

MEADOWS OF CRYSTAL LAKE ACTION NEWS

SEPTEMBER 2021

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the death of our friend, neighbor and Board Member of more than 9 years, Al Levy husband of Simone Levy.

Al was taken to Boca Raton Hospital on Thursday, July 29th. On Friday, July 30th, Al passed away suddenly. He will be missed by all.

The dedication Al showed to the Meadows of Crystal Lake was always evident and he never said no to anyone. His beautiful smile and willingness to help out will be missed by the Office & Maintenance staff and HOA Board. Al was always helpful in the office, and he represented the board when new residents were screened for approval to move into the Meadows.

Al shared his engineering experience on many Meadow projects such as the Fishing Dock, Tennis & Pickleball courts, Swimming pool pumps & lighting around the pool, Bocce courts and other projects where his knowledge would be helpful. Special thanks from the Social & Travel Club to Al for all you have done for us. You will be missed.

We offer our love and prayers to Simone and their family in this time of sorrow.

If you would like to send condolences to Simone here is her address: Simone Levy
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Labor Day

MEADOW'S OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED MONDAY SEPTEMBER 6TH FOR LOBOR DAY

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General Information

The mail ladies are requesting we don't place our trash cans in front of our mailboxes on trash days, Thank you
DO NOT REPLANT FRUIT TREES

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
Pearl Hager
Al Levy

**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

Hello Friends and Neighbors,
Welcome Back!

I know many of you recognize the song when you hear the Applebee's' commercial. I smile, at least in my mind, and think of Welcome Back Kotter the sitcom that ran from 1975 until 1979. A high school teacher returns to teach at the high school he attended. Remember Vinnie Barbarino? Who would have thought he'd grow up to be John Travolta?

Nothing that "amazing" happened at the Meadows of Crystal Lake while everyone was gone for the summer. We did, however, manage to overhaul the Bocci Courts, improve the Veterans Memorial Park, replace the lighting on the shuffle board courts, begin repairs of the plumbing under the Clubhouse, make repairs to the pool pump house, replace pool and spa pumps, hire a new lawyer, and continue complicated negotiations for a new cable TV contract.

Each of these tasks took time to plan, organize, and execute. Most involved a couple of Board members determining a need and developing a plan to meet the need. From there those Board members would bring the plan to the entire Board of Directors for discussion and a vote to move forward. Most plans moving forward, involved finding qualified contractors, interviewing perspective contractors, and finally hiring the best contractor for the job. From there the Board members had to supervise the work being done. (I am reminded of a phrase we used in the Navy when dealing with contractors) "You get what you inspect, not what you expect." Sometimes the inspections are done by the city or county that issued a permit, but usually the inspections are done by Board members.

Your Board of Directors is a group of hard-working volunteers. We work with the Office and Maintenance Staff, contractors, and government officials to help make The Meadows of Crystal Lake a great place to call home. Welcome Home!

Regards and stay safe friends

Bill Jeffries, Board of Directors, President

Mowing lawn dates are September 9th, 17th and 29th

Meadows Information Questions & Answers

Have a question about our community?

Email your questions to themedowsquestions@gmail.com

Q. I heard the cable TV contract is ending soon. Is that true? What are we going to do about TV?

A. Yes, our current contract with Comcast ends in November 2022. Your board has hired a professional negotiator to weed through all the companies and present what they found to the board. Although some information was presented at the last board meeting all the details were not presented before the discussion was tabled.

Q. I heard that our quarterly maintenance may go up \$90 is that true?

A. The board is negotiating a new cable contract that **may include internet service**. That is the maximum increase IF the board chooses to add Bulk Internet. If signed, yes, the maintenance will go up but the amount of increase will be a Board decision. BUT if approved your Comcast monthly payment you now pay for internet will go away. The Cable TV portion at this time looks like it may decrease.

Q. I currently pay \$60 dollars a month for my internet. Why would I want to pay \$90 a month?

A. This is one of those items that the facts are not correct. There has not been a vote by the board to go with bulk internet. But if the board does go for internet the MOST it could cost would be \$30 a month. \$90 a quarter. So, you would save \$30 a month. Your Comcast monthly bill would go away!

Q. I heard that the board has no authority to sign a Bulk Internet contract.

A. Our documents were ratified in 2018. Since then, State Statues over ride our documents. State statutes, among other items, added “Bulk Internet” to the boards responsibility and obligation to negotiate bulk internet.

Q. We are an over 55 plus community. I question how many residents use the internet.

A. 71% of our residents have internet through Comcast. Several others have ATT. Because that 71% is well over the “majority” of the community the board must look at bulk internet. Those numbers were proven by the questionnaire sent out in August. With that in mind, there was a rate card sent with your August bill from Comcast. Internet rates from Comcast go from \$45 a month to over \$160 a month depending on speed. (Not including a small percentage of special deals that have been grandfathered in, but not guaranteed going forward.)

Q. Do we have to pay this Professional Negotiator?

A. Yes. The Door Fee is 25% for the negotiator and 75% for the Meadows. The negotiator gets paid 25% of any savings only over our present contract. Nothing for the internet if that is approved.

Attention Potential Advertisers

The new Meadows Telephone Directory will be bigger and better than ever. This New directory will be around for at least 2 years. Get the best bang for your advertising dollar and contact Jaymme Jeffries at 757-348-2085 for details while space is available.

Attention All Residents

We are getting ready to put the New Meadows Telephone Directory together. Any persons wanting to help design, edit or put together please contact Jaymme Jeffries at 757-348-2085.

GETTING TO KNOW DOROTHY DEVORE

By Sharon Messina

Back in the day when airplane daredevilry was common, Dorothy, Dottie Devore, dated an Air Force test pilot and found herself a passenger in an AT6 that was doing aerial loops!! Her father said he was too old for his eighteen-year-old daughter. Later Dottie left her hometown, Cincinnati, OH, and went to visit a friend in Miami Beach, FL, and liked it so much she decided to stay. She enjoyed the many natural amenities of her new home state traveling their extensive waterways. Throughout her life, Dottie set out to explore various parts of the US including the Western states and climbed her share of rugged terrain, etc.

Dottie finished high school but wished her parents had put more emphasis on higher education. She knew that the goal for young women was to marry and have a family. Dottie took a bookkeeping class and after the move to Miami did general office work for Homer DeVore, CPA. They became a couple and married and had two sons.

“When I arrived in Miami in the early 50’s, everything and I mean everything was different. There were still many signs of racial inequality in restaurants, etc. There was no work for young men, no jobs.” Dress Codes were common. Often you were offered a sport coat or other attire if you arrived in casual wear. Women ‘wore’ fur coats but they rarely put them on. With little or no air conditioning in most places, furs were mostly for show.

The Miami and Fort Lauderdale skylines didn’t exist. No condominiums. No lineup of hotels and motels along the beach. That was all about to change. Miami was first to emerge into the booming metropolis it is today. Fort Lauderdale was to follow Miami’s lead years later.

In the meantime, Homer’s work took the family to New Jersey for a few years but knew Florida was where they wanted to settle. Dottie proudly recalls that the boys reached the rank of Eagle Scouts and pursued careers as First Responders. Two spouses, nine grandchildren and 23 great grandchildren later make up this loving family. The forward-thinking young wife and mother had a taste of the world of work but when asked what she really wanted to be, her response was “to be a mother” “Best thing I ever did!”

Dottie’s husband passed in 1990. Once the boys were grown and on their own, Dottie downsized to the Meadows where she has lived for 20 years. Here she became active in committee work and served as president of the Social Club for two years. “Parties were put together at the ‘drop of a hat’! Party planning was done in earnest and it better be done quickly! Table reservations filled up FAST! Gather the checks for your group and get reservations or you could find you and your party shut out!” Dinner was sometimes catered; there was always dance music, coffee and dessert, and more dancing into the wee hours! In addition, there was a full round of activities that our now most senior population enjoyed.

As Dottie and I shared cake and coffee, I asked who she would like to have at her dining room table. She named Meadows’ residents Janice, Sybil, and Lillian. Dottie’s parting remarks, “I have lived through four dining room tables of Meadows friends. Let’s set that table and invite the “girls”! The gift of friendship is simply your presence.”

May the same resilience and vision Miami Beach exhibited years ago create an atmosphere of healing and growth now and in the aftermath of the July catastrophe in Surfside. May the victims rest in peace and may the families find some solace. **Thank you, First Responders!** Thank you, Dottie, for your timely reflections.



Social Travel Club

Events and Activities are Canceled due to the Covid 19 numbers increasing. Look for details in the upcoming Newsletters. Please think about joining the Board of the Social & Travel Club, WE REALLY NEED YOU!!!!
Carol Winiarz, President



Rob's Guitar Jamm



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Bridge at the Meadows:

If at one time you played Bridge and are a little rusty, or if you're curious what the game is all about, please read on. I would be happy to meet with you and we could play an "open" game just for fun.

I have many Bridge books to share with you from beginners, to intermediate to advanced. Bridge has been recommended as one of the things to sharpen your memory and to off-set Alzheimer's Disease. Please call Lillian Krall at 954-574-0890 to set up a time to meet at your convenience. We have a scheduled game weekly on Thursday at 12:30pm.

The Meadows Welcome Wagon

Here at the Meadows of Crystal Lake many homes have sold over the summer. At the current time the Welcome Wagon Committee has no date for the next Meet & Greet due to the increasingly Covid-19 cases in Broward County. Keep a lookout in the upcoming newsletters for more information.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call the Welcome Wagon Committee by calling Jaymme@757-348-2085 or Roseanne @954-420-9269.



The Meadows would like to Welcome our newest Home Owners:

Lot 312 Samuel & Maria Tinoco from Deerfield Beach, Florida

Lot 193 Nancy Rodriguez from Deerfield Beach, Florida

Lot 174 Cesar Bravo & Francesca Pitsker from Deerfield Beach, Florida

Lot 111 Dex, Michelle & Marie Rho from Lauderdale Lakes, Florida

Lot 106 Jacqueline Blanchenay from Tucson, Arizona

Lot 97 Lorenzo Concepcion & Marta Olmo and Emilia Beritez from Boca Raton

Lot 56 Charlotte Marchel from Sunrise, Florida

Lot 20 Ronald & Dievla Thimothee from Pompano Beach, Florida

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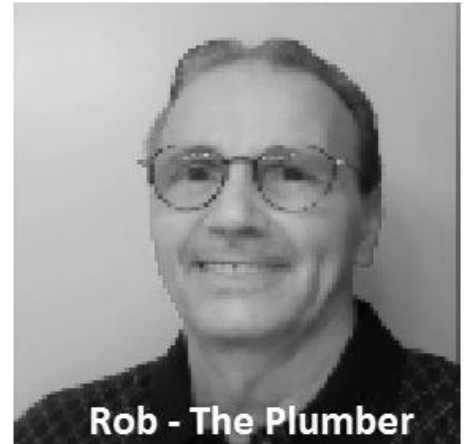
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Meadows Questions & Answers

Q. Are Airbnb rentals allowed at the Meadows?!

A. There are NO rentals allowed in the Meadows of any kind or for any length.

Q. What is the MASK policy for the Meadows?

A. At this time there is no mask mandate for Home Owners Associations. The Board will decide going forward.

Q. I received a Birthday card in my mailbox the other day and it just had my name on it. Can anyone put items in my mailbox?

A. No. The mailbox is the sole property of the United States Post office and the property owner. No other person or company may put anything in your mailbox. Any violation could result in a fine.

Q. When is the New Meadows Directory coming out?

A. The Directory is nearing completion. With the property sales in our community on the rise it is increasingly difficult to keep up with the changes. The Goal is to have the directory complete by November 2021.

Q. Can you tell me when they're going to paint the exterior of the houses again?

A. The Paint committee is in the process of getting bids on the exterior painting. Contract proposals, supply availability and labor force are just some of the items to be considered before the board can make a decision. We are hoping to paint in 2022



September 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
Amelia	Martinelli	1	Diane	Smith	17
Linda	Rose	1	Laura	DeAlmeida	17
Fernande	Coulange	1	Pete	Castro	18
Filomena	Iavarone	2	Judith	Alsdorf	18
L. Marco	Medina-Perez	2	Rosa	Gutierrez	18
Donald	Marshall	2	Maria	Arauz	18
Joanne	Walsh	3	Adosinda	Rodrigues	18
Tammy	Godson	3	Donna	Constantine	19
Nancy	Lotierzo	4	Michelle	Rho	19
Ibis	Rodriguez	4	Angela	Giancola	19
Karen	Jordan	4	Lillian	Alessi	19
Jose	La Puerta	6	Adrian	Beaudet	20
Maria	Rodriguez	6	Donna	Austin	22
Gloria	Villamarin	6	Eileen	Blades	23
Winston	Grant	6	Michael	Karol	23
Ralph	Milo	7	Linda	Treichler	23
Richard	Long	7	Horst	Brandt	23
Stu	Wiitamak	10	Christine	Jones	25
Michele	D'Andrea	11	Florence	Laux	26
Roger	Tillman	12	Ovide	Paul	26
Roy	Jeffrey	13	William	Picone	27
Paul	Jenkins	13	Jaymme	Jeffries	27
Nagui	Yassa	13	Michelina	D'Andrea	27
Bernie	Engert	13	Kathy	Pomper	29
Carmine	Giancola	14	Sandra	Cole	29
Debbie	Lomicka	15	Rose	Salvatore	29

Sanford & Paula	Dresin	6
Fernande & Cynthia	Coulange	10
Antonio & Gloria	Medina	13
Nagui & Arlette	Yassa	13
Mark & Marie	Warren	14
Donald & Alyce	Weldy	15
Alfredo & Maria	Arauz	17
Pete & Maria	Castro	18
Paul & Ann	Davies	21
Rob Schwerdtfeger	Eva Troise	26
Sidney & Mary Anne	Reed	27

Anniversaries
Wishing a perfect pair,
A perfectly happy day.
Here's to another year of being
great together!



September 2021

August '21							October '21							
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30 Mahjong 1:00 PM	31	1 Zoom Tech Club 4:00 PM	2 Bridge 12:30 PM	3 Rob's guitar jam 1:00 PM	4
5 Bacon Day	6 Mahjong 1:00 PM OFFICE CLOSED Labor Day	7 Rosh Hashanah	8 Rosh Hashanah Zoom Tech Club 4:00 PM	9 Bridge 12:20 PM	10 Rob's guitar Jamm 1:00	11 911 Remembrance
12 Happy Grandparents Day	13 Mahjong 1:00 PM HOA Meeting 7:00 PM	14	15 Zoom Tech Club 4:00 PM	16 Bridge 12:30 PM Yom Kippur	17 Rob's guitar jamm 1:00 PM	18 National Cheeseburger Day
19	20 Mahjong 1:00 PM	21	22 First Day of Fall Zoom Tech Club 4:00 PM	23 Bridge 12:30 PM	24 Rob's guitar jamm 1:00 PM	25
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