

MEADOWS OF CRYSTAL LAKE ACTION NEWS

February, 2021



Happy Valentines &
Happy Presidents's Day



Annual Meeting January 2021

Thank you to all who attended the Annual Meeting on January 21st. We had a great turn out – we social distanced on the Swimming Pool Patio. Everyone enjoyed the comfortable evening by the pool as they waited for the results of the election. Ron Masloff: 74, Al Levy: 87, Roger Tilleman: 31, Karen Jordan 168 and Paul Davies 144. The total members represented were 214 home owners, of which 137 proxies were received, & owners voted in person were 77.

The Meadows of Crystal Lake Homeowners would like to thank Barbara Higgins for stepping up as Election Chairlady. Thank you to Gerianne Calcagno as Co-Chair. We would also like to thank her committee

Pat Milo	Donna Constantine	Ed Mac Donald
Ralph Milo	Steve Constantine	Karen Cooper
Sally Pautz	Neil Stodomingo	Jackie Smith

Saying Goodbye

As some of you know I was in the United States Navy for twenty years. In the Navy we had a way of doing things, so we did things the traditional way. When someone left your ship for another ship or to retire, they were wished “Fair Winds and Following Seas.” As a teacher for another twenty-three years when you retired or changed schools you just ended a school term and didn't go back the following September. It was a big deal but it was similar to what you did every year, except in September you had a lot of extra time.

I said all of that to say this: Ron Masloff, I am going to miss you in the office and at the meetings, but I don't know what to say, what to do, or how to move on. In those other situations, I usually didn't see the person again, or at least not very often. Here you and your bride are my neighbors and friends. I'm going to see you again. You served on the Board of Directors for seven years. When I got on the board you were very helpful in showing me the ropes, when I became President you were always helpful. For these reasons and many others, Ron and Susan Masloff, Thank you for your service to the Meadows of Crystal Lake. The Chief

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General Information

Bulk & Trash Pickup is Tuesday

- *Earliest time to street is 4pm Monday*

Trash Pickup is Friday

- *Earliest time to street is 4pm Thursday*

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
Russell Phillips

FREE Technology Club, Zoom

OPEN to All Wednesday 4:00 pm Eastern

Tech club goes on via Zoom. In the interest of health and safety; we have not resumed in person sessions. 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
themedadowsofcrystallake.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 21-02

How Difficult Can This Job Be

Hello Neighbors,

Before becoming HOA President I got words of wisdom from two other residents of the Meadows. The first words of wisdom came from a long time resident. They were: "People move in and say they love everything about the Meadows. Within a few weeks these same people are trying to change the Meadows. They want to change how something is done or how something looks. Generally, they want it to be more like the place these people just moved from." (Or words to that effect.)

Wanting to improve something is a noble undertaking, but changing something all of us do because you did it some other way where you lived before you moved here, is a stretch. One example of this is putting out of trash two or three days before trash is due to be picked up. It should be put out the evening of the day before it is scheduled to be picked up. Drive around some time and find all the piles of limbs or discarded furniture out several days before it is due to be picked up. Now it is a Board issue. If the board ignores it, we begin to look like a Calcutta neighborhood. When asked, no one tells me that putting out trash three days early is ok, but they don't hesitate to ignore the rule that they don't agree with. It could be turning on your pole light or parking overnight on the street, it makes no difference, you moved into a planned community with rules try and follow them.

The next example of wisdom came from a resident that told me the Board's job was simple, "keep the amenities working and pay the bills." Everyday someone wants a tree cut down or trimmed, a driveway, garage door, or house painted. The owners that do an architectural change form often expect it to be approved that day or the next. Some have said, "I know where so and so lives and I'll take it to his house, and he'll approve it for me." Others don't bother to put in an architectural change form at all. The thought of getting a building permit from the city, "forget about it". Routinely, residents ignore the responsibility of doing the paperwork. This paperwork is to ensure that a job is done in accordance with our rules and in some cases with city and county laws.

Every board member knew what they were signing up for when they ran for and were elected to the Board of Directors. Now we come back to "How Difficult Can This Job Be". Being a board member gets a lot easier when we can stop enforcing existing rules and stop looking for that special deal that does not exist. For the people who can't seem to follow the rules or want that special consideration, allow me to quote another wise resident of the Meadows. "Not everyone is meant to live in a planned community."

Regards and stay safe friends,

Bill Jeffries, Board of Directors, President

COVID Vaccine Call in Appointments

BROWARD COUNTY, FL – Appointments for COVID-19 vaccination sites can be scheduled using the system starting immediately. Seniors ages 65 and older, and frontline healthcare workers, should

Call (866) 201-6313 to request an appointment.

You will be asked through an automated system to enter information using your telephone keypad. Live agents will call people back to make appointments until all current appointments are filled.

Read the entire news release on <http://www.themeadowsofcrystallake.com> website

Meadows Residents

Very Important Last Chance to get it Right

Directory Update is in full swing. Please go online at "themeadowsofcrystallake.com" and fill out the form on the first page right under the Meadows Logo. It is for the sole purpose to update the directory. The Birthdays and the Anniversaries are for the newsletter. Your email is for Meadows News Alerts only NOT for solicitations. If there is more than one person living in the home you may list both even if they are NOT on the title. If you do not have a computer please complete the form and take it to the office. **Before March 1st.**



The Meadows of Crystal Lake 2021 & 2022 Directory Up-Date

Lot # _____

Address _____

Resident _____

Email Resident #1 _____

Birthday Resident #1 _____

Phone # _____

Second Resident _____

Email Resident #2 _____

Birthday Resident #2 _____

Phone # _____

Anniversary _____

The Meadows USPS Mail Carrier, Michelle David, recently lost her husband, Ted (Theodore), unexpectedly. As a community, we can rely on Michelle's dedicated service. In addition, she brought personality along with the mail. If you care to reach out to Michelle and her family, please check the bulletin board in the Main Lobby next to the clubhouse for more information.

Getting to know Joan Frisco

By Sharon Messina



On an ordinary Tuesday afternoon in January, I met the extraordinary, Mrs. Joan Frisco, and her lovely, caring daughter, Joya!

Joan, her late husband and family settled here 45 years ago during Phase 2 of The Meadows construction. Joan shared not only a brief biography of her life but also shared photos of talent shows, etc., from the early Meadows events.

The year was 1919 and Joan Casale was born in Bayside, Queens, New York. Joan tells me she learned from the young age of 12 just how impactful these early years would be throughout her long life. Joan's mother tragically died in a house fire. Joan was left to take over and raise her three brothers and look after her father. As a result, Joan couldn't finish high school. She learned to cook while watching her aunt prepare meals. Joan would write it all down without her aunt knowing. In time, Joan's father traveled to his native Italy and re-married to an aunt on her mother's side.

Joan's career is as interesting as her early years and still presented her with challenges. When she turned 18, Joan looked for work and was offered a job at Bali Bra. She had no formal training. The owners liked her sewing work so much that they offered to send her to private designing school. She became so talented that Maidenform, Lillyette, and even Canadian brassiere companies wooed her. The most memorable moment in her career was when the owners of Bali Bra went on vacation. Some lace fabric was delivered from the factory and during that time, Joan designed the famous Sno-Flake bra. Upon the owners return, within weeks of hitting the market one million dozen "Sno-Flakes" were sold. The owners rewarded Joan handsomely! Her patience, hard work, innate talent and determination paid off!! Joan continued her journey of excellence with volunteer work at special events at Macys, New York, etc.

In the midst of all this, she met her husband Jack at a dance and they raised a family of two boys and one daughter. Tragedy struck the family again and Joan lost her husband when he was 72 and later lost her oldest son who passed at age 57 of cancer. In spite of the loss of loved ones, Joan is blessed with one Granddaughter and one Grandson along with a Great Grandchild.

In addition, Joan loves dancing! Ballroom and tap dancing are her favorites. She began tap dancing lessons at age 62, and put on numerous shows with other friends at the Meadows!! Today, Joan stays fit with exercise each morning. She lives with her daughter's assistance, complete with a valid driver's license and scooter that afford her continued mobility in spite of the inevitable challenges of a bad hip and aging. Joan still cooks and can be seen at Publix, Walgreen's, and the Dollar Tree!



There is a definite thread here that goes back to her formative years: Joan's words, "Keep Moving Forward even if it is just one step at a time and Never Quit. Don't sit in a chair and sleep all day, stay active, and cook on a low flame with garlic and olive oil." I love her! Fun! A very full, well-lived, purposeful life.

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

Thank you New Residents, Meadows Welcome Wagon Committee and their husband's for coming out on Monday, January 18th for our Meet & Greet. We had two out of four new residents in attendance, I call that a success. Bill Morris gave out key information about the Meadows. The committee members answered questions & discussed amenities and advantages to living in the Meadows.

We served cookies, brownies, coffee & water and we all mingled and a good time was had by all. Thank you again for coming out. Our next Meadows Welcome Wagon Meet & Greet will be on Monday, April 19th at 7pm at the clubhouse. So, new residents please mark your calendar. See you there. NO new residents this month

Any questions please call

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

WELCOME
to the
neighborhood

Proud Moment at the Meadows Veterans Memorial

On December 24th the Ruggiero family honored husband and father Richard, a Korea era Veteran with a Formal Military Ceremony.

The HOA would like to encourage more Meadow residents to use the memorial area.



The Meadows Book Club

With hope in our hearts and a book in our hand, we will resume our meetings as soon as it is safe to gather.

If I you would like to join, please contact Sharon Messina 716 474 1801.

New members always welcome!

I ♥
Book Club



Rob's Guitar Jamm

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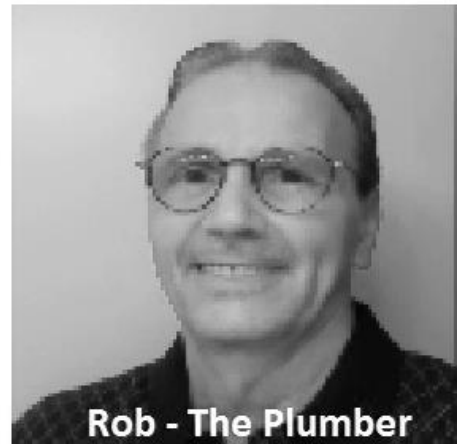
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- 1 X 2 Horizontally business cards \$150.00
- 1 business card \$100.00

Meadows Information Questions & Answers

Have a question about our community?

Email your questions to themeadowsquestions@gmail.com

Q. How long does it take to have an Architectural form approved?

A. All Architectural forms must be in the office by the first Monday of the month. Any forms received after the first Monday of the month will NOT be approved until the following month. Forms may be declined if any part of the form is missing. Attachments needed but not limited to are, the signed quotation, materials description, contractor doing the install or work and all current insurance and workmen's compensation certificates.

Q. I got my Architectural form approved last year. Is it still Approved for this year?

A. Architectural forms are required for ANY changes to the exterior of any home in the Meadows. Because things change, painting and planting plans change all Architectural forms are only approved for 6 months. After that the form must be re-approved.

Q. I need some work done around my home. Can I hire anyone I find to do the work?

A. All contractors and Hired Handymen should be insured. While working on the outside of your home the workers must have liability insurance and workmens compensation insurance. Work being done on the inside of your home would be covered by your homeowners insurance if they do not have insurance.

Q. Is anyone at the Meadows making arrangements for residents to get the Covid-19 vaccine injections at our club house?

We have contacted an administrator at Broward North who told us that Broward North does not have the resources to service a community of our size. They gave us flyers for all residents that will be inserted in the February newsletter.

We are a Bargain

I am guessing most home owners in The Meadows are not aware of the true value of their homes and our surrounding home values.

For some reason, I feel like The Meadows owners are scared to ask for a higher price simply "mind boggling" when I see Discovery Point townhouses "matchboxes" in our immediate neighborhood just to the south of us are selling for more money than our homes, it's simply crazy.

Our homes in The Meadows are stuck in the price range of low to mid \$200,000 why? A friend of mine just bought a house in a new 55 + community in Parkland "at end of Hillsboro Blvd. west, she paid \$560,000. Here is another new project Sandpiper just a couple of miles north of us on Military attached townhouses selling for \$ 480 K

This should encourage sellers in The Meadows to ask for more money and stand by the listing price before rushing to reduce it. Avoid talking down about anyone's home that is for sale. When your neighbor gets more \$\$ then your home is worth more money too!

It's 2021 a seller's market. No upgraded house in The Meadows should sell for less than \$ 300,000

Nagui Yassa, Realtor



February Celebrations

Birthdays

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

First Name	Last Name	Day	First Name	Last Name	Day
Patricia	Dionne	1	Vivian	DiDonato	15
Dana	Courtney	1	Linda	Dudley	16
Eleni	Litsas	3	Marie	Plaisir	16
Terry	Taddeo	3	Juliana	Valido	16
Gerard	Kleiman	3	John	Murphy	16
Ximina	Guitierrez	4	Janet	Summers	18
Fred	Vocatura	5	Richard	Collura	18
Tammy	Lombardi	6	Gary	Pollack	19
MaryAnn	Adelson	6	Michael	Sforza	19
Feliccenne	Joseph	6	Sylvia	Ruggiero	20
Benoit	Mordecai	6	Nancy	Ellis	20
Edward	Albarran	7	Kevin	McCaffery	20
Michael	Lombardi	8	James	Dinoto	22
Rodrigo	DaSilva	10	Orva June	Giese	22
Jenny	Kay	11	Martin	Minch	22
Norma Jean	Brueck	11	Neusa	Vieira	23
Lee R	Hoven	11	Mini	Bougayou	24
Angel	Calderon	11	Edward	Applegate	25
Donald	Courtney	11	Claude	Morrison	25
John	Bryan	12	Angela	Campbell	26
Charles	Marchel	13	Kelley	Giasullo	28
Ivo	Istevez	14			
S.Jim	Sileno	15			
Roy	Smith	15			

Anniversaries

Wishing a perfect pair.

A perfectly happy day.






Here's to another year of being great together!



William & Sally Pautz	11
Jose La Puerta & Yvonne Robles de Medina	14
David & Barbara Cucerzan	15
Myongnam & Soon Hee Song	18
Henry & Marie Plaisir	19
Greg & MaryAnn Adelson	19
Joao & Adosinda Rodrigues	23
Arthur Yasser & Joyce Cook	24
Robert & Jacqueline Smith	25

February 2021

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31	1 Mahjong 1:00 PM	2 	3 Zoom Tech Club 4:00 PM	4	5  Save Water Shower with a Friend Day Rob's guitar jamm 1:00 PM	6
7	8 Mahjong 1:00 PM HOA Meeting 7pm	9	10 Lawn Care Weather Permitting Zoom Tech Club 4:00 PM	11	12  Lincoln's Birthday Rob's guitar jamm 1:00 PM	13
14 <i>Happy Valentine's Day</i>	15  PRESIDENTS DAY HOA Office CLOSED Mahjong 1:00 PM	16	17 Zoom Tech Club 4:00 PM	18	19 Rob's guitar jamm 1:00 PM	20
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