

# Meadowword

The Meadows Community News and Lifestyle



“David and I want to thank you for the hard work the committees are doing to make The Meadows beautiful and a wonderful community!!!”

“What an uplifting email! So much to look forward to!”  
Best, Michele

“Great Job, you and the board are doing a great job. Thanks”  
~ Don and Diane

“I greatly appreciate his transparency and how he nips issues in the bud by communicating often and clearly. I, for one, greatly appreciate it.”  
~ John

“Kudos. We are very excited with the prospects of this new chapter in the life of The Meadows, now in the offing due to all your hard work, countless hours and unfailing effort.”  
~ Marsha & Tom

“THANK FOR ALL YOU DO. LOOKING FORWARD TO OUR NEW YEAR IN THE MEADOWS.”  
~ SHIRLEY

“Just a quick note to thank you and the MCA Board for the extraordinary work you have done over the past year on our behalf. Please know that we, along with I am sure a great majority of the residents, are appreciative of the hard work and dedication of the MCA Board.”  
With great appreciation, Tom and Lisa

“All looking great! We cannot wait to get back in late September. Thanks for all your diligence and devoted efforts!”  
- David & Joni

“I really appreciate all you are doing for our community. Your clear and transparent, and I would add, very professional messages, are much appreciated and to be complimented.”  
Blessings, Dennis

“All of the board's efforts are appreciated as well as supported by us.”  
-Linda and Craig

“Chris, you are doing a wonderful job. Ignore the naysayers! Most all of us appreciate what a major undertaking this is and are grateful to you. Thank you for what you are tackling.”  
~ Linda

“Blessings!!! I so appreciate all the hard work & efforts contributed from the MCA Team.”  
~ Hilary



“Thanks again for your leadership.”  
Sincerely, Nancy

“The Meadows has LONG BEEN A GEM in our community! It is with love, respect and appreciation I have enjoyed the grounds for many years.”  
- Kim

“THANKS SO MUCH FOR ALL OF YOUR HARD WORK.”  
~ MARGARET

“Thank you for all the positive action creating positive results”  
~ Barri

“Thank you, thank you, thank you!! I have been an owner in The Meadows for many many years and appreciate your efforts for bringing restoration to the thriving community it once was.”  
Best Regards, Kim

“We look forward to keeping the Meadows beautiful for years to come”  
~ The Hartmanns

“Great job...let's do this. :)”  
~ Andrew

“Keep up the good work – love the emails!”  
~ Richard & Elaine

“Thanks, appreciate all you and the motivated board do for The Meadows.”  
~ Vinnie

“Great job Chris & board! Thanks for all your hard work & patience.”  
~ Barb

“Thank you for all your hard work.”  
~ Leah

“As a new homeowner, I can't tell you how much I appreciate it. I feel like you are keeping the community up-to-date regularly and just wanted to send you a quick thank you for that.”  
~ Mary Beth

“Thank you and the rest of the board for all your hard work. I believe the majority of the residents truly appreciate all the hard work and effort that has been put into keeping our community the beautiful green space it is. Thanks again”  
~ Ronnie

“We love receiving communication from you! Please keep them coming!”  
- Pat

“I think you are doing a great job. Please know that you are appreciated!!”  
~ Linda

“YOUR EFFORTS ARE GREATLY APPRECIATED. THANK YOU.”  
~ JOHN



# Simply Thankful: ROOTED IN COMMUNITY



Chris Perone —  
MCA Board President

OUR LUSH GREENSPACES,  
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AND ABUNDANCE  
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COMMUNITY HOME.

**As November arrives, I’m reminded of what truly grounds us** — connection, care, and community. Here in The Meadows, I see so much to be thankful for. Through challenges, changes, and joyful moments alike, our strength as a community comes from one another. Our lush greenspaces, welcoming amenities, and abundance of wildlife create a living, vibrant backdrop that makes every day here feel a little brighter. It’s a place where neighbors meet with a smile, where nature inspires us, and where the simple joys of life come together to remind us how fortunate we are to call this community home.

This season, I am especially grateful for the small, meaningful moments that make life here so special — a friendly wave from a neighbor, laughter and conversations shared at a community event, or the quiet dedication of volunteers who keep our community running smoothly. To all of our volunteers: your time, energy, and care make The Meadows stronger, warmer, and more welcoming every day. I sincerely thank you for all that you do.

**I also want to honor our veterans in a deeper, heartfelt way.** Your courage, sacrifice, and unwavering dedication have protected the freedoms we often take for granted. I think of the long hours, the hardships, and the personal sacrifices you have made — leaving family, facing uncertainty, and answering a call far greater than oneself. Your service is a living example of bravery, integrity, and commitment to something larger than us. To every veteran in The Meadows and beyond, I am profoundly grateful. Your strength inspires me, your resilience humbles me, and your service ensures that our community — and our country — can thrive in freedom and hope. From the bottom of my heart, thank you for all that you have given, and continue to give, to us all.

**I am equally grateful to our Tree Donors, whose generosity has contributed over \$33,000 to restore and enhance our community’s landscape.** Many may not realize how important this effort is — replacing trees that were lost, damaged, or aged. Your support ensures that The Meadows remains a place where we can all enjoy and connect with nature for years to come, and I thank you for helping to leave this lasting legacy.

**Finally, I want to express how deeply I appreciate the patience, understanding, and support I have witnessed from our community over the past few months.** I have seen neighbors come together, share their voices, and stand by one another even in times of uncertainty and frustration. Your resilience, care, and willingness to work together give me confidence that we are moving forward in the right direction as a community. With our new endeavor with Benderson Development, I truly believe The Meadows is on the path to an even brighter, stronger future. With tennis up and running, golf just around the corner, and a bigger, better Centre Court Lounge on the horizon, I am confident that the best is yet to come for all of us.

As we move through this season of gratitude and thanks, I hope we can carry that spirit into everything we do. I always welcome the opportunity to connect with you — whether it’s stopping by the MCA for a quick chat, sending an email, or making a brief phone call. I truly appreciate the time and thought residents take to share their comments, ideas, and feedback, and I am grateful for the ways we continue to grow and strengthen our community together. **Celebrate the simple joys, reach out to one another, and take a moment to reflect on how far we’ve come — together.**



**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.

# BEING THANKFUL & GRATEFUL



Frances Rippcondi —  
MCA General Manager

Fall is the time of year when the temperatures drop and the reason why so many of our northern friends once again return to The Meadows. The change in temperature, fall festivities, harvest decorations and the beloved pumpkin spice are all reminders that fall is in the air. The month of November and all its splendor is mostly associated with the feeling of being thankful and grateful. It is a reminder to be thankful for family, friends, neighbors, community and especially grateful to our Veterans and Volunteers.

Veteran's Day, set aside after signing the armistice that ended World War I at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month in 1918, is intended to honor those who sacrificed all or part of their lives while defending and securing freedom for people in all parts of the world. The unselfish giving of oneself is exemplified when you stop and reflect on the Veterans who have served our country or are actively enlisted in our armed services. These great Americans protect our freedoms and provide services and aid to those in need both home and abroad. We are grateful for our Veteran's services. Please join us on November 11 at the Meadows Community Center to honor and pay respect to those who served our country.

We are also thankful for community leaders and volunteers who dedicate their expertise, energy and work alongside The MCA team, who strengthen the community by serving on committees, participating in events,

expanding the possibilities and opportunities in The Meadows. Without these hardworking individuals many of the events and services The Meadows provides wouldn't exist.

We are grateful for all Committee volunteers and their leaders whose specialized knowledge supports the Board of Directors handling specific tasks, overseeing the Standing Committees that are essential to the overall management of The

Due to volunteers' willingness to preserve and protect the community and our assets we have Committees such as Emergency Preparedness led by **Alex Peake** and **Bob Clark**, who ensure systems are in place to handle the aftermath of hurricanes and severe storms. The Water and Wildlife – **Barbara Kirkpatrick**, whose committee members keep a watchful eye on our pond systems, wildlife and the natural beauty of The Meadows.

**Michele Johnston** and Lifestyle volunteers who understand that not everyone shares the same interest. Michele and her team bring exciting new ideas to the MCA to help expand the already robust calendar of events. We have over 24 clubs that offer opportunities for residents to be engaged and participate in card and board games, bingo, craft group, chorus, cornhole, hot stove league, knit happens, memoirs and more. It is because of the group leaders these clubs are possible.

Living the lifestyle comes with a lot of work behind the scenes. The MCA appreciates the volunteers who continually decorate, collect tickets, serve and participate as hosts at our events. These party goers are not always whooping it up, often they are working hard to ensure fun is being had by all. These helping hands support the community activities and allow us to grow our programming.

We thank the fine librarians who lend a hand, book, and puzzles to keep our minds active and engaged in a flurry of mystery, travel, and wonderment by selecting and cataloging reading choices that appeals to everyone. Our compact library hosts over 3,500 books and is the Meadows Go-To location to escape in a literary adventure.

It is the Communications Committee – **Chris Perone** and **Marilyn Maleckas** and team who keeps residents informed about HOA news, events, decisions and lifestyle programming through Constant Contacts, the Meadoword and other platforms.

So, thank veterans and community volunteer's past, present and future for shaping our future and continually working hard to make a difference – The MCA certainly is appreciative of everything they do.



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COMMUNITY AND ESPECIALLY GRATEFUL TO OUR  
VETERANS AND VOLUNTEERS.

Meadows. Finance – **Jan Lazar**, Safety – **Michelle Johnston**, Standards – **Tom Bondur**, Maintenance – **Jo Evans** and the Hearing Committee – **Charlie Mericle**, **Charlie Schenck** and **Marvin Gusman**.

The Assembly Committee- **Alex Peake** and **Nancy Randall** and the President's Council- **Michele Johnston** and their teams share common interests in educating the community, keeping our HOA presidents abreast of the latest statute changes, and related topics needed to support Condominium and HOA's management.

We are also fortunate to have our Garden group guided by **Melanie Babineau** who enhance and protect our common areas by planting and maintaining the butterfly and memorial gardens and the Vine team – headed up by **Ed Zawacki** who is working hard to preserve The Meadows natural habitats by removing exotic vines that overgrow beneficial trees and plants.

Without a doubt, there is no shortage of activities, presentations and events to attend in The Meadows and we can thank the Activities Committee headed by



# SAFETY REPORT



In the month of September 2025 there were (11) incident free days - (6) Less than August 2025. There were (25) reported incidents - (6) More than August 2025. There were (66) citations issued - (26) More than August 2025.

Safety responded to the following during the month of September:

**SUSPICIOUS PERSON**

- September 9th, to Weybridge pool area for a reported suspicious male. Upon questioning the gentleman, it was found he was living with his sister.
- September 11th, to Chelmsford pool area for a reported suspicious male. Upon arrival no one was present.
- September 23rd, to Woodland Grove for a young man looking into windows of a condo and a truck owned by contractors working in a condo. It was determined that the individual did live in another condo in the 4000-block area and it was determined there was

a domestic disturbance manifesting, SCSO were contacted, arrived and took over the incident.

- September 25th, a report of a suspicious person two days prior. There was no interaction with the individual. Complainant was advised to call safety at the time of a suspected incident or if they felt in danger to call SCSO.

**BURGLARY-STRUCTURE**

- September 18th, to the North pool of Chanteclair where the men's restroom door had physical damage to the door and the frame, as well as the wall of the structure. Complainant was awaiting the board to conclude their meeting and would advise them of the incident. As of the report, SCSO has not been notified.

**DISTURBANCE**

- September 8th, to the main pool for an argument over someone who had the news playing on their personal phone and the complainant wanted them to turn it to

music. The request was refused and the complainant contacted safety. It was suggested that earbuds could be used, or they could come at different times. Complainant was not satisfied with that answer and left. The subject nodded their head and went to the pool. Both individuals refused to provide their personal information.

- September 23rd, to Woodland Grove in the evening due to a police presence in the 4000-block area. Safety was advised in was a domestic issue.

**ASSISTANCE RENDERED**

- September 30th, to 4000-block of Greywood Ln. a neighbor reported water leaking from a neighbor's home. Safety determined it to be a main waterline. Owners were contacted and advised and they were contacting someone.

**HEALTH / WELFARE CHECK**

- September 13th, to 3000-block of Highlands Bridge Rd. based on a concern

for the resident, from earlier in the day, and complainant could not make contact. Contact was made by safety and resident reported as being fine.

**SOLICITATION**

- September 2nd, 5th, 12th, 18th, 20th, 22nd, 30th to solicitations ranging from windows and doors, roofing, power, bible and pest control. All were made contact with, left when advised.

**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**

## NOVEMBER APPROVED ARCHITECTURAL REVIEWS

5337 Everwood Run	3888 Lyndhurst Ct
3365 Sandleheath	2893 Taywood Meadow
4441 Highland Oaks Cir	2893 Taywood Meadow
4511 Windsor Park	2713 Horseshoe Ct
4373 Woodmans Chart	4975 Ringwood Meadow
4521 Highland Oaks Cir	3412 Highlands Bridge Rd
4665 Arborfield Rd	4363 Longmeadow
4812 Greencroft Rd	4940 Rutland Gate
2985 Heather Bow	4511 Windsor Park
2985 Heather Bow	4742 Longwater Chase
2936 Longleat Woods	

## TIME TO Fall Back



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MEADOWS FINANCES



Jan Lazar —  
MCA Treasurer

When you get your Sarasota County property tax bill every November 1, you may not realize that it is also showing you the direction of your MCA annual assessment. Your assessment is based on a formula applied to each \$10,000 of assessed value if you live in the Meadows PUD. In the Highlands, simply put, it is per \$10,000 of the total of all the Highland properties, divided equally by the number of Highlands units.

All the various formulas that affect your taxes, MCA assessments and your Condo assessments are different. You typically pay your condo assessments, which are set by

your condo board, quarterly. Condo assessments range from \$2,400 to \$8,000 annually plus the special assessments most of them have levied, while the median MCA assessment is \$1,294 with more than 75% of MCA assessments below \$1,800 annually. MCA has NOTHING to do with your condo assessments, as they neither set them or receive any revenue from them.

Your property taxes are based on the Sarasota County Assessor evaluation of the value of your individual property. This number is affected by various legal limits such as homestead exemptions and caps. Your property tax bill also includes a number of items that are NOT based on property value. MCA only uses the assessed valuation as prescribed in our documents.

When you first buy your home, any previous homestead caps on that property are removed and the assessor values the property at “just” (ie., market

value and carries any homestead credits your might have from a previous Florida homestead to you new home. This means that new owners typically see a large increase in valuation, property taxes and the number used by MCA from the one that was on the listing for their new home.

This year will probably be unusual for many homesteaded owners because their “just value” may well go down but their assessed

value will go up. This happens when the market value decreases but there are accrued homestead reductions. The law provides that the assessed value of the property can go up 3% annually until it reaches that “just’ (market) value. So when you look at your property tax bill, look at what the assessed value change is to see what the county property tax, and your MCA assessment, are based on.



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3933 Chatsworth Greene – Long pond views and quick access to the pool	\$425K
3361 Hadfield Greene – Tranquil garden views and hurricane ready villa	\$400K
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Chatsworth Greene/3317 Highlands Bridge Rd – Tranquil marsh views	PENDING

FOR SALE ELSEWHERE IN THE MEADOWS

5688 Pipers Waite – The crown jewel! Exquisite renovation with spectacular views	\$649K
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3148 Windrush Bourne - Beautiful end-unit with privacy and a one-car garage	SOLD!
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A Heart Felt  
Thank You  
to Rafael



After 19 years of exceptional service, Rafael A. has retired from TruScapes Industries, Inc. leaving behind a lasting legacy at the Meadows Community Association (MCA). From the day he joined Crew Number One, Rafael led with pride, dedication, and a genuine care for the community he served.

As crew supervisor, Rafael ensured the MCA grounds always looked their best, guiding his team with professionalism and heart. His commitment and hard work made a real difference, not just for TruScapes, but for everyone in the Meadows who enjoyed the beauty of the spaces he helped maintain.

On September 30, 2025, Rafael completed his final service to the MCA, moving into retirement at the age of 72. He extends heartfelt thanks to both his colleagues and the residents of the Meadows for their support, kindness, and friendly waves over the years.

Rafael will fondly remember the connections he made and the joy of serving the community. We join him in celebrating his incredible contributions and wish him a happy, fulfilling retirement and to all in the Meadows, a wonderful holiday season quickly approaching.



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# Coffee Station in Perch



WHERE EVERYONE IS WELCOME!



by Michelle Johnston

Every Monday through Friday from 9:00 to 11:00 AM the Coffee Station

is open in Perch, which is located in the Lifestyle Wellness Facility. It started in August as just a place to have a cup of coffee, and now it is so much more thanks to the Meadows community members. It became a place where everyone enjoys a sense of community, develops friendships, has conversations, and feels a positive sense of fellowship. One participant said that he feels a sense of serenity. The serenity comes from being able to enjoy a cup of coffee while reading the paper on the veranda.

The Coffee Station is really not just for coffee lovers. Generous Meadows residents donated tea and hot chocolate while others baked special muffins and biscotti or dropped off other treats and fruit. Truly, the generosity of the community has been incredible, and because of their generosity, you can find a new treat almost every day. In addition to sharing food, Meadows residents are sharing their time as volunteers to host the Coffee Station. Thank you to everyone who has donated food and time to the Coffee Station.

Many residents find Perch and the Coffee Station a great place to wind down after playing pickleball or tennis, practicing tai chi, doing Stretch and Tone, or working out at the fitness center. It is a lot of fun to relax and rehash the plays and moves. Additionally, there are many classes and meetings in the Lifestyle Building, and lots of people like to sit down for a quick chat before and after their meetings and classes. Lastly, others find it a respite from their hectic daily lives.

It has become an interesting place to meet and greet friends from near and far. One day two people walked into Perch for coffee and were surprised because they had not seen each other for a few years when they were in another country and were thrilled to meet again. The Coffee Station is truly the place to renew former acquaintances and meet some new friends.

Somehow the conversations at the Coffee Station also inspire creativity. A resident poet created some poetry for people enjoying their coffee, and others thought of new ways

to form connections, which generated the idea for having wine and cheese events. The first successful wine and cheese party was on September 29th, and the next will be on November 7th.

Come to the Coffee Station, enjoy the camaraderie, and taste some of the delicious treats that our Meadows neighbors contributed for your enjoyment. You might meet some new people and find the experience uplifting.



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### The Meadows, Hub of Sarasota

Ending the months of August 2025 and August 2024 In The Meadows & Sarasota County

SALES	THE MEADOWS	SARASOTA COUNTY
Sales 2025 & 2024	↓2025 (10) 2024 (13)	↑2025 (707) 2024 (690)
Median Sale Price	↑\$476,000 \$359,000	↓\$399,000 \$429,000
Condominium Sales	↓2025 (05) 2024 (09)	↑2025 (200) 2024 (187)
Med Condo Sale Price	↓\$307,000 \$313,888	↓\$285,000 \$337,000
House Sales	↑2025 (05) 2024 (04)	↑2025 (507) 2024 (503)
Med House Sale Price	↓\$602,500 \$662,000	↓\$459,900 \$469,000
For sale on August 31st	↓2025 (66) 2024 (71)	↑2025 (4099) 2024 (3548)
Property Pending	↑2025 (16) 2024 (14)	↑2025 (948) 2024 (832)
Listing Supply	↑2025 (6.6) 2024 (5.5)	↑2025 (5.8) 2024 (5.1)

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REMINDERS

REMINDER: ALL GOLF CART REGISTRATIONS MUST BE KEPT UP TO DATE

Please come by the MCA Community Center Main Office for first time registrations or to drop off your current/renewed insurance policies.

Registering your golf cart with The Meadows identifies that you are a resident of the community and you have the right to operate and park in The Meadows. It provides our safety patrol a way of identifying those that do not belong in our community.

Florida law states that golf carts can be operated on private roads, subject to the Association's rules and regulations for their use. Registering your golf cart within our community allows for verification by our safety patrol that your golf cart belongs in our community, therefore is allowed to operate and park within The Meadows.



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

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Thank you – MCA Management



ELECTRONIC TUTOR

NOVEMBER 6  
1– 4 PM @ MCA

Call David Stoltie  
**941-404-5585**  
the Patient Trainer,  
to schedule an appointment.

TRASH PICK UP SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK OF THANKSGIVING

Mon. 11/24	No Change
Tue. 11/25	No Change
Wed. 11/26	No Change
Thu. 11/27	Changed to Friday 11/28
Fri. 11/28	Changed to Saturday 11/29

BLOOD DRIVE

Thursday, December 4  
8 AM – 3 PM  
MCA Parking Lot  
Call 1-866-972-5663  
to register.



HEARING CLINIC

Tuesday, November 18 from 9-11 AM

Call for an appointment  
**941-677-2660**

Held at MCA 2004 Longmeadow



GET YOUR SPOTS CHECKED

Thursday, November 13  
7:30 AM – 3:00 PM  
MCA Parking Lot

Call **941-444-0011**  
to schedule your  
appointment today!  
MCA Parking Lot

Reminder

We will be closed on Thursday,  
November 27th and 28th  
in observance of Thanksgiving.



ANNUAL ASSESSMENTS

Annual Assessments are mailed in January. If you have an address change, please contact MCA by email: [mcaaccounting@meadowssca.com](mailto:mcaaccounting@meadowssca.com) to ensure prompt delivery of your assessment no later than November 1st. Any changes made after that date will not take effect for the 2026 Assessment cycle.



ALZHEIMER'S ISN'T STOPPING. NEITHER ARE WE.

JOIN TEAM MEADOWS  
(The Meadows Community Association)

NATHAN BENDERSON  
Saturday, November 15 • 8:30 AM

Sign up on the MCA website  
[themeadowssarasota.org](http://themeadowssarasota.org)

Contact MCA AT 941-377-2300



# ACTIVITIES

## Ice Cream Social

Tuesday, November 4  
6:30-7:30 PM

Register online at  
themeadowssarasota.org

Meadows Community Lifestyle & Wellness Facility




Cool Down & Mingle!

## Swing Dancing & Ball Room Dancing

Wednesday, November 5  
6 -7 PM

The Meadows Lifestyle & Wellness Facility

No experience required! Have fun, learn some dance steps, and get some exercise. Please wear closed-toe shoes. Register online at themeadowssarasota.org




## How the Grinch Stole Christmas

### MASTERCLASS

Thursday, November 6  
11 AM – 2 PM

The Meadows Lifestyle & Wellness Facility

Join instructor Justin Gomlak Greer, an opera singer by training, a veteran Broadway dancer and actor, and a passionate arts educator and educational leader in the Van Wezel Dance Class.



## A TOAST TO COMMUNITY

## Wine & Cheese Social Event

NOVEMBER 7, 2025 | 4-6 PM

Perch Room  
Meadows Lifestyle & Wellness Facility


\$25 per person

Includes 2 glasses of wine, cheese, accompanying snacks. Wine Raffle.

RSVP at [www.themeadowssarasota.org](http://www.themeadowssarasota.org)



## THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY FOOD DEMONSTRATION



Join us for an exclusive, behind-the-scenes culinary demonstration with Chef Johnny Zaki—Co-Owner of The 1592 Wood Fired Kitchen & cocktails and a proud Meadows resident.

November 5, 2025 • 3 PM

Meadows Community Lifestyle and Wellness Facility

## STRETCH & TONE CLASSES ARE BACK!

Meet your instructor  
Karen Ockner

Please remember to bring your weights, mat, bottled water, sneakers and a positive attitude!

Tuesdays & Thursdays starting  
Tuesday, November 6 at 8 AM

Meadows Community Lifestyle and Wellness Facility

Sign up on your fitness phone app or stop by the fitness center.



## The Meadows Community Association



Invites our Meadows Residents and Veterans to the MCA Veterans Day Salute

Tuesday, November 11  
9:00 am at MCA  
2004 Longmeadow

MCA Veterans Day Salute  
Dove Release  
Canines for Heroes Demonstration  
Refreshments following ceremony.

Sign-up on [themeadowssarasota.org](http://themeadowssarasota.org)



# AND EVENTS

## Home for the Holidays

HOLIDAY TABLESCAPES,  
DESIGN & DECOR

Wednesday,  
November 12, 2025  
2 – 3 PM

Meadows Community  
Lifestyle & Wellness  
Facility

Step into the season with designer Patricia Wilson and discover fresh, festive ways to style your holiday table! From coastal charm to trend-forward elegance, you'll enjoy ready-to-use color palettes, curated accessories, and effortless ideas to make your gatherings joyful and stress-free.

Explore inspiring tablescape vignettes that take you from Thanksgiving all the way through New Year's Day—and don't miss your chance to win one of two fabulous giveaways!

Register online at [themeadowssarasota.org](http://themeadowssarasota.org)



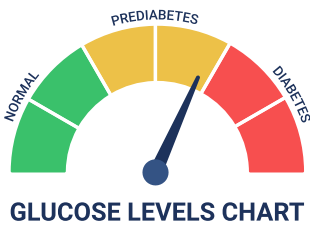
**Get ready for all the holiday treats and sweets!**

Nora Clemens Presents:

**POWER OF KNOWING  
YOUR BLOOD SUGARS**

November 12th  
10-11:30am

Meadows Community Lifestyle and Wellness Facility



## 2 Day Craft & Bake Sale

Sat/Sun - November 15 & 16  
9 AM – 2 PM at MCA

Cards, jewelry, magnets and many other unique hand-crafted items, along with tasty baked goods sure to satisfy your sweet tooth. DON'T MISS IT – MARK YOUR CALENDAR



## Line Dancing

Wednesday,  
November 12  
2 – 3 pm

The Meadows Lifestyle &  
Wellness Facility

No experience required! Have fun, learn some dance steps, and get some exercise. Get your feet moving from the Electric Slide to Fireball! Please wear closed-toe shoes.

Register online at [themeadowssarasota.org](http://themeadowssarasota.org)



THE MEADOWS SHALOM CLUB PRESENTS

## Welcome Back Meeting

Kick Off the New Season!

Join for light snacks and coffee. Come SCHMOOZE with old friends and meet new neighbors as we begin another wonderful season together!

Sunday, November 16 • 10:30 AM – 1 PM

Meadows Community Lifestyle  
and Wellness Facility – Perch Room

RSVP or Questions: Flo Wiener - 941-264-4411  
[florrie5025@gmail.com](mailto:florrie5025@gmail.com)

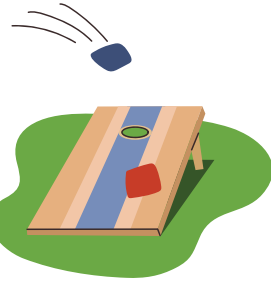
# BINGO

Every first Wednesday of the month  
6:30 – 7:30 PM

\$5 for three cards

Meadows Community Lifestyle & Wellness Facility  
Email [RSVPBingo@yahoo.com](mailto:RSVPBingo@yahoo.com) to register.

## MCA CornHole Club



Every Thursday • 3-5 PM  
The MCA Back Patio

Anybody can play, only rule is you must wipe off the equipment for your fellow residents after play.

Email Susan Weisse: [cbweisse@yahoo.com](mailto:cbweisse@yahoo.com)

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# SAVE THE DATE

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MCA  
Holiday  
Dinner Party

December 16th  
Meadows Community  
Lifestyle & Wellness Facility  
More information coming soon.

Menorah Lighting

Date: Sunday, December 14  
Time: Sundown 5:30pm  
Outside of the MCA Library  
Refreshments served.  
No registration necessary.

JOLLY, HOLLY TROLLEY

Returning in  
December

Experience the Holiday  
Lights of The Meadows  
and UTC aboard the  
Jolly, Holly Trolley.

TAKE A MOMENT TO THANK YOUR BODY  
- IT'S BEEN THERE SINCE DAY ONE

ANNUAL HEALTH & WELLNESS FAIR

Is returning to the MCA for it's 4th Year in January 2026!  
Stay tuned for more information.

MEADOWS COMMUNITY  
CHANUKAH  
LUNCHEON

Let's join together to celebrate  
a joyous Chanukah 2025!

Enjoy a festive meal featuring:  
• Traditional Latkes with applesauce  
& sour cream  
• An assortment of five fresh salads  
• Holiday desserts & beverages

Tuesday, December 16  
Noon - 2 PM  
Aviva - Kobernick Main Dining Room

\$12 per person  
Checks payable to  
MEADOWS SHALOM CLUB  
Please INCLUDE YOUR FULL NAME  
& phone number with check.

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3412 E Chelmsford Ct –Turnkey furnished Villa with a fantastic panoramic view of the 6th  
hole of the private Meadows course.....

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remodelled. ....

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SOLD

4731 Winslow Beacon –2bd/2ba Immaculate, fully updated, turnkey furnished in  
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# No Mow Zone Pond Buffers Protect Property Values, Improve Pond Water Quality

By Dick Bragaw, Water & Wildlife Committee

Over the past five years, The Meadows has transformed the look of our pond shorelines from scalped, often brown banks to living, green buffers. Most people agree these natural shorelines around our waterways look better. They help Meadows homeowners protect their property values, prevent the need for costly geoengineering, improve pond water quality, and create habitat for wildlife. It’s a no brainer: keep those heavy mowers away from the pond’s edge.

Maintaining natural shorelines by enforcing No Mow Zones (NMZs) around all waterways requires keeping heavy landscape equipment away from shorelines and littoral shelves (the shallow shelf where water meets land inside the ponds), thereby creating a buffer to enhance growth of native aquatic plants. This buffer filters storm water runoff, removing chemicals from fertilizers and pesticides and other pollutants, and helps to stabilize pond banks and prevent erosion.

Substantial, damaging erosion has occurred in many Meadows ponds. This erosion can denigrate the ability of the ponds to serve their vital function as a stormwater system, reduce their support of native wildlife, encroaches on residents’ lands, and threatens community property values. The health and proper management of our ponds, therefore, is essential not only for the aesthetic beauty and natural environment of The Meadows community, but also for the preservation of residents’ home values and mitigation of the costs of pond maintenance.

MCA Board policy recommends NMZs consisting of a border at least 3 feet wide and 10-12 inches high, consistent with Sarasota County recommendations. It’s

important to understand that these are not “No Maintenance Zones” where the vegetation is permitted to grow wild. NMZ buffers should be regularly maintained to control invasive plant species and maintain an attractive appearance, but only with handheld trimmers and other such tools, not mowers or heavy equipment.

The Board’s NMZ policy has been effectively implemented in the great majority of Meadows communities, which are governed by their individual condominium and

“NMZS ARE A NATURAL, LOW-COST DETERRENT TO SHORELINE EROSION.”

homeowners associations. We are now more than ever looking to single family homeowners to join our efforts in improving our lake bank edges by establishing NMZ’s. There are 128 single family homes that border our ponds. “It is imperative that these homeowners also be a part of the solution and require their landscapers to establish and maintain NMZs,” says Dr. **Robert Hueter**, former Water & Wildlife Chair. Our goal is to improve our water quality, protect our lake bank edges from erosion and keep lawn mowers away from lake bank edges for safety purposes.

“Running heavy lawn mowers near a pond’s bank contributes to erosion and presents a significant safety hazard,” says MCA General Manager



“NMZs are a natural, low-cost deterrent to shoreline erosion,” adds Hueter, “and the alternative, geoengineering the shoreline, would cost our homeowners upwards of \$100 per linear foot.”

**Frances Ripponi**. The mower can tip and pin a maintenance worker. “A landscaper died recently in Venice when his ride-on mower tipped over on an eroded pond shoreline that collapsed when he mowed close to the edge,” adds Hueter.

Sarasota County recommends NMZs and insists that no grass clippings be washed, swept, or blown into waterways, either intentionally or accidentally. The county has no specific guidelines on how NMZ buffers are maintained but suggests a maximum height of about 12 inches and urges operators to be careful clippings don’t end up in the pond.

“The mission of MCA’s Water and Wildlife Committee (WWC) is to enhance the beauty and ecology of The Meadows’ aquatic systems while continuing their essential role in water drainage and flood control. NMZs create good habitat for wildlife, like birds and small fishes, while at the same time discouraging haul-out of alligators on homeowners’ properties,” Hueter says.

The stormwater system of ponds and other waterways in The Meadows protects homes from flooding and reduces pollutants in downstream waters, which contributes to the health of Phillippi Creek, Sarasota Bay, and ultimately the Gulf of Mexico. The ponds serve their purpose best when their littoral shelves and shorelines support the growth of native plants. These aquatic plants help to maintain each pond’s water clarity and quality, enhancing its ability to serve as suitable habitat for birds, fish, turtles, and other aquatic wildlife.

Most importantly, aquatic and shoreline vegetation have a critical role in preventing erosion of pond shorelines.





# Craft and Bake Sale

SATURDAY AND SUNDAY, NOV. 15 & 16 FROM 9 AM TO 2PM

At The Meadows Community Building • 2004 Longmeadow

Mark your calendars and set your alarm clocks! We've given that advice for 34 years and lots of you do just that. They've learned there is something for everyone at the Craft and Bake Sale and if you want the best selection, get here early. Don't forget all the proceeds will be donated to local charities so you can feel good about shopping and having a sweet treat.

Do you like cookies, cupcakes, pies, tarts, sweet bread, muffins, or fudge? You'll find a great selection all packaged in sizes just right for one or two at the **BAKE SALE**. (Tip – get there early and buy several so you won't eat all of them on the way home.)

Do you like taking a chance? Then don't miss the **BASKET RAFFLE**. You'll find baskets with Restaurant Gift Certificates, Craftsman Tools, His and Hers Stuffed Christmas Stockings, Family Game Night baskets, Designer Handbags, Your Pet's Portrait, and more. For a small donation, you'll receive tickets to fill out with your contact information (Tip – bring address labels) and deposit in the baskets of your choice. Drawings for the basket winners will be held at the end of the sale.

Do you like a bargain? Then don't miss the gently used treasures in **Granny's Attic** where you may find tools, toys, games, dishes and cookware, books for kids and adults, and much more.

Do you like finding a perfect gift or card, holiday decorations, upscale accents for your home, accessories for you, or things to make household chores easier? Then get ready to make a shopping list; here are a few of the things we've made:

## Cards, Cards and more Cards



New designs of embellished cards join our intricately decorated hand-made designs. Your card is sure to be memorable. (Tip -Our prices are lower

than cards sold elsewhere; stock up for the whole year.)

- **Special Occasion** – Wedding, Anniversary, New Baby, Congratulations
- **Holiday** – Christmas, Hanukkah, Thanksgiving, Mother's & Father's Day
- **Birthday** – Child's, Women's, Men's, Landmark
- **Thank You, Get Well, Sympathy, Thinking of You**
- **All Occasion** – Blank on the inside for your message



## Christmas Decorations

Our new designs will brighten your holidays.

- **Ornaments for the Christmas Tree or Packages** – Angels, Reindeers, Snowmen, Santas, Embellished Shells and more
- **Mantle and Table Decorations** – Lighted Glass Snowmen, Christmas Trees, Shell Nativity Scene, Fancy Miniature Gift Boxes
- **Stockings and Wreaths**



## Household Goods

We haven't forgotten the practical side of life. Here are a few of the must-have things that will make you wonder how you got along without them.

- **For Fast Clean-ups – Hanging Kitchen Towels, Dishcloths, Scrubbies** for scratch-free cleaning of smooth stove tops, counters, dishes and pans., DROP and MOP Floor Cleaners in the shape of turtles, fish and lady bugs let you wipe up spills without bending.
- **Mosaic Trivets, Microwave Bowl Holders**
- **Refrigerator Magnets in cute animal shapes**



## Home Décor

New designs added this year include:

- **Decorative nightlights** – lighted seaside scenes with shells encased in clear resin
- **Embellished Oyster shells** - to hold trinkets or to add a touch of the beach to your room
- **Whimsical fused glass scenes and hanging ornaments**



## Boutique and Gift Items

- **Jewelry** – from casual daytime wear to evening bling
- **Purses and Totes**
- **Pocket Purse/ Wallet** – just big enough to hold a credit card and drivers license so you can slip it into a pocket when you don't want to carry a purse
- **Playing Card Holders** – slip a hand of cards into these circular holders that make it easy to hold your cards. We've even added a large size for Hand and Foot Canasta.
- **Golf Stroke Counters**



## Children and Baby Gifts

- **Squeezums** – little animal heads that open their mouths when squeezed
- **Crocheted Stuffed Toys**
- **Puppet mittens** – that look like rabbits, frogs, dogs, or pandas with mouths that open
- **Hats and Scarves**
- **Baby booties, bibs, and blankets**



You'll find even more things when you get here on Saturday and Sunday, 11-15 &16. Once again, all the proceeds will be donated to local charities, and thanks to you, lives will be changed.

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# Grateful Hearts Come with Four Paws

It doesn't take a heroic act like saving your life to know your dog is grateful. Sure, we've all heard stories about dogs rescuing their humans from fires or other dangers — but gratitude shines brightest in the small, everyday moments.

Dogs smile. Have you ever noticed that when you give your pup a belly rub or a tasty treat, they seem to grin and wag their tail in pure joy?

Dogs give kisses. Not every dog enjoys hugs, but most love showing affection in their

own way. Those slobbery kisses and happy nudges are their way of saying, "I love you." A simple pat on the head or kind word means the world to them.

Dogs love unconditionally. If you're stressed, tired, or feeling blue, your dog will notice — and do their best to comfort you. Whether you're having a great day or a rough one, your dog's love never wavers. A cuddle on the couch, a wagging tail at the door, or a happy bark when you grab the leash — those are daily reminders of their loyalty and affection.

Although your dog may never bark out a "thank you," their actions speak louder than words. The way they look at you, follow you, and trust you says it all. Take a moment to recognize those quiet gestures — they're a beautiful reminder that gratitude often comes with four paws and a tail.

*"Some blessings come with fur, four paws, and a wagging tail."*



RESIDENCE WHO WOULD LIKE TO SHARE THEIR FAVORITE DOG PHOTOS IN FUTURE EDITIONS OF THE MEADOWWORD CAN SUBMIT THEM TO LUISA. VAVRA@MEADOWSCA.COM NO LATER THAN THE FIRST WEEK OF NOVEMBER.

## PAWS AND PLAY AT THE MEADOWS DOG PARK!

*"Happiness is a long walk with your dog."*

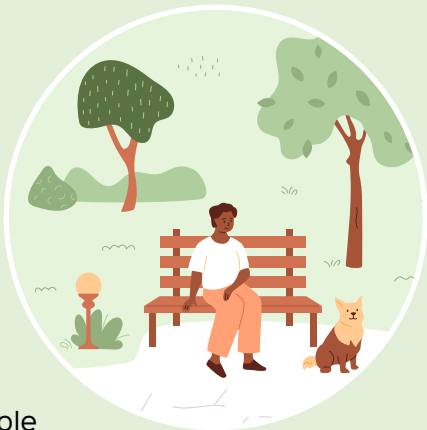
There's no better place for our four-legged residents to stretch their legs, make new friends, and enjoy the Florida sunshine than at The Meadows Dog Park! Conveniently located near the nature trail entrance, the park provides a

- safe and welcoming environment for dogs of all sizes to play off-leash under their owners' supervision.
- The park features shaded seating areas, waste stations, and separate sections for large and small dogs to ensure a comfortable and safe experience for everyone. Please remember to bring water for both humans and pets — a must during our warm Florida days!
- As a reminder, all residents using the park must follow community guidelines:
- Dogs must be current on vaccinations and registered with the Association.
  - Owners must clean up after their pets — waste bags are provided for your convenience.
  - Please keep your dog leashed until inside the designated off-leash area.

- Aggressive behavior toward people or other dogs will not be tolerated.
- Remember to bring water for yourself and/or your dogs.

The Dog Park isn't just about our pets — it's also a wonderful place to meet your neighbors and share in the spirit of community. Whether you stop by for a quick play session or stay to socialize, you'll find plenty of wagging tails and friendly faces.

So grab your leash, your coffee, and don't forget water your favorite four-legged friend — and come join the fun at The Meadows Dog Park. It's where community and canine joy meet!



*Life's better with muddy paws and happy hearts!*



# The Meadows Tennis Sign Up

## INDIVIDUAL PASSES

	RESIDENT	NON-RESIDENT
YEARLY (12 MOS)	\$1950 (\$162.5/mo)	\$2400 (\$200/mo)
6-MO SEASON (NOV-APR)	\$1050 (\$175/mo)	\$1375 (\$230/mo)
3-MO SEASON (NOV-APR)	\$575 (\$192/mo)	\$750 (\$250/mo)
1-MO SEASON (NOV-APR)	\$250/mo	\$300/mo

## FAMILY PASSES

	RESIDENT	NON-RESIDENT
YEARLY (12 MOS)	\$3200 (\$267/mo)	\$3750 (\$313/mo)
6-MO SEASON (NOV-APR)	\$1675 (\$280/mo)	\$1950 (\$325/mo)
3-MO SEASON (NOV-APR)	\$930 (\$310/mo)	\$1050 (350/mo)
1-MO SEASON (NOV-APR)	\$350/mo	\$400/mo

### RESIDENT PAY-PER-PLAY

\$15 BEFORE 4PM / \$12 AFTER 4PM

### NON-RESIDENT PAY-PER-PLAY

\$20 BEFORE 4PM / \$16 AFTER 4PM

### Program registration fees:

**\$25 Residents, \$75 Non-Residents.**

Former TMCC Members can register and purchase their first pass at resident rates & \$25 registration fee.\*

For questions please email Curt at [curt.reimer@meadowsca.com](mailto:curt.reimer@meadowsca.com)

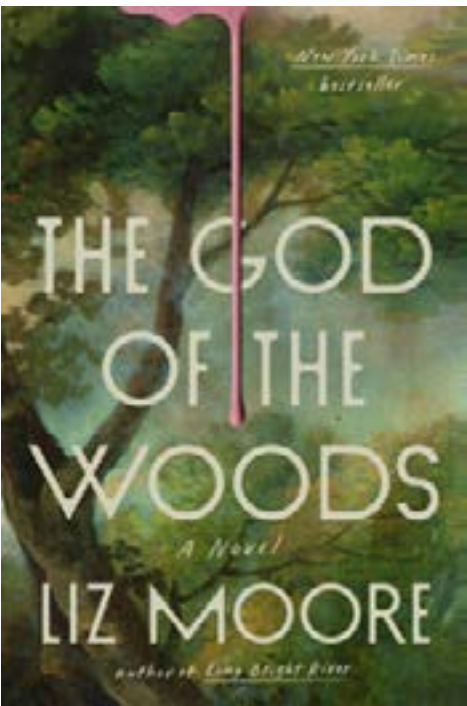
## NEW PARTICIPANTS CAN REGISTER ON COURT RESERVE

1. Scan the QR code to go to our Meadows Tennis CourtReserve page, or install the CourtReserve app and search for 'The Meadows Tennis'
2. Create an account and choose your desired program
3. Book your court and start playing!



# THE GOD OF THE WOODS

by Liz Moore



Joanne Simons —  
The Meadows Book Club  
November Preview

Pastoral and rustic, fictional Camp Emerson in the Adirondack Mountains is the setting of Liz Moore's novel *The God of the Woods* (Riverhead Books, 2024). The title refers to the Greek god Pan, who is known as the "god of the woods" and from whom the word "panic" is derived.



Author Liz Moore

A book not to be read as your child or grandchild heads off to summer camp, this novel's mystery is the disappearance of not one but two children of the wealthy Van Laar family from the area surrounding the family's summer home, 'Resilience,' where Camp Emerson is located.

"Early morning, August 1975: a camp counselor discovers an empty bunk. Its occupant, Barbara Van Laar, has gone missing. Barbara isn't just any thirteen-year-old: she's the daughter of the family that owns the summer camp and employs most of the region's residents. And this isn't the first time a Van Laar child has disappeared. Barbara's older brother similarly vanished fourteen years ago, never to be found."<sup>1</sup>

"The God of the Woods" is also chillingly astute about the invisible boundaries demarcating social class."<sup>2</sup> As Barbara's disappearance is probed, the families, camp counselors, townspeople and investigators all come under suspicion. All have history of one kind or another with the missing girl and her wealthy family.

Author "**Liz Moore** (born May 25, 1983) is an American novelist, screenwriter, and producer. She is

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<sup>1</sup> The God of the Woods by Liz Moore | Goodreads

<sup>2</sup> The God of the Woods,' by Liz Moore book review - The Washington Post

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NOVEMBER 2025 CALENDAR			
November 4	6:30 - 7:30 PM	Ice Cream Social	MCLWF
November 5	6 - 7 PM	Swing Dance—Ball Room Dancing	MCLWF
	6:30 – 7:30 PM	Bingo	MCLWF
November 6	11 AM - 12 PM	How The Grinch Stole Christmas Masterclass	MCLWF
	1 - 4 PM	Electronic Tutor - David Stoltie	MCA
November 7	4 - 6 PM	A Toast To Community Wine & Cheese Social	MCLWF
November 11	9 - 11 AM	MCA Annual Veterans Day Celebration	MCA
November 12	10 - 11:30 AM	Power Of Knowing Your Blood Sugars	MCLWF
	2 – 3 PM	Book Club	MCA
	2 - 3 PM	Holiday Tablescapes, Design & Decor	MCLWF
	2 - 3 PM	Line Dancing at the Meadows	MCLWF
November 13	7:30 AM - 3 PM	OnSpot Dermatology	MCA Parking Lot
	2 - 3 PM	MCA Board Meeting	MCLWF
November 15-16	9 AM - 2 PM	2-Day Craft & Bake Sale	MCA
November 16	10:30 AM - 1 PM	Meadows Shalom Club Welcome Back Bagel Brunch	MCLWF
November 18	9 - 11 AM	Optimum Hearing Clinic	MCA
November 24	3 PM	Thanksgiving Holiday Food Demonstration	MCLWF
November 27-28		MCA is closed for Thanksgiving Holiday	
LOOKING AHEAD TO DECEMBER			
December 4	8 AM - 3 PM	Blood Drive	MCA Parking Lot
December 14	5:30 PM	Menorah Lighting	MCA
December 16	Noon - 2 PM	Meadows Community Chanukah Luncheon	Aviva
December 16		MCA Holiday Dinner Party	MCLWF
		Jolly, Holly Trolley	
Locations and time of events may change. Please check website for latest locations and times.			

CLUBS & SOCIAL GROUPS

Ace in the Hole Card Club

Bob Monaghan  
Tuesday 7 - 10 PM

Drop in Art Studio

Melinda Gordon  
Every Thursday 10 AM – 12 PM

Bike Club

Janet Schmidt  
Every Wednesday, 9 AM at  
Meadows Pub

Bingo

Agnes Rutushni  
1st Wednesday of the month at 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 12:30 PM

Canasta: Hand & Foot

Sandy Maves  
Every Tuesday 1:30 – 5 PM

Cornhole

Susan Weisse  
Every Thursday 3 – 5 PM

Craft Group

Gayle Kroll  
Every Wednesday 9 – 11 AM

Game Night

Pat Webster  
Every Thursday 6:30 – 8:30 PM

Garden Club

Michele Lewis  
Monthly, 1st Thursday 1 – 2 PM

Hot Stove League

Mark Pienkos  
Monthly, 2nd Tuesday 8 – 11 AM

Knit Happens

Barb Wessel  
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

Barb Thornquist & Betsy Lombard  
Every Monday 9 AM – 12 PM

Samba (Card Game)

Jeannie Alexander  
Every Friday 1:30 – 5 PM

Shalom Club

Joni Cohen  
Every 4th Sunday at 3 PM

The Rainbow Connexion

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Meets quarterly

