 3,000 emails. The response rate of 33% is slightly higher than that in 2016. The survey confirmed the results of the 2016 survey. It indicated that 94% of respondents are either very satisfied or satisfied with living in the Meadows. Only 2% indicated dissatisfaction.

### Your expectations for improvement

More than 750 respondents offered recommendations for improvements to the community. The country club, shopping village, activities and appearance are still as much on the minds of the community as they were in 2016. More than 75 percent of recommendations in the current survey were on those subjects compared to slightly under 70 percent in 2016. Most of the recommendations focused on the appearance of the shopping village, continued attention to the overall appearance of the community, a desire for more activities and, of course, the country club.

While the comments on the first three subjects were like those made in 2016, the one area where the recommendations varied related to the club. While the business aspect of the club is still the most commented upon subject, the recommendations have shifted from “saving the club” to “supporting the club.” This makes sense since the MCA has stabilized the finances of the club.

An important aspect of your recommendations relating to the club is that you want more access including general access, access to dining and access to fitness. Once more this makes sense. Now that the community has more of a stake in the club, you want more access.

### You noted improvements to the community

We asked if respondents had seen any improvements in the community. Over a third of you offered positive comments. A lot of respondents liked the new fountain

and landscaping at the 17th Street entrance. Still more have noticed the addition of new landscaping, sidewalks repairs, the new fence on athlete’s Drive and, at last, improvements at the shopping village!

### Communication is satisfactory

A large majority of respondents are satisfied with the communications they receive from MCA, with 57% very satisfied and less than 4% dissatisfied. There is very little variation in respondents’ attitudes towards such communications by type of residence, duration of stay, or TMCC membership status.

### Golf, fitness and dining out are still popular activities

Over 950 of those surveyed responded to questions on their golf, tennis, fitness and dining habits. About 40% of respondents reported that they play golf. Many play more than once per week. The same number report playing in the summer. Club members, of course, play mostly at the club. Non-members play at a lot of other places but mostly at nearby courses such as Bobby Jones, University Park and Legacy.

A surprising result is that only 14 percent of the respondents play tennis. More than half of the players play more than once a week and another tenth at least weekly. The majority play at the club, the rest at city and county facilities.

### Use of a fitness facility was reported by 45 percent of respondents

The majority of those respondents (62 percent) reported using the fitness facility more than once a week. Another 19 percent go weekly. In addition to the Dickens, respondents reported using many other nearby locations.

Dining out at sit-down restaurants is a very popular activity for respondents with slightly more than half eating out more than once a week. Another 28 percent dine out at least weekly; 3 percent eat out every day!

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A key aspect of this year’s survey was not only to determine the demand for the traditional activities but also to assess interest in new activities and amenities as we move ahead with the Renaissance. In that regard, we got some very valuable information.

Respondents were asked nine questions regarding their participation in different types of leisure-time activities. Five activities are the most popular:

- Lectures, Course and Discussion Groups
- Health, Wellness and Exercise Programs
- Excursions/Day Tours
- Community Parties/Picnics
- Pickle Ball and Bocce Ball

Interest in the top five areas is high for both full-time and seasonal residents, with approximately equal numbers selecting each of the five.

This data will help guide the way for formulating future activity offerings in the community.

The most popular other amenity selected by more than 300 respondents is a dog park. Respondents were equally split between those wanting a park for large dogs and one for small dogs.

### Ad-Hoc Survey Committee

Many thanks to the ad-hoc Survey Committee for doing a great job of planning, organizing and conducting this year’s survey. Committee members include: **Liz Barnett, Bob Barnett, John Gartner, Kathy Gibson, Pam Grove, Malcolm Hay, Marilyn Maleckas, Erik Reynolds and Sandy Truman.**



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complemented that faire with their favorite sides.

All the while, in the background was a lot of "chatter" and great music (bongo drums) by **Tom Heiden**. A truly great time was had by all!

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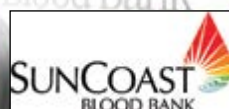
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# Jewish War Veterans Inspire Next Generation of Service

Local Sarasota resident Stan Levinson knows firsthand the responsibility and honor of being called a member of the United States Armed Forces. As a former service member and now commander of Sarasota-Manatee Post 172, Stan has seen the support needed to keep our country's veterans healthy, happy and thriving. With the help of his fellow comrades, Stan leads the efforts of Sarasota's local Jewish War Veterans post—a national organization dedicated to helping veterans of any age by providing community and invaluable resources.

On a monthly basis the members of Post 172 meet at Aviva—A Campus for Senior Life to hold meetings, host speakers, and discuss ways to help the military community at large. Aviva, a large senior living facility in The Meadows has become a loyal partner for the Post, assisting them by providing space, food for events, and lending support whenever possible.

Aviva Chief Executive Officer Jay Solomon has made supporting local veterans—those considered seniors and those who are not yet seniors—a top priority for the organization. "When working with senior communities it is so rare for us to get a chance to really say thank you," says Solomon, "to thank these incredible individuals for the things they have done, the things they have achieved. Our commitment to the Jewish War Veterans is just a small way we support those who supported us. The fact that their work extends into the greater Sarasota community is a wonderful bonus."

The work of the Jewish War Veterans extends well beyond the members of their local meetings. In fact, one of the missions of the organization is to find innovative ways to help veterans in the community and support current and future service members.

Post 172 took this mission to heart, providing invaluable support to local students looking to join the United States armed forces after graduation. Each year, Post 172 hosts an Awards Banquet featuring local students completing Sarasota and Manatee County JROTC programs.

As an annual event, the Awards

Front row, from left—Nikolas Garner, Kira Martin and Harley Hass.(not pictured—Thomas Suba)  
Back Row, from left—SGM Roger Mitchell, LTC Ben Weiss and LTC Christopher Davis

Banquet recognizes four outstanding junior cadets from local high schools. Each cadet is nominated by their commanding officer on the basis of excellence in academics, strength of morals, dedication to country, and serving as a role model in the community. At the banquet, each cadet is awarded a Medal of Patriotism and a corresponding ribbon for their uniform. In addition, each receives a certificate at his/her own school award ceremony presented on behalf of the National Jewish War Veterans organization.

This past year, Post 172 acknowledged the hard work and dedication of eight extraordinary cadets and their school's senior army instructor. Cadets and their families joined Post 172 for a catered breakfast at Aviva before the official ceremony began. Of the eight recognized, four received the prestigious award. This year the members of the post were proud to honor Nickolas Garner of Riverview High School, Harley Haas of Sarasota High School, Kira Martin of Booker High School and Thomas Suba of Lakewood Ranch High School.

The Jewish War Veterans organization remains one of the oldest active veteran organizations in the United States. Post 172 meets the third Sunday of the month between October and April at Aviva—A Campus for Senior Life. For more information visit [www.jwv.org](http://www.jwv.org) or contact Commander Stan Levinson at [stanlevinson172@gmail.com](mailto:stanlevinson172@gmail.com).

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Creative, crafty ladies keep the Craft Group going strong

# Craft Group

## Happy Anniversary

Liz Barnett

Things have changed a lot in the last thirty years. In 1988, we had big hair, big shoulder pads in our power suits and big, puffy bubble skirts for our evening wear. We wore parachute pants, jumpsuits, or velour leisure suits for causal occasions. We could walk around in our homes talking on cordless phones but only a few of us had one of the new car phones, and their mobility was limited—they were too big to fit in our purses. That was no real problem. We had fewer reasons to be connected then; the internet, as we know it, didn't exist. We still watched network TV, and in 1988 we were all laughing at a new show called "Roseanne." Here in The Meadows, women were going to the Ladies Craft Group. Oh, I guess not everything has changed.

This year is the 30th anniversary of The Meadows Craft Group. Pearls are the appropriate gift if you want to send something. According to *Top Anniversary*, "much like a 30-year marriage, pearls grow from a small speck into a treasure." The same might be said of The Meadows Craft Group.

Thirty years ago, **Ruth Johnson** started a craft group which met in a small room at the Dickens Center. It worked fine because only five or six women participated. According to a 2008 interview with **Joan Hogan**, who joined the group in 1989, decorating tee-shirts was a favorite activity. Joan soon suggested that they work on "saleable" items. "How many tee-shirts does anyone need?" reasoned Joan. The other members agreed and by November had

created enough items to hold a sale. The Meadows Country Club gave permission for the group to use the upper area in the Dickens Pub for a one-day sale. That first sale netted enough to donate \$400 to the Salvation Army and the tradition of charitable giving began.

### The early days

During the 90s, the group began meeting in the first MCA Community Center located in what is now the Meadows Shopping Village on Ringwood Meadow.

**Joyce Gallegos** remembers the meetings there in a little room where each

week 6 to 8 crafters worked on a single activity that had been selected by the group's leader. For the most part these were simple crafts. The most complex might have been needlepoint in plastic canvas that was used for various creations. By this time the group had given up its 9 am to 3 pm marathon meetings and settled into a 9 to 11 am time slot every Wednesday.

The annual craft sale was held at the same time as the garage sale, generating more interest for both events. The group was able to donate from \$500 to \$1000 annually to local charities and to provide occasional

extras like Easter bonnet favors for Pinecrest Nursing Home.

### A new home

In 2005, the current MCA Community Center on Longmeadow opened and the Craft Group moved into its new home. "We were so excited. We were going to have a closet!" said Joyce Gallegos. Previously the crafters had to transport all their supplies, tools and partially



Betty Turner and the group's creations

completed crafts back and forth between their homes and the meeting room each week. In addition to the closet, there were windows and space to grow. Members had room to do the popular crafts of the day—needlepoint, counted cross stitch, Swedish tapestry, decoupage, silk flower arranging and even jewelry making.

We began branching out. A selection of Attic Treasures, "slightly used but never abused," was added to the craft sale. We decided to add a bake sale, but the MCA had some reservations. Worries about health department regulations, allergic reactions, and liability issues held things up for a while, but eventually we were given permission to sell homemade foods as long as they were not consumed on the premises. There

is no record of any crafter grabbing a muffin or cookie just in time to keep it out of a customer's mouth, but we do know that several customers immediately returned to buy more baked goods because they had eaten all their goodies before they got home. We hope they did not take the first bite until after leaving the parking lot.

We realized that successful organizations don't just happen and that to keep growing we needed to do more than just make crafts. In, 2009 we added a treasurer, **Carol Jensen**. **Harriet Hergenrother** became our project manager/facilitator, **Dottie Barr** managed the inventory and **Helene DiPuma** and Joyce Gallegos handled publicity. I began writing four columns a year about the group for *The Meadoword*. When Editor **Mary Jo Gord** told us she would like to have pictures of our crafts, I began doing a column every month. Membership grew from 13 members in 2010 to 38 in 2013. By 2014, there were 53 members and since then 55 to 65 women have participated annually.

The new members brought new skills and ideas. **Vicki Robley** shared ideas gleaned from running a large craft bazaar for her church. **Kathy Easley** used knowledge from her military training for our inventory system. Professional crafters, **Dottie Morissette**, **Peggy Stirling** and **Gigi Marlin**, joined the group, taught us new skills and kept us current on the latest trends in addition to creating gorgeous products themselves.

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Craft Group’s greatest hits

Jewelry—we love to make it; you love to buy it. Our jewelry changes every year as we learn new techniques and adapt to changing styles. Regular customers have learned that they can count on us to have just the right thing to update their look or for a gift.

Greeting Cards—Don’t believe anyone who says writing is going out of style. First came cards with photos of Sarasota. They were followed by cards with Iris fold designs, others with dried flowers or quilled designs, and three-dimensional cards. All are too pretty to throw away. They’re hard to resist and some customers buy a year’s supply.

Holiday decorations and household helps to make life easier are perennial favorites—package decorations, Christmas Tree ornaments, and stocking stuffers evoke the holiday spirit. Knitted dishcloths, hanging towels, microwave baked potato bags, microwave bowl holders and scrubbies appeal to our practical side.

Green crafts are “up-cycled” crafts that convert discards into desirable products, and they are very popular. We’ve made purses from cigar boxes, aluminum tabs from pop cans, chains of origami—folded, protectively-coated strips of paper and M&M bags. Lights inside empty wine bottles. Strips of paper rolled into beads. Transformed shells and pinecones.

Grown into a treasure

For thirty years, the Craft Group has forged friendships and fun, fostered creativity and contributed to local charities. With the support of Meadows residents and the MCA, we’ve been able to have a successful sale each year. In thirty years the craft sale has grown from 3 tables to 3 rooms full of handcrafted delights. Contributions to local charities have increased from \$400 to \$7000 a year, totaling nearly \$45,000 since the first craft sale. Much like a pearl, a small group has grown into a treasure, strengthening the bonds of community and changing lives for the better.

Happy Anniversary!



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Betty Blanchard	1992-1993
Joan Hogan	1994 -2008
Mary Jo Khuri and Irene Nacci	2009
Mary Jo Khuri	2010-2011
Helene DiPuma	2012
Helene DiPuma and Kathy Easley	2013
Kathy Easley and Vicki Robley	2014
Vicki Robley and Betty Turner	2015
Kathy Easley and Vicki Robley	2016
Vicki Robley and Kathy Easley	2017

Meadows May Volunteer of the Month

Doris Simmons

MCA Library puzzle organizer and more...

Dee NaQuin Shafer



Doris Simmons in the puzzle section of the MCA library

Photo credit: Carlene Cobb

“I’m a puzzler,”

Doris Simmons tells people. The May Volunteer of the Month recalls saying just that during a discussion in 2008 about The Meadows Community Association library and its puzzle collection.

For the past ten years, she has helped keep the library organized and vibrant. It is open five days a week, giving residents the opportunity to borrow six books at a time. And while they’re at it, maybe talk puzzles and books with Doris.

She takes the first volunteer shift on Monday mornings from 8:30 to 10:30. Her favorite reading genre at the moment is historical novels. A couple of recommendations are “Sarah’s Key” by Tatiana de Rosnay and “Orphan Train” by Christina Baker Kline.

She assists with the MCA’s flu shot program and Bloodmobile activities. When she’s not volunteering, Doris may be busy with gardening, quilting, or doing puzzles. Seven framed puzzles hang on her walls, ranging from Native American art to paintings by Monet. An Amish farmhouse puzzle is in progress on her lanai table.

Doris was a working mom back when “it wasn’t cool,” she said. “I pounded the beat in heels for ten hours a day and still came home and put on a meal.”

Married for seventy-two years, she and husband Richard met during the early 1940s when they were sixteen, working part-time at the Goodyear Tire Plant in Akron, Ohio, and attending school. Richard enlisted and served in the U.S. Army.

After World War II, both had careers at the plant, Doris as the manager of data transmissions, and Richard as a machine designer. They have three grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

She retired from Goodyear in 1986, Richard followed in 1989, and they began thirteen years of wintering in Sarasota before settling permanently in 2002. The city already was familiar to them because her parents had retired here in 1963. In 2003, they bought a home in the Meadows at Woodman’s Chart, where she has also been active and served as the association treasurer for six years.

Doris downplays being named Volunteer of the Month. “Why me?” she says. “There are so many others who deserve it.”



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## SPOTLIGHT on The Meadows RENAISSANCE

Marilyn Maleckas—MCA Vice President

# Chanteclair Villa Renovation

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When **Linda Peltier** retired from her successful career in Michigan's law enforcement community, she and her husband, **Ken** were seeking a winter home in the Sarasota area. They turned to long-time friends, **Dottie** and **Chuck Peterson**, avid Meadows' Ambassadors whose magnetic personalities are both pleasant and persuasive.

Dottie took Linda around the various communities within The Meadows, and Linda immediately fell in love with the walking paths and dog-friendly neighborhoods. Linda was also impressed with the amount and beauty of the green space with bird and wildlife sanctuaries. She started her search seeking a two-bedroom villa to which she and Ken could escape the snowy Michigan winters and enjoy the warm, sunny retreat that Sarasota offers.

### This one checked ALL the boxes...

After viewing several two-bedroom villas, Linda decided to purchase a three-bedroom villa in Chanteclair, which checked all the boxes. An avid swimmer, Linda is delighted that the heated pool is just steps from her door. She loves the expansive vistas of a well-groomed golf course and beautiful landscaping, and she looks forward to entertaining their many friends and family who will soon visit them in their new, spacious villa.

Linda knew that the original 1980s décor needed to be replaced as she was deciding to spend more time in Florida. She planned to seek a more up-to-date, modern coastal environment to call home. Linda makes friends easily and was invited to see many updated villas, drawing inspiration and ideas with every visit.

### Recommended contractor hired and renovation began

It was the beautiful Chambery villa owned by **Kay** and **Tom Ivey** that would sway the direction the Peltier villa would take, including hiring the same contractor as Kay and Tom. Quality construction, open floor plan, removing the sliders leading out to the lanai and raising the lanai to room level are some of the many renovation ideas that Linda found most appealing. Shortly thereafter, a contract was signed with Dimitri and Yianni, Inc. from Venice, and the renovation work began.

Linda and Ken decided to



ABOVE—Remodeled and reconfigured kitchen, adding new appliances including stylish range hood

BELOW—New fireplace bricks, mantle, surrounding cabinets and baseboards





“bite the bullet” for a complete renovation—front to back, top to bottom. The only remaining surface of the original villa is the beautiful oak wood flooring in the master bedroom. The rest of the villa has entirely new, striking grey and white 12" x 24" tile flooring resembling wood. The flooring’s look complements the sophisticated coastal palette, perfect for their new Florida lifestyle.

Behind the scenes, the electrical and plumbing was also updated. The kitchen and both baths were being redesigned and recessed lighting was installed for optimal illumination.

**The kitchen was reconfigured**

By moving the refrigerator, they created the illusion of much more space. The pass-through was extended to four times its original size, expanding visibility and inviting conversation while dining and entertaining. A new range hood was installed over the new range, replacing the former microwave oven. This change immediately gave the kitchen one more updated look, as designers are moving away from putting the microwave over the range and replacing it with striking range hoods.

When renovating the guest bath, Linda selected a fantastic rain shower head and hose and had the contractor install the controls across from the shower head to allow water temperature adjustment before getting wet.

The same rain shower head was installed in the master bathroom where a wall was removed to allow an elongated double sink vanity, which gives the room a more spacious look and feel.

**Rebuilt fireplace and lanai**

The fireplace, mantle and surrounding niches that previously housed 36-inch cabinets were totally remodeled. New brick was installed in the fireplace, a new façade was constructed and new 24-inch cabinets replaced the older, larger ones allowing more wall space to easily accommodate the 65-inch television.

The “tour de force” of tranquility is the rebuilt lanai with its hurricane impact doors, raised flooring and new décor to enjoy the green space and golf views. Linda enjoys the Florida lifestyle and being welcomed home by the sunshine.

When friends and family visit, Linda wants them to feel right at home, especially if they are escaping from the ice and snow of chilly Michigan. Judging from the beautiful renovation, we are confident that visitors will want to extend their stays, and make reservations for return visits!



ABOVE—Living and dining rooms open to raised-floor lanai



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ABOVE—Master Bedroom and bath are the essence of tranquility



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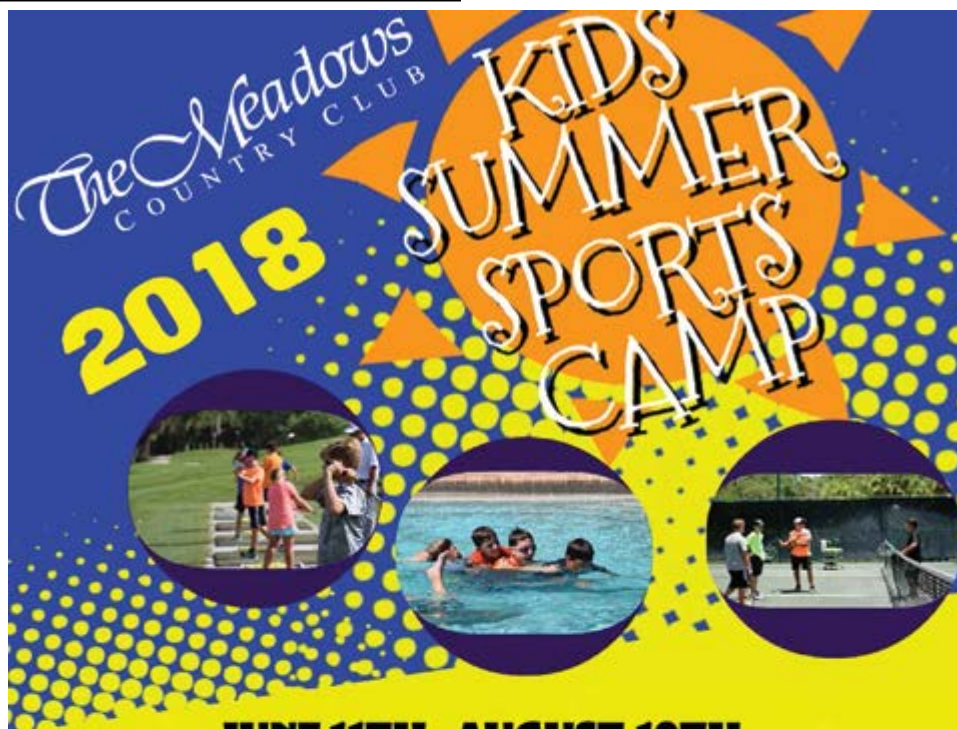
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# News from The Meadows Country Club



## May/June Events

### Golf Call The Golf Pro Shop for Information 378-5153

May 2—Mulligans & Martinis, Clinic, 5:30 p.m.; Cocktails, 6:30 p.m.

May 5—Cinco De Mayo 9-Hole Tournament & Dinner

May 6—Guest Day

May 7—10 Meadows Aerification

May 13—Moms Play Free All Day

May 21—24 Highlands Aerification

May 28—Memorial Day Tournament

Jun 3—Guest Day

Jun 4—7 Groves Aerification

Jun 6—Mulligans & Martinis, Golf, 5:30 p.m.; Cocktails, 6:30 p.m.

Jun 14—Bridgestone Tournament, Highlands Course

Jun 16—MGA Summer Opening, Golf, 8 a.m.; Lunch, 12 p.m.

Jun 25—28 Meadows Aerification

Jun 28—Bridgestone Tournament, Groves Course

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

May 2—Courts & Cocktails, Clinic, 5:30 p.m.; Cocktails 6:30 p.m.

May 5—Guest Day

May 5—Member/Summer Member Round Robin, 9:30 a.m.

May 26—Memorial Day/French Open Round Robin, 9:30 a.m.

Jun 2—Guest Day

Jun 6—Courts & Cocktails, Clinic 5:30 p.m.; Cocktails 6:30 p.m.

Jun 11—Aug 10—Meadows Summer Sports Camp

Jun 16—Meadows Pro Staff Round Robin, 9:30 a.m.

### Dining & Social Call for Reservations 378-2135

May 1—Book Club, Board Room, 11 a.m.

May 10—Trivia Night, Regency Room, 6 p.m.

May 11—Monthly Member Social, FVL Patio, 5 p.m.

May 13—Mother's Day Buffet, Regency Room 11 a.m.—2 p.m.

May 28—Memorial Day BBQ

Jun 9—Summer Social

Jun 19—Trivia

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

Water Aerobics—Mon's & Wed's, (weather permitting) check with fitness for times

Balance classes—Tue's, 9:30 a.m. & Fri's 12:30 p.m., limited space, registration required. Contact Rebecca or Penelope at the fitness center for fees and availability

Yoga—Beginner/Relaxed, Mon's, 4 p.m. & "Mindful Movements," 5:30 p.m.; \$12 member fee & guest of a member, \$17 cash, nonmember fee

Slow Flow Yoga—May only—Wed's, 10 a.m., \$12 member & guests, \$17 cash, nonmember

Sports Yoga—May only—Tue's, 4:30 p.m. & Thu's, 9:30 a.m., \$12 member & guests, \$17 cash nonmember

Stretch & Tone—Tue's & Thu's, 8:30 a.m., free with fitness privileges

TPI Golf Fitness Classes—May only—Wed's, 11:30 a.m., \$20 members \$25 non-members (if space is available)

Tai Chi—Mon's, 10 a.m.; limited class size, contact Crystal for fees and to reserve your spot

### Activities in the Dickens Center

Ladies Bridge—1st & 3rd Wed's ; 2nd & 4th Fri's, 1 p.m. Sign up at podium in Dickens lobby

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# Memoirs and Life Writing Group

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

Bob Barnett—Memoirs Coordinator

## Life Challenges

Life gives us many challenges, but by facing them we learn and become stronger. However, I always assumed that when I retired there would be few new, difficult challenges. But, now we are told that we should continue to seek out new challenges as part of aging well. I decided to challenge myself by writing books. After writing two

books, I thought I was ready for a new challenge.

I found my next challenge one rainy day when we took our grandchildren to Jumpin’ Fun for an afternoon on the trampolines. They were having so much fun that I decided to jump, too. I had taught trampoline as part of a gymnastics class at Marshall University for 10 years; how hard could it be. I tried a front drop, one

of the simplest skills. The bed of the trampoline came up much more quickly than I expected. I thought that maybe I had broken my nose. Then I did a simple seat drop perfectly... except that I locked my elbows at my sides when I hit the bed of the trampoline. Pain immediately shot through my body and I thought that I had dislocated a shoulder. I vacated the trampoline and turned in my pass

with my remaining good arm. “Did this involve grandchildren or was it some senior citizens gone wild?” the doctor asked after examining me.

In the story below Gretchen tells about her airborne challenge. As for me, I think I will stick to tamer activities like Sudoku.

## Learning to Fly

Gretchen Cochran

Learn something new to deter the crumbling of an aging brain. Then you’ll avoid mentally matching body disintegration. That’s what we elders are told. I might have gone too far when, at age 75, I set out to become a pilot.

I thought I’d be ahead of the game, having driven a vintage racecar through many forays into the Colorado mountains 25 years before. I had had a high speed, engine-driven, vehicle under me; felt the adrenaline and knew I was fearless.

In my early twenties, I’d been bitten by the aviation bug when our family was stationed at Langley Air Force Base and flight instruction could be had for \$5 an hour. With each lesson I felt like I’d taken a stimulant, I was so hyped. It was like adrenaline had been pumped into every pore. But we left military life and I lost inexpensive flight opportunities.

Now five decades later, I had free time and I shared my life with Karl, a pilot of 40 years, who committed to instruct me. I jumped in. The flying part was more fulfilling and exhilarating than I had imagined. On the other hand, the extensive book learning part felt like prep to become an astronaut.

I started in Michigan. At first it was just to see how flight feels. I knew that part would go well. For years as a passenger on commercial flights, I’d hold my breath and then exhale, grinning at that moment on takeoff when a few hundred feet above the runway, I could feel the plane become one with the air. I knew I was different when I’d look around the cockpit and see that none of the other passengers appeared to be so thrilled by that moment of flight.

We found a flight school 90 minutes away. We’d get up with the sun, traveling from Karl’s home at Lakes of the North, to Traverse City where I met Mark. He was about 25, thoroughly trained as an instructor. I was surely older than his grandmother, although he never left me feeling so. We walked together from the hangar to the two-seater Cessna 150,

a perfect beginner’s trainer—simple instruments, effecting simple physical principles, or so he said.

The focus was total. I left the one-hour lessons exhausted and slept all the way home.

After a few months, Mark and I took my first cross country jog, from Traverse City north to Pellston, a 90-minute flight. We climbed to 3,500 ft. in a cloudless sky. It was fall, the trees below were blazing orange and gold, the air was crisp and clear. I could see all the way to the Mackinac Bridge connecting Michigan’s upper and lower peninsulas, with the bluest of blue Lake Michigan to the left and Lake Huron to the right. I had become one with the universe, a tiny speck suddenly a part of the global landscape. I had found my place in space and time.

There must be few people at my age of 76 who are able to partake of an activity so consuming and thrilling. I was supremely lucky, I thought.

We’d begin with the pre-flight, an inspection of the airplane’s every exterior part. If the plane malfunctioned in the air, there would be no shoulder on which to pull off the road. But I also learned that due to the aerodynamics of flight, with proper technique, a small plane can land in a field and the pilot can walk away.

I always sat in the pilot’s seat; Mark sat at my side with access to the same instruments. At 3,000 ft. above the ground, he’d lean over, pull the throttle, thus cutting the fuel, and say with great seriousness, “You just lost your engine. What are you going to do now?”

Gulp. But wait. I’d already learned to constantly be on watch for an area open enough to land. No biggie. I’d select the level field I’d already noticed, set a glide path to reach it, then begin to troubleshoot why the motor died.

“Fly the plane,” no matter what else, we students were told. It was exhilarating, a thousand times better than a Disney ride. But then came the hard part, when I had to learn what might make the carburetor ice-up, or the cylinders get too hot, or the compass

read wrong.

I had to hit the books. I enrolled in my first-ever online course. It was fully engaging and stretched my attention span from the obligatory 10 minutes between TV commercials, to the two-hour test segments at the end of every study unit. I cleared my calendar and did nothing else. I could feel my brain stretching.

I was required to take a two-hour FAA written exam given to every aspiring pilot. Some of it dealt with minutia; most of it required useful knowledge. I failed it the first time.

I’d already had over 100 hours of instruction, invested in countless gallons of fuel. I’d come too far to give up, I thought. If I could get that pilot’s certificate, I’d have it forever.

So I dug in deeper, contracted with a different online program with more video material, and took another stab at it 3 months later. I passed but not with a wide margin to spare.

Then came the solo work. By now we were in Florida. I had listened to Karl and my instructor guide and direct and teach and lecture. I couldn’t wait to take the wheel alone. But then I was ALONE. Yikes! I didn’t go far that first time—just in a circle above the runway, staying in the pattern, doing a few “touch and goes,” landing lightly and taking off again. But when I did my final landing, remembering every move I had learned, I felt I had grown 10-fold—like a balloon puffed to full expansion. The exhilaration matched childbirth, maybe. The sense of accomplishment was enormous.

My solos got longer, each one a story of its own. I got lost but found my way; I went the wrong direction once but discovered it soon; I landed going the wrong way on more than one runway. My flight to Sebring and back was significant: I miscalculated the time for the flight because I neglected to compute the wind factor. I was returning to an unlighted field. Darkness approached and the fuel needle edged toward empty. But the ever-present Gulf of Mexico helped me find my way. I discovered my field just as the sun slipped below the horizon, the entire sky, as far as I could see either way, was bathed in pink. I floated in for a perfect landing, I felt



like I had been suspended in heaven.

No wonder people fly, I thought. But if I was going to preserve the flying part, I had to master that dratted technical portion, concluding with the dreaded check ride. That’s when a FAA examiner quizzes orally, then accompanies you into the plane to watch the performance of numerous required exercises. You have to complete the first part to get to the second.

I considered giving up. This is just too hard, I said. But after two months of solid study, morning to night, at 78 years old and with 170 hours of instruction, I gave it a try. I did not get over that first hump. I made errors on material I knew, confused numbers. I was humiliated, disappointed and depressed.

Thankfully, my pilot-partner-husband spoke little of my failure, giving me time to grieve and analyze. I did not fly for months. But little by little, I accompanied him, until the sting was mostly gone and I was able to take the wheel again.

We fly now, but I am not certified. My written test expires in six months. I do not wish to take it again.

Now I’m 79 years old. Did I gain enough new aviation knowledge to consider my brain stimulated so as to ward off oldness? How many more hours would be required for me to be pilot-proficient? Should I now just opt for a different new brain challenge, like learning Spanish, or Tai Chi?

Aviation is an expensive hobby. To take the FAA check ride is \$500, whether you pass or not. A 50-gallon tank of fuel costs about \$150 and is good for about four hours.

It’s hard to put a dollar value on a new accomplishment for an 80-year-old. It can’t be called a job skill. It might be considered supremely selfish to spend the time and the money on a “hobby” when at this age one might better assist others.

So, I vacillate. But I can certainly say my brain is better equipped to ponder the pros and cons than it was four years ago.



# Breakfast in The Meadows

Dee NaQuin Shafer—Correspondent

“What nicer thing can you do for somebody than make them breakfast?” asks Anthony Bourdain, chef, author and TV personality. The Meadows neighborhood’s tasty breakfast options at The Meadows Country Club and Golden Daisy Cafe may be just a short, lovely walk from your home...

## The Meadows Country Club



From left: Food & Beverage Director Derek Parent with Chefs Juan Lopez, William Simpson, Nelson Preston, and Christian Allende dish up Sunday Brunch

Located on Longmeadow, The Meadows Country Club serves breakfast every day except Monday in the Fountain View Lounge, a room with a beautiful view onto the driving range and old oaks. The Sunday Brunch Buffet is a popular showpiece meal. People choose from assorted breakfast foods, desserts, salads, fresh waffles and omelets. “We try to offer great value and high quality,” says Food and Beverage Director **Derek Parent**. “I think you’d be hard-pressed to find what we offer for \$12.95.” The Meadows Country Club began serving brunch early this year, and Parent says business has since tripled. In the past, Sundays might draw about 50 guests. Now, more than 150 people are expected to enjoy the Sunday Brunch Buffet

The atmosphere is cozy, with soft music playing, and saffron walls decorated with paintings by a local artist, Les Downing. During nice weather, guests can sit outside. Perhaps ten regulars are there daily, says Hemp. She and Felipe instantly recognized the name of one of their regulars, **Bill Fowler**, after hearing his praise for the restaurant. He breakfasts there five days a week. “The personnel are so helpful and the food is good,” says Fowler. The 35-year resident also enjoys going to the Meadows Country Club Sunday Brunch. What nutritional health experts have dubbed the most important meal of the day, breakfast, may also be the most delicious part of the day in The Meadows.



LEFT—Jessie Hemp chats with residents Stan and Connie Los (left) and their friends from Santa Barbara, Sharon and Ron Wolfe  
  
BELOW—Maira Zorzetti and her uncle Marcos Felipe run the Golden Daisy

from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Fully staffed with friendly servers, the Fountain View Lounge hums with hungry patrons.

## Golden Daisy Cafe

Located at 5045 Ringwood Meadow, the Daisy is a homey, low-key choice for breakfast and lunch seven days a week during season. Breakfast food, sandwiches, fresh salads and pastries are served. Marcos Felipe and his niece Maira Zorzetto opened the restaurant in January 2016 and business has steadily built. Jessie Hemp waits tables during the season (November through May).



# Successful Hazardous Waste Collection and Food Drive

On March 27, MCA Director **Bruce Ferretti** counted 157 cars coming through the MCA parking lot for the annual hazardous waste collection. MCA residents also donated 546 pounds of food to All Faiths Food Bank. Thank you for making this effort a success again this year!



AJ Truman helping with food donations



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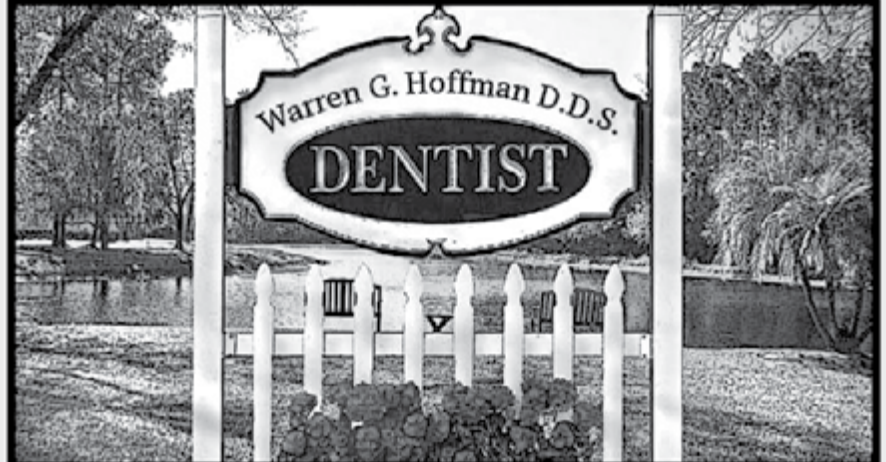
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According to the Institute for Propaganda Analysis in 1965: “Propaganda is the expression of opinions or actions carried out deliberately by individuals or groups with a view to influencing the opinions or actions of other individuals or groups for predetermined ends and through psychological manipulations...But it can also be used in public and human relations to re-educate or brainwash, to adapt the individual to a society, to a living standard, to an activity. In all cases, they serve to make the individual(s) conform.” In a democratic nation, where individuals, majorities, opinions, truth, and rule of law take precedence, we must always be on guard to protect these values against misinformation, fake news and regrettably, how Russian-fed-propaganda affected elections and sowed doubts about democratic processes.

In 1965, a Frenchman, Jacque Ellul, wrote an amazing treatise “Propagandes”—plural propagandas because his studies convinced him that there is a distinct difference between agitation propaganda and integrational propaganda with the former leading citizenry from mere resentment to rebellion, and the latter aiming at making them adjust themselves to desired patterns.

The two types rely on entirely different means and are practiced all over the world in different ways by different nations and societies. Integration propaganda is needed especially for the technological society to flourish, and its technological means—mass media among them—in turn make such integration propaganda possible. (From “Introduction to Propaganda” by Konrad Kellen, 1965)

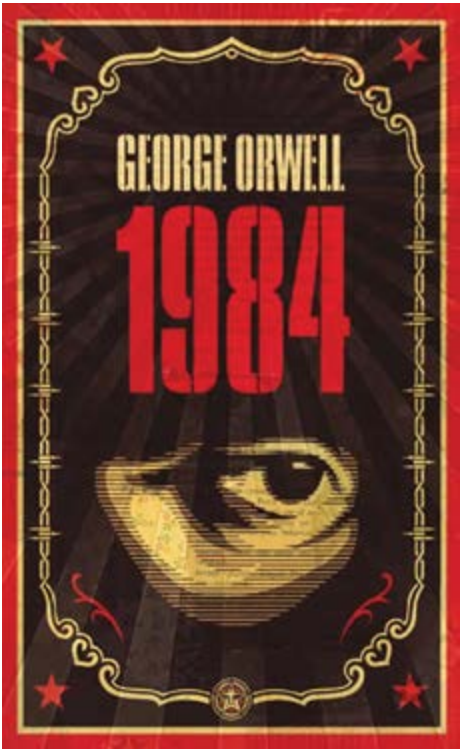
Although Ellul’s treatise was written 63 years ago, not much has changed, at least not in the democratic world. Agitation propaganda can work in time of war, civil unrest, or elections; integration propaganda can serve citizenry best in adapting to new political or economic policies, laws, and regulations of an orderly but transforming society. But not all integration propaganda is welcomed.

In our May 9th discussion of George Orwell’s “1984” (Houghton-Mifflin-Harcourt 1949) members of Meadows Book Club will discuss Orwell’s prize-winning novel and its relevance to today. Among the seminal texts of the 20th century, “1984” is a rare work that grows more haunting as its futuristic purgatory becomes more real. The book offers political

# The Meadows Book Club May Book Preview

1984 by George Orwell

Geraldine “Jerry” Bernier



satirist George Orwell’s nightmare vision of a totalitarian, bureaucratic world and one poor man’s attempt to find individuality. The brilliance of the novel is Orwell’s prescience of modern life—the ubiquity of television, the distortion of the language, and his ability to construct such a thorough version of hell. It is required reading for most students since it was published and ranks among the most terrifying novels ever written.

The New York Times book critic Michiko Kakutani wrote “Why “1984” Is a 2017 Must-Read” (Jan. 26, 2017) “The dystopia described in George Orwell’s nearly 70-year-old novel “1984” suddenly feels all too familiar.

A world in which Big Brother (or maybe the National Security Agency) is always listening in, and high-tech devices can eavesdrop in people’s homes. (Hey Alexa, what’s up?) A world of endless war, where fear and hate are drummed up against foreigners, and movies show boatloads of refugees dying at sea. A world in which the government insists that reality is not “something objective, external, existing in its own right” – but rather, “whatever the Party holds to be truth is truth. “

“1984” shot up to No. 1 on Amazon’s bestseller list this week after an advisor to President Trump described demonstrable falsehoods told by the White House press secretary regarding the size of

inaugural crowds—as “alternative facts.” It was a phrase chillingly reminiscent, for many readers, of the Ministry of Truth’s efforts in “1984” at “reality control.” To Big Brother and the Party, Orwell wrote, “the very existence of external reality was tacitly denied by their philosophy. The heresy of heresies was common sense.”

As literary political fiction and dystopian science fiction, “1984” is a classic novel in content, plot and style. Many of its terms and concepts, such as Big Brother, double think, thoughtcrime, Newspeak, Room 101, telescreen and memory hole have entered into common usage since its publication.

“1984” popularized the adjective Orwellian, which describes official deception, secret surveillance, brazenly misleading terminology, and manipulation of recorded history by a dictator or authoritarian state. In 2005, the novel was chosen by Time magazine as one of the 100 best English-language novels from 1923 to 2005. It was awarded a place on both lists of Modern Library 100 Best Novels, reaching number 13 on the editor’s list, and six on the readers’ list. In 2003, the novel was listed at number eight on the BBC’s survey The Big Read.

“1984” was not the only prescient novel written in much earlier times: “Brave New World” by Aldous Huxley (HarperCollins Publishing, 1931), “It Can’t Happen Here” by Sinclair Lewis (Signet Classics, 1970) , and “The Handmaid’s Tale” by Margaret Atwood (McClelland and Stewart, 1985) all told tales of speculative fiction (Margaret Atwood’s description) of what could happen, using satire to project rising periods of social chaos and political power to create autocratic or theocratic societies.

Book club members were encouraged (but not required) to read the Huxley and Atwood books as further background for the discussion of “1984.”

Please join us on May 9, 2 p.m. at the MCA Community Center when we discuss “1984” by George Orwell. Please keep on reading!

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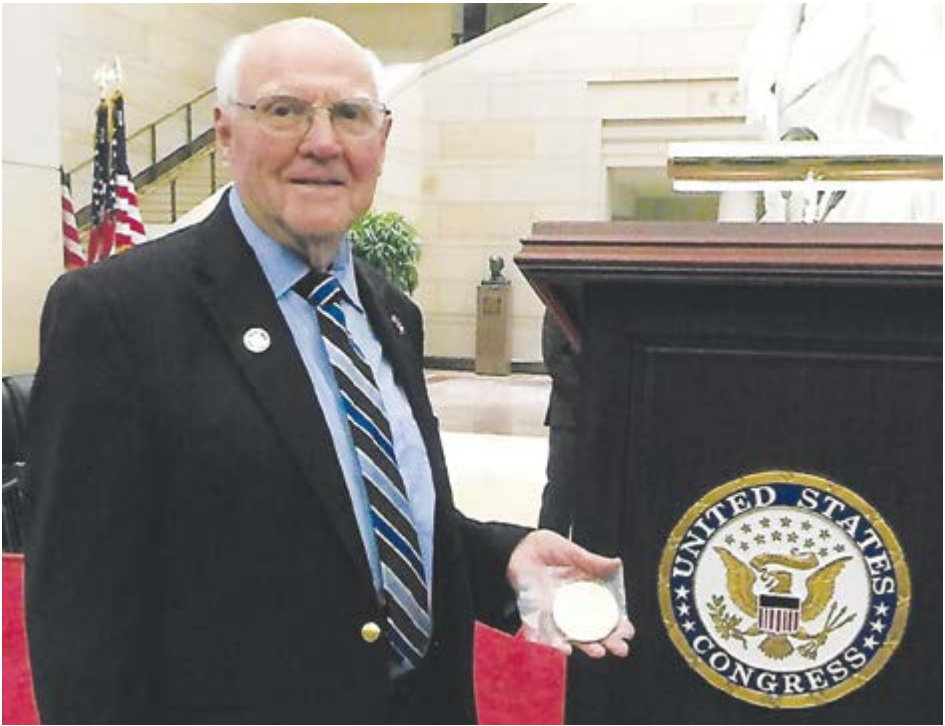
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# Close Up On Chelmsford Close

## Keith Cole awarded Congressional Gold Medal



ABOVE—Keith Cole with his Congressional Gold Medal

The front page story in the April 3, Sarasota Herald-Tribune told the fascinating history of World War II superheroes, including Chelmsford Close resident **Keith Cole**.

On March 21, Keith and some of his former colleagues were awarded the Congressional Gold Medal for their service in the Office of Strategic Services—forerunner of the Central Intelligence Agency, US Special Operations Command and the State Department’s Bureau of Intelligence and Research. Keith’s family shared in the award ceremony at the US Capitol’s Emancipation Hall.

During World War II, their missions were secret, but these heroes are secret no more. Friends and neighbors in The Meadows are still talking about that story.

Chelmsford Close resident

**Barbara Bates** says, “We want Keith to know we are all so very proud of him.”

To read the full story, visit [www.heraldtribune.com/news/20180402/secret-wwii-commandos-rewarded-for-valor](http://www.heraldtribune.com/news/20180402/secret-wwii-commandos-rewarded-for-valor)



ABOVE—From left: Gary Valentine, son-in-law; Dr. Charles Cole, son; Keith Cole; Kathryn Valentine, daughter; John Gibbons, son-in-law and Peggy Cole-Gibbons, daughter at the ceremony in Washington, DC.



BELOW— On March 22, Waterbridge Down residents enjoyed a pot-luck block party with nice weather, good food and super-nice neighbors. “We will do this again soon, for sure,” says **Edith Sack**. Photo credit: **Barney Sack**



# Pickleball Schedule



TIME	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
7:00 am							
7:30 am							
8:00 am							
8:30 am							
9:00 am		Open Play		Open Play	Open Play		Open Play
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10:30 am		Open Play		Open Play	Open Play		Open Play
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We continue to offer the new pickleball court schedule that was updated in April. Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Sunday—9 a.m. to noon are open times for anyone to show up and play. All other times each day are available to reserve a court. (Both courts are available to be reserved during these time slots).

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## Spring Award Winners for MCA Best Kept

*Thank you to all Meadows residents for updating your properties and landscaping*

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**Above—Left to right: Jim Chapman and his dog Molly, Jerry and Nancy Thomas, Donna Chapman, Peter and Mary Anne Tamburro and Jennifer Lynn**

**Below—Somerset Team, ready to apply fresh mulch and new plants**



Photo credit: Blair Mastervick

**Associations—First Place—Somerset—Cindy Hartley, President**

An energetic Landscape Committee of 16 has completed Phase I of Somerset's comprehensive plan. This enthusiastic group spread 500 bags of mulch in half a day! They also hired a new maintenance provider and new landscape company. The seven members above were part of this hardworking committee. They were all smiles and lots of fun when we arrived early Friday morning. Both entrance signs were painted. Wonderful results continue with Phase II—work at the pools, as well as new lighting. Great job! Wonderful people! Energetic community spirit!



**Associations—Runner-Up—Oakley Greene—Bob Nugent, President; Larry Spaulding, Vice President; and Landscape Chairman Regina Montemarano**

Oakley Greene Condo Association has four entrances of well-maintained signs and red sunpatiens. The canopy of their grand oak trees has been raised and neatly trimmed. Good job! Congratulations, Oakley Greene team!



**Single Family Homes—First Place—4975 Waterbridge Down**

Good property maintenance (clean roof and driveway), as well as landscaping made this an easy choice for the judges. This handsomely groomed property is an inspiration to all who see it. Congratulations!





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**Single Family Homes—Runner-Up—5497 Downham Meadow—Barbara Topel**

Magnificent curb appeal! Artistic and colorful landscape design is excellently maintained all year. This home is an outstanding choice. Congratulations to the Topels!



**Chairman’s Choice—Runner-Up—3562 Ferndell—Ralph and Maureen Cerny**

These homeowners received approval to paint their home with an Architectural Review. The fresh paint is complemented by the lush green lawn, meticulously trimmed bushes and colorful floral accents. Their roof and driveway are also very clean. Newly painted front door and symbols representing good luck, long life, prosperity and happiness add to the home’s charm. This home is welcoming and has great curb appeal. Congratulations!



**Chairman’s Choice—First Place—4906 Marshfield Road—Ryan and Marina Riley**

These homeowners worked with **Frances Ripponi** and secured approval with an Architectural Review to replace all sod on their property and to redesign the landscape in front of their home and re-plant the flowerbed. The result is fantastic! Well done. Congratulations on your high standards!



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Homes and associations are eligible. Submitting your MCA Architectural Review form qualifies the property for a Chairman’s Choice Award. Overall great landscaping care and property maintenance are important criteria considered.

We are also introducing a Best Kept Honorable Mention category. The purpose of this recognition is to highlight more properties that have high standards in The Meadows. Each selection will receive a certificate and a photograph in *The Meadoword*.

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## FOR RENT

VILLA, 3BD/2BA in desirable Hadfield Greene, bright and clean, updated kitchen w/stainless appliances and granite, master bath vanity, freshly painted, new flooring, lovely driveway & side patio pavers, plantation shutters, glassed lanai, 2 car garage. Annual lease \$2100/month plus utilities. Call 401.339.4462.

FOR RENT: WILLOW LINKS 2BR/2BA, 1st floor, end unit, turnkey, pool, great view, walk to restaurants and shopping. Available monthly, or seasonal. No smoking, W/D. Call 516-652-2536 or [guardnbl0106@yahoo.com](mailto:guardnbl0106@yahoo.com).

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

2 Bed/ 2 Bath, first floor, \$1370 month util not incl. 941-212-9166.

## FOR RENT

LONG COMMON VILLA, 2 Bedrooms, one w/queen, one w/daybed that sleeps 2; 2 full baths, like new clean modern décor, overstocked kitchen and dining room for the gourmet cook and entertainer, upgraded cable and Wi-Fi, Ducane gas grill, garage, 2 bikes, beach equipment. No Smoking/ No Pets \$4200.00 per month with \$1000.00 security 856-797-9090.

AVAILABLE APRIL 15TH for 6 or 7 month lease. 1st Floor, 2 Bedroom/ 2 Bath furnished condo in Weybridge. \$1,300 a month. Call 610-960-8892.

2 BEDROOM, 2 BATHROOM CONDO, 2nd floor Lake Village in The Meadows. Available June 1 through January 31. Nice outdoor pool with large deck. Call 616-846-3074 or email [gkroll03@yahoo.com](mailto:gkroll03@yahoo.com)

MEADOWS 2BR/2BA First floor end unit condo. Beautiful A/C lanai on golf course. Available seasonally or annually. Please call 941-993-7195.

## FOR RENT

MORNINGSIDE: Cozy one bedroom villa, turnkey, fully furnished. Seasonal rental, non-smokers. No pets. Call or text: (619) 392-8298 or email: [frostcon66@gmail.com](mailto:frostcon66@gmail.com).

LUXURY FURNISHED HADFIELD GREENE VILLA for rent on a seasonal or annual basis. 2 bedrooms and den. 2 ½ baths. 2 car garage. Golf course view off the lanai. Renovated. Updated. Beautifully furnished. Cathedral ceiling. Fireplace. Perfection. Seasonal (90 day minimum stay) @ \$3,500/mo. Annual @\$1,850/mo. Contact Steve @ 414-426-9024 or [stevemcguire1956@gmail.com](mailto:stevemcguire1956@gmail.com).

QUAIL HOLLOW: 1BR/1BA turnkey unit available. Redecorated end unit, on the ground floor, overlooks 18th fairway. Updated full kitchen, W/D. Just steps to country club, golf, tennis and pools. No smoking or pets. Monthly or seasonally. [paddikl@aol.com](mailto:paddikl@aol.com) or (219) 796-3915.

## FOR RENT

BUNKER OAKS: 1 bed/1bath furnished bungalow with a golf course view. Beautiful, quiet location. Email: [rgruneisen@aol.com](mailto:rgruneisen@aol.com)

VILLA AT THE MEADOWS COUNTRY CLUB. Seasonal lease available, June 2018 to November 31. 2 Bedrooms/2 Bath, washer, dryer, well furnished. Enclosed lanai, attached garage and golf course view. Wonderful home to be away from home. Call 516-448-6190. Please leave message if I missed your call.

SHEFFIELD GREENE-Best view in Meadows. 2BR/2BA, 2nd floor end unit on lake/ course. Superbly furnished. Vaulted ceilings, open floor plan, just renovated: Kitchen, Baths, Travertine. Garage. Exceptional view of two lakes and golf. Available monthly, furnished April 15, 2018 to April 30, 2019; \$2350-4700/mo. 412-760-7547.

# NmDirectory

Looking for Something?  
Find it in the  
Classifieds!

If you will be away from home for more than a weekend . . . please let Meadows Safety Patrol know how to reach you in case of an emergency



Call 809-0084



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**CLASSIFIED****CLASSIFIED****CLASSIFIED****HOMES FOR RENT**

VILLAGE LAKE 2 Bdrm/ 2Bath  
condo, 2nd floor, Lake View. Non-  
smokers. No pets. 856-829-1756 or  
VillageLakeCondo@comcast.net.

WOODLAND GROVE: 2BR/2BA, 1st  
floor, turnkey, updated and spacious  
private screened lanai with golf course  
view (no smokers/no pets, please)  
ncallari@aol.com or 716-316-8118.

WINSLOW BEACON TO RENT:  
2BR/2BA, 2nd floor, excellent and  
tastefully furnished and decorated,  
many upgrades, 2 TVs, cable/ Internet,  
lanai on pool with blinds and fan.  
Freshly painted, very clean. Monthly or  
Seasonal. By owner. Email  
Achim\_Albert@T-online.de

VILLA, 2BR/2BA, garage, 2 bikes,  
2 flat HD TV, Phone, Internet, All  
inclusive, best location, only steps  
to pool. Free: Season 2018/2019  
November-April. Minimum rent 4  
month, US-\$3700.00. Special summer  
rates. Email: service@loco5626.com

VILLAGE LAKES CONDO, 2BR/2BA,  
2nd floor, no smoking/ no pets,  
exceptional pool. Available April 2018  
through January 2019. Call 616-403-  
8108 or email gkroll03@yahoo.com

**HOMES FOR SALE**

VILLA, 2 BR/ 2 BA, ready to move  
in tomorrow. Best view and location,  
glassed lanai, 2 car garage, full  
equipped with all needs, throughout  
tiles. Owner interested to rent back  
April, May, June for at least 3 years.  
Sales only from owner, no agent! Us-  
\$300k. Email: info@koehnug.de.

VILLA, 3BD/2BA in desirable Hadfield  
Greene, bright and clean, updated  
kitchen w/stainless appliances and  
granite, master bath vanity, freshly  
painted, new flooring, lovely driveway  
& side patio pavers, plantation  
shutters, glassed lanai, 2 car garage.  
\$299K call 401.339.4462.

TOWNHOUSE-MEADOWS:  
Springlake Condo Association. Three  
bedroom, 2 baths. Updated kitchen  
and Master bath. \$211,900. Pictures  
upon request. Contact (941) 302-3849

FOR SALE BY OWNER: 4803  
Marshfield Rd. 3BR, 2 1/2 Bath, den,  
on golf course with pool. Large lanai.  
\$398,000. 941-377-1964 or  
401-480-4052.

VILLAGE LAKE for sale: 2bed/2bath,  
2nd floor overlooking lake with  
beautiful view. New floors and  
updated kitchen cabinets. Fresh  
paint. Tastefully decorated and well  
maintained by owner. Fully furnished  
with brand new couch and dinette  
set. Well equipped kitchen. Great  
heated pool which was retiled in 2017.  
Low HOA fees. Call 724-263-4517.  
\$168,000.

**ITEMS FOR SALE**

STATIONARY exercise bicycle. Like  
new, Multi Functions, Meadows  
resident. \$75.00. Call 388-2208.

2003 BUICK LASABRE, custom  
4dr 48,250 miles in The Meadows  
\$4500.00. Call 941-371-7992.

**SERVICES**

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.

SEAMSTRESS: Home Décor Items:  
Pillows, cornices, repairs, cushions &  
hems too. Call Sue to discuss  
217-6831.

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.

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.

PROFESSIONAL DRIVING  
SERVICES: 35yr Meadows resident  
offer safe courteous and comfortable  
ride to all airports and other  
destinations. Very reliable. Call Kent  
920-585-6524.

**SERVICES**

COMPETENT, CARING HOME CARE  
ASSISTANCE. Consistent, loyal,  
dependable. 15 years experience. We  
provide personal grooming, meal prep,  
light housekeeping, transportation,  
shopping, errands, assistance with  
meds, exercise. We work with a loving,  
caring approach. Meadows references.  
Call Gayle at 941-705-4601/941-567-  
4909 or Connie at 941-725-1509.

DOG SITTING: In my home. Close-by,  
reasonable. Call Sue to discuss  
217-6831.

GOLF CART MAINTENANCE: Battery  
replacement, tire placement (new,  
used), lubrication of all moving parts,  
etc. We also buy/sell golf carts. Dan  
The Handyman (941) 993-2139.

CAREGIVER/COMPANION/  
PET SITTING available anytime,  
honest, dependable, many years of  
experience, Sarasota resident for  
25 years plus. Amish background.  
References available, have resume.  
Have own transportation. I also do pet  
sitting in your home. Call Ruth 941-  
893-9876 for more details and to set  
up a schedule.

“DAN THE HANDYMAN” Professional  
painting interior/exterior, ceramic  
tile and electrical. Pressure washing  
roofs, lanais and driveways. Mailbox  
repair and/or replacement. No job  
too small. I will beat any professional  
written estimate on any job. Meadows  
Resident. Call 941-993-2139

DONNA'S HOUSECLEANING:  
Cooking, shampooing and outer areas.  
Call 941-928-1889.

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

**SERVICES**

HOUSE AND WINDOW CLEANING:  
Call now Trusted Cleaning FL and get  
\$30 off. Offer valid until 5/31/2018.  
Free Estimate. 941-266-6869.

LOCAL CLEANING GAL has opening  
for annual client. Excellent Meadows  
references available. Call Sunshine  
941-345-6768.

PROFESSIONAL WINDOW  
CLEANING. We clean flat windows,  
colonial windows and sliders. Cleaning  
of your tracks and screens are  
included in/out low prices. Meadows  
residents. Call Dan The Handyman.  
941-993-2139.

VICTORIA'S GARDEN &  
COURTYARD LANDSCAPING:  
Design, installation, and maintenance.  
Time for a garden clean up? With 20  
years of on-site Meadows experience, I  
can offer a conservative personal touch  
and a variety of services to meet your  
needs. Summer maintenance while you  
are away. Neighborhood references  
are available. I look forward to meeting  
you! Victoria (941) 350-2566

NEED A RIDE? When you  
need transportation for errands,  
appointments, shopping or to SRQ  
airport, I will be happy to drive you. I  
am a retired teacher, well-established  
in this area. Call Jacquelin at 941-800-  
8646. References.

AUTO DETAILING WE COME TO  
YOU! Car wash and wax \$50.00. To  
schedule an appointment call  
941-232-2087 or visit us at  
www.sarasotaautodetailing.com

WILL CARE FOR your loved one,  
Dr. appointments, errands, light  
housekeeping. \$12.00 hr. References.  
Call Gail 941-746-1562.

PRESSURE WASH PRESSURE  
WASH PRESSURE WASH Any size  
job. Roofs to the sidewalks. Meadows  
resident - call Dan the Handyman  
941-993-2139

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

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### WED, JUN 20

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SERVICES

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.

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

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.

APRIL FRESH CLEANING AND HOME STAGING. "Professional Cleaning with a Personal Touch." Providing high quality services that will leave your home sparkling and inviting! Flexible scheduling with availability for regular cleanings (weekly/biweekly) or pre-house sale cleaning with home staging. Call April to arrange your free estimate. 941-416-5495.

REM MARBLE AND TILE LLC is a professional, detail oriented and reliable tiling company offering installation of ceramic, porcelain, marble, granite, slate and glass tile. Thinking of updating your shower or bathtub area, floor, backsplash? Call us for a free estimate at 941-202-4122 and ask for Rafal. We are Insured and Licensed.

PROFESSIONAL DRIVING SERVICES: Meadows resident offers a safe, courteous and comfortable ride in a clean car, special rates to Tampa airport or other Florida destinations. Very Reliable. Call Jack 617-990-2765.

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

SERVICES

CALUSA KITCHEN AND BATH ROOM. Meadow's most experienced remodeling company. One stop shopping cabinets, Granite, tiling, flooring and much more we can do. All your needs. Lisc. Contractor. 6120 Porter Rd. Sarasota, FL 941-342-6111.

HOUSE CLEANING: Affordable rates. Meadows resident. Call or text. Julie 941-323-1009.

INDIVIDUAL CUSTOMIZED CARE: Customized Care Plans for Non-Medical and Medical needs. Professional assisting with Doctors visits, errands, transportation, homemaking, meal preparation with special dietary needs, medical supervision. Medical Staffing is Available 24/7. To ask about a CUSTOMIZED CARE PLAN for your love one Call 377-4465 or visit our mobile on-line website @ ElderCareSarasota.com. Lisc. #30211372, Bonded and Insured.

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

ERRANDS ON THE RUN: appointments, shopping, etc. Excellent references. 360-0729

PREMIER DOG WALKING SERVICE: Is your beautiful pup missing out on his walk because you are just too busy? I would love to help you out! Any time of day. Meadows resident. Very dependable. Please call 941-284-0076.

WHY CHOOSE OSPREY PRO SCREEN? Established in 2007, we have a long track record of standing behind our work and being there when you need us again. On standard jobs we do not ask for money until the job is complete and you are satisfied. We are insured by the Heritage Insurance group located in Sarasota, Florida. We use only the highest quality materials. We exclusively use Phifer screen, the longest lasting screen of its kind. We do not cut corners, rest assured the job will be done right. Our business is built upon the referrals of our satisfied customers! Call 941-400-0662.

OFFERING MY SERVICES as a CNA and companion. Helping with daily living, medication, transportation, meals or pet sitting. References. Call Jenny 941-993-5642.

HOME COMPANION: 18 years experience, meals, shopping, transportation, doctor's appointments, escort on walks, help with medication, loving companion and conversation. Does not cover physical transfer or heavy lifting. Excellent local reference. Not an agency. Please call 941-320-0422.

SERVICES

LET ME HELP with your errands, transportation, organizing, personal assisting, home watch, and more. Serving your neighbors in The Meadows since 2009. Visit us on the web at www.letamyhelp.com or call Amy Zeusler at 941-364-8071. I look forward to helping you!

OHIO OWNER OPERATOR PAINTING CONTRACTOR w/35 years' experience. Full time resident and owner in The Meadows. I pay attention to detail, start to finish. Interior and Exterior painting. Popcorn ceiling and wallpaper removal. Drywall repairs. No unexpected costs. Insured and Licensed. Michael at 330-827-1636.

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

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

COMPUTER/MAC REPAIRS AND COACHING: Smart phones, tablets, new setups, technology consultations, virus removal. Speed up slow computers, specializing in seniors and beginners on/off site. pegatronics.com. Peg 941-735-3362.

MEADOWS RESIDENT: Provides condo cleaning, rental cleaning package. House watching, windows, special pricing. Great references. 24 years' experience. Call Karen 941-713-2269.

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.

PROFESSIONAL WINDOW CLEANING-15 flat windows \$59, 20 flat windows \$79, 30 flat windows \$115. Extra 10% Senior discount, free ceiling fans (3), vanity mirrors (2). Price includes cleaning windows inside and outside, screens, tracks. Call 941-544-0552.

NEED HELP with cleaning, deep or basic call Tania 941-256-5983.

WANTED TO RENT

GARAGE SPACE WANTED from May 15-September 30. Call 516-695-6412.

WANTED TO RENT

MICHIGAN COUPLE seeking seasonal rental for 2019. Preferably six weeks-2months during, January, February, March. We are flexible. melle mire@hotmail.com.

LOOKING FOR AN APARTMENT IN MANHATTAN, NY available from May 20 to 30, 2018, pet-friendly (medical certificate for my emotional support female Yorkshire), in exchange for a 10 day period anytime between April 1 and December 31, 2018 in my 2 bedroom/ 2 bathroom apartment overlooking one of the 3 golf courses in the Meadows (pictures on www.floridarentals.com/264). Please contact me at yaffa4627@gmail.com.

GARAGE TO STORE my car during Summer- June-September. Call Jay. 856-912-4374.

HELP WANTED

EDIBLE ARRANGEMENTS OFFERING work for Mother's Day Weekend starting on May 8-May 13th. Chocolate dippers, prep fruit, or Delivery Drivers. Apply in person or call 941-316-9400. Locations: 1100 North Tuttle Ave or 7333 52nd Place East. Both very close to the Meadows! Make some extra money while having fun!

CAT SITTER WANTED for two months, daily visits. Stratfield Park, The Meadows. References. pamhusted2aol.com.

CONGREGATIONS

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 & 4, and Thursdays 10. For more information: npcsarasota.com or call 941-355-4729.

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.



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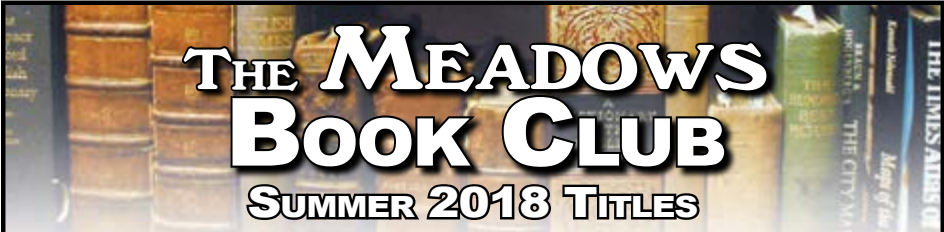
Community Events—All Events are at the MCA Community Center unless noted otherwise

Assembly of Property Owners  
Wednesday, May 16, 4 pm

Claire Coyle, Meadows Community  
Association President

**Year in Review**  
at the MCA Community Center

DELEGATES—SIGN IN ON ARRIVAL  
Open to all Meadows residents



## THE MEADOWS BOOK CLUB

### SUMMER 2018 TITLES

(Meets on 2nd Wednesday of the month at 2 p.m. at the MCA)

Administration	Joanne Simons	377-2682	simonsjc1@gmail.com
Meeting Coordinator	Jerry Bernier	343-2731	gbernier36@aol.com
Luncheon	Caryl Magnus	378-5055	carylmagnus@verizon.net

May 9      1984 by George Orwell..... Geraldine “Jerry” Bernie  
(Optional Supplemental Reading: Brave New World by Aldous Huxley and The Handmaid's Tale by Margaret Atwood)

June 13      The Life We Bury ..... Allen Eskens

July 11      The Nightingale..... Kristin Hannah

August 8      Educated: A Memoir..... Tara Westover

The book club does not meet in September.

## The MCA seeks qualified candidates for election to the 2019 MCA Board of Directors

All candidates must complete a Personal Information Questionnaire and submit it to the MCA.  
Submissions are due by **Noon, October 5, 2018.**

For more information, please call the **MCA** at **377-2300**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thru	Fri	Sat
<div>May</div> <div>All meetings and events are at the MCA Community Center, 2004 Longmeadow, unless otherwise noted. Daily notices are posted for room locations.</div>		STANDARDS 3 pm	CRAFTS 9 am FINANCE 10 am BRIDGE 12:30 pm		BRIDGE 12:30 pm	BRIDGE 1 pm 
	MAH JONGG 9 am SAFETY 2 pm	EMERGENCY PREP 1:30 pm	CRAFTS 9 am BOOK CLUB 2 pm MAINTENANCE 2:30 pm	BOARD MEETING 1 pm	BRIDGE 12:30 pm	BRIDGE 1 pm
	MAH JONGG 9 am		CRAFTS 9 am BRIDGE 12:30 pm ASSEMBLY 4 pm	BLOOD PLATELET DRIVE 9 am – 1:30 pm 	BRIDGE 12:30 pm	BRIDGE 1 pm
	MAH JONGG 9 am		CRAFTS 9 am		BRIDGE 12:30 pm	BRIDGE 1 pm
	 MEMORIAL DAY MCA OFFICE CLOSED		CRAFTS 9 am BRIDGE 12:30 pm		June BRIDGE 12:30 pm	BRIDGE 1 pm