

MEADOWS OF CRYSTAL LAKE ACTION NEWS

December, 2020

Veteran's Day Celebration 2020

Our two oldest Veterans both 95 years young: Jim Sileno and Jerry Biondolillo



On November 11, 2020 our Meadows neighbors got together to celebrate Veterans Day. In poetry and song, we celebrated all veterans, particularly those veterans residing here at the Meadows. We thank you for your service! A beautiful monument was erected at the flag pole behind the clubhouse to honor our veterans. A special thank-you goes out to Ralph and Pat Milo, our HOA Board, Mary Anne, Terry and the Meadows Maintenance Crew, Rob Schwerdtfeger, Jerry Novickas and all the community that attended.



**Happy Holidays to All our homeowners
Happy New Year, one & all**

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Special Thanks to our Newsletter volunteers.

Robb Schwerdtfeger, Robin Markarian

Bill Morris, Jaymme Jeffries, Karen Jordan

and Jerry Novickas, Technical Advisor

Please note that the deadline for articles for the newsletter is 20th of each month by 5 pm. Submit via email, words as text to this new address:

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General Information

Maintenance Fees are due quarterly

Work Order Forms

Are available at the office and on the website

Irrigation Requests

Driveway repair and painting

Pool

Hours by order of County: Dawn to Dusk

For safety no glass allowed

For health shower before entering pool& spa

Guests and Visitors

Please inform them of our community rules

Speed Limit

Careful drivers watch for walkers & bikers

Get Well Wishes

To all our ailing residents in The Meadows No matter how difficult things might get during your recovery, we are always thinking about you. Please get well very soon.

No one to report

Stay safe neighbors

Wear your mask or social distance

Condolences

May the wonderful memories of your loved one bring you comfort and know your Meadows neighbors are here to listen and help. To the Families of
Mary Ann Siddall

FREE Technology Club

-- OPEN to All Wednesday 6:30 pm

In the interest of health and safety of all attendees; we have not resumed in person sessions, so we continue to meet via Zoom. Once things settle a bit more, we will announce the resumption date for Clubhouse in-person sessions.

Until then...Join with us via Zoom

On Zoom everyone brings a few questions and everyone joins in the discussion

It's all about everyone helping each other. No matter your knowledge level everyone is welcome. We cover Android, iPhone, iPad, Computers

Call Jerry Novickas (954) 260-7071 for a future class topic you would like.

Each week check The Meadows website themeadowsofcrystallake.com Please register at the bottom of the home page "Register for Class" to get the zoom invitation

Request to be added to the Zoom invitation and weekly topic email announcement by Emailing jnovickas@yahoo.com or go to the "Contact Us" website page.

President's Perspective

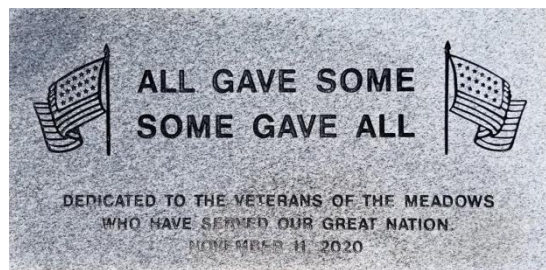
Hello Neighbors,

Like the weather in Florida, life at the Meadows of Crystal Lake can seem like you're going through a rain storm with no end in sight or just a hot humid August afternoon waiting for the 4 pm thunder storm. Some days it seems no matter what else is happening everyone has something they are unhappy about.

November ninth's Board of Directors Meeting was a mixture of clouds, rain, and thunder. Some board members were unhappy that I explained how, while it was a business meeting of the board of directors, the residents could speak on the topic being discussed for a limited time during the discussion phase of the motion. Some residents expressed concerns that the board was not spending money wisely, and one board member commented that a sign restricting parking in front of the clubhouse would "Look Tacky". When the meeting was over and the "sausage had been made" everyone went their own way.

I was very disappointed. I had to stop my own wife from speaking at the meeting. A plan to publish the Action News had been hijacked by another board member and signs to announce future board meeting and discourage unsafe parking were dismissed as "Tacky" and unnecessary. I told myself, I would do a better job presenting my case at the next meeting.

Then came November 11th, a day of rainbows and sunshine. The Meadows stepped up. Not the 32 acres of ground, the glorious people who live in our little corner of the world came out to honor the veterans on Veteran's Day. The ceremony was planned and executed flawlessly by Ralph and Pat Milo and a supporting cast of Rob Schwerdtfeger, Jerry Novickas, Mary Anne Reed, Terry Robinson, T.J Robinson and Carlos Smith.



The ceremony featured the unveiling of a monument honoring veterans. Inscribed on it: "ALL GAVE SOME, SOME GAVE ALL". The ceremony also featured a few words by each of the veterans present and patriotic music. The group of residents gathered to honor the veterans is what makes the

Meadows the Meadows, and what makes the Meadows of Crystal Lake like that place Dorothy sang about in, "Somewhere Over the Rainbow". Thank you for the opportunity to serve and for reminding me that for every storm we have a rainbow.

Regards and stay safe friends,

Bill Jeffries Board of Directors, President

Meet the Candidates Night December 14th, 2020 at 7 PM

Meet the candidates for the 2021 HOA Board of Directors.

Annual Owners Meeting Jan 11th 2021

Barbara Higgins will be introducing the candidates and you may ask questions to decide who are the best candidates for your 2021 HOA Board of Directors.

HOA 2021 Board Candidates Resumes



Karen Jordan

Integrity, transparency, qualifications, and sound judgement; these are qualities you expect from your HOA Board. My name is Karen Jordan and I have been a homeowner here for a little over a year. From day one I have attended the majority of the monthly Board meetings. I concluded from these Board meetings and my participation on the recent Budget Committee that the Board should be compromised of a diverse group and not always the same people. An important role of holding this position is being approachable, respectful and a good listener. Therefore, I have chosen to run for the Board this upcoming election to offer OUR community just that. I have no self-serving agenda and do not “play” politics but am a diplomatic result driven minded individual who will work in the best interest for OUR community.

Career Highlights: Operations Manager, Assistant Vice President & Director of Operations in the Property Management Landscape Industry / Planner & Facilities Manager in the Pharmaceutical Industry / Currently a Plant Manager for a Manufacturing company / I also volunteer and am Communications Chair for National Women in Roofing of South Florida and have just been re-elected to serve another term for 2021.

If elected I will work for ALL members of OUR community utilizing my experience and skill set to be a positive impact as I work cooperatively with fellow Board members to maintain and keep our community looking good; our home values up; our finances strong, costs low and always respectfully listen to your concerns and suggestions. I appreciate your confidence in me to represent you if elected. Thank you for the opportunity.



Ronald Masloff

Being on the Board means not only putting in the time but also being committed to our community to make it a better place to live.

I have been on the Board for the past 7 years 5 years of which I was President of the Board. The Board we have now has been a positive force in that direction. I would like to continue on the Board and continue the positive work we are currently doing. Thank you.

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Roger Tilleman

I knew we were outgrowing our condo and had thoughts of buying a house. Upon driving through (The Meadows of Crystal Lake) I was impressed by the friendliness of the people and how the homes and properties were well maintained. When we started to seriously house hunt there was only one place that we wanted to look. We purchased our house in June of 2018 in the meadows. It was a great decision not only did we find a home but a community with values similar to ours plus good neighbors and friends.

I had a long career in Mechanical Engineering but finally found my forte as a Maintenance Tech in a Senior Living Complex. It was of great satisfaction to me knowing I could help my resident's lives run a little smoother.

I do believe with my gift of observation and logic I can further improve the well-being of this community.

Although I have never worked on a board before I promise to have great intentions of developing myself thru a learning curve to help improve this wonderful community.



Paul Davies

I was first elected to your Board of Directors in January, 2015 and have been re-elected to 3 consecutive terms. My goal was to define the future of the Board by :

1. Closely monitoring the Finances of the Association
2. Make sure the Association received all the goods and services the Association paid for.
3. Monitor all Contracts for Contractor Compliance (such as: proper up-to-date Insurance, Permits and Licenses.)

4. Promote better communication among All Board Members.
5. Board discussion on important items before voting on them.

I am on the Board to protect my investment and in doing so, I am also protecting your investment. I am looking forward to continuing to work with the Board and the Community.

AL Levy

My Wife Simone and I have lived in the Meadows since 2006.

I am asking for your support to be re-elected to my fourth term on the Board of Directors. I have been support to the Maintenance Staff and Office during the time I have been on the Board. I will again bring to the Board my expertise in engineering and management/finance experience. I have spent my working career with multiple engineering departments and hold a Masters in Industrial Management and have earned certificates in Chemical Safety and have been an NRA Education instructor. I hold a management certificate from University of Rhode Island and OSHA seminar and corrosion control certificates.

Since moving to the Meadows, I have also worked with the Ways and Means Committee and with capital improvements projects. I seek re-election to the Board to assist the Board of Directors to continue to improve the Business and Community and help plan future improvements for the betterment of the Meadows.

HOA Director News

Each month one of the directors will report what's going on

Jerry Iovino



Jerry Iovino, longtime resident and editor of the Meadows of Crystal Lake Action News has retired from putting together the Action News. Jerry has been the editor for over twenty years and has seen it grow to a must have monthly chronicle of events at the Meadows.

Over the years Jerry has been involved in many Meadows projects and events. Jerry, after retiring from the City of New York's Traffic Department moved to Florida. He served on the Meadows Board of Directors for many years and was extremely helpful and knowledgeable when the Meadows had to replace traffic signs in our community. When gambling became legal in Florida Jerry led many trips to casinos for the Social and Travel Club where he also served as a Board member. He's been an important member of the Meadows community and is deserving of a giant Thank You.

How Things "Seem" to Get Done

By Bill Jeffries

Here at the Meadows I keep hearing the reason for doing something a particular way is because "We've always done it that way." Yet in the next breath the person complains about what just happened. You know, "The way we've always done it." Hearing this I am reminded of the definition of insanity, "Doing the same thing over and over again and expecting a different outcome."

Since becoming President of the Meadow's Home Owners Association I have made it a practice to seek advice from those board members and home owners that have lived in the Meadows for several years. That gives me the history of the issue. A very wise lady once told me, "People move into the Meadows saying how much they love it here. The next thing they do is try and change it." The historical perspective is important.

I also read material related to the issue, and listen to the Sunday radio show that deals with HOA issues and solutions. Finally, I seek advice from the smartest people I know and trust. These people usually don't have a dog in the fight and are good at looking down the road to see what possible bad thing might happen if something does get approved by the board. At last I make my plan of action and take it to the Board of Directors and we come to a decision on a way to solve the problem. Sometime it's "The way we've always done it." Sometimes it is a new way.

One thing I really want to see stopped is blaming Jimmy Giasullo for anything and everything that happened in the last 25 years. Jimmy died nearly a year ago. I did not know him well. By all accounts he served our community for over 25 years.

While on the Board of Directors he was one of seven Directors. If the other six, even four of the six were doing their job one director could not do anything without their help. Either explicit or implicit the cooperation was there. So, when I hear a director from that era say "Jimmy did this or that" I wonder; what did you do to help him, or oppose him? Or were you just too lazy to even care because Jimmy was getting the job done and that meant you just showed up at a board meeting and took credit for the good he had done and talked behind his back about a mistake he may have made.

Whatever the case, I am in no position to judge, I am just tired of hearing, "Jimmy did that." when people need someone beside themselves to blame. Enough is enough; let the man rest in peace!

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Meadows Information Questions & Answers

Have a question about our community? Email your questions to themeadowsquestions@gmail.com

Q. Some of the newly planted trees fell down during the storm. Do we have to buy replacement trees now?

A. No the planting company will fix or replace any fallen new trees.

Q. Is it true we no longer have the Emergency phone number for The Meadows?

A. True. The board made the decision to cancel the emergency cell phone because of, lack of use, the \$40 a month expense, and that the board of directors handle the emergencies anyway and their numbers are In the phone book, newsletter, and website. For NON MEDICAL problems just call a board member and they will handle finding the best direction to solving the problem.

Q. Do we still need to wear a mask when in the clubhouse?

A. YES, masks are required at all times when in the clubhouse. NO exceptions. A shield alone is not acceptable.

Q. Can anyone write an article for the Newsletter?

A. Yes the editors of the Newsletter is always looking for articles about the community and our residents, along with maybe your favorite recipes, helpful hints or hints to a happier life at the Meadows. Make sure you attach your name and unit number so the editors can contact you. Feel free to submit your writings to themeadowsactionnews@outlook.com

Q. Can the residents that cannot get to the meetings see the Board Meetings on ZOOM?

A. The board of Directors are looking into that possibility. Yes it is possible but we may need some equipment to create good video and sound. Watch for more info to come.

Insurance Seminar

An Insurance Seminar is scheduled for Thursday, January 14, 2021 at 10:30 AM in our Clubhouse. Sheldon Birman will discuss and bring you up to date on matters concerning the insurance industry. If you attended any of his prior seminars, you are aware of the information he discusses as to what is happening in the insurance industry.

The home insurance expense is one of the major cost outlay to each homeowner. Please remember that you will leave the seminar knowing a lot more about the insurance coverages that you have been paying premiums for. Hope to see you at the seminar.

Garage Door & Trim painting, available for owner purchase \$85

Painting of houses garages is not scheduled for at least two years. Owners that wish to pay for their garage doors to be painted now, may take advantage of this offer. There is a Meadows' resident, professional painter with his own company and has offered to do this for owners for a low cost. If interested sign the list posted on the clubhouse bulletin board. Contact the

HOA Office (954) 426-3503 or Rob at [licplbr@gmail](mailto:licplbr@gmail.com) (718) 781-8998

Note: Additional small repairs, rotted wood etc, will be estimated as an additional fee.

The Staff of the Action News and all residents of the Meadows who enjoyed reading the December Action News owe Jerry Novickas a huge thank you for the time and effort he spent putting together the December issue of Action News. When approached and asked for help, he didn't hesitate. His response was, "I won't let you fail." He has shared his expertise, taught the staff his techniques, and brought the Action News into the 21st Century.

Thank you Jerry Novickas.



Social Travel Club

Events and Activities coming soon

Due to COVID-19 the Social & Travel Club is on hold till further notice.

We do look forward to getting back to normal in 2021 when it is safe again. Stay safe & wear your mask. Think about joining the BOARD of the Social & Travel Club, WE REALLY NEED YOU!!!!

The Meadows Welcome Wagon

We are planning our next Meet & Greet in 2021. Please save the date which will be Monday, January 18th 2021 at 7 pm at the clubhouse so new residents mark your calendars.

Any questions please call

Jaymme @ 757-348-2085 or Roseanne @ 954-420-9269



December Celebrations

Birthdays

Best wishes to our neighbors have a wonderful celebration. This month is YOURS.

Mark	Silberman	1
Bianca	Lingen	1
Patricia	DiFilippo	1
Beverly	Goldman	2
John	Clare	2
Pearl	Hager	3
Alfred	Chansen	6
Babs	Grant	10
Lucy	Guerasio	13
Ramonita	Miranda	13
Terri	Caruso	15
Suzette	Asher	15
Alyce	Weldy	16
Lillian	Krall	18
Florence	Trovato	20
Terrence	Fleming	20
Trudy	Kalen	24
Thomas	Mullen	25
Lee R	Brueck	26
Arlette	Yassa	27
Jacqueline	Smith	28
Jocelyn	Matheson	28
Eleanor	Morrissey	29
Steven	Goldman	31

Anniversaries

Wishing a perfect pair,
A perfectly happy day.

Here's to another year of being
great together!

Robert & Marygen Sebok	7th
Lucilo & Juliana Valido	8th
Luis & Milagros Valencia	11th
Ricardo & Rosa Gutierrez	15th
Jose & Carmen Rivera	19th
Elliott Lopez & Thelma Addarich-Lopez	26th

December 2020

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