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Community News



Chris Perone –
MCA Board President

When I’m out and about in The Meadows, residents often wave hello, stop to chat, ask questions, or share an idea.

I’m always happy to engage, listen, and hear what people are thinking. We have so many talented people living here, with an incredible range of backgrounds, experiences, and expertise. Some wonderful ideas have come directly from residents, and many of those conversations have led us to explore new possibilities.

One resident suggested planting oleander because of how well it tolerates Florida’s heat and climate while adding vibrant color to the landscape. We did some research, agreed it was a great choice, and today you’ll see many new oleanders planted throughout The Meadows.

Numerous residents also

contacted me about the purple-flowering trees they have seen around the community. Those are Queen Crape Myrtles, and residents loved them so much that we have planted many more.

More recently, a resident called me to talk about Butler Buildings. I had no idea what they were! That conversation prompted us to do some research, and we discovered that this type of customizable metal building could potentially provide a very viable and cost-effective option for a new facility at our recreation hub – Centre Court Lounge, pool, tennis, pickleball and Wellness Center. These structures can be designed with attractive exterior finishes and customized to include kitchens, restrooms, gathering

spaces, and many of the features we would want in a community facility.

That is exactly why these conversations matter. Sometimes a casual chat, a phone call, or a simple suggestion introduces an idea we may not have previously considered. We may not pursue every suggestion, but every good idea is worth listening to and exploring.

So, when you see me out and about in the community, please feel free to share your thoughts and ideas that you may have.

Some of the best ideas for our community come from the people who call The Meadows home.

The Meadows- moving forward together.



Frances Rippondi –
MCA General Manager

All you have to do is to step outside the Meadows to understand that the Meadows is a hidden gem.

Honore and 17th St. is the first

wakeup call as traffic increases and the built environment unveils itself. The good news is given our prime location you can easily navigate your way to multiple destinations that are sure to satisfy your appetite to live your best life and then return home to peaceful tranquility and the beauty of the Meadows.

We have the Meadows Community Association’s (MCA) maintenance team and landscape vendors to thank for the continual improvements in our community. This past summer was hot, dry and humid but that didn’t stop progress. The maintenance team combating heat indexes of over 110 degrees continued to repair irrigation,

pressure wash sidewalks, stabilize outfall/wash outs, remove debris, replace broken deck boards, shell pathways, and perform preventative maintenance.

Landscape vendors added to the heavy lifting by removing dead trees, broken limbs and vegetation along path and roadways, they limbed up palm trees, added new trees and shrubs to enhance the community’s beauty and the health of our environment.

We think it is hot when we go from our air-conditioned homes to our air-conditioned cars but working in the heat 8 hours a day takes special workers whom we are grateful for. If you happen to notice one of our maintenance

team members working hard on a project, please be sure to thank them and let them know they are appreciated.



INTRODUCING THE MCA COMMUNITY ADVISORY COUNCIL

At its August Board meeting, the MCA Board approved a resolution establishing the MCA Community Advisory Council, a new volunteer leadership group created to bring residents together, encourage fresh ideas, and help shape the continued improvement of The Meadows.

The Council’s Executive Committee held its first organizational meeting on September 9, 2026. Laura Spears and Michelle Johnston will serve

as MCA Board Liaisons, and we are thrilled to announce that resident Ronald Jackson has volunteered to serve as Chair.

A key strength of the Council is its broad representation. Members live throughout The Meadows, including communities east of Honore, east and west of Longmeadow, condominiums, and single-family homes. Together, they bring diverse perspectives, experiences, and ideas to the table.

The Council will provide a forum for identifying and exploring issues important to residents. Through research, discussion, and community input, members will develop ideas and recommendations to share with the MCA Board of Directors.

Education and communication will also be important parts of the Council’s work. Informational programs on topics of interest to residents will provide opportunities to learn, exchange

ideas, and strengthen connections throughout our community. Our Council members bring enthusiasm, leadership experience, and a genuine commitment to The Meadows. Their goal is to listen, learn, explore ideas, and help make our community even better

Please join us in welcoming Ron Jackson and the MCA Community Advisory Council! Watch for more information about upcoming opportunities to participate.



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.

FINANCIAL SPOTLIGHT

How Finances Work In The Meadows



Jan Lazar –
MCA Board Treasurer

The Meadows is a community composed of several different sections. We have two PUDs (Planned Unit Developments), one named the Meadows and the other named the Highlands. Both are under the Meadows Community Association governance but each with different rules concerning how their fees to the master association are computed. In the Meadows PUD, each unit owner pays an annual assessment based on their own Sarasota County assessment. MCA gets those assessment numbers each November from the County assessor and the MCA established rate is applied. In the Highlands PUD, their documents have the TOTAL County assessment for all the units in the PUD, times the MCA assessment factor, divided evenly

and each unit pays MCA the same amount. Those assessments are the primary source of revenue for the master association to pay for all the facilities and services for which MCA is responsible including, streets, lighting, walking trails, insurance, the Life Style Building, sports facilities and all other related program and administrative costs. MCA assessments range from \$292-\$8890 annually for residential units, with median assessment being \$1600.

But the finances in the Meadows don't just include what the master association does. We have 52 different condo associations within the Meadows and each of them levies assessments for the common property and management of their own association. Those condo assessments are used solely for their own condo property. None of those fees goes to the overall management and maintenance of the Meadows common property and management and they are not based on assessed value. The condo boards set flat fees for each unit. Condo fees are typically billed quarterly rather than annually as the MCA master association is. According to survey results from the MCA President's Council condo fees within the Meadows range from

\$6400 to \$14,000 annually (\$925-\$3500 quarterly). Every condo associations' fees are higher than the median fees paid to the master association annually.

The condos, governed under statute Florida Statute 718, have reserve requirements that were legislatively increased after the collapse of the Surfside condo building in 2021. Lack of maintenance and reserves were determined by the State Legislature to represent a significant risk for residents living in condos which did not properly fund and operate providing needed maintenance and structural repair. The legislation may well have resulted in significant increases in your own condo fees depending on your previous reserve levels. These requirements are legally established and do not involve any decisions or funding by MCA. They are the sole responsibility of your condo association. In addition, most condo presidents reported having done special assessments in addition to regular annual fees. MCA has not done any special assessments.

The MCA is not required to have mandated reserves and it does not operate any residential property. We have reserves we budget annually for major

planned replacements but most of our major maintenance and capital projects are funded annually and paid for without debt or any special assessment.

Owners often confuse what their condo assessments with MCA fees. MCA provides for a great many services and physical plant costs at fees much lower than other associations in the area. I hope that this helps you have a better understanding of how things are paid for and how the fees are set and by whom.

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CALL FOR CANDIDATES

MCA Board Of Directors

Each year, The Meadows Community Association (MCA) holds an election for three Director positions on its nine-member Board of Directors. The term of each Director is three years. The Board oversees the operation of various aspects of the MCA community through its staff and committees. The MCA Board of Directors is an

all-volunteer leadership body with no financial compensation.

Property owners who are interested in joining the Board should download the Candidate Information Packet on the MCA website located under the Forms tab or pick up a copy at the MCA Community Center at 2004 Longmeadow. Forms must be

completed in their entirety including signature and returned to the MCA office no later than **4 PM on Monday November 16, 2026**. Qualified applicants – deeded property owners who are not delinquent on their Annual Assessment or other fees – will be advised of next steps shortly after the application deadline date.

Ballots will be distributed to all Meadows property owners in the later part of January 2027. The results of the election will be announced at the MCA Annual Meeting held during March 2027. The newly elected Board members assume office immediately after the Annual Meeting.

SAFETY SPOTLIGHT

During August 2026, The Meadows recorded 17 incident-free days, six more than in July. Safety responded to 20 reported incidents, seven fewer than the previous month, while 88 citations were issued, an increase of 21 from July.

Incidents during the month included two medical emergencies requiring EMS response, including one involving an injured individual near Whisperwood and another involving a resident who was knocked to the ground while attempting to protect her dog during a dog attack. Safety also responded to reports of suspicious persons and activity in several areas of the community, including the block

of Chandlers Forde and Ringwood Meadow. In one case, Sarasota County Sheriff’s Office responded to a report of an individual carrying what was later determined to be a BB gun.

Additional calls included the reported theft of bungee cords from a golf cart, a disturbance involving a resident and Fitness Center staff, and a traffic complaint from a bicyclist who reported being forced off the road.

In August there were more incident-free days than July. Residents are encouraged to remain alert, follow community and traffic rules, and promptly report suspicious activity or safety concerns so the Safety team can respond appropriately. Be safe. Be alert.

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

SCAM OF THE MONTH

Michelle Johnston —
MCA Board Secretary and Safety Liaison

Many scams begin with alarming situations that make you feel as though only you can solve the problem — usually by sending money. Recently, a resident received a telephone call from an alleged representative of a sheriff’s office, although the caller did not identify themselves as being with the Sarasota County Sheriff’s Office (SCSO). The caller told the resident that he had recently missed jury duty and claimed that doing so was a felony punishable by jail time and a \$10,000 fine. Paying the \$10,000, they said, would resolve the issue. However, if the resident paid the fine immediately in cash, the amount could supposedly be reduced to \$4,900. According to SCSO representatives, Sarasota residents have lost as much as \$30,000 to jury duty scams.

What should you do if you receive a call like this? The SCSO rarely makes telephone calls of this nature, and when the real SCSO does call, representatives identify themselves. If you are uncertain about the source of a law enforcement call, hang up and contact the SCSO directly to verify it. As with any call from an unknown source, use caution before answering or providing personal information. If you find yourself being drawn into a scammer’s story, hang up and call the SCSO. Provide the representative with the caller’s phone number and any additional details you have, including any instructions about where you were told to deliver or deposit money. It may also be appropriate to contact your bank to check for suspicious activity on your account. No one can afford to become the victim of a scam and lose \$10,000, \$30,000, or more to a criminal scheme. Stay vigilant and report any suspicious activity to the Sarasota County Sheriff’s Office at 941-861-5800 and the Meadows Safety Patrol at 941-809-0084.

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4905 Marsh Field Rd	5042 Marsh Field Rd	4749 Harvest Bend	
4946 Marsh Field Rd	3514 Richwood Link	3418 Highlands Bridge Rd	
4946 Marsh Field Rd	3516 Richwood Link	4986 Waterbridge Down	
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Around the Community

Get to Know Our Clubs and Committees



Around The Meadows, our clubs and committees are always finding new ways to connect, contribute, and build community. With more than 20 clubs and 8 committees, there are plenty of opportunities for residents to get involved, meet new people, and have fun.

Over the next few months, we'll be spotlighting our Meadows clubs and sharing more about the many ways you can get involved. Want a sneak peek? You'll find a complete list of clubs on the back page of the Meadoword.



Friday Bridge

Friday Bridge is a friendly, intermediate-level group offering unsanctioned duplicate bridge play each Friday from 12:30–3 p.m. Singles and pairs are welcome, and some duplicate bridge experience is helpful.

Memoirs Group

Memoirs are stories from our lives that deserve to be remembered and shared. The Memoir and Life Writing Group is a welcoming workshop where members preserve their memories, read short pieces, receive thoughtful feedback and learn simple techniques to bring their stories to life. Participants may choose their own topics or use group writing prompts for inspiration. The group meets from 10 a.m.–noon on the first and third Friday of each month.



Meadowlarks Poetry

While not exactly pajama parties, Meadowlarks sessions are almost as relaxed. The group meets every other Friday from 10 a.m. to noon on Zoom, where members socialize over a favorite morning beverage while sharing and discussing poems inspired by different topics and writing techniques. The goal is simple: have fun, learn from one another and create something you feel proud to share. Members read their poems, receive thoughtful feedback and grow their skills along the way. Everyone is welcome, and no prior poetry experience is required. There is plenty of room for creativity, poetic license and, thankfully, no "poetry police" in sight.



CLUBS:

Bike Club

The Meadows Bike Club meets every Wednesday at 9 a.m. in the Shopping Village before heading out to ride local routes, explore the surrounding area and enjoy time together.

Shalom Club

The Meadows Shalom Club is a welcoming group that gathers for fellowship, culture, and social events throughout the season. Open to all members and friends of the tribe, the club generally meets once a month from October through April. To kick off the new season, join them for a meeting on Sunday, October 25th at 10:30 a.m. in the MCA Lakeside Room.

Line Dancing

Line dancing is a fun way to get moving! Join us at 2 p.m. on the second Wednesday of each month for music from Country and Pop to Motown and the Beatles. No experience needed.

Drop-in Art Studio

The Drop-In Art Studio now meets year-round, giving artists a welcoming place to create, connect and enjoy good company. Bring along whatever project you're working on and settle into a relaxed, supportive atmosphere with fellow creatives and artists. The group meets every Thursday from 10 a.m.–noon in the MCA Garden Room.

Hand and Foot Canasta / Samba

Tuesday Canasta: Hand & Foot and Friday Samba are lively card games centered around creating books and runs. Depending on attendance, players may compete with a partner or individually, making each game a little different. New players are always welcome to join the fun in the Garden Room at the MCA. Hand & Foot Canasta meets every Tuesday from 2–5 p.m. and Samba every Friday 1:30 – 3:30 p.m.

Hot Stove League

"Let's Talk Sports!" The Hot Stove League sports discussion group begins its tenth year in 2027! Meetings are held the second Tuesday of the month (January–April and September–November) starting at 9:00 a.m. (Note: The September meeting begins at 11:30 a.m.) Meetings are held at The Meadows MCA Office. This is a fun group that enjoys talking about sports, as well as sharing personal stories and memorabilia about their favorite sports. Coffee and treats are provided, as well as an occasional door prize.

Meadows Chorus

The Meadows Chorus brings members together to rehearse, perform and enjoy music. Rehearsals are Thursdays from 7–9 p.m. beginning October 8 in the Lakeside Room. The holiday concert is Saturday, December 19 at 4 p.m. at the Unitarian Universalists of Sarasota



COMMITTEES:
Activities Committee

The Activities Committee helps support and promote clubs, programs and social activities throughout The Meadows. Meetings resume in October after the summer break, with many clubs reporting strong attendance and a busy season of community activities ahead.

Communications Committee

The Communications Committee helps keep Meadows residents informed and connected through the Meadoword, website, email and other community communications. Members share ideas and feedback to strengthen how news, updates and important information are communicated throughout the community.

Emergency Prep

The Emergency Prep Committee is a group of dedicated Meadows residents who have volunteered to aid in the protection and recovery of our community in the event of an hurricane or other large scale emergency. The committee meets during the hurricane season and discusses emergency procedures and conducts drills with radios to ensure proper procedures are followed when reporting hazardous situations following a storm. Hats off to this group for agreeing to step up and act when our community needs them the most. Bob Clark Co-Chair Emergency Prep

Maintenance Committee

The Maintenance Committee helps oversee the care, upkeep and appearance of common areas throughout The Meadows. Members review maintenance needs, community improvements and ongoing projects that help keep the neighborhood safe, functional and welcoming.

President’s Council

The Presidents' Council brings condominium and homeowners association leaders together to share

information, discuss common challenges and strengthen communication across The Meadows. At the September quarterly meeting, communications consultants spoke with presidents about internet connectivity and communication needs within their communities. The Council also reviewed feedback from last spring’s survey, including challenges related to keeping residents informed when association executive committees are out of town. Future meetings will continue addressing the priorities, concerns and challenges identified by Council members.

Safety Committee

The Safety Committee works to address community safety concerns and support a secure environment throughout The Meadows. In September, members thanked retiring SCSO liaison Deputy Duff for her years of service and discussed parking, radar sign data, Safety Patrol reports, internet scams and neighborhood concerns.

Standards Committee

The Standards Committee meets the second Tuesday of each month except for July and August. The committee consists of nine resident volunteers, each assigned a zone to inspect and report problems on a monthly basis. Sandy Truman, MCA staff coordinator, maintains this information in a spreadsheet, sends out notices, and tracks compliance. The committee chair and MCA coordinator review architectural review applications submitted by residents planning exterior property improvements. Any change to a property's exterior must be approved by MCA administration.

Water and Wildlife Committee

The Water & Wildlife Committee helps support the health of The Meadows’ lakes, waterways and natural habitats. Members focus on water quality, wildlife concerns and ways to protect and preserve the community’s unique environment.

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New Growth In The Meadows

A LOOK AT WHAT’S TAKING ROOT AROUND THE COMMUNITY

As the weather cools, residents may notice something new taking shape throughout The Meadows. Over the past several months, a variety of trees, flowering plants and landscape additions have been planted around the community. Together, these additions continue the tradition of keeping The Meadows green, welcoming and connected to the natural beauty that surrounds us.

Residents walking, biking or driving through the community may notice new leaves, fuller branches and young trees settling into place. Fall is a great time to look closer at the landscape and see what has changed.

New Trees Taking Root
Among the recent additions within The Meadows are live oaks, magnolias and Queen’s crape

myrtles, and bald cypresses. Each brings a different look and character to the community while adding to the layered landscape residents know and enjoy.

Live oaks are one of Florida’s most recognizable trees. Their broad, spreading branches and dense canopies can eventually create beautiful areas of shade, and mature live oaks are a defining feature of many Florida landscapes. The newly planted trees may look small now, but over time their branches will widen and their canopies will fill out. Watching them grow is a reminder that landscaping shapes not only how The Meadows looks today, but how it will look for years to come.

Magnolias bring another classic Southern element to the landscape. Known for their glossy green leaves and large,

fragrant flowers, magnolias can become striking focal points as they mature. Their rich foliage provides year-round interest, while their creamy blooms add a softer seasonal touch. The newer magnolias are putting out fresh leaves and branches as they establish themselves.

Queen’s crape myrtles have also been planted throughout the community. These trees are known for colorful flower clusters and a notable shape. As they grow, they will add another layer of seasonal color and texture, giving different parts of the landscape a changing look throughout the year.

Color Around the Community
Residents may also notice newly planted Hong Kong orchid trees, tabebuias and oleanders. These selections will bring more color and visual interest as they grow.

Hong Kong orchid trees are especially recognizable when they flower. Their large, orchid-like blooms can appear in shades of pink, purple and magenta, creating an eye-catching display against the surrounding greenery. They are known for a long blooming season in South Florida, giving residents several chances to enjoy their color.

Tabebuias, often called trumpet trees, are known for dramatic clusters of trumpet-shaped flowers. When a mature tabebuia reaches peak bloom, its branches can become covered in color, creating a seasonal display that is hard to miss. These ornamental trees are a beautiful addition to the flowering selections found throughout The Meadows.

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Tabebuias



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Oleander

and clusters of flowers help fill landscape areas and provide visual interest throughout the year. As the recently planted oleanders become established, they will continue to bloom with hot pink flowers that are sure to catch your eye. Residents should enjoy these plants visually, as all parts of oleander are toxic if ingested.

Mature Plants and Seasonal Growth

While the newest plantings may draw attention, the existing live



Bottlebrush

oaks, slash pines and cabbage palms are the foundation of the community’s native habitat and a major part of The Meadows’ natural beauty. Mature plants throughout the community continue to produce new leaves, branches and blooms, and many of the most noticeable changes happen gradually. A familiar tree may suddenly look fuller. A flowering plant that blends into the background during summer may begin producing fresh color. A young tree planted earlier in the year may finally start to look settled in its new home.



Queen Crape Myrtle

These smaller changes are part of what makes a living landscape so interesting. It never stays exactly the same.

Our mature trees also provide the backdrop that gives The Meadows much of its character. Large canopies, shaded roads and green spaces create the natural setting that has developed over many years. The newer trees and shrubs being planted today will become part of that same established landscape.

Keep an Eye Out

As we move further into fall and

temperatures begin to cool, take a moment to notice what is growing around you. Look for the newest trees along your regular walking route, and see if you can recognize some of the varieties being added throughout the community.

The landscape of The Meadows is always evolving. Some changes are easy to notice, while others happen slowly over months and years. These new plantings help preserve and strengthen the natural beauty of our community for years to come.



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CALL FOR CANDIDATES

2027-2028 MCA Board of Directors

The Meadows Community Association (MCA) seeks candidates for election to the 2027 MCA Board of Directors. Volunteer and support your community.

Property owners are invited to submit their names for consideration.

All candidates must complete a Candidate Information Questionnaire.

All submissions must be received no later than 4 PM on Monday, November 16, 2026, at the MCA. For more information, call the MCA at 941-377-2300.

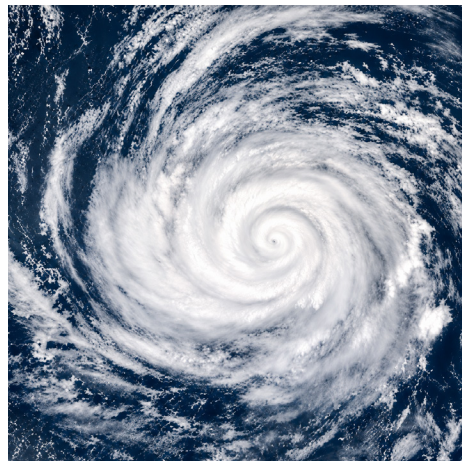
Candidate information packets will be available October 1, 2026, on the MCA website under the Forms tab, or you may pick one up at the MCA office.



REMINDERS

HURRICANE SEASON ISN'T OVER YET

October is still part of peak hurricane season in Sarasota County. Keep supplies stocked, know your evacuation level and stay weather-aware through November 30.



HALLOWEEN SAFETY

With Halloween on October 31, watch for trick-or-treaters, slow down after dark and use extra caution throughout neighborhood streets.



HOLIDAY DÉCOR CAN COME OUT

Mid-October means seasonal decorations appearing around The Meadows. Decorations may be placed on homes from the third week in October through the first week in January of each year.



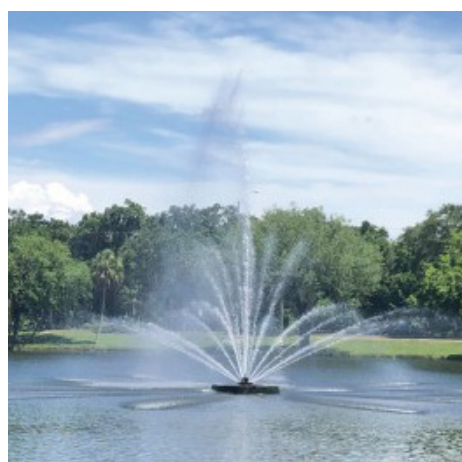
ELECTION SEASON REMINDER

As election season continues, remember that MCA restrictions prohibit political signs in yards and common areas.



MCA WATER FOUNTAINS

Sarasota County water restrictions currently limit fountain operation to four hours per day. MCA fountains are scheduled to run daily from 5–9 p.m.



WELCOME BACK, SEASONAL RESIDENTS

October brings more of our seasonal neighbors back to The Meadows. Expect a little more activity on the roads, paths and around community facilities.



COOLER WEATHER = MORE WALKERS & CYCLISTS

As temperatures begin to ease, more residents will be out walking and biking. Please slow down, share the road and stay alert.



FALL YARD CHECK

October is a great time to tidy landscaping, clear storm debris and check trees and shrubs after summer growing. No clippings or leaves should be placed in streets or down road drains.



PLAN YOUR MONTH

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BLOOD
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Thursday, October 1
8 AM - 3 PM
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Friday, October 2
1 - 3 PM
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MEDICARE IN 2027

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ICE CREAM SOCIAL

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BINGO

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6:30 - 8 PM
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MASQUERADE
WINE AND CHEESE

Friday, October 9
4:30 - 6:30 PM
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RYDER CUP STYLE
TOURNAMENT

Saturday, October 10
8:30 AM Shotgun
Meadows Golf Club



HALLOWEEN MOVIE NIGHT:
BEETLEJUICE

Tuesday, October 13
6:30 - 8:30 PM
MCA Lakeside



LINE
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Wednesday, October 14
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Tuesday October 20
6:30 - 8:30 PM
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PUMPKIN PAINTING CONTEST

Wednesday, October 21
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GECKO'S GRILL AND PUB BURGER NIGHT

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Centre Court Lounge Deck



TRUNK OR TREAT

Tuesday, October 27
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THE MEADOWS HALLOWEEN BASH

Friday, October 30
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Your October Guide to Sarasota

YOUR MAP TO FALL EVENTS, LOCAL HAPPENINGS AND HALLOWEEN FUN AROUND SARASOTA & BRADENTON

October brings plenty of reasons to get out and explore Sarasota and Bradenton. From pumpkin festivals and outdoor markets to live music, art and Halloween celebrations, the month is packed with local events for residents, visiting family and grandchildren. Cooler evenings and a busy fall calendar make it an especially good time to spend a little more time outside, explore a new part of town or return to a favorite seasonal tradition.

Cooler evenings and a full fall calendar make it a great time to get outdoors, explore a new part of town or revisit a favorite seasonal tradition. Whether you're looking for a family-friendly festival or an evening out, October offers plenty of ways to enjoy the season close to home.



Pumpkins and Family Fun



October is full of fall favorites around Sarasota and Bradenton. Fruitville Grove's 38th Annual Pumpkin Festival runs every weekend from October 3 through November 1 with pumpkins, hayrides, live music, crafts, food and activities for all ages.

Hunsader Farms also brings back its Pumpkin Festival on October 10–11, 17–18 and 24–25 with a craft show, petting zoo, hayrides, live entertainment and its famous pumpkin cannon. Sarasota Oktoberfest comes to Nathan Benderson Park October 10–11 with food, music and waterfront activities, while the Runaway Pumpkin 5K & Family Fest wraps up the month on October 31.

Live Music, Art, and More



October brings plenty of ways to enjoy Sarasota's arts and entertainment scene. The 30th Anniversary Downtown Sarasota Craft Festival takes place October 17–18 with jewelry, ceramics, photography, clothing, specialty foods and more from local and regional makers.

Later in the month, Sarasota Orchestra presents Adagio for Strings at Holley Hall on October 29. On October 30, Sarasota Opera opens its season with Hansel and Gretel, while Hocus Pocus Pops II brings Halloween-inspired music and entertainment to Riverview Performing Arts Center.

Halloween Happenings



Halloween events begin early with Lights at Spooky Point, returning to Historic Spanish Point from October 1–31 with illuminated displays, imaginative creatures and festive nighttime scenery.

The Goblin Gathering at G.T. Bray Park takes place October 16, followed by Boo! at The Bay on October 17 with trick-or-treating, games and an outdoor movie. Trick or Treat on the Lake returns to Nathan Benderson Park on October 27, and BooFest takes over Lakewood Ranch Main Street on October 30 with trick-or-treating, live music, food and family activities.

Mark your calendars for these local favorites

01 OCT	Lights At Spooky Point Nathan Benderson Park
03 OCT	Fruitville Grove's 38th Annual Pumpkin Festival Sarasota
10 OCT	Hunsader Farms Pumpkin Festival Bradenton
10 OCT	Sarasota Oktoberfest Sarasota
16 OCT	Goblin Gathering Downtown Sarasota
17 OCT	30th Downtown Sarasota Craft Festival Downtown Sarasota
17 OCT	Boo! At The Bay Sarasota Bayfront
27 OCT	Trick Or Treat On The Lake Nathan Benderson Park
29 OCT	Adagio For Strings Sarasota Orchestra
30 OCT	Boo Fest On Lakewood Ranch Main Street Lakewood Ranch

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THE MEADOWS WALK TO END ALZHEIMER'S

The Meadows Community Association is proud to participate in the 2026 Alzheimer's Association Walk to End Alzheimer's® – Sarasota County on November 14, 2026. This annual event brings together individuals, families, caregivers, friends and communities with one shared purpose: supporting those affected by Alzheimer's and other forms of dementia while helping fund care, support services and research.

This year, Team Meadows has set a fundraising goal of \$5,000, and we are inviting our residents, neighbors, friends and families to be part of the effort. There are several ways to get involved. You can join Team Meadows and walk with us on November 14, make a donation toward our fundraising goal or help

For many families, Alzheimer's and dementia are deeply personal. Participating in the Walk is a meaningful way to honor loved ones, support caregivers and stand alongside those currently navigating a diagnosis. It is also a wonderful opportunity for The Meadows to come together outside of our community and show our support for an important cause that touches so many lives.

Every donation, no matter the amount, brings Team Meadows one step closer to our \$5,000 goal. We hope to see a strong Meadows presence at this year's Walk and would love to have residents join us along the way.

Join Team Meadows
To register, join our team or make a donation, visit alz.org/walk and search for the Sarasota

County Walk. From there, look for The Meadows Community Association – Team Meadows.

Walk Date: November 14, 2026
Team Meadows Fundraising Goal: \$5,000

Together, we can make a meaningful difference and show the strength of our community by supporting those affected by Alzheimer's and other forms of dementia. By walking, donating and helping spread the word, Team Meadows can come together to raise awareness, support families and caregivers, and help advance the care and research that bring us closer to a future without Alzheimer's.



Together, we can end Alzheimer's disease.

alz.org/walk

WALK TO END ALZHEIMER'S

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October News

MICHAEL BLAIR, GENERAL MANAGER, MEADOWS GOLF CLUB



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Renaissance Access Card

Meadows Community residents with a Renaissance Access Card enjoy benefits including discounted green fees, and 15-day priority booking access to play both the Meadows and the Groves Course.

Stay Updated and Win

Learn all about our latest news, special offers, and events by joining our E-Club newsletter. Sign up at www.meadowsgolfclub.net and you'll be automatically entered for a chance to win free golf. It's our way of saying thank you for being part of this community. Winners will be announced by email and social media. Your information will not be shared.

Upcoming Golf Tournaments

Join us for our Saturday tournaments designed to bring the entire local community together for friendly competition and plenty of fun. Additional details may be found at: meadowsgolfclub.net.

October 10 — 2 Person Teams: Ryder Cup Style Tournament

Grab your favorite golf partner and get ready for a 2-Person Ryder Cup Style Tournament where the format changes every six holes! Holes 1-6: Scramble. Holes 7-12: Alternate Shot. Holes 13-18: Better Ball. One team, three formats, 18 holes of friendly competition.

October 31 — The Groves Candy Corn Classic

Costumes are encouraged, so bring your best Halloween spirit to the course. Expect great golf, plenty of fun, and a few tricks



and treats along the way. Grab your foursome and join us for a spooktacular time at the Groves!

Important Safety Reminders & Course Etiquette

- **No walking, biking, skateboarding, or one-wheeling on cart paths or courses, at any hour.** This isn't about access rights; it's a safety issue. Golfers are actively playing from sunrise to sunset every day, and anyone on a cart path during that time is at risk of being struck by a golf ball or a golf cart. Please use the Meadows Community's dedicated walking paths instead for walking, jogging, or biking.
- **The Highlands Course is closed.** No one is permitted on the course at this time; this includes cart paths, fairways, and greens. The course is closed for agronomy evaluation and recovery, and unauthorized use interferes with that work

and creates safety and liability concerns. Signage is posted, and our Player Assistance Team Members will be monitoring the course.

- **No dogs on the golf course, no play outside posted operating hours, and please yield the right-of-way to maintenance staff and equipment.** Thank you for helping us keep the Meadows Golf Club safe and enjoyable for everyone.

Come See Us

Whether you're a lifelong golfer or just curious about what the Golf Club has to offer, I encourage you to stop in. Grab a tee time, visit the pro shop, or simply come say hello. It is a privilege to be part of The Meadows community. Thank you for your support. We look forward to seeing you on the course.

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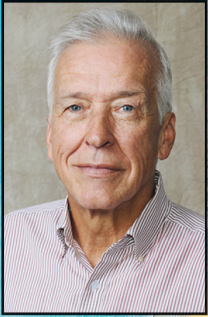
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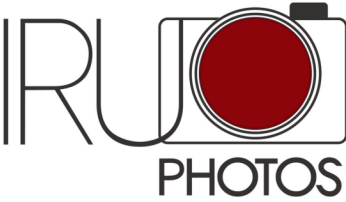
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2 Bed / 2 Bath ground floor unit in Weybridge Community. Fully furnished and updated. Near the pool with lake and golf course views. \$3,700/month. Requires 3-month lease minimum, prefers more. Call Ellen 770-605-0415

Willow Links, 2 BR / 2 BA, fully furnished, seasonal, cable and utilities included. NO PETS, ground floor. Walk-in shower, washer and dryer, enclosed lanai assigned parking spot. Andrea – 248-417-8657 / Bev – 248-310-2106

2 /2 condo in Winslow Beacon, 2nd floor, newly remodeled throughout, sparkling and modern. Totally furnished and turnkey. Quiet, safe. Available May – November 2027, '5 star landlord'. Bill 585-233-1727, williamgreener9@gmail.com Amy 607-220-6936 atran073@gmail.com

HOMES FOR RENT

Winter in The Meadows! Beautiful turnkey furnished first-floor condominium in Willow Links, with renovated kitchen, bathrooms and closets. Screened lanai overlooking a peaceful, wooded setting and tranquil golf views. Seasonal or off-season rental, 3-month minimum. January – April is \$3,900, May – December is \$1,900. Terri Lindsay 941-730-1459

Willow Links. Beautifully decorated and fully remodeled. 2/2 first floor end unit. Glassed Lanai. Available November and December 2026 and April and May 2027. michele.pouliot29@gmail.com or 418-683-0153.

Willow Links: 1st floor 2BR / 2 BA, walk-in shower. Turnkey Furnished, 50” Flat-Screen TV, cable, and wi-fi included. Close to pool, restaurants, facing golf course with water view. Three months minimum. For Jan, Feb, and March. Call 516-825-3127/516-965-0163

HOMES FOR SALE

Condo For Sale – Pinebrook Hollow – fully furnished if you want. 2 BR / 2 BA. 2nd bedroom can be an office if you work from home, also has a futon for guests. Renovations inc. new kitchen, new baths, new lanai floor (8’ x 20’), well maintained by year-round resident/owner. Call or text Flo 941-264-4411



GOOD TIMES ON THE DECK



Meadoword

The Meadows Community News and Lifestyle



OCTOBER 2026 CALENDAR

Oct 1	8 – 3 PM	Blood Drive	MCA Parking Lot
Oct 2	1 – 3 PM	Flu Shots with Vax On Site	MCLWF
Oct 6	6:30 – 7:30 PM	Spooky Ice Cream Social	MCLWF
Oct 7	6:30 – 8 PM	Bingo	MCLWF
Oct 9	11:00 – 12:00 PM	What's Coming To Medicare 2027	MCLWF
Oct 9	4:30 – 6:30 PM	Masquerade Wine and Cheese	MCLWF
Oct 10	8:30 AM	Ryder Cup Style Tournament	Meadows Golf Club
Oct 13	6:30 – 8:30 PM	Halloween Movie Night : Beetle Juice	MCA
Oct 14	2 – 3 PM	Line Dancing Class	MCLWF
Oct 21	2:30 – 4 PM	Pumpkin Painting Contest	MCA
Save The Date		Gecko's Burger Night	CCL Deck
Oct 27	6 – 8 PM	Trunk or Treat	MCA Parking Lot
Oct 30	6:30 – 8:30 PM	The Meadows Halloween Bash	MCLWF

REGULAR MCA Board Of Directors Meetings

Board meetings can vary but are typically the second Thursday of every month. Notification of Board Meetings are sent out in advance of each meeting with a copy of the agenda and Board Packet.

If you do not receive notice on the MCA website or through a Meadows Living announcement 48 hours in advance of meeting that is due to no meeting being scheduled.

CLUBS & SOCIAL GROUPS

Ace in the Hole Card Club

Bob Monaghan
Tuesday 7 - 9 PM

Drop in Art Studio

Melinda Gordan
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

Kerrianne 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 2 – 5 PM

Cornhole

Susan Weisse
Every Thursday 1:30 – 5 PM

Craft Group

Gayle Kroll
Every Wednesday 9 – 11 AM

Euchre Card Game

Paul Felten
2nd Tuesday of each month

Game Night

Pat Webster
Every Thursday
6:30 – 8:30 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 Tuesday 1:30 - 5PM

Samba (Card Game)

Jeannie Alexander
Every Friday 1:30 - 3:30 PM

Shalom Club

Joni Cohen
Every Sunday at 3PM
Seasonal Oct - April

The Rainbow Connexion

Victor Aluise & Michael Barreiro
Meets quarterly

October Fitness Schedule



BALANCE CLASS
Mondays 11 AM
MCLWF



WATER AEROBICS
Monday, Wednesday, Friday
9:30 AM & 10 AM
MCLWF



QIGONG
Wednesdays 11:30 AM
MCLWF

Yoga and Stretch & Tone classes are to return soon!