

# ‘Tis the Season

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As 2025 comes to a close, we can all agree it’s been a year of challenges, change, and meaningful progress. The Meadows continues to grow and evolve in ways that strengthen our community and set the stage for an even brighter future.

This season always brings me back to my childhood in the north-east, when the holidays carried a special kind of magic. I can still picture my parents carefully decorating our home—thousands of twinkling lights tracing the roofline, trees sparkling inside and out, and bright red poinsettias filling every corner. My father would spend hours adjusting each strand of lights until every bulb shone

just right, while my mother filled the kitchen with the comforting scent of



cinnamon, cloves, and apples. Her famous apple-cranberry pies baked to a golden perfection, and trays of cookies seemed to appear by the dozen—gingerbread men, buttery spritz, and powdered snowball cookies that seemed to never last more than a day. Holiday music played softly in the background, laughter with neighbors filled the air, and for a few magical weeks the world felt wrapped in warmth and wonder. Those memories created a lasting sense of joy and anticipation—reminders of what it means to come together, to share traditions, and to celebrate the simple pleasures that make this season so special.

Today, as I wander through our community, I feel that same spirit returning—a renewed sense of excitement, gratitude, and optimism about all The Meadows is and is becoming. Ours is once again a thriving, connected community where friends and neighbors come together to share laughter, kindness, and the simple pleasures of the season.

This is also the perfect time to extend heartfelt thanks to the many volunteers whose dedication and enthusiasm make The Meadows sparkle for everyone all year long:

- Ace in the Hole Card Club** – Bob Monaghan
- Another Wednesday Bridge** – Dick Spicer
- Drop-in Art Studio** – Melinda Gordon
- Bike Club** – Janet Schmidt
- Bingo** – Agnes Rutushni
- Book Club** – Lois Robinson
- Bridge (Wednesday)** – Kerriane McMurdo
- Bridge (Friday)** – John Harwood

- Bridge (Saturday Duplicate)** – Dot Boulia
- Canasta: Hand and Foot** – Sandy Maves
- Cornhole** – Susan Weisse
- Craft Group** – Gayle Kroll
- Euchre** – Jan Felten
- Game Night** – Pat Webster
- Garden Club** – Michele Lewis
- Hot Stove League** – Mark Pienkos
- Knit Happens** – Barb Wessel
- Mah Jongg** – Elizabeth Williams
- Meadowlark Poetry Writers** – Michael Bruno
- Meadows Chorus** – Cindy Rubin
- Meadows Sailing Association** – Adam Lawall
- Memoirs** – Liz Barnett
- Pieceful Meadows Quilting & Needlework** – Barb Thornquist & Betsy Lombard
- Samba** – Jeannie Alexander
- Shalom Club** – Joni Cohen
- The Rainbow Connexion** – Victor Aluise & Michael Barreiro

As we wrap up the year and look ahead to new beginnings, I encourage everyone to take a moment to appreciate all that makes The Meadows so special. Our community is once again glowing with energy, purpose, and promise. I know I’ll be enjoying it all—and perhaps baking one or maybe two of my mom’s famous pies along the way.

Wishing you and your loved ones a joyful holiday season filled with warmth, peace, and cheer. Here’s to a strong, successful 2026—and to The Meadows, a community that continues to sparkle brighter with each passing year.



**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.