

APRIL, 2021

April Fools Day

Happy Easter







On March 6th we had some excitement at the Meadows clubhouse parking lot. The shredding truck arrived at 8am with lines around the corner. Then the line was redirected down SW 16th Drive. Then around 9.30am we smelled smoke & Bill went out front and saw flames & smoke billowing from the back of the shred it truck. The fire truck had arrived & the shredding event was over.



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April 6th @ 29, 2021

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General Information

DO NOT REPLANT FRUIT TREES: if you do we will remove them again & again & again.

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 William Caragianes

Florence Laux

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

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

I usually begin with a thank you to the residents of the Meadows for their continued support, but today I begin with an apology for losing control and allowing the chaos that was the March 1, 2021 meeting of the Board of Directors. The meeting started out well enough with a presentation by Cutters Edge and believe it or not over the course of the meeting lots of business was conducted.

Even though it didn't look like things were getting done, here is a brief list of what got accomplished amidst the chaos. The Masamo UTV was sold. We have owned it for nearly two years and it has been in the repair shop for over half that time. We announced the completion of cleaning the tennis courts as well as adding a second pickle ball court. We also changed the Vice President on the Board of Directors. The current Vice President just wasn't a good fit, and the Board had to take that vote at an open meeting. The Board of Directors also approved the purchase of transformers to keep our pool and spa pumps running properly. Bridge playing was allowed to resume and the printing of a new phone book was approved.

I mentioned all of these things that the Board of Directors got done before the meeting went sideways because as the meeting went off the rails the Board had the courage to follow our own rules and made a commitment to follow city and county laws. When it comes to following our own rules two home owners have work vans on Meadow's Property. The meeting got out of order when one of those two residents expressed his opinion of the situation. While he did run past his allotted three minutes the meeting got out of control with all the side conversations and comments. As President it was my fault, I should have restored order.

The Board also showed courage when they voted to support requiring a "Permit" when the city or county requires permits. Some on the board are questioning this show of courage by asking, "Do we want to be the "Permit Police"? Really? The permits are there to protect the residents from poor workmanship by contractors. The Board needs to stand squarely behind the residents and stop giving in to contractors that they are "friendly" with. Some on the board wanted to link "following the law on permits" to closing the pool, because we weren't following guidelines exactly. It was determined that "guidelines were guidelines" not mandates.

The Architectural Committee is working on ways to speed up Architectural Request Form processing. They are also working on ways to help home owners keep their yards in tip top shape going into the summer months. Because the meeting was running long several items were pushed back to the next meeting for action by the full board. The Board is still working on "Hold Harmless" language to protect the Association, Homeowner, and Handyman in situations where a homeowner hires a handyman to do work around their home. The Board is yet to determine when houses are to be painted and if we are going to change law firms to represent us.

Finally, the Board Meeting was ugly, and out of control at times. On the bright side the Board took care of important issues and had the courage to do the right thing when it mattered. Regards and stay safe friends,

Bill Jeffries, Board of Directors, President

Volunteers Needed.....

The painting of the houses in the Meadows came up once again at the HOA Board Meeting on March 11th. Two residents volunteered to co-chair a committee of Meadows residents to determine when to begin painting, what paint should be used and what company should be recommended to do the job.

Jimmy Giasullo Jr. & Mike Miller have agreed to head the Painting Committee. Now we need residents to volunteer to step up and be a member of the team. If interested please call

Jimmy Giasullo Jr. (978) 375-9873 or Mike Miller (774) 696-8873

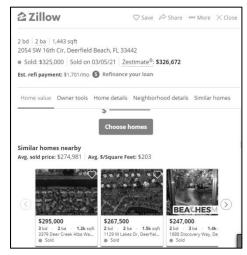
Learn about your Meadows Home Value

The Meadows of Crystal Lake is a wonderful 55+ active adult community to live in. The pricing of our homes and what our community offers cannot be beat. We have so many amenities and we have detached single family homes with garages. Our recent sales for the last six months are on the rise, with the market. Here are examples in the last few months From October 2020 Meadows homes have sold from \$208,000 to \$325,000.

Two great sources of info. You can look up your house or your nieighbors house, or even a house you are considering purchasing

Broward County appraiser BCPA.net or Zillow.com

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Do you know...... By Robin Markarian

Broward offers a website with resources you can access regarding healthcare, social services, financial information and so much more. All calls are staffed by trained counselors. Knowing where to go to access help and services is so important and can be overwhelming with all the information on the internet. Broward streamlines that process in one site 211- broward.org. Some of the services they can assist with are Disaster-Related Services, Healthcare, Financial Assistance, Military and Veterans Affairs, Mental Health Services and the Senior Touchline available to seniors 60 years and above. Have a look at their website at 211 -broward.org. Click onto the ABOUT US tab for more information.

One of the helpful resources they offer is Senior Touchline. This service offers the senior (60 years old and above) to register for a Touchline Counselor to give them a call once per day to check in on them. Sometimes, this is the only person a senior might speak to in a day. It is not only a wellness check but a valuable resource in times of personal crisis.

Access 2-1-1 information OR internet at 211-broward.org OR (954) 537-0211

Getting to Know Jerry Biondolillo

by Sharon Messina

Jerry Biondolillo always wanted to be an actor but his father insisted he become a doctor or a lawyer! The only surviving sibling of four, our leading man was born in Brooklyn, NY, and is about to celebrate his 96th Birthday in May. Growing up, Jerry recalls that money was tight and he worked after school and on weekends in a butcher shop to help out. He also worked a similar schedule making chemistry sets.

WWII was at its height during Jerry's high school years. He enlisted in the Navy, but spent most

of his military service in the Marines. He finished his senior year attending night school. He also attended Hofstra College, Hempstead, NY, at night and earned an Associate's Degree. "I always had two jobs and for much of my life went to school at night."

Jerry excelled in math and science and after boot camp and more training, he was shipped to Guam in 1944. In Guam, the men lived in foxholes. Jerry went from foxhole to foxhole treating Marines. Everyone contracted the Dengue Fever. Jerry proudly served his country from 1943-1946, and was awarded the Asiatic-Pacific Area with one Battle Star, a Presidential Unit Citation, and the American Defense WWII Victory Medal.



Soon after his discharge he met his wife at a dance and they were married in 1948. Jerry began his life-long career in the medical profession first at Meadowbrook Hospital in Long Island. He was then hired to work at Mercy Hospital, also in Long Island. Mercy was a 400-bed hospital where he became the Administrative Director of Pathology supervising 102 people in his Department. Jerry traveled the country for his work from Las Vegas to the New England states, etc.

It was during his years at Meadowbrook that Jerry finally was able to share his acting talents! He had the lead role in such classics as "Man Without a Country," etc. He was often called on to be Master of Ceremonies and kept the audience engaged while they waited for costume changes and curtain calls. Jerry worked until 1987, honoring a long and prestigious career.

Jerry's dedicated work habits left no time for a vacation. Each week from her grocery money his wife managed to save enough to take them on a vacation to France and Italy including the island of Sicily. In France, where his son lived at the time, father and son went to Normandy Beach that brought back memories Jerry "cannot ever forget." Jerry was married for 69 years, raising a son and daughter along with knowing the joys of three grown grandsons. His wife passed four years ago on Valentine's Day.



The Biondolillo's moved to Florida in 1987 and settled in The Meadows in 2001. Life here for Jerry included writing a memoir. A copy of MY TUNNELS may be borrowed at the Meadows Clubhouse Library. Jerry is also a volunteer at Bingo.

Over the years, from chemistry sets to medical training, Jerry's math and science career connections served him well. It was a privilege to try to capture a glimpse of a life that has been on a purpose-filled path well worn with "duty, honor, country, and family." We salute you, Jerry! His perseverance is daunting, a really humbling experience.

"I walk through the garden of life and I met you on the way shouted happy to say,

"I have lived another day."

Anonymous

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 asking that our seasoned residents come out & welcome our new residents. This is an effort to let the new residents meet as many current residents as possible. With Covid-19 they have fewer opportunities to mingle. So, let's make this meet & greet a success for our Newbies & awaken our shut-ins to the possibility of making a new friend or seeing old friends.

Mark your calendar for May 16th @ 4:30 under the awning at the clubhouse. We will social distance & wear masks. The Welcome Wagon will be serving cake, coffee, tea & water. Any questions call Jaymme @757-348-2085, Robin @ 774-696-8872 or Roseanne @954-420-9269.

The Meadows would like to Welcome our newest Home Owners to the community:

Lot 176 Tony & Jessica Durante from Tewksbury, Massachusetts

Lot 343 Carlos & Norma Valentin from Sebring, Florida



Rob's Guitar Jamm

In the Clubhouse, Fridays 1:00-6:00 PM.
Bring your own instrument and join in. Or, just come to visit and enjoy.
Requests honored. If I don't know it, I'll learn it, Rock on!!

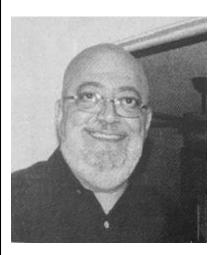
Bingo Lovers:

Great news we are starting back up on Tuesday, April 6th until June 29th. All residents & friends of the Meadows are welcome just wear a mask & enjoy the fun. We are hoping that most of us have had a chance to get the Covid-19 vaccine. Doors open @ 6pm & Bingo starts @ 7pm. If you have any questions please feel free to call Ralph 914-610-5685 or John 954-418-8158. Good luck & see you soon.

Free Haircuts for men

If you are one of our Gentlemen residents and you are unable to leave your home. We have a Meadow's resident who is a retired licensed Barber that can come to your home and give you a haircut, Free of charge on Sunday. Call Al @954-444-9829 (no tips or gifts allowed)

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Where Did that Come From?

Did you ever wonder where the phrase the whole 9 yards came from?

Most people think it has something to do with football. Nothing could be further from the truth. The real story goes back to World War II. In the South Pacific US pilots flew the Corsair and it proved to be far superior in air-to-air combat against the Japanese Zero. The Corsair carried a 27-foot-long belt of bullets for the machine guns.

After a long day of dog fighting the exhausted Corsair pilot would land his plane and taxi to a stop near his crew chief. The crew chief would ask, "what kind of day it was up there?" If it was a hard day, the exhausted pilot would yell back, "I shot the whole 9 yards."

Technology Safety Tip of the month

We oldsters are the target of the scammers

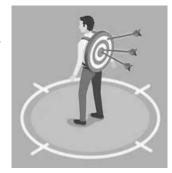
They are bad people trying to scam all of Us!!!!

We have a target on ouir backs because we always think the best of people and are seldom suspicious.

NEVER respond to any company that is calling YOU

NEVER follow a link that shows up on your computer screen

If you have trouble and need to contact the REAL people at that company, look on your bank statement; look on your credit card. Only Call that number.



This includes people pretending to be Norton, Apple, Microsoft, your bank, your stock account NEVER give anyone access to remote into your computer or smart phone

NEVER Call a phone number you see on your screen

NEVER talk to someone that calls you and says you are infected

These are ALL Scammers



March 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
Bill	Bery	1	Henry	Plaisir	16
Carmelina	Reino	1	Nell	Stodomingo	16
Mohamad	Katah	1	Gerald	Murchie	18
Helen	Fahey	1	Linda	Parente	18
Ivonne	Morgan	1	Vincent	Povio	19
Barbara	May	2	Giacomo	Castagna	19
Roseanne	Messina	2	Maura	Dersch-Wissekerke	20
Teresa	Fisher	3	Rosalie	Ray	20
Barbara	Materia	4	John	Condon	20
Michael	Colavito	5	Ronald	Page	20
Marta	Torres	6	Gary	Mann	21
Clarisa	Hernandez	7	Tom	Scarpellino	22
Jose	Albaladejo	8	Ramon	Rodriguez	22
Ronald	Gittens	8	Nancy	Long	22
Sally	Pautz	9	George	Trask	24
Maria	Benedetto	9	Maeva	Adler	25
Maria	lannetta	9	Donaida	Vergel	25
Nadia	Bass	10	Alice	Bery	27
Mary Louise	Dutch	10	Catherine	Kutner	27
William	Pautz	11	Tom	Litsas	27
Jim	Osborn	11	Mary	Colavito	28
Georgia	Burkes	11	Ramon	Ruiz	29
Sidney	Reed	11	Rafael	Coste	29
Joanne	Rodriguez	13	Thomas	Broad	30
Frank	DiSalvo	14	Helga	Honerlah	30
Kenneth	Kalen	14	Raul	Calderon	30
Denis	Lauzon	15			

Anniversaries

Wishing a <u>perfect pair</u>, A perfectly happy day.

Here's to another year of being great together!

Paul & Sharon Messina	1
Luigi & Rosa Iannolillo	6
Hugo & Monica Garzon	6
Enrique & Bianca Orrantia	10
Juan & Joanne Rodriguez	17
Michele & Norma D'Andrea	19
Tony & Jessica Durante	19
Derek & Susan Lundstrom	22
Tom & Eleni Litsas	24
John & Theresa Caruso	27



April 2021

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