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Chris Perone —
MCA Board President

Ideas
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... and hard work

“CRITICAL THINKING REQUIRES US TO USE OUR IMAGINATION, SEEING THINGS FROM PERSPECTIVES OTHER THAN OUR OWN AND ENVISIONING THE LIKELY CONSEQUENCES OF OUR POSITION.”

Bell Hooks

I hope that everyone is enjoying all the activities and amenities here in the Meadows Community. Lately, it has been a lot of fun for me to stop into various committees and clubs, introduce myself, and spend a few minutes chatting. I recently met the ladies of Knit Happens, and the Quilting Committee, who are so talented and doing amazing work. The Bridge Club appears to be as busy as ever, Rainbow Connexions has had a very successful start with their members growing monthly, while the Activities Committee is always buzzing, and our 8 new pickleball courts will soon be ready for some serious play. The ice-cream socials have been bringing in crowds, and you may just find me there scooping one evening, hiding under my hat. Bingo is an absolute hit and lastly, our library is stocked fully with books and puzzles for residents to borrow. Good stuff is happening here!

Now, let me address the elephant in the room as I know it is on everyone's mind.

First, thank you all for the emails, letter and calls – we have tried to respond to as many as time allowed. I want to assure all residents and Club members that the MCA Board is thoroughly investigating the future of our golf amenities and other recreational facilities.

There have been many hours spent reviewing legal matters, financial impacts, operational requirements and feasibility, by Board leadership, the financial committees, along with Troon/Icon. MCA's legal representatives are in communication with TMCC legal counsel to provide direction and aid us in sorting through this situation. While these efforts are taking place, golf, tennis and Centre Court Lounge will continue to operate and serve our residents, Club members and guests.

At this juncture we have several golf organizations interested in being part of the Meadows community with a long-term lease agreement. Conversations are in the early stages and need to continue, so that all parties involved understand exactly what this community needs and wants. This is not a decision to be made hastily, and we hope everyone understands that there are specific nuances that will need to be ironed out before any final agreements are in place. Please give us time as we sort out the details through further discussions and negotiations. We are working diligently, firmly believing that we will develop the best plan for the future of The Meadows. The Board is committed to getting as much input from the community and

keeping all residents informed as we get definite answers, which will happen within the next few weeks.

We are also busy developing our Strategic Planning Committee's recommendations. Currently, we have a short list of architects and contractors that we are in discussions with. To date, designs will need to be developed, as well as financial analysis and timelines. This too, will be brought to all residents for comments and questions. I will post more information as the project starts gaining momentum.

Please make sure to check your Constant Contacts for Board meeting dates and times as well as Town Halls. In the meantime, please continue to enjoy playing golf and tennis – dining at Centre Court Lounge – we need everyone here to play a part in the solution. This is a community of residents who all want the best possible outcome. Let's put the past behind us and move forward together to continue the legacy of the Meadows being a great place to live.

Chris Perone,
MCA Board President

OUR MISSION

Our mission is to preserve the property values, green space, ambiance and vitality of our community.

OUR 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.



Frances Rippondi —
MCA General Manager



New HOA & Condo
End of Year Room Rental Celebrations

At the December Board meeting, the Board of Directors unanimously approved a policy to allow the Homeowner/ Condominium Associations and Clubs to have their one-time potluck or annual event celebration at the Meadows Community Lifestyle and Wellness Facility (MCLWF) or the MCA Community Center (MCC). The intention of this ruling is to allow these associations to celebrate the end of their year-long meetings and the hard work that they have invested in their communities and The Meadows as a whole. Clubs can also enjoy the opportunity to culminate their activities into a one-time event for being an important part of the overall fabric of The Meadows Lifestyle.

While The Meadows understands some individuals' desires to allow room rentals for individual parties, weddings and get togethers, it is simply not possible to extend this to a resident base of 3,450 homes. In brief, we don't have the staff or space availability to accommodate this request. More so, the MCLWF was designed and

built to respond to the community's business meeting needs for our 52 homeowner and condominium/ associations, our Board of Directors, Committee meetings and the MCA's active lifestyle that nurtures residents' social, health and educational interests. To date this is how the facility functions and now even includes more meetings such as Town Halls and the upcoming Round Tables.

All MCA clubs, activities and groups continue to meet at the building located at The Meadows Community Center at 2004 Longmeadow. Since the MCLWF has been operational, we have been able to strike a complimentary balance between the two buildings serving both Meadows meetings and active lifestyle needs that focus on specific interests of the community.

The vote of the Board of Directors was also to charge associations and/or clubs a room rental fee of \$500.00 with a refundable \$1,000 deposit. This \$500.00 will go to the maintenance needs of the facilities.

As the facilities age, we have to be prepared to care for them the way the community would expect.

Associations and Clubs have recently received a package from the MCA that allows them to request specific meeting times. If your association or club is planning to have an end of the year event contact **Tina Wagstaff** at tina.wagstaff@meadowsca.com, she will be happy to send you a room rental agreement, rules and necessary steps to accommodate your event. Understand end of year events requested in December are difficult to integrate into an already packed schedule, as it is filled with holiday events that the MCA brings to the residents of the community for everyone's enjoyment.

It is important to acknowledge accomplishments made each year and as a way of rewarding those who have volunteered their time in the homeowner's association or clubs to make a difference in the community. The value you bring is greatly appreciated.

PRIORITIES

Please note that all MCA Board of Directors Meetings, MCA Assembly Meetings, Town Halls, MCA Committees, Events, Lifestyle Programming, Elections-National and State, Condominium / Homeowners Association Board meetings, take priority scheduling over all other activities.

HURRICANE SEASON IS ALMOST HERE

Our Meetings Will Tell You How To Prepare For A Storm

Bob Clark — Emergency Preparedness

Even newcomers to our community are probably aware that last hurricane season was not kind to Sarasota or the Meadows. First we had hurricane Debby that came with a thousand-year rain flooding most of the streets and a few of our homes. Next a rare storm called Milton came straight across the Gulf of Mexico and directly over the Meadows causing a great deal of damage. Experts are predicting a similar storm season this year,

so it is time to begin planning for something that we hope never happens.

A hurricane is not something you get ready for at the last minute. How well you and your property come through a severe storm can be determined by what you do well in advance of the emergency. The Meadows Community Association and the Emergency Prep Committee will help you in several ways.

We are kicking off our Hurricane Preparedness on May 29 from

4-5 pm at the Meadows Community Lifestyle & Wellness Facility, for those wanting to learn more about how to properly prepare. You will hear from Sandra Tapfumaneyi, Emergency Management Chief from Sarasota County Emergency Services about how to best prepare your property and what you personally need to have on hand to ride out a storm. Discussion will include the equipment that you should have on hand for your safety during a storm.

Past attendees of this program have come away better prepared to deal with the worry that comes to everyone when a hurricane or tropical storm threatens us. Please come and join us at these important events.

The Emergency Preparedness Committee works hard to ensure the safety of the residents of The Meadows during the hurricane season. If you would like to volunteer to be a part of this important committee and serve your community, call MCA at 941-377-2300.



MARCH APPROVED ARCHITECTURAL REVIEWS

Oakley Greene Condo Assn
Wedgewood Lake Condo Assn
3841 Chatsworth Greene
3939 Chatsworth Greene
5417 Everwood Run
4822 Greencroft Rd
5366 Myrtlewood
3185 Sandheath
3901 Stable Ln
4848 Waterbridge Down
2909 Ringwood Meadow
2849 Taywood Meadow
5633 Pipers Waite
3364 Highlands Bridge Rd
5295 Everwood Run
Chelmsford Close Condo Assn
3413 Highlands Bridge Rd
3430 Highlands Bridge Rd
5268 Everwood Run
5268 Everwood Run
3072 Highlands Bridge Rd
4357 Longmeadow
5073 Marsh Field Rd
5011 Ringwood Meadow
3228 Sandheath
2800 Breton Woods
4693 Glebe Farm Rd
4724 Greencroft Rd
4677 Hadfield Dr
3337 Hadfield Greene
3409 Highlands Bridge Rd
4061 Peshurst Park
3190 Sandheath
3374 Sandheath
5618 Sheffield Greene
3758 Surrey Lane
5235 Villa Majorca Ct
5018 Vivienda Way
4809 Windsor Park

MAY ASSEMBLY

Ned Boston — Assembly Chair

The Assembly speaker for May is Bryony Swift, a shareholder in the Becker and Poliakoff law firm. Ms. Swift specializes in association law. She is also active in Florida Bar Association and Community Association Institute committees that work with the Legislature on association statutes. Ms. Swift will bring us up to date on changes proposed by the Legislature during their recent special session and the current legislative session that will end on May 2, 2025.

Ms. Swift has presented legislative updates to us several times in the past. These presentations have been very helpful in letting the leaders of the 52 Associations in The Meadows know what changes need to be made to an association's governing documents and operating practices and procedures in order to be in compliance with the statutes. Please plan on attending this program on May 21, 2025 from 4:00 to 5:00 pm at the Meadows Community Lifestyle and Wellness Facility.

The May Assembly program on May 21 will be the last one for this program year. The Assembly will be on hiatus over the summer. Over the summer, the Assembly Executive Committee will meet to develop the 2025-2026 programs. If there is a subject that you feel would be beneficial for the community to hear, please send your suggestion to Mike Mazur at mike.mazur@meadowssa.com. Mike is the MCA staff liaison supporting the Assembly.

Thank you to those who have participated in the Assembly



programs this season. As the role of a community association leader becomes more complex, these programs offer helpful information and provide a network of leaders working with common issues, challenges and opportunities. See you again in October!

SAFETY REPORT

During the month of February, 2025 there were (12) incident free days - (1) Less than February 2025. There were (29) reported incidents - (1) More than February 2025. There were (81) citations issued - (49) Less than February 2025.

Safety responded to the following during the month of February:

ANIMAL COMPLAINT

• March 24 - A complaint was filed regarding a resident of 2900 block of Heather bow allowing 3 small dogs off leash, one was nipping at the heels of complainant.

TRAFFIC COMPLAINT

• March 5 - A car was reported to be stuck on a rock on the island of the roundabout located at Taywood Meadow. Upon Safety's arrival no driver was present. Sarasota County Sheriff's Office (SCSO) was contacted and responded. A resident showed up and claimed the car. A report was made with SCSO and the car was moved off the rock and the resident drove away.

SUSPICIOUS INCIDENT

• March 2 - In the 4500 block of

Weybridge a resident, when pulling into the parking lot, reported seeing a man in a white Hyundai SUV and the man appeared to have been looking into vehicles with a flashlight. The man left quickly upon him pulling in.

• March - Complaints regarding unknown person(s) knocking on residents' back door or ringing their doorbell (with no one present). Two residents were in the 4400 block of Highland Park, one in the 4200 block of Highlands Bridge Rd. and one resident in the 3400 block of Longmeadow.

SUSPICIOUS PERSON

• March 6 - Two reports with a similar description of a suspicious person wearing a light/white colored jacket, dark pants, and a back pack, was seen at the hours of 12:43am and 2:00am in the 4000 block of Highlands Bridge Rd. and 4000 block of Harvest Bend. In both incidences the individual was either next to residents' car and/or checked the car to see if they were locked, and then left the area.

BURGLARY - AUTO

• March 6 - In the 4900 block of Rutland gate and 4900 block of Taywater Dell it was reported that overnight someone entered into the vehicles. Rutland gate complaint states unknown amount of change was taken, and Taywater Dell complaint states things were strewn about.

• March 8 - In the 4500 block of Glebe Farm Rd. resident believed that someone may have tried to break into his vehicle. No further information was provided.

• March 10 - In the 4900 block of Marshfield Rd. resident states that several dollars of change & a cup holder were taken out of her car over the last couple of weeks.

It should be noted regarding the suspicious incidents, suspicious persons, and burglary-auto's, safety was advised by the resident's that they did not contact SCSO. They were advised they should do so.

WHAT ARE INCIDENTS AND CITATIONS?

Incidents are defined as a variety of complaints or concerns ranging from minor to more concerning activity reported by a resident. Examples of such (but not limited to) are; an alarm, animal and fishing complaints, reports of safety hazards, burglary, harassment, welfare check, dumping, solicitation or suspicious person(s).

Citations are violations that do not adhere to our documents related to Meadows standards. Examples of such are: restricted vehicles, parking violations, garbage cans not being picked up or put out too early, violations subject to tow, and sign restrictions.

Emergency Numbers—For Emergency, call 911. After calling 911 please report the incident to the MCA Safety Patrol. The non-emergency Sarasota County Sheriff's Office: 941-316-1201. MCA Safety Patrol: 941-809-0084.

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SALES	THE MEADOWS	SARASOTA COUNTY
Sales 2025 & 2024	↑2025 (19) 2024 (12)	↓2025 (921) 2024 (951)
Median Sale Price	↓\$327,000 \$362,500	↓\$435,000 \$470,000
Condominium Sales	↑2025 (14) 2024 (09)	↓2025 (277) 2024 (360)
Med Condo Sale Price	↓\$310,000 \$333,000	↓\$332,500 \$379,500
House Sales	↑2025 (05) 2024 (03)	↓2025 (644) 2024 (591)
Med House Sale Price	↑\$660,000 \$569,050	↑\$475,000 \$510,000
For sale on March 31st	↑2025 (108) 2024 (96)	↑2025 (5859) 2024 (4483)
Property Pending	↑2025 (40) 2024(32)	↑2025 (1317) 2024 (1449)
Listing Supply	↓2025 (5.7) 2024(8.0)	↓2025 (6.4) 2024 (4.7)

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| <p>General</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Two week minimum supply of medication, regularly used medical supplies, and a list of allergies <input type="checkbox"/> A list of the style, serial number, and manufacturer information of required medical devices <input type="checkbox"/> Batteries <input type="checkbox"/> Flashlights
<i>Do not use candles</i> <input type="checkbox"/> NOAA Weather Radio
<i>Battery operated or hand cranked</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Cash
<i>Banks and ATMs may not be available after a storm</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Cell phone chargers <input type="checkbox"/> Books, games, puzzles or other activities for children | <p>First Aid</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> First Aid Manual <input type="checkbox"/> Sterile adhesive bandages of different sizes <input type="checkbox"/> Sterile gauze pads <input type="checkbox"/> Hypoallergenic adhesive tape <input type="checkbox"/> Triangular bandages <input type="checkbox"/> Scissors <input type="checkbox"/> Tweezers <input type="checkbox"/> Sewing needle <input type="checkbox"/> Moistened towelettes <input type="checkbox"/> Antiseptic <input type="checkbox"/> Disinfectant wipes <input type="checkbox"/> Hand sanitizer <input type="checkbox"/> Thermometer <input type="checkbox"/> Tube of petroleum jelly <input type="checkbox"/> Safety pins <input type="checkbox"/> Soap <input type="checkbox"/> Latex gloves <input type="checkbox"/> Sunscreen <input type="checkbox"/> Aspirin or other pain reliever <input type="checkbox"/> Anti-diarrheal medicine <input type="checkbox"/> Antacid <input type="checkbox"/> Laxative <input type="checkbox"/> Cotton balls <input type="checkbox"/> Q-tips | <p>Important Documents</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Insurance cards <input type="checkbox"/> Medical records <input type="checkbox"/> Banking information <input type="checkbox"/> Credit card numbers <input type="checkbox"/> Copies of social security cards <input type="checkbox"/> Copies of birth and/or marriage certificates <input type="checkbox"/> Other personal documents <input type="checkbox"/> Set of car, house, and office keys <input type="checkbox"/> Service animal I.D., veterinary records, and proof of ownership <input type="checkbox"/> Information about where you receive medication, the name of the drug, and dosage <input type="checkbox"/> Copy of Will <p><i>*Items should be kept in a water proof container</i></p> |
| <p>Phone Numbers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Maintain a list of important phone numbers including:
<i>County emergency management office, evacuation sites, doctors, banks, schools, veterinarian, a number for out of town contacts, friends and family</i> | <p>Food and Water</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Food
<i>Nonperishable packaged or canned food and beverages, snack foods, juices, baby food, and any special dietary items to last at least 7 days</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Water
<i>1 gallon per person per day</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Non-electric can opener <input type="checkbox"/> Paper plates <input type="checkbox"/> Napkins <input type="checkbox"/> Plastic cups <input type="checkbox"/> Utensils | <p>Vehicle</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Keep your motor vehicle tanks filled with gasoline |
| <p>Clothing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Rain gear such as jackets, hats, umbrellas and rain boots <input type="checkbox"/> Sturdy shoes or boots and work gloves | <p>Pet Care Items</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Pet food and water to last at least 7 days <input type="checkbox"/> Proper identification <input type="checkbox"/> Medical records/microchip information <input type="checkbox"/> A carrier or cage <input type="checkbox"/> Muzzle and leash <input type="checkbox"/> Water and food bowls <input type="checkbox"/> Medications <input type="checkbox"/> Supplies for your service animal | <p>Find more disaster preparedness tips at FloridaDisaster.org</p> |
| <p>Special Needs Items</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Specialty items for infants, small children, the elderly, and family members with disabilities | | |



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2025 GULF & ATLANTIC HURRICANE SEASON PREDICTIONS

CBS NEWS — By Emily Mae Czachor
Updated on: April 3, 2025 / 9:04 PM EDT / CBS News

	CSU 2025 PREDICTION	2024	AVERAGE (1990-2020)
NAMED STORMS	17	18	14.4
HURRICANES	9	11	7.2
CAT. 3+ (MAJOR)	4	5	3.2

For the 2025 Gulf hurricane season, forecasts predict an above-average season with a higher chance of direct impacts on the Gulf Coast, potentially including 17 named storms, 9 hurricanes, and 4 major hurricanes.

Here's a more detailed breakdown:

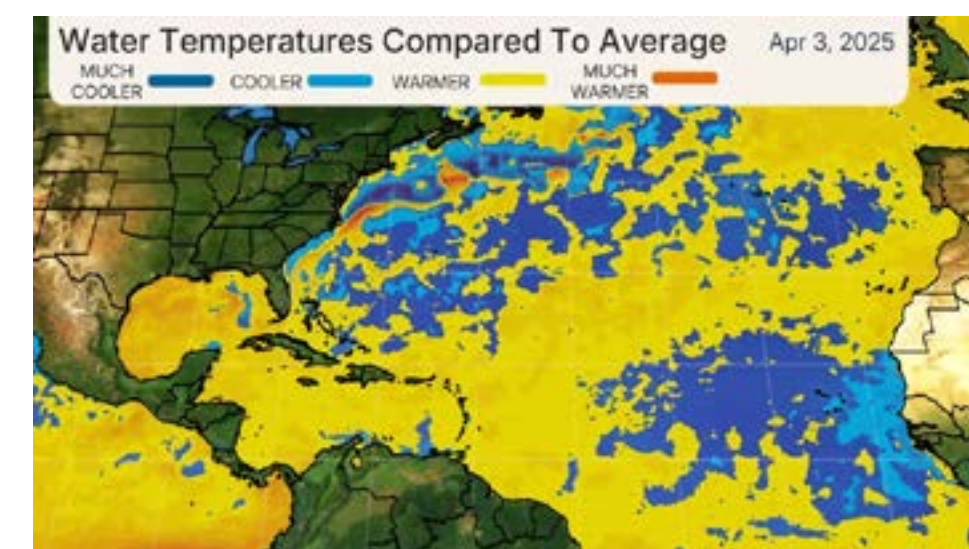
ABOVE-AVERAGE ACTIVITY:
The Colorado State University (CSU) and other forecasters anticipate an above-average Atlantic hurricane season in 2025, with activity roughly

and 3-5 major hurricanes.

• **TSR:** Initially predicted an average season with 15 named storms, 7 hurricanes, and 3 major hurricanes, but noted higher uncertainty due to environmental factors.

• **NOAA:** Initially predicted a near-normal season with 9-15 named systems, 4-8 hurricanes, and 2-4 major hurricanes.

MAJOR HURRICANE LANDFALL:
There's a 51% chance of a major hurricane making landfall



125% higher than the 1991-2020 average.

GULF COAST IMPACT:
The Gulf Coast is expected to have a higher-than-average chance of being directly impacted by hurricanes.

SPECIFIC FORECASTS:
• **CSU:** Predicts 17 named storms, 9 hurricanes, and 4 major hurricanes.

• **AccuWeather:** Expects between 13 and 18 named storms, including 7-10 hurricanes

somewhere along the U.S. coastline, with a 33% chance on the Gulf Coast and 26% on the East Coast.

ACCUMULATED CYCLONE ENERGY (ACE):
AccuWeather predicts an ACE of 125 to 175, above the 30-year historical average of 123.

EARLY SEASON ACTIVITY:
The season could get off to a fast start, with a chance for a named storm to develop before the official start on June 1.



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HURRICANE SEASON

The difference between a hurricane watch and a warning?

A hurricane watch means that hurricane conditions (sustained winds of 74 mph or higher) are possible within the specified area. A hurricane warning is issued 48 hours in advance of the anticipated onset of tropical-storm-force winds in an area.

During a hurricane watch, prepare your home and review your plan for evacuation in case a hurricane or tropical storm warning is issued. Listen closely to instructions from local officials. Have your emergency kit ready and handy if conditions change.

Hurricane warnings indicate that hurricane conditions (sustained winds of 74 mph or higher) are expected somewhere within the specified area. Because hurricane preparedness activities become difficult once winds reach tropical storm force (sustained winds of 39 to 73 mph), the hurricane warning is issued 36 hours in advance of the anticipated onset of tropical-storm-force winds to allow for important preparation.

During a hurricane warning, complete storm preparations and immediately leave the threatened area if directed by local officials.

GET MOVING WHEN A STORM THREATENS

Have a plan start preparing NOW before the need.

- Protect your home: cover windows, secure doors & loose items.
- Determine sheltering options and consider your pets.
- Ready your go-bag, meds & supplies, charge your phone, fill up/charge your vehicle.
- Help your neighbors, especially the elderly & other vulnerable people.
- Follow evacuation order if given.


HURRICANE TERMS

WATCH vs. WARNING
A warning means that conditions are expected. A watch means conditions are possible.
For a tropical storm the sustainable winds are 39-73 MPH.
For a hurricane the sustained winds are 74 MPH or higher.

HURRICANE CATEGORY SUSTAINED WINDS

- 1** SUSTAINED WINDS 74-95 MPH
- 2** SUSTAINED WINDS 96-110 MPH
- 3** SUSTAINED WINDS 111-129 MPH
- 4** SUSTAINED WINDS 130-156 MPH
- 5** SUSTAINED WINDS 157+

STORM SURGE



Storm surge is the abnormal rise in seawater level, above the normal predicted tide. It is caused by storm winds pushing water on shore and starts before a hurricane makes landfall. The danger is, it causes coastal flooding, making evacuation harder, and hurricane impact worse.

Practical information

Good planning always helps minimize the worry prior to a storm and post storm management. Keep this practical information in mind when navigating your way through hurricane season.



HURRICANE SHUTTERS

- The Meadows Pride and Preservation document states: Any style of hurricane shutter may be installed when a hurricane or tropical storm watch (48 hours prior) has been issued for our immediate area. Those shutters must be taken down promptly after the threat has passed. Hurricane shutters that have been approved, by application to The MCA, for the hurricane season, may be installed starting May 1, and remain so installed until November 30, or may be used for any part of that season.

SHOP EARLY WHEN SUPPLIES ARE READILY AVAILABLE

- Shop early as supplies are often scarce as time draws nearer to a storm.

PLAN FOR POWER LOSS




- Equipment or gadgets that can help manage the discomfort in the aftermath of a storm. Generators, and devices such as; an extra battery case for your phone, or battery fans and coolers full of ice, will help you cope with loss of power for days after.



KNOW YOUR EVACUATION ZONES & SHELTER INFORMATION

Evacuations may be necessary and knowing which shelters may be available is important. See the list of shelters/evacuation centers. Do your homework in advance, to understand which ones will take pets and which are closest to you or fit your needs. Check <https://www.scgov.net> for updates.

HURRICANE EVACUATION CENTERS



<p>BOOKER HIGH SCHOOL 3201 N. Orange Ave. Sarasota, FL 34234</p> <p>BROOKSIDE MIDDLE SCHOOL 3636 South Shade Ave. Sarasota, FL 34239</p> <p>FRUITVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL 601 N. Honore Ave. Sarasota, FL 34232</p> <p>GULF GATE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL 6500 S. Lockwood Ridge Road Sarasota, FL 34231</p> <p>HERON CREEK MIDDLE SCHOOL 6501 W. Price Blvd North Port, FL 34291</p> <p>NORTH PORT HIGH SCHOOL 6400 West Price Blvd North Port, FL 34291</p>	<p>PHILLIPPI SHORES ELEMENTARY 4747 S. Tamiami Trail Sarasota, FL 34231</p> <p>RIVERVIEW HIGH SCHOOL 1 Ram Way Sarasota, FL 34231</p> <p>SOUTHSIDE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL 1901 Webber Street Sarasota, FL 34239</p> <p>TAYLOR RANCH ELEMENTARY 2500 Taylor Ranch Trail Venice, FL 34293</p> <p>WOODLAND MIDDLE SCHOOL 2700 Panacea Blvd. North Port, FL 34289</p> <p>visit https://www.scgov.net to confirm evacuation centers.</p>
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Be Prepared. Be Safe.

Navigating Through Hurricane Season

- If you choose to evacuate make sure you plan and book a hotel prior to everyone evacuating as it may be difficult to find available rooms. Additionally DON'T wait until the last minute, traffic is bound to be heavy and you do not want to be on the road during a storm.
- Remember, during a storm it is likely power will be lost, so be prepared. Manage your expectations and recognize that our county will be prioritizing its resources as needed. BE PATIENT.

GAS SHORTAGES & CASH ONLY
Gas will become a focus post storm. Gas shortages, pumps requiring cash only, and long lines should be expected.

- Pumps may be limited due to lack of access to internet and power. CASH BECOMES A NECESSITY. Withdraw enough cash to live off of for essentials, for one week.



PROPER GAS CONTAINERS

- Improper gas containers add to safety concerns. Take advantage of the Tax Free timing in August and get the proper gas containers, for your needs.

GENERATORS

Whether you chose a portable generator that is hardwired and can power the essentials such as; refrigerator, lights, T.V. for updates, microwave, toaster oven, fans and internet, or ones that are propane or duel fuel based that support the whole house, do your homework.

- If you are using the portable generators, use at the proper safe distance from your home, make sure it is downwind, away from open doors, windows and vents. It is recommended

that you turn the generator off and allow it to cool 20 minutes before refueling.

- NEVER USE A PORTABLE GENERATOR INSIDE THE HOUSE OR GARAGE.**
- Carbon Monoxide: Be aware that generators produce carbon monoxide, a colorless, odorless gas that can be fatal. Install carbon monoxide alarms and monitor the generator regularly.**



- Extension Cords: Use heavy-duty, outdoor-rated extension cords, checking for cuts and ensuring all prongs are in good condition.**
- Wet Conditions: Keep the generator dry to avoid electrical hazards. Do not operate it in rain or wet conditions.**

TORNADO AND LIGHTNING SAFETY TIPS

- Immediately go to a safe location that you have identified.
- Pay attention to EAS, NOAA Weather Radio, or local alerting systems for current emergency information and instructions.
- Stay way from windows.
- Protect yourself by covering your head or neck with your arms and putting materials such as furniture and blankets around or on top of you.
- In a car or truck: There is no safe option when caught in a tornado in a car, just slightly less-dangerous ones.

If the tornado is visible, far away,

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- If no shelter is available, crouch low, with as little of your body touching the ground as possible. Lightning causes electric currents along the top of the ground that can be deadly over 100 feet away.

and the traffic is light, you may be able to drive out of its path by moving at right angles to the tornado.

If you are caught by extreme winds or flying debris, park the car as quickly and safely as possible -- out of the traffic lanes. Stay in the car with the seat belt on. Put your head down below the windows; cover your head with your hands and a blanket, coat, or other cushion if possible.

If you can safely get noticeably lower than the level of the roadway, leave your car and lie in that area, covering your head with your hands. Avoid seeking shelter under bridges, which can create deadly traffic hazards while offering little protection against flying debris.

LIGHTNING SAFETY

Florida is the lightning capital of the U.S., averaging thunderstorms of 70-100 days per year and accounting for 16% of the average annual fatalities in the U.S. Lightning injures many more people than it kills and can cause permanent lifelong injuries. Most people are struck by lightning before it starts raining or after it stops raining. No place outside is safe from lightning.

REMEMBER WHEN IT ROARS, GO INDOORS!

Below are some quick helpful tips in preventing lightning strikes.

- 30-30 rule. After seeing lightning, start counting to 30. If you hear thunder before you reach 30, go indoors. Suspend activities for at least 30 minutes after the last clap of thunder.

- Stay away from concrete floors or walls. Lightning can travel through metal wires or bars in concrete walls/flooring. Move into a non-concrete structure if possible.
- Being indoors doesn't always protect you from lightning. One-third of lightning-strike injuries occur indoors.
- Avoid water during a thunderstorm. Lightning can travel through plumbing.
- Avoid electronic equipment of all types. Lightning can travel through electrical systems and radio and television reception systems.
- Avoid corded phones. However, cordless or cellular phones are safe to use during a storm.
- If someone is struck by lightning, call 911. Victims do not carry an electrical charge. CPR or an AED may be needed. If possible, move the victim to safety, inside away from the threat.

AFTER THE STORM

- When it is safe to do so, check on your neighbors, see if there is anything you can do to assist when possible.
- Follow instructions. If officials are urging you to shelter in place, do it.
- Stay off the road so emergency personnel can assist in emergency care. This is not the time to venture out, there could be standing water or obstacles, downed wires etc.

ACTIVITIES & EVENTS



FITMINDS
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May 7
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Hearing Clinic
Tuesday, May 13 from 9-11 AM
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CHRONIC CONDITIONS

Friday, May 23
10:30 AM – 12 PM

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Wednesday, May 14
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EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS Community Event

Thursday, May 29
4-5 PM

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GET YOUR SPOTS CHECKED
Thursday, May 15
7:30 AM – 3:30 PM
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Keep the Bay Blue, Not Green

Summer rains wash fertilizers and pollutants from our yards into our creeks and bays. Stormwater runoff carries the nitrogen and phosphorus from fertilizers into our waterways causing harmful algal blooms and killing aquatic life. **DURING JUNE 1 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30** Sarasota County prohibits the use of fertilizer containing nitrogen and phosphorus during the summer rainy season. At least 50 percent slow-release fertilizer is required during the rest of the year.

STATUARY REMINDER

Statuary and pots should be kept to a minimum due to the threat they pose during the high winds of a hurricane or other storm event. Statuary and pots should be removed to a sheltered area or securely anchored to the ground in the event of an approaching storm event, including but not limited to a hurricane warning. **Statuary is subject to the MCA's Architectural Review requirements except for items placed on screened porches or lanais.** Pots are not subject to the Architectural Review requirements; however, MCA may require the removal of excessive pots placed on a property.



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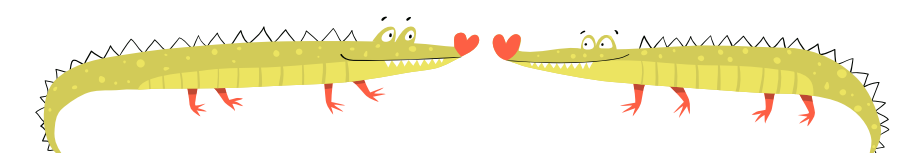


FRIENDLY REMINDER:

If you reserve space for an association meeting, activity or event and are unable to come, please be courteous and let us know, so someone else may enjoy using the space.

ALLIGATOR MATING SEASON OCCURS BETWEEN MAY AND JUNE.

Evidence supports it began early. Please be aware and conduct yourself with care.





Pets & Hurricanes

During hurricanes it's not unusual that pets are displaced after the storm has past. Many homeowners are separated from their beloved pets.

Plan ahead and prepare early. Supplies usually fly off the shelves as news releases about a pending storm. Have what you need before you need it and not be in the position of trying to find it just before a hurricane is predicted. A storm such as what we all experienced last year requires us to protect ourselves but also those who rely on us most – including our pets. In an emergency, every second counts and it's critical that you are prepared to protect your entire family.



Here are some helpful tips that will keep your pet prepared for a tropical storm or hurricane before, during and after a storm.

Before The Storm

- Microchip pets and/or put a tag on their collar with your name, current address and cellphone number.
- Bring all pets inside and ensure you have emergency supplies – extra pet food, water and a carrier ready that is large enough for your pet to turn around and lie down comfortably.



materials, chew toys and food, meds and water (minimum three days' worth, but ideally seven to 10 days' worth).

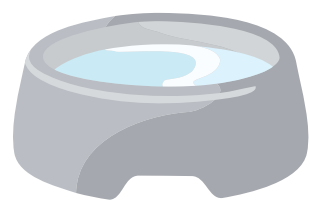
- If your family must evacuate, take your pets with you and leave as early as you can. Remember to take your pet disaster preparedness kit.

During The Storm.... If You Cannot Evacuate

- Choose a safe room for riding out the storm—an interior room take your entire family there, including your pets.

- Stay with pets. If crated, they depend on you for food and water.

- Keep your emergency kit in that room with you (food, water, litter, meds).



- Know your pets' hiding places. That is where they may run; keep them with you.

- Secure exits and cat doors so pets cannot escape into the storm.

- Do not tranquilize your pets. They will need their survival instincts should the storm require that. Comfort, love and reassurance are what they will need during a storm.

After The Storm

- Make sure the storm has fully passed before going outside and assess damage before allowing animals out.

- Keep dogs on a leash and cats in a carrier. Displaced objects and fallen trees can disorient pets, and sharp debris could harm them.

- Give pets time to become re-oriented. Familiar scents and landmarks may be altered and cause a pet to become confused or lost.

- Keep animals away from downed power lines and water that may be contaminated.

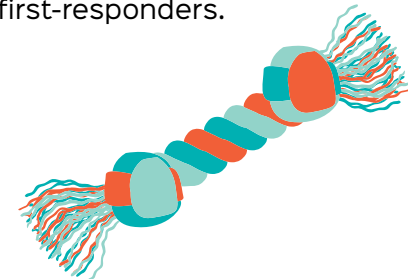
- Uncertainty and change in the environment affect animals, too, presenting new stresses and dangers. Your pet's behavior may



change after a crisis, becoming more aggressive or self-protective. Be sensitive to these changes and keep more room between them, other animals, children or strangers. Animals need comfort,

too. Comfort your pet with kind words and lots of pats or hugs. If possible, provide a safe and quiet environment, even if it is not their own home.

Dangerous summer storms are part of life for Floridians. Ensuring you have a plan in place that includes your pets will not only help save the lives of our beloved animals, but also the lives of owners, volunteers and first-responders.



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Banana Split

By Gretchen Cochran



My mother was a frugal fashion maven, but a little ice cream routinely crept into her repertoire.

We shopped a lot, but more to research than to buy. We'd go into high-cost shops and wander through the aisles, stroking this, fingering that. Some years we'd take the train from Toledo to Detroit, about 60 miles by car, and head for the big department stores. But she didn't buy much, I realize now. She was studying the new styles, the fabrics, where the buttons were placed, the length of the hems.

Today, she'd be taking photos with her iPhone. But I never saw her even make drawings on paper—she was laying them out in her head so that when we got home, she could have them reproduced

at significantly less cost. She was a kind of spy.

Back in Toledo, we'd head to the fabric store and then to the dressmaker where she would describe what she had in mind. After hours of standing with pins stuck here and there, the dressmaker would make clothes for her and for me.

But every shopping trip, be it for the big back-to-school wardrobe or a new coat or cocktail dress for her, ended with a stop for ice cream. No, not just ice cream. It had to be a banana split. She got one and I got one.

We often stopped at a five and dime store with a counter in the back, and stools lined up along the counter. The stools swiveled and my short legs wrapped

around to hang on. I loved spinning around on them...even as an adult.

The desired confection consisted of three scoops of ice cream laid on two long slices of banana in a boat-like glass dish about five-inches long. It wasn't just any ice cream, either. It had to be one scoop of vanilla, one of chocolate and one of strawberry. Each scoop had a syrupy concoction spooned over it, like crushed strawberries or chocolate syrup. Whip cream went atop, from end to end, then always one cherry, preferably with a stem.

I always ate the cherry first,

carefully laying the stem aside. Then the trick was to get a little bit of whipped cream, a blob of ice cream and a chunk of banana in one spoonful. It was a joyful challenge.

It took a while to work our way through what must have been enough calories for an entire meal, but we managed, having talked together, our "shopping feet" rested, and fully refueled for the next foray into the fashion kingdoms.



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TENDER IS THE NIGHT

BY F. SCOTT FITZGERALD

Joanne Simons —
The Meadows Book Club May Preview

First published in 1934, *Tender is the Night* is now generally acknowledged to be F. Scott Fitzgerald's greatest novel. It was not well received, however, being criticized for its depiction of rich and glamorous ex-pats living in Europe and on the French Riviera while America was suffering in the midst of the great depression. The novel, which is divided into three books, is also criticized for its non-linear format which Fitzgerald came to regret,



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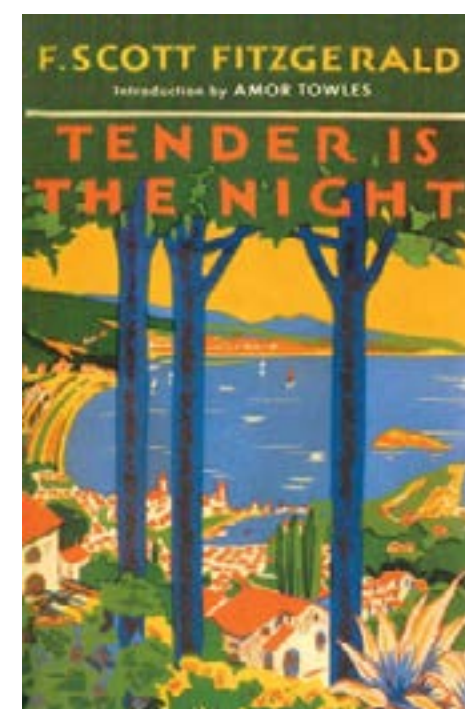
even attempting a major revision after its publication.

Dick Diver and his wife Nicole, the two main characters, are based on friends of Fitzgerald's. Ernest Hemingway, a close friend of Fitzgerald's, leveled this as a criticism of the novel which he felt too closely relied on not only Scott and Zelda, but also several of their friends. The reader can find many parallels: both wives suffer emotional turmoil, both husbands rely on to their wives' fortunes to afford their extravagant lifestyles, both husbands become alcoholics,

and on and on. Today, "...the book stands today as a lyrical, insightful look into the cultural world of mannered aristocracy and the intimate life of a single, complicated couple."

Francis Scott Key Fitzgerald was born on September 24, 1896, and named after his distant relative Francis Scott Key, the author of "The Star-Spangled Banner." He attended Princeton, did not graduate, and enlisted in the army in 1917. Stationed in Montgomery, Alabama, he met his future wife, Zelda Sayre, frequently described as beautiful and wild. They married, had two children, and were together until his death in 1940.

In his lifetime, Fitzgerald published over 160 short stories and wrote *This Side of Paradise*, *The Beautiful and Damned*, *The Diamond as Big as the Ritz* (Novella), *The Great Gatsby*, *Tender Is the Night*, and *The Last Tycoon* (unfinished).



Please join the Meadows Book Club on Wednesday, May 14 at 2:00 at the MCA Building (2004 Longmeadow) to discuss *Tender is the Night*. All are welcome.


BOOK CLUB SCHEDULE

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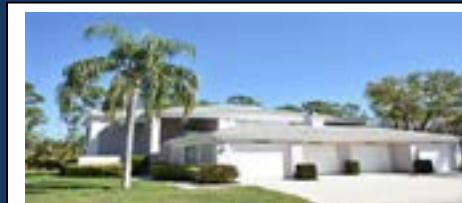
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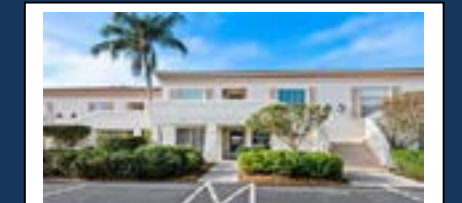
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WANTED

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MAY 2025 CALENDAR

May 1	10-11 AM	Activities & Events Committee	MCLWF
	1-4 PM	Electronic Tutor	MCA
	6:30-8:30 PM	Town Hall Meeting	MCLWF
May 2	9 - 11 AM	Water & Wildlife Committee	MCLWF
May 5	2 - 3:30 PM	Safety Committee	MCLWF
May 6	3-4 PM	Standards Committee	MCLWF
	6:30-7:30	Ice Cream Social	MCLWF
May 7	2 - 3:30 PM	Communications Committee	MCLWF
May 8	1-2 PM	Communications	MCA
	2-3:30 PM	MCA Board Meeting	MCLWF
May 13	9-11 AM	Optimum Hearing Clinic	MCA
May 14	2:30 - 4 PM	Maintenance Committee	MCLWF
	6:30-7:30 PM	Bingo	MCLWF
May 15	7:30 AM -3:30 PM	OnSpot Dermatology	MCA
May 21	4-5 PM	Assembly of Property Owners	MCLWF
May 23	10:30 AM - 12 PM	Medicare-Chronic Conditions	MCA & MCLWF
May 26	CLOSED	Memorial Day	MCLWF
May 28	4-5 PM	MCA Round Table	MCLWF

Locations and time of events may change. Please check website for latest locations and times.



CLUBS & SOCIAL GROUPS

Ace in the Hole Card Club

Tuesday 7-10 PM
Bob Monaghan

Drop in Art Studio

Melinda Gordon
Every Thursday 10:00 AM – 12 PM

Bike Club

Janet Schmidt
Every Wednesday 9 AM
Meets at Meadows Pub

Bingo

Agnes Rutushni
Monthly, 1st Wednesday, 6:30 PM

Book Club

Lois Robinson
Monthly, 2nd Wednesday, 2 PM

Bridge-Wednesday

Kerrienne McMurdo
Every Wednesday 1:30 – 4 PM

Bridge-Friday

John Harwood
Every Friday 12:30 – 3 PM

Bridge Saturday Duplicate

Dot Boulia
Every Saturday 11:30 AM – 4 PM

Canasta: Hand & Foot

Sandy Maves
Every Tuesday 1:30 –

Cornhole

Susan Weisse
Every Thursday 3 – 5 PM

Craft Group

Gayle Kroll
Every Wednesday 9 – 11 AM

Game Night

Pat Webster
Every Wednesday 6:30 – 8:30 PM
except when Bingo is scheduled

Garden Club

Michele Lewis
themeadowsgardenclub@gmail.com
Monthly, 1st Thursday 1 – 2 PM

Hot Stove League

Mark Pienkos
Monthly, 2nd Tuesday 9 – 11 AM

Knit Happens

Vicki Carey
Monthly, 1st Monday 1 – 3 PM

Mah Jongg

Elizabeth Williams
Every Monday 9 AM – 12 PM

Meadowlarks Poetry Writers

Michael Bruno
2nd & 4th Fridays of each month
10 AM – 12 PM

Meadows Chorus

Cindy Rubin
Every Thursday 7 – 9 PM

Meadows Sailing Assoc.

Adam Lawall
Every Tuesday 1 – 3 PM
Meets at MCA Pond

Memoirs

Liz Barnett
Meets 1st & 3rd Friday
10 AM – 12 PM

Pieceful Meadows Quilting & Needlework

Marge Erasmus
Every Monday 9 AM – 12 PM

Samba (Card Game)

Jeannie Alexander
Every Friday
1:30 – 5 PM

Shalom Club

Joni Cohen
Flo Wiener
Every 4th Sunday at 3 PM

The Rainbow Connexion

Michael Barreiro
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