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MCA Board of Directors



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Top from left: Bruce Ferretti, Dr. Bart Levenson, Amy MacDougall, Tom Pound, Fernando Viteri

Bottom from left: Jan Lazar–Treasurer, Marilyn Maleckas–President, Malcolm Hay–Vice President, Bob Clark–Secretary

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Notes from the President's Desk

Marilyn Maleckas—MCA President



It is my sincere honor to have been elected President of The Meadows Community Association's (MCA) Board of Directors. My congratulations is also extended to our Executive Team, **Malcolm Hay**, Vice President; **Jan Lazar**, Treasurer; and to **Bob Clark**, Secretary. Joining the Board are two newly elected members, **Amy MacDougall** and **Tom Pound**, both of whom bring extensive business experience and community knowledge to the Board. These folks join **Fernando Viteri**, **Dr. Bart Levenson**, and **Bruce Ferretti**, rounding out our nine-member Board of Directors.

We often get asked about the governance of the community and about the responsibilities and authority that the developer, Taylor Woodrow, bestowed upon the Board. **The Meadows is unlike the vast majority of homeowner associations as our documents state that the MCA Board has the same authority as that of a developer, including the authority to buy, lease and sell property directly, not requiring additional owner approvals. The Meadows' governance compares to a municipal government, and the best analogy is to compare us to a Florida county government.** Let's take a closer look:

- Counties are made up of cities—**The Meadows is made up of multiple associations (52), each with its own governance, officers, documents, etc.**

- Counties administer and enforce State laws—**The Meadows administers and enforces its Rules and Regulations through its Safety operations as well as its Standards Committee.**

- Counties assess properties and collect taxes—**The Meadows collects annual assessments from each residential property owner as well as its four commercial owners, The Meadows Country**

Club, the shopping village, Aviva – A Campus for Senior Life and Tarpon Point.

- Counties record public documents—**The Meadows records its documents with Sarasota County and provides access on its website.**

- The County provides for elections of officials—**The Meadows provides for election of its Board of Directors on an annual basis. Candidates must be the title-holder of the property (or the spouse of the title-holder), are vetted by the resident-run Meadows Assembly of Property Owners and are elected by the property owners. The Executive Team is elected by the Board.**

- Counties issue permits to build, alter properties and structures—**The Meadows reviews and approves applications for alterations and changes to properties, including new roofs, paint, fences and external enclosures, mailboxes, driveway changes, amongst other items.**

- Counties provide for parks and recreation—**The Meadows provides an extensive array of amenities and more than 60 varied activities as well as miles of walking and bicycle trails, sports activities, a children's playground, butterfly garden and memorial garden.**

I hope this analogy provides insight into the Board's responsibility—all residents are invited to attend Board meetings, which are held at the MCA on the second Thursday of each month at 1 p.m.—except August when the Board is in recess.

While on the Governance subject, the other topic that we receive many questions about is the governance of the country club. Here is a summary of the roles of both organizations as previously

announced with our Strategic Partnership formed in 2018.

The MCA purchased the buildings and land from the club and payment is made in a 14-point payment plan spanning three years. The country club continues to operate its private club owned by the members, managed operationally by Billy Casper Golf and governed by a member-elected Board of Governors. **The MCA does not own, operate or manage the country club or any aspect of its operation. These are two distinct business operations.**

Under this agreement, the club pays the property taxes and MCA assessment, maintains the golf courses and buildings and leases the land from the MCA. **This enabled the transaction to meet both parties' needs and eliminated the need for any special assessment by the MCA.**

The focus of the Strategic Partnership is not a partnership involving the business or operation of the club. **This is a working partnership representing both organizations designed to create a united vision and future role for both the club and community.**

The MCA recognizes that the club is a core asset of The Meadows with its amenities and facilities. Its beautiful golf courses and lush green spaces provide us with beautiful views, valued real estate and lots of exciting venues in which to partake and enjoy, all in a much-coveted location. I strongly urge each resident to think about the environment and beauty of this property and think about ways to support the club's journey toward profitability by joining and becoming a member, by having family or association gatherings there and by thinking about all the positive impacts the club's property has on each of our property values and lifestyles.

Working all together, we can make great things happen, and I look forward to working with you, the Board and the MCA management and staff throughout the upcoming year.

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Articles and Monthly Columns

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

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Meadows Community Association

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

Mission—To preserve the property values, ambiance and vitality of our community

Strategies—Formulate a plan to modernize housing stock, coordinate with the club on its redevelopment effort and explore opportunities to expand activities offered by MCA



What's Happening?

Frances Rippondi—MCA General Manager

Homeowner's Association (HOA) What exactly do you do for me?

You probably have asked yourself why do I live in a homeowners association (HOA), and what exactly does it do for me? The Meadows Community Association's (MCA) primary purpose is to maintain, enhance and protect property values. As a matter of fact, you will find that in our Mission Statement:

Mission—To preserve the property values, ambiance and vitality of our community.

The primary reason a family chooses to live in an HOA is because they benefit from living in a community where the grounds and community are cared for with shared costs. Here at The Meadows, residents benefit from an abundance of green open space, mature vegetation, 14 miles of walking and nature trails, 85 lakes, and a wide range of activities. These recreational activities along with items such as safety, maintenance, infrastructure, buildings and other operational costs, are paid for in a form of Assessments. Assessments are essential and required to maintain our community. Thanks to residents who share in the community's best interest, our collection rates remain positive, as most recognize and understand the value it adds.

The Meadows Community Association, Inc. is a not-for-profit corporation established by Taylor Woodrow under the Florida State Statutes, and was envisioned well before the first home was built. Initially, the governing board was directed by Taylor Woodrow as provided by state statutes until such time as "turnover" to the resident members. When "turnover" occurs, the control and management of the community is transitioned to a new board elected by The Meadows resident members in good standing.

After the completion of The Meadows initial planned unit development (PUD), Taylor Woodrow decided to expand and develop the Highlands. The same turnover process followed. The Highlands PUD was managed by the Highlands Management Association, Inc. until 1992 when the two communities merged, and named The Meadows Community Association, Inc. to be the corporation under which all resident members would function. Since the first board of the merged communities was established in 1992, more than 80 residents have

been elected to serve a three-year term or appointed to complete the term of a person elected to the MCA Board.

Our community consists of 3,450 residential properties, comprised of 814 single-family homes (252 of which are in associations; 562 are not), and 52 associations that fall under The Meadows' Master Association Guidelines.

Regardless where you purchased a home in The Meadows, you become an enrolled member of The Meadows Community Association, Inc. which operates as the master association to all single-family homes and all associations within The Meadows. Therefore, a homeowner who lives in an association has to follow not only their local "Declarations of Restrictions" or "Declaration of Condominiums" but also The Meadows governing documents. These restrictive documents are legally binding and have been recorded with the deed in Sarasota County. The governing documents for The Meadows consist of the Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws, "Declaration of Maintenance Covenants and Restrictions on the Commons for The Meadows" and the Rules and Regulations.

In brief, the Articles of Incorporation are the documents that create and formally establish the mandatory homeowners' association. It defines the basic structure and the areas of responsibility of the association. The Bylaws describe how the association is run, set out voting rights and procedures and contain rules for such things as meetings, elections, and define boards of directors, officers and standing committee's roles and expectations, etc.

The standing committees consist of the Finance, Assembly, Maintenance, Standards and Safety Committees. These valuable committees provide recommendations to the Board, meet regularly, perform duties and take on specific assignments which assist the board in running efficiently. The Finance Committee is responsible for overseeing the budget, assessments, reserves, investment opportunities as well as monitoring the budget performance throughout the year. The Assembly Committee is responsible for the nomination of candidates for election to the Board of Directors; they also review and advise the Board on budgets.

Overseeing the common area grounds is the Maintenance Committee. This committee advises the Board on all matters pertaining

to maintenance, repair, landscaping and improvements.

While the Maintenance Committee oversees grounds improvements, the Standards Committee focuses on residences, architecture and utility installations and other matters laid out in the Covenants and Restrictions documents. All exterior improvements require an architectural application to be submitted to the MCA regardless if you live in a single-family home or a condominium. Upon receipt of the application, the Community Standards Administrator and the Standards Chair visit the residence, review the request and process the application. We encourage all residents to fill out an application not only because it is required, but also because it is a way for us to track how many homeowners are participating in the Renaissance and the improvement of The Meadows.

Keeping a watchful eye on the community is the ever-present Safety Committee, which cooperates with local law enforcement and oversees the safety of the residents.

The Rules and Regulations are posted in our Pride and Preservation handout. Many of these rules are extracted from the "Declaration of Maintenance Covenants and Restrictions on the Commons for

The Meadows." Others have been adopted by the Board. These basic rules have been established so that our property values are maintained and that we live in a friendly and neighborly environment. All of The Meadows' governing documents are posted on our website. Many of the governing documents of individual associations are also posted there.

What makes The Meadows work?

You do! These standing committees along with our other committees, clubs, groups and volunteers, such as Emergency Preparedness, Water and Wildlife, Community Activities, Garden Club and Communications all work hard contributing hours of their time to ensure The Meadows is heading in the right direction and meeting or exceeding your expectations. On a daily basis, the MCA staff helps residents find answers and provides the needed research to address any and all questions. Whether the question is related to activities, assessments, standards, maintenance or administrative needs, the MCA team is here to help. It is with the MCA Board, staff, committees and community participation that you are able to live in a well-defined and enriched community that will survive the test of time.



Cash bar w/ (1) complimentary drink and dessert

The Meadows
Spring Social
Friday, April 12
5-8:00pm

Fun games, music
and door prizes!
Passed Appetizers
5-6pm
Hot pasta bar,
gluten free included
6:30-8pm

At The Meadows
Country Club Pool

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Monday, April 8
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Office Hours:
Monday-Thursday
8am-4pm
Friday, 8am-3pm



Emergency Prep

Be prepared and stay safe

John Spillane—Chair

As most of you know, The Meadows has an Emergency Preparedness Committee (EPC), which is made up of a group of volunteers that will respond throughout the community to assist residents in the aftermath of a hurricane, tornado or some other type of disaster that impacts residents' immediate safety.

We have all seen the devastation natural disasters wreak: individual homes destroyed or severely damaged; communities decimated; injuries that need medical attention immediately, which first responders can't get to for days.

The EPC has more than 110 volunteers willing to go out into our neighborhoods to assist residents who may need help and to report damage and injuries back to a Command Center set up in The Meadows Community Association building. The Command Center will be manned by the chairs of the EPC to receive the information from the volunteers and dispatch the type of emergency help needed to that area.

Responsibilities (normal)

1. Since hurricane season officially runs June 1-November 30, the EPC holds monthly meetings April through November.

2. Its goal is to provide The Meadows community with planning and suggestions for preparing for all types of emergencies, including evacuation strategies.

3. The chair will attend all MCA Board meetings and submit a detailed report of EPC meetings and operations.

Post disaster responsibilities

1. As soon as practical after the disaster, the chair will open the MCA Command Center and assume responsibilities as Incident Commander.

2. The chair, acting as Incident Commander, will be assisted by the co-chairs, MCA Manager and MCA President or Board Directors as available.

3. Rovers and committee volunteers are to inspect their assigned areas and to report damage assessment and medical assistance requests to their Area Leaders as soon as practical.

4. Area Leaders will receive and document area information from the Rovers and volunteers and relay those reports to the MCA Command Center. The command center will dispatch necessary assistance where needed.

5. Telephone operators will report to the MCA Command Center to operate and handle communications.

The first 48 hours are on us

The EPC operates on the premise that the first 48 hours after a storm has passed there may be very little help from outside agencies to provide assistance to The Meadows. Sarasota County first responders will be busy throughout the county and we might have to fend for ourselves for some time. Many on the committee have undergone extensive CERT training, (Community Emergency Response Team) run by Sarasota County. Others have Red Cross

training and first-responder training from other organizations. We have extensive first-aid supplies on hand at the Command Center. If power is lost, the building has an emergency backup generator capable of giving us power for a week or longer. We were exceptionally proud of our volunteers in the aftermath of Hurricane Irma. It was the volunteers in The Meadows community pulling together.

At our meetings, MCA General Manager **Frances Rippondi** and chairs **Sue Pound**, **Mike Mazur** and I review the preparations individual homeowners should take during hurricane season. The committee discusses ideas on how best to respond, prepare and equip to be ready when disaster strikes. This is a dedicated group of volunteers and they are your neighbors.



Emergency Prep

Meets every month (April–November)

on the second TUESDAY, 1:30 pm, at the MCA Community Center

The next meeting is **Tuesday, April 9**



Don't Forget...

Remaining BINGO dates are:

April 2, 2019

April 16, 2019

Hope to see you there!

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Application for Architectural Review

Architectural Review application forms may be picked up at The Meadows Community Association or downloaded on www.themeadowssarasota.org website under MCA Forms.

MEADOWS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
2004 Longmeadow – Sarasota, FL 34235

Application for Architectural Review

NAME OF OWNER: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE NO: _____

PLAN TO BEGIN WORK ON: _____

RETURN COPY OPTIONS:
WILL PICK-UP (Check Here): _____
EMAIL TO: _____
OR MAIL TO: _____

INFORMATION
General: Thank you for taking the time to complete this application. The MCA appreciates your cooperation and has worked to make the application process to be as simple and efficient as possible. **This application is required when exterior changes are made to any property in The Meadows.** The staff has been given the authority to approve some projects, mostly involving "like for like" replacements. The Restrictions Committee will review those applications not processed by the staff. Some applications, involving unusual colors, architecture, major changes in appearance or departures from the norm, will be sent by the Committee with a recommendation to the Board of Directors for consideration.

Purpose: The purpose of architectural review is to ensure that the high quality standards of The Meadows are upheld. This is promoted when your application is reviewed by qualified people whose goals and objectives are:

1. To conserve the natural beauty and character of The Meadows.
2. To preserve the appearance of The Meadows by ensuring that structures, signs, and other improvements or changes are properly related to their sites.
3. To protect and enhance The Meadows appeal, and to enhance the value of Meadows property.
4. To adhere to the covenants and restrictions applicable to the neighborhoods.

Instructions: You have received one or more sections to complete for the type of project you plan. Each one should be self-explanatory. The MCA staff will assist you by reviewing your application for completeness. Please submit single-sided only. Paper clip together (no staples).

If applicant is other than owner, written approval is required by owner.
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Sample Application for Architectural Review

MEADOWS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
Application for Architectural Review

SECTION L – LANDSCAPING

Sarasota County, and other applicable agencies, may require permits for projects in this category. Examples Are: Wood, block, or concrete construction, electrical, plumbing or air conditioning/heating work. All permits are the responsibility of the applicant.

LANDSCAPING (Including Tree Removal, Replacement, Irrigation, Pots and Statuary): _____

Grade changes, mounds, or berms? Yes: _____ No: _____

Describe project. Attach plan with dimensions and setbacks, and identify plants, trees, etc., if applicable.

APPLICANT (PRINT NAME): _____

APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

PLEASE NOTE: Approved projects must be commenced within 3 months of approval. Substantial amounts of work must be completed in each 60 day period thereafter.

By signing this application on behalf of the condo/HOA, the signer represents that he/she has the authority to do so.

CONDO/HOA APPROVAL: _____ DATE: _____
(If Applicable) Signature

CONDO/HOA APPROVAL: _____ DATE: _____
(If Applicable) Please Print Position on Board

ASSOCIATION NAME: _____

MCA APPROVAL: _____ DATE: _____

(This space for MCA USE ONLY)

Sample Application for Architectural Review—Landscaping



Governance and Standards

They go hand-in-hand to maintain the beauty and quality of life for Meadows residents

Bob Clark—Chair

The charter of the Standards Committee reads in part:

“The Standards Committee consists of nine members who are assigned a zone to review and report on a monthly basis. A written evaluation is given to the Chairman of the Standards Committee to review with the Manager and the Community Standards Administrator once a week.”

The Charter continues and the full text is available but in the interest of keeping you awake, I will end it here.

It is the committee’s goal to see that the rules and regulations pertaining to the exterior appearance of properties in The Meadows are followed and enforced. In order to accomplish this, the reports turned in by the committee are investigated and, if necessary, a card is mailed to the resident requesting that they make the necessary improvements to their property. Most of the time this produces the desired result, but if it does not, the Standards Committee has the authority to refer the homeowner to the Fining

Committee. This committee has the power to levy a fine against the homeowner until compliance is achieved.

An additional function of the Standards Committee is to approve changes to the exterior of any property in The Meadows. This review is initiated by the homeowner through submission of an Application for Architectural Review prior to the start of any projects. Prior approval is required for outside improvements such as new windows, new roofs, new driveways, fences, generators, wells, new construction and any other project that would alter the appearance of your property.

These regulations apply to the residents of The Meadows because we are a deed-restricted community. When you purchased your property, you were given a copy of the regulations applying to all property owners and through the purchase process you agreed to abide by these regulations. Please contact the MCA office if you have any questions regarding the governance process as it applies to the Standards Committee.

Architectural Review

Approved Applications for February

4605 Glebe Farm Rd
4001 Oakley Greene
4951 Windsor Park
4781 Marsh Field Rd
4859 Greywood Ln
5268 Everwood Run
4521 Highland Oaks Cir
Sandleheath Condo Assn
Somerset Condo Assn
Somerset Condo Assn
Muirfield Heath HOA
3386 Sandleheath
4747 Ringwood Meadow
3412 Highlands Bridge Rd
Scarborough Common

Somerset Condo Assn
2985 Heather Bow
Chanteclair Condo Assn
3783 Surrey Ln
2300 Arborfield Ln
5325 Everwood Run
4865 Greywood Ln
5411 Everwood Run
4720 Harvest Bend
4646 Arborfield Rd
Morningside Condo Assn
5584 Chanteclair
4866 Greywood Ln
4803 Marsh Field Rd

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FEATURED PROPERTIES

- 2 Bed / 2 Bath w/Garage—Sheffield Greene—on the golf course. Ready to move in!.....\$209,000
- 2 Bed / 2 Bath Longwater Chase condo—outstanding golf view. Ready to move in!.....\$159,925
- 2 Bed / 2 Bath Chartwell Green Condo—golf and water view. Many updates!

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Safety

Let's stay safe all season

John Spillane—Chair

In February, there were 29 reported incidents, 11 less than January. There were seven incident-free days. There were 195 citations issued this month for various infractions and violations.

Notable incidents

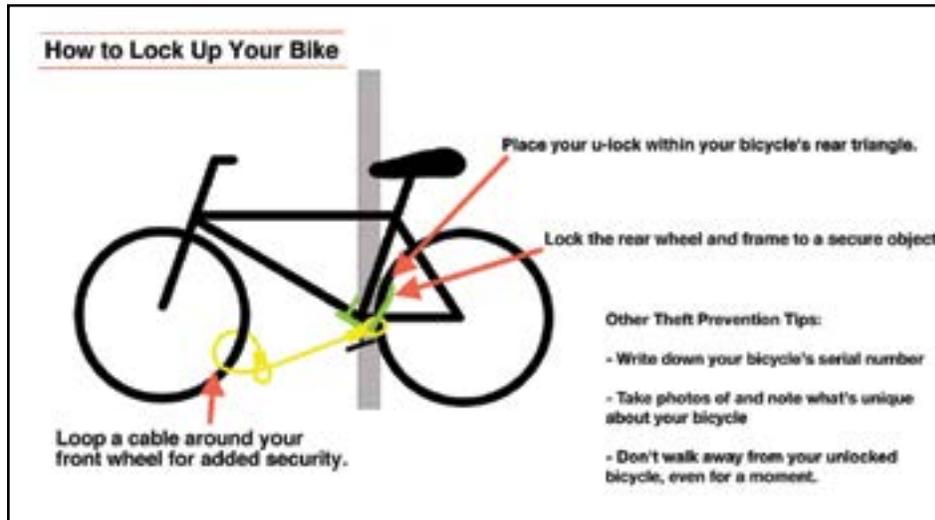
Theft-grand: On February 1 at 3:17 p.m., a Wedgewood Lake resident reported the theft of a dark red Raleigh women's bicycle that was secured to the bicycle rack between January 30 and February 1. The locked chain was cut. The bicycle's value was estimated at \$500. The Safety Officer called the Sarasota County Sheriff's Office to report a possible suspect.

Theft-grand: On February 3 at 11:02 a.m., a resident of Wedgewood Lake reported the theft of a dark red Raleigh men's bicycle that was secured to the bicycle rack. The locked chain was cut between February 1 and February 2. Estimated value was \$500. The resident was advised to call the Sheriff's Office to file a report.

Theft-grand: On February 3 at 12:40 p.m., there was a report of theft of a gray, Superior 26-inch man's bicycle from the carport at Heronmere II on Marshfield Road. Estimated value was \$400.

Discussion

Overall, it was a very quiet month for serious incidents, unless you were the owners of the three stolen bicycles. From time to time, we seem to get a rash of incidents where bicycles or bicycle parts start disappearing. In January, we had four similar thefts. In almost all cases, the bicycles were secured outside in a bicycle rack by a chain or lock. An experienced bike thief can cruise our streets at night, spot a bike that fits his needs, cut a chain with a bolt cutter and be gone in an instant. It's a shame the bike owners had done everything, yet still discovered their bikes gone or disabled. What can we do to prevent this from happening? Well, our Safety Patrol does become extra vigilant when we have these occurrences. In one instance during the night, the Safety Officer spotted a vehicle with a bicycle in the back and followed as long as he could out to 17th Street where he called the Sheriff's Office and gave a description. But the surest way to prevent a bike theft is to bring the bicycle inside overnight. Often, that's not really an option, though.



Helpful bike tips

1. Invest in a U-Lock. It's difficult to cut and relatively inexpensive (\$15-\$50).
2. Lock the rear wheel and frame to the rack.
3. Use another heavy duty cable to loop around the front wheel and back through the U-Lock.
4. Write down your bicycle's serial number and take a picture of it. It will make it easier for the Sheriff's Office to contact you with your property if the thief is caught.

The role of the Safety Committee in the community

The Safety Committee is comprised of residents such as yourself who have volunteered their time to help keep the residents of The Meadows as safe as possible in their daily life. Whether it's working on traffic safety solutions for the betterment of all our residents or working on ways to safeguard our homes and property from the criminal element, the Safety Committee's main objective is to prevent anything that might be a detriment to the community's overall safety.

Each month, the committee reviews all incidents that occur, whether good or bad, serious or just routine, that involve safety in our community. They meet, discuss, brainstorm and make recommendations for improvements from the mundane to the more serious.

Some of the Committee responsibilities

1. Monitor and review the daily incident reports and performance of the employed safety staff.

2. Review security procedures and recommend changes in operating policy as needed.
3. Recommend policy and procedures for emergencies involving the safety of Meadows residents.
4. Cooperate with regional law enforcement agencies.
5. Gather and analyze accident rates and traffic statistics. Use this information to improve vehicular, pedestrian and overall traffic safety throughout The Meadows community.

As Chair of the Safety Committee, it is my responsibility to report to the MCA Board of Directors at its monthly meetings. These reports include any and all serious incidents that have occurred in The Meadows, to make recommendations to improve security concerns and to recommend preventative measures. If you are a regular reader of *The Meadoword*, you already know that I report on these incidents to our residents monthly in the newspaper.

MCA Manager **Frances Ripponi** and I review the daily incident reports that the uniformed Safety Patrol officers submit and consult on ways to improve or prevent future incidents. Frances also attends every Safety meeting and gives a detailed report to the committee on the overall operations going on in The Meadows on a daily basis. Her input is invaluable and helps to lay the foundation that helps to find solutions for a safer community.

The uniformed Safety Chief of The Meadows is **Bob Martin**, a veteran Meadows Safety Officer. He also attends each meeting and gives the committee a detailed report of every incident or situation that has occurred in the prior month. He answers questions posed by the committee and recommends solutions and often will implement suggestions

NEXT MEETING of the
Safety Committee

April 1, 2 p.m., MCA

All residents encouraged to attend

by the members to all of the Safety Patrol units.

Also in attendance at the Safety meetings is a representative from the Sheriff's Office of Crime Prevention. We have established an outstanding relationship with the Sheriff's Office and it has been involved over the years in helping us become one of the safest communities in the Sarasota area. Our committee is complimented often on its dedication to community safety.

Safety Patrol

Our uniformed safety personnel are trained professionals contracted from G4 Secure Solutions USA. Most of them have either a military police or other law-enforcement background. The Meadows has at least one uniformed safety officer on patrol at all times. They will handle almost any type of problem or concern a resident may have, including removing a snake on your patio or an animal in your garage. They will assist you in any way they can. They will stop and interview any person who does not seem to belong in The Meadows. They do health and welfare checks for our seniors if asked. They note suspicious vehicles and discourage vandals. Their daily patrol functions cover all of us in the community very thoroughly. You should have the Safety Patrol's number, (941) 809-0084 on speed dial in your home or on your cell phone.

All Meadows residents are invited to attend the monthly Safety meetings and participate in making **The Meadows one of the safest communities in Sarasota County.**

The Safety Guy
is looking out
for you!

If you know of any scams to
report or need information
about them, email me at...

MCAsafetyguy@gmail.com





MHOA

We want your input and participation!

Jan Lazar—President MHOA / MCA Treasurer

Five board members—**Sandy Diaz, Tom Pound, Sue Pound, Christine Deutsch and Jan Lazar**, were elected to new terms at our annual meeting on February 26. Officers were then elected at the March 4 Board meeting. Re-elected—Jan Lazar, President; **Jan Murray**, Treasurer; and **Kent Simons**, Secretary. Newly elected—Tom Pound, Vice President

The Board meeting had a lot of discussion on how to insure that single-family homeowners are aware of how to give us their input. The MHOA Board meets monthly from fall to spring on the first Monday of the month at 5 p.m. in the MCA Community Center. Members are welcome to attend, or send us their comments and concerns by email. We have established a separate MHOA email so that all members will be able to contact us directly—meadowshomeownersarasota@gmail.com.

Several residents were in attendance at the March 4 meeting to talk about a number of issues. Of concern again are the problems of speeding, parking for boats and trucks, the low-maintenance/no-mow zones and how to improve recognition of

the difference between MHOA as a group separate from the MCA. Also raised was the issue of how assessments are set by MCA and whether there could be a flat rate rather than a variable one. I explained how assessments are done based on county valuation of properties and through a formula set in The Meadows and Highlands original documents.

There was also discussion of whether there are standard color requirements such as the condos have, which there are not, and whether there should be an approved color palette. That issue, which is outside our purview, is something that can be looked at in conjunction with the MCA Renaissance Plan and with MCA's Standards Committee.

MHOA does not have mandatory membership for single-family owners. We are a totally voluntary group with the purposes of acting as a voice for single-family homeowners and providing a social network for them. We encourage all single-family homeowners to join so that we can most effectively represent our concerns and preferences.

We invite your comments and input. Our next meeting is April 1, at 5 p.m.



Assembly Committee

Mike Mazur—Chair

Dave McMahon of Atlas Insurance certainly provided an abundance of food for thought at the March Assembly meeting with the theme of *Insurance—Property, Liability, D&O, Law & Ordinance and Appraisals*.

Drawing from his years of experience in commercial lines insurance and serving more than 400 community associations, he delivered an overview of many key considerations for the proper coverages for our communities. In the ever-evolving insurance industry, it was an excellent opportunity to be brought up-to-date on current trends.

Mark your calendar now for the next Assembly meeting—*Trees: An Arborist's Perspective on Selection and Maintenance* on April 17, at 4 p.m.

The pleasure we experience living in the piece of paradise we have in The Meadows is due in large part to the extensive quantity and quality of trees. Trees provide life-giving oxygen, shelter for a segment of our wildlife and picture-postcard views within our community. Maintaining what we have and making educated choices on new or replacement trees will be the focus of our program presented by Travis Newell, operations manager of Terry's Tree Service. Travis is Certified Arborist and is a Tree Care Industry Association-certified Treecare Safety Professional. Plan now to participate in this enlightening session and be sure to bring your questions for Travis.

In coordination with *The Meadoword* theme of Governance, the Assembly of Property Owners does play an integral part in the overall mission of The Meadows.

The Assembly of Property Owners is a somewhat unique committee. It serves as a vehicle to impart information and education

to the Assembly delegates and alternates who represent the 52 deeded associations. In addition, those delegates and alternates have the opportunity to provide input to the Board of Directors. Participation in Assembly meetings is not limited to delegates and alternates as any

property owner may attend. My career was in the field of professional member association management. From that experience, I know most vibrant organizations have a goal to possess leaders who are transparent, consistent and receptive to their members' ideas and input. My observation is our community possesses passionate leaders on the MCA Board, committees and staff who strive to meet these goals of successful leadership and service on a daily basis. Everyone working together simply makes The Meadows a wonderful place to live.

In closing, be sure to join us for the final Assembly meeting of the season on May 15. State of the Community remarks will be presented by our new MCA President, **Marilyn Maleckas**, and we will preview future Assembly topics.

JOIN US!
Wednesday,
April 17, 2019

Trees: An Arborist's Perspective on Selection and Maintenance

presented by Travis Newell,
 operations manager of
 Terry's Tree Service

Become a member of the MHOA—it's easy!

Any single-family homeowner who does not already belong to another sub-HOA can join the MHOA, which is separate from The Meadows Community Association, the master association that all homeowners in The Meadows automatically belong to.

If you would like to become a new member or your membership has expired or will expire soon, contact MHOA Membership Director **Michelle Johnston** for an application or renewal form at meadowshomeownersmembership@gmail.com.

Cost for membership:

- \$15**..... **one year**
- \$25**..... **two years**
- \$35**..... **three years**
- \$55**..... **five years**

The MHOA is YOUR voice in the community!

2019 Deadlines for *The Meadoword*

2019 Issue	New Ads	CR Ads, Articles & Submissions	Contracts & Payments	MCA Columns	Classifieds
MAY	Mon., Apr 1	Mon., Apr 1	Mon., Apr 1	Mon., Apr 1	Mon., Apr 1
JUL	Mon., Jun 3	Mon., Jun 3	Mon., Jun 3	Mon., Jun 3	Mon., Jun 3
SEP	Mon., Aug 5	Mon., Aug 5	Mon., Aug 5	Mon., Aug 5	Mon., Aug 5
OCT	Mon., Sep 2	Mon., Sep 2	Mon., Sep 2	Mon., Sep 2	Mon., Sep 2
NOV	Mon., Oct 7	Mon., Oct 7	Mon., Oct 7	Mon., Oct 7	Mon., Oct 7
DEC	Mon., Nov 4	Mon., Nov 4	Mon., Nov 4	Mon., Nov 4	Mon., Nov 4

Advertising deadlines are modified to accommodate holidays and extenuating circumstances that affect publication production. Email the MCA Marketing Department with any questions regarding *The Meadoword* at marketing@meadowsca.com.

New to The Meadows?

Be sure to pick up your **"Newcomer's Packet"** at the MCA Building 2004 Longmeadow

Welcome to
The Meadows!

The Meadows Women's Club

Standing ovations at February luncheon

Peggy Gates—Women's Club Chairperson



Photo Credit: Caron Hutch Ramage

From left: Lee Dougherty Ross, Amy Jo Connours and Peggy Gates

The Meadows Women's Club featured a special performance by **Lee Dougherty Ross**, a prominent piano soloist and Amy Jo Connours, mezzo-soprano at the Women's Club Luncheon on February 8.

After a welcome by **Peggy Gates**, members and their guests enjoyed a light lunch in the Regency Room of The Meadows Country Club (TMCC).

The guests were treated to musical numbers including an enthusiastic rendition of "All that Jazz," which the audience could not get enough of. The performance included tributes to Bizet's aria "Habanera" from the opera "Carmen" and another tribute to the successful partnership of Rodgers & Hammerstein of Broadway fame, singing all music and lyrics from "Oklahoma," "Annie Get Your Gun" and "The Sound of Music," which never sounded better. The "stand up ovation" from the audience was overwhelming. It reminded one of

performances back in the 1960s at Julius Monk's "Upstairs at the Downstairs," a nightclub in NYC.

This is the fourth luncheon/speaker in the planned Women's Club Luncheon Series. Our mission is to serve all women of TMCC—golf, tennis, sports, social and seasonal. Because many women in TMCC do not participate in sports activities, we want to identify additional activities and events of interest. A recent Women's Club survey revealed there was interest in more luncheons with speakers and other group social experiences such as visits to art galleries, the Sarasota Opera, Ringling College of Art + Design, and more.

Our mission is by creating events, we will increase member interaction, member growth, create new friendships and enhance the role of TMCC within the community and beyond. Be on the lookout for the announcement of our next luncheon/entertainment. (Special thanks to our roving photographer **Caron Hutch Ramage**).

ATTENTION RESIDENTS! We Need Your Current Mailing Address Information



Periodically, we need your current mailing address and contact information to be sure our records are correct. It is especially important for us to have your current email in order to keep you updated on a timely basis through Constant Contact.

Please complete this form with your current mailing information and return it to the MCA.

NOTE: You do not need to complete the form if there is no change from your previously submitted form. **This address information will remain in effect until you notify the MCA in writing of changes.**

Homeowner name _____ Local phone _____
 MEADOWS address _____ Cell phone _____
 _____ Other phone _____
 _____ Email _____

PRIMARY MAILING ADDRESS (Information effective until you notify the MCA of changes)

- Primary January mailing address is my **MEADOWS** address
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 _____ 941-377-2300
 _____ mcaaccounting@meadowsca.com
 Signature _____
 Date: _____ MCA Initials _____

Unpaid MCA Annual Assessments Are Past Due After March 1

The 2019 MCA Annual Assessment was mailed in January, and you should have received it by February 1, 2019. **This Assessment is your Master Association fee, due yearly—not your sub-HOA or condo fee.**

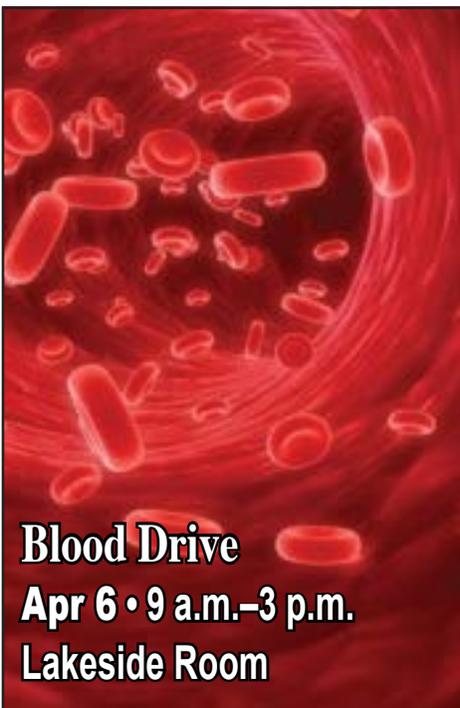
Payment was DUE MARCH 1, 2019

- Because of limited space and for cost-saving measures, the Assessment was addressed to the first owner listed in the Sarasota County records and mailed to the billing address on file.
- If you did not receive the Assessment, contact the MCA office at 941-377-2300 to arrange payment and confirm your correct mailing address.
- If you **recently purchased a home** in The Meadows but did not receive the Assessment, contact the MCA office ASAP to verify/arrange payment and to update our records.
- If you **recently sold a home** in The Meadows and received the Assessment for that property, please contact the MCA office ASAP so we can send the Assessment to the new owner.
- Unpaid assessments are subject to late fees and interest and may be referred to our attorneys for collection proceedings.

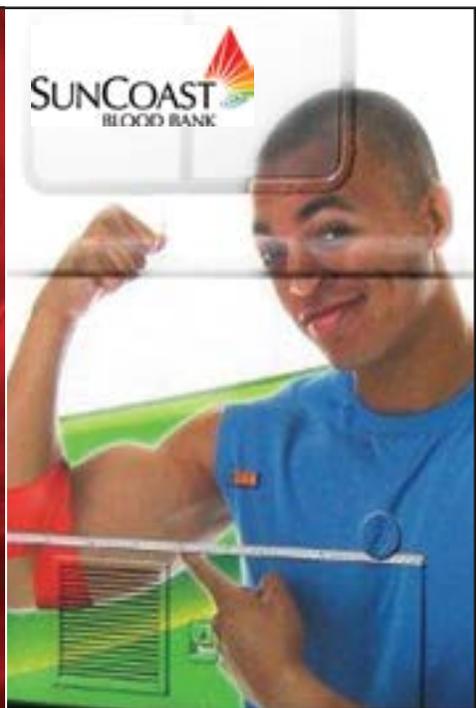
All owners (including new owners) are responsible for paying the 2019 Assessment, which was due March 1, 2019.

If you have not paid your assessment, if you have questions, or if any one of the above applies to you, please email **Lisa Compton** at mcaaccounting@meadowsca.com or call 941-377-2300.

~ The Meadows Community Association



Blood Drive
Apr 6 • 9 a.m.–3 p.m.
Lakeside Room





Open Art Studio

We are very excited to announce that every Thursday, from 9 a.m. until noon, there is studio space available at the Dickens Center Library to anyone who would enjoy getting together to paint or draw. Overseen by professional artists **Melinda Gordan** and **Claire Hamilton**, the open studio will be a chance to create, network with fellow artists and be inspired.

Everyone is welcome, all levels and abilities. There is no charge for Meadows Country Club members and there is a charge of \$5 per session to nonmembers.

Bring your own supplies and get creative!

At the request of country club management, only watercolor, acrylics and dry media are allowed. There will be an opportunity to arrange specific classes with instruction, if desired.

In order to register for a session, please email Melinda at mpgordan@gmail.com.

The Meadows Garden Club

Ellen Weinberg



Gary Adams, The Plant Place

During the February 7 meeting of The Meadows Garden Club at the MCA, Gary Adams, owner of The Plant Place, gave an informative talk on developing and preserving topsoil for our lawns and gardens. A childhood hobby of growing plants developed into a family business and long-term learning goals. He shared the accumulated knowledge through lectures and handouts to provide supplemental information on his topic.

Topsoil contains a rich amount of microbes, bacteria, fungi and protozoans necessary to break down organic matter plants use as food. Ground devoid of microbes is simply dirt unable to support healthy plants. Since 1900 the planet has lost about 40% of its available productive soil. Loss occurred due to consumption by plants as it is their food source. Second, loss occurs by construction. We cover it with buildings and roadways. Third, erosion and chemical applications destroy soil. The fertilizers, insecticides and herbicides we use kill off the microbes necessary for healthy soil.

An advocate of an organic approach to plant and soil care, Gary introduced us to methods and products to take the place of commercially produced chemical additives. Florida soil requires the addition of organic matter such as compost or peat moss. This provides a home for essential microbes. A local resource for organic matter is 1 Stop Landscape Supply at 3207 71st Avenue East in Sarasota. They will take your yard waste for recycling as well as selling compost and soil.

Gary sells *Green Chick* organic fertilizer at The Plant Place. It is

processed chicken manure and is free of any litter or filler additives. Healthy growing plants remove nutrients from the soil for nourishment. Replacing nutrients is necessary; calcium-rich chicken manure is able to provide slow-release nourishment without damage to microbe populations in the soil.

After you improve the organic content of your soil and add the essential nutrients, how do you add microbial life to your soil? Gary's answer is worm castings, which he sells by the bag. Worm castings is soil that has passed through the gut of earth worms picking up microbes as it goes along. Two methods of application were provided. The first method is to spread the castings directly from the bag as a top dressing for your soil. The second method is to make "worm tea." By mixing the worm castings in non-chlorinated water you can broadcast the microbial mix over large areas. You can further "awaken" the microbes by adding a small amount of unsulfured molasses as a sugar source. Some method of aeration, such as an aquarium bubbler, is recommended to oxygenate the mix. Worm castings help make plants more disease- and parasite-resistant and can help soil retain moisture.

The Plant Place is located at 6611 14th Street West in Bradenton. The staff can advise on the application of any of their products as well as assist with plant purchases. While answering questions Gary related that he lost a son to cancer and is inspired to share his knowledge by giving talks. He gave us many good reasons to consider organics and a clear path to achieve that goal.

Best Kept 2019 Spring Awards

Judging, April 1-4, 2019

The following awards will be presented:

Single Family Homes
1st Place—\$100 and Best Kept sign
Runner-up—\$50

Associations
1st Place—\$100 and Best Kept sign
Runner-up—\$50

***Chairman's Choice Best Backyard Gardens**
1st Place—\$100 and Best Kept sign
Runner-up—\$50



*NEW

- Only single-family homes are eligible
- Send your photo (required) to the MCA by email at mca@meadowsca.com—the email subject line should be "Best Kept Backyard."
- Provide the address with the photo
- Photo nomination deadline is April 1, 2019

Lesley and Walter Totten, Best Kept Committee Co-Chairmen

GARDEN CLUB UPCOMING SCHEDULE

Meetings are at 2 p.m. in the Lakeside room, unless otherwise noted.

April 4, 2019—Visit Farm and Garden Nursery

Visit, walk around, and Q&As with Horticulturalist Raphael, 735 S. Beneva Rd., 2 p.m. Limited to 30 attendees with Meadows Garden Club Members receiving priority. Email mbabineau50@gmail.com to register.

May 2, 2019—Visit Crowley's Nursery

Presentation, walk around, and Q&As with Kathy Crowley at Crowley Gardens, 16423 James Road, 2 p.m. Limited to 40 attendees with Meadows Garden Club Members receiving priority. Email mbabineau50@gmail.com to register.



Schemes, Scams and Cons...

Craigslist rental scams—and how to avoid them

John Spillane—Safety Committee Chair

A few months ago I wrote about a potential buyer that was conned out of \$6,000 “good faith” money to buy a property here in The Meadows that was advertised on Craigslist. The story is a sad one and it turns out that the scam is starting to happen more often right here in our community.

Last month I received an email from a part-time Meadows resident who has been a renter for 13 years, the last 10 years renting the same unit. He wanted all our residents to be aware of a popular Craigslist real estate scam being used right here. During the summer last year, the owner of the unit that he was renting from, informed him that he was selling the condo so it would no longer be available for him to rent. He wanted to rent another Meadows property and began an internet search for an available rental property. On Craigslist he found a condo in Village Lake and by chance was familiar with the unit and thought that the owner who had recently purchased it had it remodeled for his daughter to live in. The ad was complete with actual real estate listing photos and a description of the unit. While surprised, he was delighted that it was available and responded to the number listed in the ad. The “seller” called him back and said the unit was available January, February and March for \$10,000. Because of an unusual accent and behavior in his responses to questions, our renter became suspicious and said he would call him back. He did some further checking and discovered that this was indeed a scam. The police department was notified and contacted Craigslist on the scam. Our renter was a savvy consumer and did his due diligence so he wasn’t conned. Don’t you get conned either. Let’s take a look at these scams and how to avoid being conned.

Rental scams: Be careful out there

Once upon a time, people searched the local newspapers to find apartments. But thanks to the internet, Craigslist is now the “go-to” place for many rental seekers and rental scammers.

One recent survey estimates that 25 percent of Craigslist rental listings are actually frauds.

Although Craigslist removes suspicious ads ASAP, many rental scams stay posted for up to 20 hours. That’s more than enough time to lure some apartment-seekers to their doom.

To help you avoid these scams,



let’s take a look at the three most common cons in use today, as well as red flags to look out for and prevention tips for each.

Rental scam #1 – the cloned listing

This is one of the most popular Craigslist rental scams, perhaps because it’s so cheap to execute.

The scammer copies and pastes information from a legitimate rental ad, and then offers a price that’s literally “too good to be true.” If you respond to the fake ad, the scammer may invite you to drive by the property to view the exterior. What they will *not* do is give you a tour of the *interior*. That’s because they are “on vacation” or otherwise unavailable to show the place. If you decide to move forward, the con artist will ask you to wire the first month’s rent and a security deposit via Western Union, PayPal or even iTunes. Once that happens, kiss your money goodbye. Some victims don’t even realize they’ve been conned until they show up with a moving van and discover that someone else is already living in the unit.

Red flags to look out for:

1. You don’t get a tour of the unit’s interior by the landlord, broker or building manager. The “owner” insists on payment in advance and wants the funds sent by wire transfer.
2. The listing details may be vague or not match up with the neighborhood or building.
3. A dead giveaway is when listing photos have MLS watermarks. This indicates whoever posted the ad doesn’t have the original photos and, therefore, probably doesn’t own the property.
4. Legitimate landlords will arrange a tour of the interior. And they will usually accept a personal check, cashier’s check or money order for the first month’s rent and security.

Never send advanced payment! Money shouldn’t change hands until a lease is signed.

Rental scam #2 –the illegal sublet

This is similar to the cloned listing scam, but even more insidious. This scammer has access to the apartment, condo or single-family house. The rip-off artist has either rented the unit, broken into the place while the owners were away, or obtained access to a home that’s currently unoccupied. You can meet face-to-face with this “landlord,” who will give you a tour and may even have a phony lease for you to sign. For these reasons, unmasking the fraud requires some sleuthing.

Red Flags

If you see signs of a break-in (busted locks, doors or windows), be very suspicious. Your “Scam Sense” should also tingle if the alleged landlord or broker insists on payment via wire transfer.

In addition, a fake landlord will be ready to do the deal without asking about your background—your occupation, income, etc.

Prevention Tips

The only guaranteed way to uncover this scam is to verify who actually owns the unit or building. To ensure that the person renting the unit is the legitimate owner or

property manager, do an online search of municipal records. Your county assessor’s site will likely allow you to search by address to find out who owns the property.

Rental scam #3 – the fake real estate database

Be wary of any “real estate agency” or other real estate firms that sell databases of rental units, rent-to-own properties or pre-foreclosure homes. Some of these services, which charge a sign-up fee or a monthly fee of up to \$200, are scams. After buying one of these databases, you might discover that most of the listings are fake or expired. Next, you may learn that it’s impossible to get a refund. In some cases, you’ll start receiving bills every month that is difficult to stop—unless you call your credit card company to get a new card. There’s no way to unsubscribe to this “service.”

Red Flags

Scammers tend to offer these databases at very low prices.

Prevention Tips

The best prevention method is to research the names of the owner and the company before signing up for the service. Check to see if anyone has filed complaints with the Better Business Bureau. Or, simply enter the company’s name into a search engine next to the keyword “scam.”

These aren’t the only rental scams out there, but they are usually the most costly.

The bottom line: If you think scams are something that only happen to dummies, think again.

Con artists are continually upping their game. Even savvy Meadows renters can make mistakes, especially in competitive real estate markets.





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● **5460 HAMPSTEAD HEATH** - This lakefront 2BR Villa has been updated with gorgeous tile throughout. Vaulted ceilings set with 2 full length skylights make it bright. Courtyard entry access.
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● **5136 MARSHFIELD -HERONMERE II** Freshly painted and newly carpeted 3BR ground floor . Wood look laminate plank flooring in living area. Wide open greenbelt views to the pool area. Outdoor patio or garden area with storage unit. Seller priced to sell.
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MLS# A4426125 \$138,000
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● **3404 TALLYWOOD CIRCLE** - 2B/2B Villa in Tallywood a 55+ Community, friendly and active with great pool and clubhouse. 25 acre parklike setting with towering old grandfather oaks with tropical plantings.
MLS# A4423305 \$124,900



● **3824 ROXANNE** - Nice Clean, 2BR/2BA Villa in a great location. Has attached carport parking with extra storage and laundry room. Community has active Clubhouse with solar heated pool, shuffleboard and a variety of social activities.
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37th Annual MCA Photo Show

The Meadows 2019 Community Amateur Photo Show was held on February 23-24, at The Meadows Community Center. Judging was based on "People's Choice" by visitors over the two-day show and prizes were awarded. Congratulations to all participants on a great show!

Best of Show: "The Three Brothers Yosemite" by **Steve Handley**

1st Place B&W: "Hidden Treasures" by **Kathleen Harpt**

2nd Place B&W: "Serenity" by **Bernadine Meyer**

3rd Place B&W: "The Stoic Watchman" by **Jim Young**

1st Place Color: "Sales Neatly Furl'd" by **Bill Farrand**

2nd Place Color: "Egret at Myakka" by **David Hilts**

3rd Place Color: "Botanical Fireworks" by **Helen Hoke**

Meadows Photo Winner: "A Walk in The Meadows" by **Steve Handley**

Photo credits: Barney Sack



Steve Handley and Marilyn Maleckas



From left: Marilyn Maleckas, Claire Coyle, Jim Rutushni, Agnes Rutushni, Julia Nichols, Kathleen Harpt, Michael Cox, Bernardine Meyer



The MCA - Meadows Car Show
Great Old & New Cars on Display
Cars Check-in 11am till noon



Musical by "Endless Vibes Caribbean"

All Engines Rumble at 1:00

Everyone Votes on Best in Show Car

Show Noon till 3pm

Awards at 2:30pm

Free Raffle Prizes by Gettel Automotive

Meadows Pub
5013 Ringwood MDW
Sarasota FL 34225

Wonders on Wheels (WOW) Car Show - April 13, 2019

Wonders on Wheels includes anything on wheels: Cars, Motorcycles, Golf Carts...

Join us for fun at The Meadows Shopping Village, with cool cars, hot rods, tall tales and friendly neighbors!

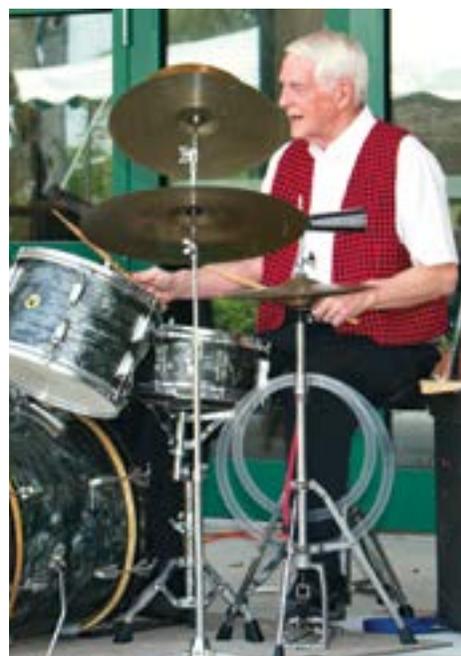
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4757 Ringwood Mdw-\$255,000
3 Beds/2 Baths•Golf Course View



5685 Pipers Waite -\$381,725
3 Beds/2 Baths•Total Renovation



5435 Champagne - \$243,500
2 Beds/2 Bath Villa • Garage



5410 Champagne - \$299,000
• 2 Beds/ 2 Bath Villa • Updates



5616 Sheffield Greene-\$209,000
2 Beds/2 Baths • Furnished



4842 Greywood Ln -\$349,900
3 Beds/2 1/2 Baths Single Family Home

Properties For Lease



Quail Holw Annual Rental -\$1,200/mo
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Longwater Chase Annual Rental-\$1,200 mo
• 2 Beds/2 Baths•Upstairs End Unit



Sandleheath Annual Rental - \$1,500/mo
2 Beds/2 Baths/Garage • Updated

The Scene from Chatsworth Greene

Wherever, whenever, it's always fun...

Bonnie Detwiler

Chatsworth Greene is hosting their Second Annual Street Party and looking forward to a great evening. We also wish **Marty Block** a very happy belated 96 (young) birthday—he's quite a good man. To read the

remainder of my column, please refer to Dr. Bob Hueter's article on page 18, "Getting along with Gators" and read about **Barry Nichols'** recent gator-related experience.

Hampstead Heath Happenings

Ann Hamman

Hampstead Heath residents have been enjoying their winter here in sunny Sarasota, especially the snowbirds from the Northeast and Midwest where the polar vortex has been wreaking havoc. Full-time residents are certainly glad they live here year-round.

The traditional "Nothing Parties" have attracted a good number of friends starting in January at the home of **Gail and Tim Haywood** and continuing in February at **Jose and Pat Torres'** home and in March at **Janet Schmidt's** villa. "I enjoy Hampstead Heath because it's small enough that you get to know a lot of your neighbors," Gail said. (There are just 46 villas in our community.)

Activities beckon many of us from golf to crafts, from giving blood to tutoring. **Betty Turner** and **Laura Pasquarelli** continue their Wednesday craft sessions while **Joan Zaroff** is involved in "Reading Buddies" at Wilkinson Elementary School each week. Bridge remains a popular pastime for **Jill and Arnie Factor** and **Betty Johnson**. Ok, me too! Janet Schmidt enjoys the weekly bike rides on Wednesdays while Tim Haywood can often be found donating platelets at the local blood

bank. **Cody Harrison** continues her longtime commitment to Selby Gardens.

Gail Haywood, who is a member of the new Meadows Activities Committee, initiated the immediately popular Nine and Dine golf group on Monday afternoons. She expected just a few couples but was overwhelmed when more than 30 people turned out for the first tee off on the Groves. Now, about 16 couples play and eat afterwards at the Centre Court Lounge. Interesting prizes and contests add to the fun at each scramble.

Another new activity in our neighborhood is the Thursday Happy Hour at our pool. This informal gathering was the brainchild of Hampstead Heath's President, **Cheri Hansen**.

The "Everything Buffalo Party" at the Robarts Arena in February brought out some of us at the invitation of **Ray and Peggy Napierala** from Buffalo. The famous Buffalo chicken wings and beef sandwiches along with sponge candy for dessert attracted a large crowd of hungry, happy diners. Ray summed it up when he said. "It's a very nice place. I enjoy the people here."



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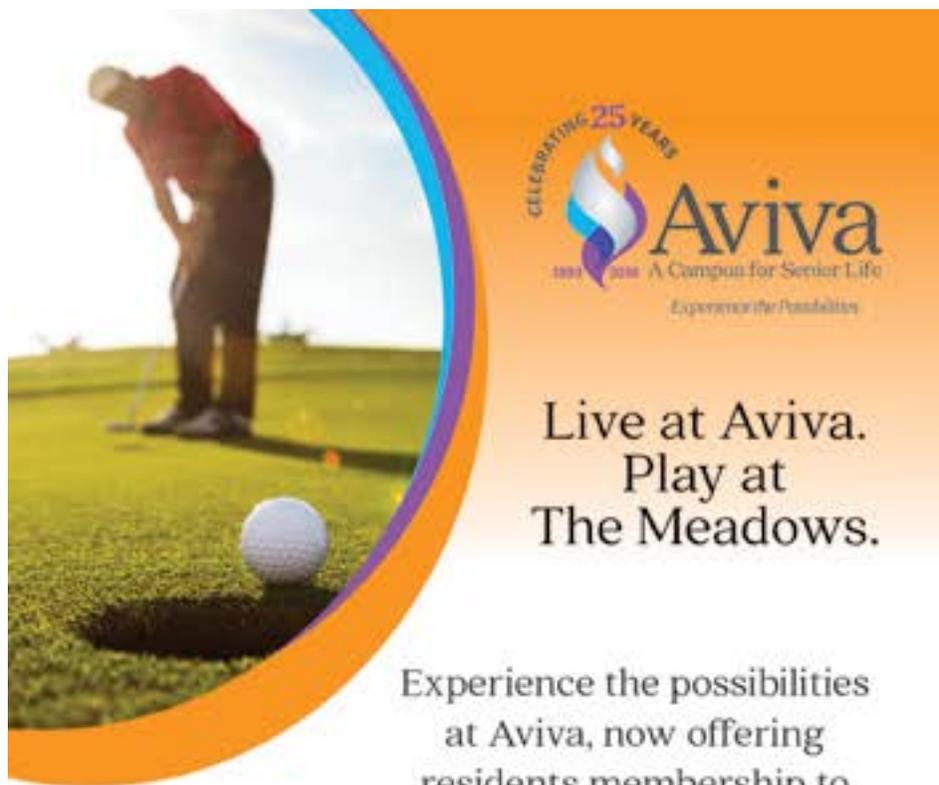
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Meadows residents enjoying hors d'oeuvres at Aviva/MCA Happy Hour



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April 18th
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Rudolf Nureyev: Through the Eyes of a Colleague and Friend
We promise you do not want to miss this fascinating three-part series presented by local artist and expert, Robert De Warren. Join De Warren as he dives into the life of his long-time friend and world-renowned dancer, Rudolf Nureyev. Named Lord of the Dance for his incredible skill, Nureyev escaped the oppression of Soviet Russia to captivate the world with his grace, passion, and talent. Hear from De Warren as he shares the details few ever knew about this giant of performance.

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It's spring! Even though spring in Florida is not quite as exciting as spring in the North where April signals the end of months of snow and ice, we were energized by the sight of hibiscus in bloom, strawberries on sale and festivals every weekend. "What better way to celebrate the season than with a mini-craft sale," we decided. "It will give us an opportunity to make some spring-themed crafts and give seasonal residents, who missed our fall sale, an opportunity to participate." Of course, some husbands, whom we know, would have been very disappointed if there were no home-made baked goods at the sale, so there will be a bake sale too. Mark your calendars: WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. for the Mini-Craft and Bake Sale at the MCA. All proceeds will be donated to local charities.

This will be a perfect time to stock up on greeting cards. In addition to the all occasion cards that you need to keep in touch with family and special friends, the card makers have developed some new designs with spring themes. Just in time for Easter, there are cards with chicks, Easter bunnies and Easter eggs that a grandchild or anyone who is young at heart will love. For a card with a deeper meaning, you can choose one of the cards with a cross. We've even decorated little gift bags that are the perfect size to deliver some Easter treats or other small gifts.

It will soon be Mother's Day and we have the perfect cards to send. We've made three-dimensional cards so that a perfect red rose or a butterfly seems to float above the card. The hours of work that went into crafting these are apparent, making the cards a fitting tribute for a mother or special friend.

If you are thinking of a little gift for yourself or others, we have some suggestions. We have made jewel-covered compacts and glittering boxes to add a spring-time sparkle to life. Our fabric mini-purses in spring prints are just big enough to hold an ID, a credit card or two and a little



Placemats and centerpiece

Photo credits: Liz Barnett

Craft Group

Mini-Craft and Bake Sale

Liz Barnett



Barbeque aprons (above) and spring jewelry (below)



Compact and mini purse (below left) and spring cards (below right)



cash. They are the perfect size to slip into your pocket or an evening bag when you don't want to carry a big purse. One would make a lovely little gift by itself, but if you are giving a gift card or money, slipping it into one of these will elevate the gift and make it more personal.

Naturally you need some fresh accessories now that it is spring. One of our favorite new looks are wrap bracelets that you simply wrap around and around your wrist for a customized fit. The bracelets come in styles that range from casual to evening glitter and in an array of colors so that you will be able to find one to complement your favorite outfit. If you like a pendant, one of our sliders will be a fun addition to your wardrobe. The settings slide up and down on a fine chain so that you can adjust the necklace's focal point so that it is at the right spot for your outfit. Of course, we made spring earrings and jewelry sets to complete your look for a new season.

Maybe our least favorite part of spring is spring cleaning, but we have some ideas to make it easier. We'll have knitted dish clothes and scrubbers that are knitted from a special polyester textured yarn that whisks counters, smooth top ranges and cookware clean with minimum effort and no scratching. And for the hated job of cleaning shutters and louvered doors, help is at hand. We've made pairs of scrubbers that slip over your fingers and thumb or over the ends of a pair of tongs to grasp and clean both sides of a slat at once.

Once the house is clean, we recommend having a party to celebrate. We have barbeque aprons that will inspire someone in your household to fire up the grill. We have placemats to give your dining room a fresh spring look. If you are planning to eat outside by the pool, it will be more fun with fish shaped placemats and a centerpiece that makes every meal as festive as a birthday party. So, get ready to celebrate spring. We'll have everything you need at the Mini-Craft and Bake Sale.

2019 Meadows Blood Drive

Ken Cowles

There is no substitute! Only the real McCoy will do. In a world of incredible technological breakthroughs, where so many things are engineered, manufactured and substituted, neither chemists nor scientists are able to make artificial blood or an alternative substance. Only a voluntary donation of blood will do. Those needing a blood transfusion must totally rely upon the generosity of a willing donor.

Unfortunately, donations have not kept pace with need. Each and every day, 365 days a year the SunCoast Blood Bank (SCBB) must find local hometown heroes willing to donate their time and blood in order that someone else might live. Did you know that not all blood banks are the same? Many collection facilities are profit-oriented, among these OneBlood, etc. collect in our area but sell the blood and its products nationally. This further erodes the ability of our local nonprofit SCBB to collect and provide the vital blood supply to our local hospitals and medical providers. What you give here stays here!

Without an ample and adequate blood supply, the health and wellness of our community suffers. Quite frankly, heart surgeries would be cancelled, cancer treatments



Blood Drive!

MCA Lakeside Room
Saturday, April 6 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

SunCoast Blood Bank will be providing a
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delayed, pregnancies placed at risk and trauma patients in critical need would be in jeopardy. Every two seconds someone in the U.S. needs blood. One in seven people entering the hospital will require blood. Every unit of blood can save up to three lives! The entire donation process, start to finish, takes less than one hour.

Few people know just how important it is to give blood regularly, not only for those in critical need, but also for the health benefits the donors themselves obtain. Over and above the good feeling of knowing that your donation made a real difference and saved lives; did you know donating blood is good for your heart? Regularly giving blood can improve your own heart health. Blood flow

and blood volume is paramount to keeping the heart pumping. Regular donations reduce how thick and sticky your blood is, allowing your blood to flow less restricted and more easily through the vessels and reach the heart faster.

As a donor, regular donations can reduce your risk of cancer. Iron, one of the primary minerals found in blood, has been known to increase the amount of free-radical damage in one's body. Donating blood helps to reduce iron levels, thus reducing overall cancer risk.

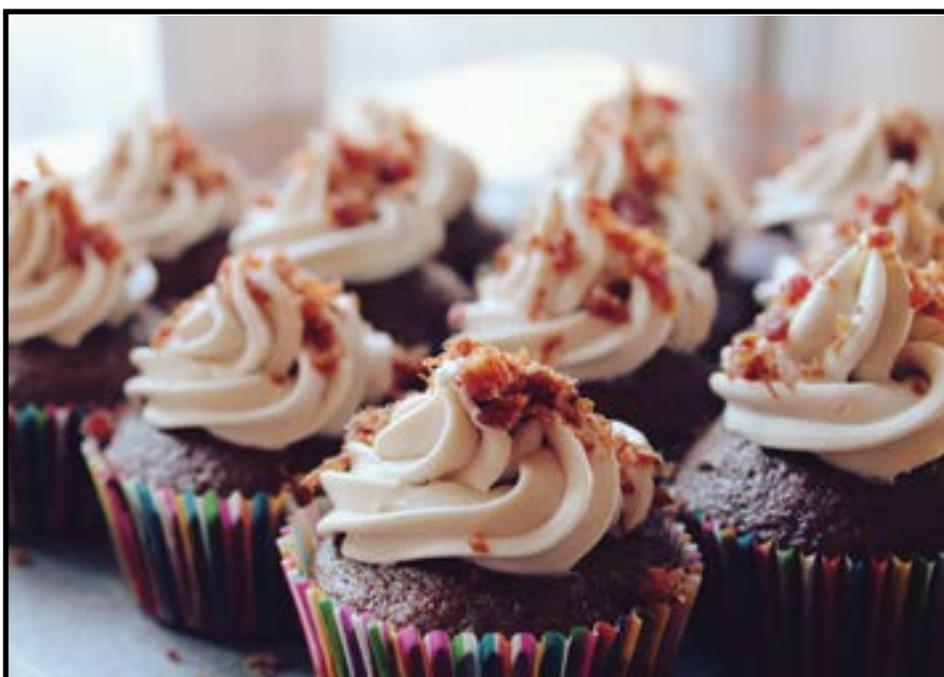
If saving a life or improving your own health isn't enough to make you want to give blood, perhaps the possibility of weight loss is. A donor can burn up to 650 calories per donation of one unit. That's more than a 30-minute cardio workout.

In January, I wrote of my father's catastrophic aortic dissection and miraculous recovery. It was possible only through the generous donations from 55 individual donors and their 68 units of blood products. My family's participation in blood donation began long before that episode. In the early 1970s my cousin Randy was diagnosed with leukemia. My father began donating weekly in the plasma center. Randy is celebrating some 45+ years as a cancer survivor thanks to anonymous donors, like I am encouraging you to be.

We would love to share your personal story and experience. If you have a story to tell, please consider contacting us so your experience can encourage others to give the gift of life. We can be reached at Realty Services, Inc. 3590 17th Street, (941) 954-4443, or by email Ken@KenCowles.com.

Please consider answering the call as a SCBB blood donor as we return to **The MCA Building, Lakeside Room, on Saturday April 6 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. SunCoast Blood Bank will be providing a FREE Brunch for all donors!**

Call (941) 954-4443 to sign-up for your preferred donation time



MCA Craft Group Mini-Craft & Bake Sale

MCA Lakeside Room
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Mindfulness Meditation



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Lynne Lockie and residents enjoy the art of mindfulness meditation

Mindfulness is the gentle effort to be present with one's experience. This secular course teaches the basics of mindfulness meditation, including an examination of our attitudes and assumptions. You will learn skills for mindfulness meditation and the postures that will allow you to benefit the most from your practice. You will learn how to create and maintain a regular home practice. Breath awareness, body awareness, walking meditation and loving kindness/gratitude practices will be taught as well. Come join us and learn the skills and techniques that will undoubtedly help you uncover a more

present, kinder and peaceful you.

The class is free and consists of three sessions, April 11, 18 and 25, at 6 p.m. Register at lynnelockie@gmail.com to attend. Space is limited to 12 people, so sign up early. The classes will be held at The Meadows Community Center. Please wear comfortable clothing, bring any back support or cushions you need to be comfortable.

The class will be taught by **Lynne Lockie**, MSW, a Meadows resident and a board member of Sarasota Mindfulness Institute, who has more than 50 years of experience teaching mindfulness and meditation.

Getting Along with Gators

Dr. Bob Hueter—MCA Water & Wildlife Committee Chair

(This article is an update to a notice posted in the MCA's Constant Contact March 2 email to residents.)

No, not the University of Florida kind—although I count myself as one of those, a proud UF alum. I mean alligators, those large reptiles that inhabit some of the many ponds of The Meadows. It's getting to be the season where gators are more active, so it's a good time to remind everyone how to get along with these toothy predators.

Let's first note that the MCA, through the work of its Water & Wildlife Committee (WWC), has adopted a pro-environmental approach to improving the health and look of our 85 ponds. This includes leaving the alligators alone whenever possible, because gators are important in maintaining ecological balance in Florida freshwater systems. Like sharks in the sea, alligators are top predators, and they're needed so that lower levels in the food web don't get out of control, among other benefits. This and additional facts about alligators were covered in WWC member **Dick Bragaw's** wonderful article in the May 2018 Meadoword (accessible online at www.themeadowssarasota.org/html/meadoword/meadoword.htm).

But make no mistake: the paramount concern of the MCA is the safety of our residents. To deal with reports of gators, the MCA established an Alligator Panel, a subset of the WWC and MCA staff. The Panel follows a formal protocol for responding to residents' concerns: Investigate, Evaluate, Educate, and—only if absolutely necessary—Eradicate (the gator, not the reporting resident!).

Although we investigated about a half-dozen reports in 2018, I'm happy to say that not a single alligator had to be removed last year. For as explained in Dick's May 2018 article, when gators are removed they are not relocated—they are killed, every time. Reasons for this include both the problems of relocating gators to a new pond and the fact that trappers are compensated only with the sale of the meat and hides. So to warrant removal, an alligator must constitute a demonstrable threat to people or pets, not just doing its thing in a Meadows pond.

To get along with gators, instead of removing and killing them, we can all follow some simple steps. First, never, ever feed an alligator. It's illegal and it puts the gator on a path towards

being killed, as it will associate people with food. Feeding of any aquatic wildlife in The Meadows is discouraged as it might attract the attention of alligators. And although fishing is allowed in some Meadows ponds, if a gator is present and shows some interest in an angler's bait, that angler should stop fishing and go elsewhere. Having an alligator take your fishing bait or your bread balls



Photo credit: Susan Cooper

Golfers and alligators in the Meadows Country Club course

thrown to fish, turtles or birds is essentially feeding that gator.

Next, never, ever swim in a Meadows pond. It is prohibited. You'd think we wouldn't have to remind people of that, but it does happen. Sadly, we had a recent incident in one of our ponds near Weybridge, where a diver entered



Photo credit: Lisa Compton

Alligator basking in the sun near the MCA building

the pond to collect lost golf balls, knowing a gator was present, and the man was bitten. Fortunately the gator quickly let go, but the man received some injuries from what was likely the gator simply saying, "Get out of my pond!" The Alligator Panel deliberated on this case, and although we considered this attack to have been provoked, we decided to have this alligator removed. An unhappy result of a foolish act. Although this individual was not working for, or contracted by, The Meadows Country Club, we've taken measures to remind the club that at no time are people allowed to enter

any of our ponds, all of which are under the jurisdiction of the MCA.

Third, keep small children and pets back a safe distance from all waterways in The Meadows, at all times. Always keep dogs on a leash. Dogs running free in The Meadows is prohibited. Don't walk your dogs near the edge of any pond, whether you see an alligator there or not. Large gators will occasionally feed on animals like

balance the aquatic food web and provide for a healthy, attractive environment. So we don't want to remove them unless it is absolutely necessary.

But if you ever feel that a gator has become a threat, don't hesitate to call the MCA and file a report, and the Alligator Panel will follow-up immediately.

Until then, enjoy the healthy balance of fish, turtles, birds and gators that our ponds can provide. Go Gators!

*The following eyewitness account to the diver I mentioned being bitten was submitted to the MCA from **Bonnie Detwiler**, who writes a monthly Meadoword column about the Chatsworth Greene community:*

On March 2, we received an email from **Dr. Bob Hueter**, MCA Water and Wildlife Committee Chair regarding how cautious we need to be around alligators. Here is a recent true story witnessed by **Barry Nichols**, a Chatsworth Greene resident, **Tom Creavy** and **Gerry Haveland**:

Several days ago, as we prepared to tee off on The Meadows 12th hole we noted an unoccupied golf cart in the clump of trees left of the landing area. Another breakdown we assumed. But as we approached the pond it became obvious the cart belonged to a diver and we stood there like little kids fascinated by the surfacing air bubbles. Suddenly up through the ring of bubbles came the diver, goggles, wetsuit, oxygen tank, mesh net loaded with golf balls, the whole outfit, yelling "HE got me!" And nearly simultaneously the full head of the "HE" appeared. We didn't hear what "HE" said, but we were quite sure we knew what "HE" was thinking.

Amazingly and thankfully the diver reached shore quickly and we rushed down to haul him out and up the bank without further incident. He yelled, "We've got to get him out of here," and alternately put his hand on his heart as if to feel the beat and tested his arm and chest. Both, we later learned, were significantly bruised. 911 was mentioned but the diver did calm down as he peeled off his wet suit and we proceeded to the green.

We think he is the same diver we chatted with a couple of years ago. Have you ever been bitten we asked? "Yes, a couple of times." And now it's three.

Alligators are here to stay—and we all want our visitors and residents to stay safe!

water or on a bank, at least 50 feet. You'd be surprised how fast a gator can move when it wants to. And when walking near the shoreline of a waterway, assume there might be a gator close by, and be on the lookout.

Having said all this, alligators do not normally present a threat to people, if we just exercise common-sense rules of observing them and leaving them alone. As far as we know, the alligator population in The Meadows is not on the rise. In fact, residents often remark to me that they're seeing fewer alligators in recent years. We need gators in our ponds to help

MCA Annual Meeting

Marilyn Maleckas—MCA President

Over 200 residents attended The Meadows Community Association's (MCA) Annual Meeting on March 7, at 7 p.m. Upon arrival, an enticing slide show set to music and created by **Pam Grove** recapped activities and amenities enjoyed throughout the year.

President **Claire Coyle** welcomed all and introduced **Malcolm Hay**, Secretary of the Board of Directors, who read the confirmation of notification of the meeting to residents. He certified the ballots for the election of candidates for the MCA Board were mailed on January 18, 2019 to property owners on record.

The guest speaker for the evening was Tom Waters, CEO of Easterseals Happiness House, who heralded The Meadows Country Club and the community for their 22 years of support through annual golf tournaments.

Over \$1.3M dollars has been raised through these tournaments that are supported by hundreds of volunteers and celebrity golfers. These efforts are a prime example of a wonderful strategic partnership.

President Coyle presented the accomplishments and strategic initiatives that took place throughout the year and recognized each of the Volunteers of the Month for their outstanding service to the community. These included: **Jo Evans, Jim and Agnes Rutushni, Bev Kuzman, Vicki Robley, Mary Sego, Ken Shepard** and **Susan Whitcomb**.

Jan Lazar, Treasurer, presented the strong financial results for the MCA and stated that no special assessments were anticipated and that a line of credit was used to purchase the land and buildings previously owned by the country club.

The MCA General Manager, **Frances Rippondi**, updated the audience on The Meadows Renaissance by heralding the many condominium associations and single-family homes that have upgraded their landscaping, lighting, or hardscaping throughout the year. Frances reviewed the OPI project and upcoming new 17th Street entrance which was received with much enthusiasm. She also praised the Water and Wildlife Committee, the Garden Club and the Maintenance Committee for the many landscaping contributions to the beauty of The Meadows.

Marilyn Maleckas, Vice President, presented the election report, which is managed by the Meadows Assembly under **Mike Mazur**. There were 58,616 votes cast for the five nominated candidates and nine write-in candidates who collectively received 127 votes. These

candidates were being elected to serve the three vacancies created by the three open Board positions. Jan Lazar was re-elected to the Board for a second term, and **Tom Pound** and **Amy MacDougall** were newly elected to the Board, all serving for 3 years.

Marilyn and Frances presented Claire with gifts from the Association and accolades for her leadership and service throughout her two terms on the Board. This was followed by a sustained standing ovation from the enthusiastic residents who recognize her creativity and candor throughout her six years on the Board, the maximum time any Board member can serve.

This was followed by a question and answer period with questions coming from the residents and answered by Claire. The meeting adjourned at 8:38 p.m.



Residents attend the 2019 Annual Meeting

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Jim and Agnes Rutushni accept their certificate from outgoing President Claire Coyle



From left: Ken Shepard, Jim And Agnes Rutushni, Jo Evans, Susan Whitcomb, Vicki Robley



Board members look on as outgoing President Claire Coyle takes the podium



From left: Frances Rippondi, MCA General Manager, Marilyn Maleckas, MCA President and Claire Coyle, outgoing MCA President

MCA Water & Wildlife Committee

One year old and going strong

Dr. Bob Hueter—WWC Chair

With a dozen Meadows Community Association committees already in existence, did we really need another one, dedicated to overseeing water and wildlife issues in The Meadows?

Yes! Most of us moved here in part for the grown-up look of our community's environment, with its many mature trees, ponds and open green spaces. My wife, **Allie**, and I chose The Meadows more than three years ago, downsizing from 10 acres out east, where we enjoyed a remarkable view of Florida nature. We've never looked back on that decision and feel so blessed with our wonderful new neighbors and friends here.

On daily walks with our dogs, I instantly got an appreciation for the beautiful trees, flowers, birds and other creatures that share The Meadows with its human residents. As someone who has spent his career as a marine biologist, I was particularly attracted to the waters of our 85 ponds and all the aquatic wildlife in them. But, over time, I looked closer at those ponds, their water quality and shorelines, and something said to me, "We can do better."

Although I knew the ponds were built primarily to handle stormwater drainage, a more natural look and improved ecological health for our water bodies was within our grasp, if we would just make some simple changes.

That's when I approached the MCA, talking first with Board member **Malcolm Hay**, and then-President **Claire Coyle** and General Manager **Frances Ripponi**. They were all enthusiastic about the idea of focusing on the environmental quality of The Meadows water features as part of the community's new Renaissance Plan. And, of course, they looked at me and said, "You can chair a new MCA committee to oversee this work!" Though I'm still working full-time at Mote Marine Laboratory, I couldn't say no.

Thus began the MCA's Water & Wildlife Committee (WWC) in early 2018. My first job was to create a mission statement for the WWC to be adopted by the MCA Board, which approved this statement:

The purpose of the WWC is to focus on the environmental quality of MCA water features, including all ponds, creeks and sloughs, and the animal wildlife in and around those water features and throughout The Meadows community, including fishes, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals, for the benefit of MCA community residents and visitors.



The responsibilities of the WWC include the following:

1. Oversee the status of MCA water features in terms of their water quality, aquatic and shoreline vegetation and wildlife, and natural health as Florida waterways, and seek to optimize their ecological functions in balance with their engineering functions of water retention and drainage.

2. Lead activities to preserve and improve the natural ecology of MCA water features and surrounding habitats, including restoration of water quality, management of aquatic landscapes, and conservation of animal wildlife.

3. Advise the MCA on policy involving water features and wildlife in the community, including pond management and wildlife control.

4. Educate MCA community residents and visitors about the importance and functioning of water features and wildlife within the community.



Great, now on to build a committee. Starting with me as Chair, Malcolm as our Board Liaison, and Frances the MCA manager, we reached out to The Meadows community for volunteers. One of the incredible things about The Meadows is our abundance of well-educated, highly experienced people from diverse backgrounds, willing to dedicate their expertise and time towards building a great community. It didn't take long for some very special people to come forward. Along with Frances, Malcolm and me, today's WWC

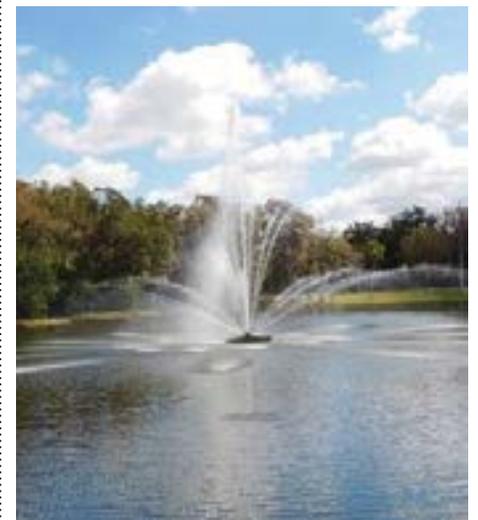
comprises **Judy Berryman** of Windrush Bourne, a limnologist, algae specialist and former teacher of environmental science; **Dick Bragaw** of Chatsworth Greene, a communications and public relations expert who also serves on a wetlands panel "up north;" **Julie Byrne** of Heronmere, an Audubon Society activist and birdwatcher; **Wayne Miller** of Windrush Bourne, a public school science teacher of more than 30 years; **Marilyn Schmal** of Sandleheath, also an Audubon Society birder; and **Tom Thompson** of Pipers Waite, a logistics specialist and entrepreneur. Rounding out our committee are Al Semago of SunWest Waterway Management, the MCA's contractor for pond maintenance, and Mollie Holland, Sarasota County staff member and expert in hydrology and aquatic plants. This is a real dream team!

The WWC meets monthly to discuss issues and plan activities. Among the many things we've

possible. Next, we started a pilot project to plant about 1,000 feet of pond shorelines with native Florida vegetation, in Butterfly Lake, the 17th Street entrance lake and near Somerset bridge. These plants are now thriving and "eco-beautifying" these waterways. Go have a look!

Plans are in place to plant another 5,000 feet of shoreline this coming year.

We've also begun participating in the University of Florida's statewide LakeWatch program, collecting water samples from three of our ponds to track their progress over time. We've had meetings with other Sarasota county neighborhoods with similar goals as ours, and our committee has produced a number of educational products for residents, including several articles in *The Meadoword*. And we've established an Alligator Panel to deal fairly and



objectively with residents' concerns over alligators, one of our critical species of aquatic wildlife.

Any policy changes we recommend are developed in consultation with MCA staff and must be approved by the MCA Board. We don't see ourselves as the "Eco-Police" of The Meadows, but rather as a volunteer advisory committee to help the community move towards an even better natural and healthy environment for all our residents. Although we're only a year old, our committee already has won an award, from the Keep Sarasota County Beautiful program last November.

Every resident of The Meadows can help in this effort by having your landscaper maintain LMZs around all water bodies and reduce the use of chemicals, by working with the MCA to help plant shoreline vegetation and by learning how to respect and enjoy our native Florida wildlife, including alligators. Together we will bring a Renaissance to The Meadows that will be esthetically pleasing, ecologically healthy and a positive asset for our community's property values.

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accomplished in our first year are the following highlights. First, we instituted a recommendation for Low Maintenance Zones (LMZs) around all our ponds, to stop shoreline erosion, trap runoff, nutrients and chemicals, and improve water quality and habitat for fish, birds and other wildlife. LMZs have been adopted by the MCA, The Meadows Country Club, and a number of neighborhood associations, and the improvements have had dramatic results. We've also cut back on the use of herbicidal chemicals in our ponds where



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Meadows April Volunteer Highlight

Bud Duffey

Making a difference in The Meadows community

Maria Leonardo—Aviva, Director of Campus Life Enrichment and Volunteers

Taking charge and showing leadership isn't something most people just jump at the opportunity to do. But that's where **Bud Duffey** has made a difference for The Meadows community. Bud has been a resident of The Meadows for 40 years and will tell you that he hasn't retired from anything.

Born and raised in Huntsville, Alabama, Bud attended Auburn University earning a degree in mechanical engineering. And, right out of school Bud started working in Fort Worth, Texas for Convair. After wetting his feet, he longed for Huntsville and he took a job with Thiokol Chemical Corporation where he worked for 10 years on solid propellant rocket motors.

In school Bud had been in the ROTC, so he was activated into duty for six months in the signal corps. He worked on the Pershing rocket motor and helped to make the booster rocket that lifted the space shuttle. He was sent out to test sites, becoming an inspector.

As a consultant to Douglas Aircraft in El Paso, Texas, he met his future wife, **Karen**, who worked there as a secretary. After Bud and Karen married, they returned to Huntsville. Later, Karen's father offered Bud a job in Sycamore, Illinois, where he worked as an engineer for 42 years. He worked for the company, then, took it over and ran it.

Bud and Karen started as snowbirds in The Meadows, as many couples do, then, decided to live as full-time residents. The Duffeys moved a few times within The Meadows and then moved to Peshurst Park when they needed more space. Bud was on the greens committee for The Meadows Country Club, maintenance committee and the emergency preparedness committee for the MCA, as well as the ad hoc committee that selected members to serve on the board of directors.



Bud Duffey

Photo credit: Maria Leonardo

Bud was responsible as a leader of four different subdivisions to keep them aware of any big storms that might come through.

Bud Duffey—making a difference in The Meadows community.

At The Meadows Country Club, Bud and Karen have been active golfers. Bud likes to play golf once a week, but also hits practice balls at least once or twice a week. He also goes to the fitness center regularly. He and Karen are often seen at the Fountain View

Lounge and the couple enjoys attending Meadows lectures. Bud comments about Meadow's life, "It's not crowded together, no three-story condos, it's well-kept, maintained and people are responsive and very community-oriented to make sure the quality of life stays high for everyone." Bud, who has worked all of his life and never retired from anything, wasn't sure what Meadows living would be like. "I didn't know what to expect. I was very fortunate to keep as busy as I have and able to contribute to the overall good life in The Meadows."

Maria Leonardo is a freelance writer who has written senior skits, poetry and articles for blogs and national publications. She is the Director of Campus Life Enrichment and Volunteers for Aviva: A Campus for Senior Living and can be reached at mleonardo@avivaseniorlife.org.

Understanding Voting and Assessments

Kathy Gibson—MCA Manager of Administration and Community Relations

The Meadows Community Association (MCA) consists of two planned unit developments (PUDs), the original Meadows PUD and the Highlands PUD, which was approved seven to eight years later.

Voting

All Meadows property owners are mandatory members of the MCA and the MCA Board of Directors is elected by the membership. The MCA's Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws are written such that the MCA Board of Directors have the authority to do what is necessary to protect the health, safety and welfare of the MCA members. This means most issues requiring board approval do not require a vote by Meadows homeowners. Its Board acts as elected representatives of ALL MCA members.

Voting for the MCA Board of Directors is based on individual property values. Meadows property owners who pay an annual maintenance assessment based on the county assessed value of their property have one vote for each \$10,000 of

assessed valuation. For example, with the exception of Highlands property owners, a property with an assessed valuation of \$100,000 would have 10 votes. The number of votes for all of the Highlands property owners is based on the total assessed value of all homes in the Highlands PUD and they all have the same number of votes.

Assessments

Once the MCA's budget is determined, a millage rate is calculated by dividing the budget amount by the total of the county assessed values for all of The Meadows (Highlands and Meadows combined).

- For property owners in The Meadows PUD, the assessment is calculated by multiplying the millage rate by the individual property's county assessed value.
- The Highlands assessment is calculated per their documents, such that the total of the county assessed values for the Highlands is divided by the total of the county assessed values

for all of The Meadows (Highlands and Meadows combined). That percentage is multiplied by the budget amount, which is then divided by 387 (the number of homes in the Highlands PUD).

The assessment schedule below, which gives the calculations of Meadows and Highlands assessments is mailed to each property owner with the ballot and annual assessment each year.

ASSESSMENT SCHEDULE		
	2019	2018
Total Budget Assessment	\$2,550,300	\$2,239,908
Meadows Assessed Valuation	\$539,957,505	\$520,834,254
Highlands Assessed Valuation	\$101,139,358	\$101,361,311
Total Assessed Valuation	\$641,096,863	\$622,195,565
Meadows Mill Rate	3.978	3.60
Highlands Rate per Unit	\$1,039.63	\$942.90

2019 Highlands Assessment Calculation		
Assessed Valuation, Residential Properties	\$101,139,358	
% of Total Budget	\$101,139,358 / \$641,096,863	15.776%
Per Unit Assessment		\$1,039.63

Highland Calculation =
 Total Budget x % of Total Budget / # of Units
 $\$2,550,300 \times 15.776\% / 387 = \$1,039.63$

Meadows Chorus

2018-2019 Season



In the beginning, all Meadows Chorus members were Meadows residents. Over the years, the membership has grown to more than 60 men and women singers from all over the Sarasota area.

Directed by John Yost, the group rehearsals continue on Thursdays, 7 p.m., at St. James United Methodist Church, 2049 Honore Avenue.

In addition to the "Happy Holidays" and spring concerts, the Meadows Chorus performs for many local organizations and senior communities in the Sarasota and Bradenton areas.

For more information about concerts or joining the Meadows Chorus, call **Becki** or **Paul Felten**, 941-724-9589 or visit www.meadowschorus.org or email meadowoschorus@gmail.com.

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Weybridge Holds Annual President's Day Tribute to First Responders

On Presidents Day (February 18), the Weybridge Condominium Association (WCA) sponsored its 8th annual First Responders Appreciation Day Ceremony on the Weybridge Memorial Lawn.

This year's ceremony was dedicated to the memory of the event's co-founder, **James Gleason** who passed away on May 27, 2018. Co-founder **Dennis Kosobucki** noted in the opening tribute that "Jim saw the importance of recognizing those in uniform who have given of themselves in service to us all. To that end, Jim organized this day's event eight years ago and it has continued ever since."

A moment of silence was held in Jim's memory and in the presence of **Lorraine Gleason**, Jim's "bride of 64 years." A special rendition of "When Irish Eyes Are Smiling" was sung by Weybridge resident **Carol O'Donovan** and joined in by all attendees, including several members of the Gleason family. As a token of appreciation and remembrance for Jim's efforts in organizing the annual event, a commemorative clock was presented to Mrs. Gleason by the event's co-chair and WCA President **John Viviano** on behalf of the WCA Board of Directors.

This year's principal speaker was Senior Chief Hospital Corpsman **Martin L. Monaco** (United States Navy retired).

He spoke on the number of assignments he had as a corpsman, with special emphasis on the bravery of all those with whom he served in Korea and Vietnam. Monaco, a three-time Purple Heart awardee as well as a recipient of a Bronze Star Award and Vietnamese Gallantry Cross, reminded the audience of the bravery of the men and women who continue to serve in all of the uniformed services. He acknowledged his naval career presented him with the opportunity to advance his medical training as well as to attain a college degree. Monaco concluded, "I would do it all again."

Invited guests included **Chloe Conboy**, field representative for Representative **Vern Buchanan**, retired Army Col. **Ben Knisley**, Community Liaison Officer for the Sarasota County Sheriff's Office, **Frances Rippondi**, MCA General Manager, **Sandy Truman**, Community Standards Administrator of the MCA, **Mr. and Mrs. Walter Totten**, representatives of the MCA Best Kept Committee and Capt. **Ron Evans** of the Sarasota County Fire Department and Commander of VFW Post 3233.

Opening and closing prayers were offered by Chaplain **Bob Cockcroft** of Post 3233. The National Anthem and God Bless America were sung by **O'Donovan**.



Dennis Kosobucki, chairman, addresses attendees and introduces guests
Photo credits: Sandy Truman

The Pledge of Allegiance was conducted by **John Viviano**.

The wreath honoring fallen armed services members was laid by WWII and Korean War Veteran **Al Corning**. Laying the memorial wreath for deceased police personnel was Col. **Knisley** while Weybridge resident **Carl Sferra** laid the memorial wreath for fire and emergency response personnel. The VFW Ladies Auxiliary assisted in the wreath laying.

The American flag was lowered to half-mast, accompanied by the playing of taps in honor of **Gleason**.

A demonstration of the proper folding on the American flag was conducted by the VFW Honor Guard with an accompanying

narrative of the significance of the 13 distinct folds of the flag. **Kosobucki** drew the audience's attention to the newly flown First Responders Flag. The First Responders Flag depicts a blue stripe for police, red stripe for fire, green for armed forces, white for correction officers, yellow for dispatch personnel and white for emergency personnel. The First Responders Flag will continue to be flown at the Weybridge site in accompaniment of the Stars and Stripes, according to **Kosobucki**.

Refreshments were offered following the ceremony at the Weybridge Activities Area and hosted by **Janice Kosobucki** and members of the social committee.



Guest speaker, Martin L. Monaco, USN (Ret) recipient of three Purple Hearts, a Bronze Star and Vietnamese Gallantry Cross



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 April 5–6 Club Championship
 April 5—Mixed Pairs 9 & Dine, 3:30 p.m.
 April 7—Guest Day
 April 10—MGA Closing, 8 a.m.
 April 16—LGA Closing, 9 a.m.
 April 27—Meadows Cup
 May 1—Mulligans & Martinis, Clinic 3:30 p.m., Cocktails 4:30 p.m.
 May 5—Guest Day
 May 27—Memorial Day Tournament

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

April 3—Courts & Cocktails, Clinic 3:30 p.m., Cocktails 4:30 p.m.
 April 6—Guest Day
 April 8—13 Bob Leisenring Club Doubles Championships
 April 9—Sun Coast Men's League & Awards Luncheon
 April 13—Super Saturday
 May 1—Courts & Cocktails, Clinic 3:30pm, Cocktails 4:30 p.m.
 May 4—Member/Summer Member Round Robin, 11 a.m.
 May 4—Guest Day
 May 25—Memorial Day / French Open Round Robin, 9:30 a.m.

Dining & Social—Call for Reservations 378-2135

April 4—Speakers Bureau, Regency Room, 4 p.m.
 April 12—Women's Club Luncheon, Regency Room, 11:30 a.m.
 April 13—Club Social, Regency Room, 6 p.m.
 April 21—Easter Buffet, Regency Room
 April 30—Trivia Night, Regency Room, 5:30 p.m.
 May 12—Mother's Day Buffet, Regency Room
 May 23—Trivia Night, Regency Room, 5:30 p.m.
 May 27—Memorial Day Cookout

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A wedding event at The Meadows Country Club.

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Senior Volunteer of the Year at Tuttle Elementary School



Shellie Ramey

The MCA congratulates Rochelle “Shellie” Ramey who won Tuttle Elementary School’s Senior Volunteer of the Year Award. Shellie has lived in Vivienda at The Meadows and has volunteered at Tuttle Elementary

School since 2008, primarily with the VIP Program (Volunteers for Improved Proficiency), and this year she is also working in a first grade classroom. This year the VIP program works with kindergartners and second graders. About nine volunteers work one-on-one helping children improve their reading skills with materials provided from the VIP teacher. Shellie says it’s wonderful seeing the children improve greatly during the school year. She adds that Tuttle Elementary always needs more volunteers and it’s very rewarding helping children improve their reading skills.

Shellie also volunteers at the Asolo Theatre (13 years), Aviva – A Campus for Senior Life (three years) and the MCA Library (two years). She was President and Board Member for Vivienda at The Meadows for several years.

Fun at Oscar Night

Oscar night was held Sunday, February 24 at Kretzmer Center at Aviva. Turn-out was strong and all had a good time. Thank you to our sponsors: Aviva—A Campus for Senior Life, Mike Rosario, owner of Rosebay Realty, and Tarpon Point Nursing and Rehabilitation.



Above from left: Mark and Maggie Adler



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Hospitals are a place where people go to get healed. They are staffed by doctors and nurses who are highly trained in healing and are pledged to heal everyone no matter who they are or what they've done. Americans fell in love with young doctors and their work in large city hospitals when "Dr. Kildare" premiered on NBC in 1961. Kildare was young, blond, good looking, innocent and idealistic. What was not to like? The show was a success. A

month later, "Ben Casey" appeared on ABC. Played by a dark and serious Vince Edwards, Casey was a surgeon who dealt with complex medical questions. The pattern for success was set— young doctor in a large city hospital faces medical and personal conflicts. "General Hospital" captured a soap opera audience in 1963 and is still playing today. Twists were added as Robert Young was a family doctor who mentored to a young firebrand doctor played by

James Brolin in "Marcus Welby, M.D." I got burned out on doctor shows in the 80s after watching "St. Elsewhere." It gave me mixed feelings about going to the hospital.

In the past few years, Chicago has become a popular city to use as the setting for television shows. I suspect it's because the "Windy City" has a higher crime rate than the national average, particularly in the number of homicides. On Wednesday night there are three

hours of Chicago-based shows: "Chicago Fire," "Chicago P.D.," and "Chicago Med." I confess that I have not watched any of the Chicago shows, but I can imagine "Chicago P.D." patrolling the halls of "Chicago Med." to prevent crime. In the story below **John Lee** writes about some of his experiences as a young doctor in a Chicago hospital that are dramatic enough to be developed into a "Chicago Med." television script.

The Italian Tutor

John Lee

"John! Do something. I'm losing him. Pressure is 66."

"Dammit Alex, I'm working as hard as I can."

It was just then that the scrub nurse placed her hand on my forearm and said, "Doc, there's a group of Stones in the lobby and surgical waiting rooms. Word is if he don't make it; you don't make it out of the hospital!"

"Whadda ya mean. What's this guy's name?"

"Charles Bey. He's heading up the Stones (Blackstone Rangers) while Jeff Fort's in prison."

I had been awakened at 1 a.m. and told that there was a gunshot wound to the abdomen in the ER and the victim was being prepared for the operating room. He appeared to have been shot with a high-velocity weapon. A portion of his left ankle had been blown away as well as a good amount of his anterior abdomen.

Fortunately for us both, Charles survived and, of course, so did I. Yet, his survival became a serious problem that the University had to address. The care provided to him was essentially gratis, but very costly. Let me explain.

With the arrival of street gangs in the post-World War II period, battles soon began between rivals, ala "West Side Story," with the climax of gang violence often occurring in hospital rooms and corridors. The Stones were ruled by a group of 21 representatives, one from each of the original 21 smaller groups that had joined together to form the Blackstone Rangers, named for the street.

Discord arose in the gang when some members wanted to expand their operations into drug dealing, an area previously considered taboo. Charles had steadfastly refused to allow drugs into their operations. Thus, to protect Charles, as well as the other patients, the hospital had to increase security.

After Charles had spent nearly a month in the surgical intensive care unit, a meeting was held to discuss how to handle the costly security issues. I suggested that Charles be moved to a room at the top of a stairwell that was isolated from the other rooms and accessible only by that staircase. Consequently, someone could come up to this room, assassinate Charles, and exit without posing any danger to our other patients. I then presented this plan to Charles. He gave me a knowing wink to show that we both understood that this was simply a move from hospital security to his own praetorian guard. From the moment of his arrival in that room to the time of his discharge, there were always a minimum of four Blackstone Rangers in his room.

Although I viewed Charles as a patient and was able to render an empathetic ear to his problems, at times it was difficult to overlook his history. In 1970 on a hot, humid Friday night in August, three officers of the gang intelligence unit of the Chicago Police Department had been notified of gang activity in the abandoned Southmoor Hotel on the south side of Chicago in the territory claimed

by the Blackstone Rangers.

Their unmarked police car soon entered the alley in back of this once elegant hotel. Charles had directed the Stones to barricade the alley's southern exit point. He then instructed a group of juveniles to shoot out all the street lamps that shed any light on the alley. When the police encountered the barricade, reversed and headed back to their entry point, they found this barricaded as well. It was then the sniper fire started, presumably from the hotel.

Officer Jim Alfano, Jr., riding in the rear seat of the police car, was struck, sustaining a mortal wound to his liver. He was brought to the University of Chicago Hospital where he underwent two operations and received more than 90 pints of blood before he died.

A Blackstone Ranger, Cesarei Marsh, provided an account of the ambush in the alley and testified against five Blackstone Rangers charged with first-degree murder and conspiracy to commit murder. Nevertheless, the men charged with Officer Alfano's murder were acquitted of all charges. Mr. Marsh was murdered shortly after the trial. The Blackstone Rangers had served notice that they were now at war with the Chicago Police Department.

James Alfano's official Chicago Police Department obituary page contains the following reflection of his life, written 48 years after his death.

Jacqueline,

.... I met your dad when I was 9 years old. I wanted to learn

how to speak Italian and my dad's best friend was a detective for the Chicago Police Department and mentioned that to your dad. One night my dad's friend brought your dad by our home and introduced him to me. He taught me a few words and came back over a few more times and taught me a few more words. Being just 9, I was so impressed and in awe of this policeman taking time out for me. I remember one day my dad told me your dad had gotten shot in that alley. I prayed all day for him. Then my dad gave me the very sad news about your dad's passing. I remember like it was yesterday being one of the worst days for me...I wanted you and your family to know I think of him often...I do want you to know he left a lasting impression on me.

Diane Hood September 22, 2018

Charles Bey, this patient of mine who occasioned the threats on my life, was the individual who had orchestrated the murder of James Alfano, Jr. father of two and Italian tutor to a friend's child. Even before discharge from the hospital, Charles had evened the score against gang rivals by arranging the shooting of the man who had shot him. He eventually returned to his previous life in the Blackstone Rangers.

Charles Edward Bey died a few years ago. I was told that two years prior to his death he found religion.

February 2019 Meadows Rainfall Analysis

Roy Wysnewski



The Meadows: 2.41 inches.
(year-to-date): 5.06 inches

Airport: 1.51 in.
(year-to-date): 4.26 inches

21-year average: 1.68 in.
(year-to-date): 3.40 inches

Discussion: With two days left in February, our rainfall total was near a 21-year low (0.33 in.). However, in just 45 minutes between 4 p.m. and 4:45 p.m. on Feb. 26, heavy rain showers produced 1.89 inches, thus exceeding the 21-year average for the month.



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Meadows "U" Has Something for You!

Meadows "U" programs are held at the MCA Community Center unless otherwise noted. Programs are open to all Meadows residents.

Marietta Museum of Art & Whimsy Private Guided Tour



WHEN: Friday, April 19, 1:30 p.m.

WHERE: 2121 N. Tamiami Trail, Sarasota, FL 34234

RSVP: SIGN UP MUST BE COMPLETED IN PERSON AT THE MCA BY APRIL 17.

LIMIT: 25 PEOPLE

TRANSPORTATION: We are

unable to arrange carpooling—you may meet at the MCA to arrange rides with fellow residents and depart at 1:45 p.m.

COST: \$5 (cash only) payable when you sign up at the MCA reception desk.

DETAILS: The museum is full of not only local artists but also very different types of artists from other places. Its mission is to operate an extraordinary art and whimsical museum for the public by collecting, preserving and exhibiting works of artistic and whimsical importance to educate visitors about culture and history.

Compassion & Choices (C&C)

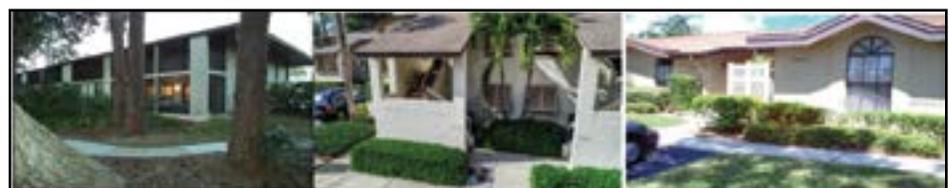


Join us at 10 a.m. on April 8 at the MCA Community Center, 2004 Longmeadow, when we present Winnie Downes, Sarasota's action team leader for Compassion & Choices (C&C), a national nonprofit organization that began almost 40 years ago in Portland, Oregon.

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Traveling the World—On Wine Time

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A fun-loving group of Meadows residents and neighbors has been travelling the world, taking a journey through far-flung wine regions around the globe. They have explored different grape varieties—from chardonnay to cabernet sauvignon to sauvignon blanc—from France, Italy and the United States.

The Meadows Chapter of the American Wine Society (AWS) was established this past November. The group wasted no time scheduling wine tastings and reaching out to local businesses and friends. They quickly became a registered chapter of the national AWS organization and attracted a group of people eager to learn more about wine in all its forms and varieties.

“We kicked off our first meeting in December with a tasting of California cabernet sauvignons at a \$20-and-under price point,” said **Diane Roberts**, who serves as the group’s president. “That was followed by a sparkling wine tasting in January. And in February, we moved our meeting from The Meadows Community Center to a great shop in Lakewood Ranch called Fine Wine & Tastings on Main Street.”

The shop owner and his team presented a program on French wines built around the theme of Left Bank-Right Bank. Everyone agreed the four different wines that were poured were each fabulous in their own way, and everyone walked away with a newfound understanding and appreciation for French wine.

The March meeting focused on another leading European wine producer—Italy.

It has been terrific to see the great response to our new AWS chapter here in The Meadows, and the group is looking forward to more fun and educational wine programs in the coming months. In accordance with national AWS guidelines, which take into account insurance and other

important issues, anyone is welcome to attend up to three AWS events before becoming a member of the national organization.

“As we are looking to grow our new chapter, we hope more Meadows residents will join us and attend an upcoming program,” said Diane.

Membership in the national organization offers many benefits and advantages, key among them the opportunity to attend the national conference, which will be taking place this fall in St Petersburg—right in our backyard! There are AWS chapters across the country, so if you travel or split your Florida time with another home, it’s always possible to attend AWS events in other locations. For more detailed info, please check out the AWS website:

www.americanwinesociety.org.

Next meeting of The Meadows AWS Chapter is scheduled April 26 at 6 p.m. at The Meadows Community Center, 2004 Longmeadow. The event promises to be a lot of fun as it will be a blind tasting. Participants will be challenged to identify the types of wine and, of course, their favorites. Cost is \$15 per person, and includes all wines. Participants are asked to bring an appetizer to share with the group. Payment is due by April 22 with checks payable to AWS and mailed to treasurer, **Barbara Janzen**, 5484 Hampstead Heath, Sarasota, FL, 34235. Space is limited, so reserve early.

Future AWS meeting dates are May 17, June 21, July 19 and August 16. For more information or to be added to the email list for details on future events, please contact Diane Roberts at (941) 780-5451.

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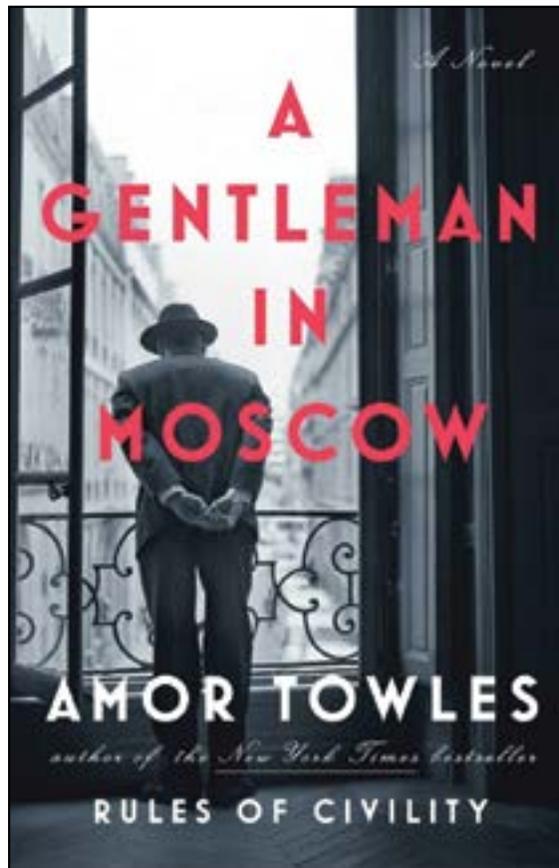
The Meadows Book Club April 2019 Book Preview

“A Gentleman in Moscow” by Amor Towles

Joanne Simons

A cast of fantastic characters, drawn with wry wit and affection, populates Amor Towles’ second novel, “A Gentleman in Moscow” (© 2016 Viking, an imprint of Penguin Random House LLC, New York, NY). Imagining the life of Count Alexander Rostov, Towles creates the world of a Russian aristocrat sentenced in 1922 by the Bolsheviks to exile in a magnificent Moscow hotel. Making the most of his highly circumscribed existence, Rostov flourishes at the Metropol. He roams the hotel, from the boiler room to the rooftop, often as not guided/goaded by a precocious young guest. His eclectic orbit includes the blandest of Bolshevik apparatchik, nymph-like Bolshoi dancers, an ecclesiastical waiter, and an acclaimed actress, among others.

“The action of the novel unfolds over the course of roughly 35 years. A central question the book explores is how we adapt to difficult circumstances over which we have little or no control. Towles’ Count Rostov becomes a kind of model of how to live well within very constrained circumstances. He is an educated,



affable, kind man who has a passion for food, music, literature and love that seems to grow out of Towles’ own sensibilities. Towles’ evocative descriptions of food, for example, will definitely make a reader’s mouth water.”¹

For two decades, Amor Towles was an investment professional in New York before becoming a full-time writer in 2012. He studied English at Yale and was a Scowcroft Fellow at Stanford University, writing for his master’s thesis a collection of five related short stories that appeared in the Paris Review in 1989.² His first novel, “Rules of Civility,” was published in 2011.

Please join The Meadows Book Club on Wednesday, April 13, at 2 p.m., at The Meadows Community Center to discuss “A Gentleman in Moscow” and please keep on reading!

¹ <https://bookpage.com/interviews/20272-amor-towles#.XGcNBOhKhPZ>

² <https://www.wsj.com/articles/amor-towles-expands-his-portfolio-with-a-gentleman-in-moscow-1472743341>



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THE MEADOWS BOOK CLUB

SEASON 2018 – 2019 TITLES

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

Administration	Joanne Simons	377-2682	simonsjc1@gmail.com
Meeting Coordinator	Jerry Bernier	487-7514	gbernier36@aol.com
Luncheon	Caryl Magnus	378-5055	carylmgagnus@verizon.net

April 10 “A Gentleman in Moscow” by Amor TowlesLeader: Janet Thompson

May 8 “The Prince of Tides” by Pat Conroy

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WHEN: Thursday, April 18, 3 p.m. (The ride to Myakka City takes about 30-40 minutes.)

WHERE: 32755 Singletary Road, Myakka City, FL 34251—Contact Bernice Davis (941) 378-0271 for information and/or directions.

TRANSPORTATION: We are unable to arrange carpooling—you may meet at the MCA to arrange rides with fellow residents and depart at 1:45 p.m.

COST: Please consider a \$5-\$10 donation, payable at the gate. Your generosity is most appreciated. No RSVP required.

DETAILS: Meadows residents will have an opportunity to visit, see and enjoy Herrmann's Royal Lipizzan Stallions go through their paces. **Bleachers are available for the 1.5-hour program, or you may take a lawn chair.**

Joyce Zimmerman



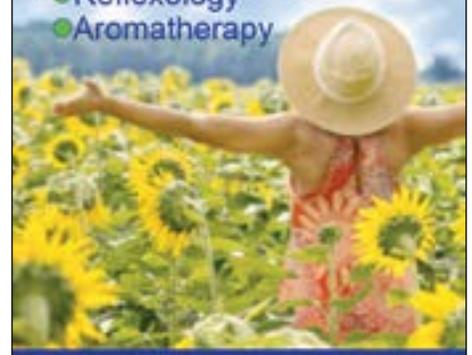
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Villa in Long Common, 2 BR/2BA, glassed in lanai on the golf course, turnkey, WiFi and cable, community pool, Dec 2019 and Jan.-April 2020. Minimum 4 month. \$3,700. 941-379-7826, E-Mail: ug@koehnug.de

LONG COMMON VILLA, 2 Bedrooms; 2 full baths, clean modern décor, overstuffed kitchen/dining room, upgraded cable, WiFi, garage, lanai with best lake and golf course view. No Smoking/No Pets. \$4300.00 per month/3 month minimum w/\$1000.00 Security. 856-797-9090

1 bed/1 bath furnished efficiency, located next to The Meadows Country Club. View from the front patio and conveniently located near the community swimming pool, this unit would be a great place to live. Annual rental plus utilities (excluding basic cable). Email with any inquiries to rgruneisen@aol.com or call 941-55-4101

No pets, Furnished. Tennis/Golf memberships available 941-545-7460

FOR RENT

2813 Taywood ground floor corner unit 2b/2b washer dryer, pool, lakeview no smoking walk to restaurants shopping. Availability 07-11/2019 \$2000 month and 12/2019 - 04/2020 \$2300 month

BUNKER OAKS Villa: 1 bd/1 bath nicely updated, SS appliances, granite countertops and much more. No smoking or pets. Looking for a 6-9 month lease off season, 1-3-month in season. Call Nancy 218-348-0486

Vacation Rental, Lakewood Ranch, 2B/2B, w/ den, luxury condo, fully furnished, garage, washer and dryer, first floor, gated community, club house, pool, jacuzzi, fitness center. Off season \$2,500.00 per month, includes all utilities. Call Bill @ 941-915-9212

The Meadows Springlake town home 3 bedrooms/2 bathrooms, updated and tastefully turnkey furnished, cable TV included. Annual rental. Available May 2019. No smoking and No pets. Pictures sent upon request. \$1750/month plus utilities. Security deposit. Contact ed0735@verizon.net or 941-302-3849

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FOR SALE

Sarasota Orchestra-Outdoor Concert. Ed Smith Stadium-Sold out. Friday March 10 @ 8:00 pm. 6 tickets @ 15.00 each-\$90.00. Call 941-371-5874

2001 Red Chrysler Seabring Convertible. 43,000 MILES!! Always garaged. Little used. Shows beautifully. New tires and battery. Asking \$3,500. 941-377-5117

2000 Park Avenue Buick, color-white. Very good condition. 114,451 miles. 4-door, leather seats. \$1,900 cash. Call 269-217-5805 or 941-342-7391.

WANTED

Garage to store my car May 15-Oct 15. 941-371-4783

GARAGE SPACE-Seeking to rent May to October to store Honda Fit. 603-298-7760

**Classified Ads are due
MONDAY, APRIL 1
for the May 2019 issue of *The Meadoword***

For more information, call the MCA Office, 377-2300, or email mcaaccounting@meadowsca.com



Check out...
**The 2019
Sarasota Chalk Festival**
April 5-7
Located at Burns Square
Downtown Sarasota

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	MAHJONG 9 am MEMOIRS & LIFE WRTG GRP 10 am WATER AEROBICS 11:30 am (S) SAFETY COMMITTEE 2 pm BEGINNERS/RELAXED YOGA 4 pm (S)	STRETCH/TONE 8:45 am (S) MEN'S BRIDGE 1 pm (S) STANDARDS COMMITTEE 3 pm MEADOWS "U" COMMITTEE 3 pm CROQUET 3 pm (S) DARTS—CCL 6 pm BINGO 6:30 pm	CRAFTS 9 am BICYCLE CLUB 9:15 am FINANCE COMMITTEE 10:30 am SLOW FLOW YOGA 10 am (S) WATER AEROBICS 11:30 am (S) BRIDGE 12:30 pm (S) COMMUNICATIONS CMTEE 1 pm LADIES BRIDGE 1 pm (S) HORSESHOES/BOCCE 3 pm (S) BEG. TAP /JAZZ 4:30 & 5:15 pm (S) BEGINNER JAZZ 6 pm (S) PING PONG—CCL 6 pm	STRETCH/TONE 8:30 am (S) WATER COLORS 9:30 am (S) COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES CMTEE 10 am SPORTS YOGA 11 am (S) ELECTRONIC DEVICE HELP 1 pm (S) GARDEN CLUB 2 pm CORNHOLE 3 pm (S) SPEAKER'S BUREAU 4 pm (S) BILLIARDS—CCL 6 pm	FITNESS FRIDAY 9 am MAH JONGG 9:30 am (S) WATER AEROBICS 12 pm (S) BALANCE CLASS 12:30 pm (S) BRIDGE 12:30 pm (S)	INDOOR BLOOD DRIVE 9 am—3 pm DUPLICATE BRIDGE 1 pm (S)
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The Meadows Community Events APRIL 2019

- MCA Activities/Events**
- Joint MCA and Country Club Activities/Events** NOTE-CCL= CENTRE COURT LOUNGE
- Country Club Activities/Events (Membership Required)**
- Country Club Activities/Events (Open to Nonmembers)**

(S) = Signup required
RED and **BLUE** activities are open to all Meadows residents and their guests.
 Refer to page 25 for contact info, fees, details for the Country Club activities above.
 The Country Club is located at 3101 Longmeadow.