

MEADOWS OF CRYSTAL LAKE ACTION NEWS

OCTOBER 2021

Halloween is a holiday celebrated each year on October 31, and the Halloween origins date back to the ancient Celtic festival of [Samhain](#) (pronounced sow-in). The [Celts](#), who lived 2,000 years ago, mostly in the area that is now Ireland, the United Kingdom and northern France, celebrated their new year on November 1. The Celtic people would light bonfires and wear costumes to ward off ghosts. In the eighth century, Pope Gregory III designated November 1 as a time to honor all saints. Soon, All Saints Day incorporated some of the traditions of Samhain. The evening before was known as All Hallows Eve, and later Halloween.

This day marked the end of summer and the harvest and the beginning of the dark, cold winter, a time of year that was often associated with human death. Celts believed that on the night before the new year, the boundary between the worlds of the living and the dead became blurred. On the night of October 31, they celebrated Samhain, when it was believed that the ghosts of the dead returned to earth. Over time, Halloween evolved into a day of activities like trick-or-treating, carving jack-o-lanterns, festive gatherings, donning costumes and eating treats.



HAPPY HALLOWEEN

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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
Linda Landolfi

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

TO ALL THE HOMEOWNERS IN THE MEADOWS:

FIRST, I WOULD LIKE TO APOLOGIZE TO YOU FOR THE CONDUCT OF THE BOARD AT THE SEP 13 MEETING. THE ONGOING PROBLEM IS AND HAS BEEN A LACK OF COMMUNICATION BETWEEN BOARD MEMBERS. FOR THE LAST 5 MONTHS THE MAJOR PROBLEM HAS BEEN A NEW CABLE CONTRACT. AS A SMALL BUSINESS OWNER (7 CORPORATIONS) OVER THE LAST 30 YEARS, I HAVE THE EXPERIENCE OF SIFTING THRU BIDS AND DETERMINING THEIR GOOD AND BAD FEATURES. THE ONLY GOOD FEATURE OF THESE TWO BIDS IS A MINIMAL DECREASE IN THE PRICE. HOWEVER, OVER THE EIGHT YEARS OF THE COMCAST CONTRACT, THE TOTAL PAYOUT EXCEEDS THREE MILLION DOLLARS (\$ 3,000,000) WITH INTERNET. WITH JUST CABLE, TWO MILLION (\$2,000,000). THERE ARE NO OTHER BENEFIT INCREASES. CABLE AS WE KNOW IT NOW, WILL NOT BE THE SAME. THE ASSOCIATION SHOULD NOT ENTER INTO ANY CONTRACT WHICH EXCEEDS 3 OR 5 YRS, MAXIMUM. I RAN FOR THE BOARD TO PROTECT MY INVESTMENT, AND BY DOING SO, I AM PROTECTING YOUR INVESTMENT ALSO. I BELIVE THE ASSO. CAN DO BETTER ON A CABLE CONTRACT.

PAUL DAVIES

VICE PRESIDENT (ACTING PRESIDENT)

Election Officers

The Meadows of Crystal Lake would like to Thank Barbara Higgins, for being the Election Chairperson for the second year in a row. We also thank Geriann Calcagno, who will be Barbara's Assistant Chairperson. Thank you both Ladies.

Candidates Are Needed

It is time to plan our 2022 Election for Board of Directors. The Residents of The Meadows of Crystal Lake Homeowners Association will be voting for four (4) positions and the election will be on January 10th 2022 at the HOA Annual Meeting.

We are looking for Residents to run, please call the HOA office 954-426-3503 to place your name on the ballot. Nominations for the Board of Directors will close at the November 8th, 2021 meeting.

Candidates will be introduced at the December 13, 2021 regular meeting. At that meeting the residents will have the opportunity to ask questions of the candidates to assist everyone in our voting in January.

Candidates start working on your resumes. They will be published in the December 1st issue of Action News. Please send resumes no later than the November 20th deadline to theactionnews@outlook.com

Budget Committee

The Treasurer has scheduled the Annual Budget review and 2022 budget proposals for Wednesday October 6th. and Wednesday October 20th. Both at 7:00 pm. The final budget must be sent to the Board for approval By November 8th. All residents are welcome to attend and participate in these meetings.

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.

Bulk Pick Day has changed

For our community the Bulk Pick-up Day has changed to **Wednesday**. That means we can only put out our Bulk Trash out on Tuesdays after 5:00 pm. Please keep our community looking great and only put your Bulk Trash out to the curb on **Tuesday nights!**

GETTING TO KNOW LUCILLE KERR

By Sharon Messina

Lucille Kerr was born in Stockbridge, Michigan, 99 years ago. With twelve years between Lucille and her older brother, her parents were looking into adoption and along came Lucille. Their parents raised them well, instilling the importance of consideration and manners especially to older people.

Lucille finished both grade school and high school and went on to earn a degree at Lansing Business University. She went to work at Michigan State University in Personnel but spent the majority of her years there working as a secretary in the Landscape and Architecture Department. Lucille was good with numbers!

She married her high school sweetheart and they had a son, but that marriage did not last long. Time passed, and Lucille was to meet and marry a military man and became good friends with his family. She was deeply affected by the passing of her brother-in-law on the USS Arizona during the attack on Pearl Harbor, the event which signaled the entry of the US into WW II. Lucille's husband was to eventually pass away with cancer.

Later, a friend introduced Lucille to Leo Kerr. The couple married and Leo legally adopted the three sons, Phillip, Robert, and John, and lovingly cared for his family for close to 50 years until he passed at a relatively young age.

Both husband and wife worked for the Miami-Dade School District, which became the largest school district in the country. Leo was already working there as the Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds when he became the Executive Director of Purchasing. Lucille became the Executive Secretary to the Superintendent of Schools for 20 years. The boys grew up in Miami, and recall the teamwork of parental support during their formative years. Lucille and Leo were active in Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts. They went deep sea fishing as a family, and camping trips on their way to Michigan each summer to visit their grandmother. From horticulture to track fields and folk lore, Leo and Lucille encouraged it all. Phillip, Robert, and John's careers mirrored their early years.

Once the couple retired, they heard about The Meadows from relatives and settled here where they were involved in The Meadows social scene. The three sons grew to be exemplary young men and to this day travel from North Carolina and Colorado to be with their mother. Each month, one son arrives and when he leaves, the next month the next son arrives and so the cycle goes. Then COVID was upon us and that brought an interruption to this cycle. As neighbors, we tried to offer help. When one of us would ask, Lucille said it was all covered. Her sons arranged to have their mother's meals, groceries, prescriptions, etc., all delivered. What a beautiful testament to the power of parental love and devotion. And **RARE** to have sons so willing to care for their mother. The boys were raised with the same principles passed down from their mother and father.

In closing, Mary Anne Reed tells me that Lucille personally delivered her HOA dues up until a couple of years ago and picked up her own mail. Independent and strong, she cares for herself with a little help and enjoys her lovely home with its beautiful view of the lake. Not content to just sit, Lucille is an avid reader and does a daily crossword puzzle. There is an organ and a piano in her home and Lucille enjoys playing the piano every day. "I don't want to forget, there is too much to remember. Life is interesting. It has been good to me. I survived losing a lot of loved ones, **BUT I STILL HAVE MY THREE SONS.**"

What a beautiful outlook on life, loss, and what it takes to keep moving it forward!



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



In the Clubhouse, Fridays 1:00-6:00 PM.
Bring your own instrument and join in. Or, just come to visit and enjoy.
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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

Meadow Residents Great News our Welcome Wagon Meet & Greet is back on for Sunday, October 17th, 2021 at 3:00 PM. We will have it either in the clubhouse or under the awning behind clubhouse. We will have snacks and water, and door prizes as well. We will be socially distancing and wearing masks as needed. All Meadow residents are encouraged to come and meet the new residents. Mark your calendar we'll see you there.

WELCOME
to the
neighborhood

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

The Meadows would like to Welcome our newest Home Owners:
Lot 314 Winsome Braham & Byron Conell from Deerfield Beach, Florida
Lot 129 Alexander & Irina Lepeshinski from Davies, Florida
Lot 80a Enrique Garcia & Maria Calderon from Pompano Beach, Florida
Lot 57 Steven & Patricia Schneider from Irvington, New York
Lot 34 Leslie Rosenberg & Paul Zackaseski from Oakland Park, Florida

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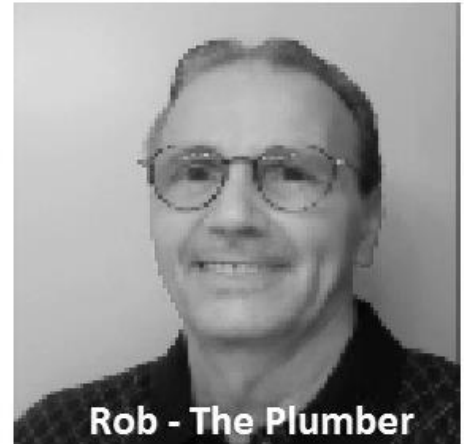
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Veterans Day Observance

Please join The Meadows of Crystal Lake residents to honor Meadow's Veterans and All Veterans on November 11, 2021 at 11:00 AM at the Veterans Memorial behind the clubhouse. We will socially distance and please wear your masks

If you are a Veteran and your name is not on the plaque in the cardroom, please let Ralph Milo know by calling 914-610-5685.



VETERANS DAY

HONORING ALL THOSE WHO SERVED



October 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
Susan	Spissinger	1	Elizabete	Terzinha	15
Francis	Reynolds	1	Theresa	Ciminelli	15
Juan	Rodriguez	1	Alex	Spivak	15
Augustus	Sclafani	2	Gina	Mazzarella	15
Barbara	Brignola	3	Larry	Schatz	16
Leny	Desjardins	3	Monika	Russzin	16
Derek	Lundstrom	3	Gerald	Page	17
Patricia	Sous	3	William	Jeffries	18
Fresner	Dorelien	4	Rosalind	Guadagnino	18
Lucia	Paul	4	Leslie	Rosenberg	18
Anthony	Reino	5	Antonio	DaCunha	19
Marion	Dolan	6	Donna	Beaudet	19
Rick	Chirichello	6	Inez	Moore	20
			Thea	Knight	22
Joan	Engert	6	Claude	Bernier	23
Alexander	Lepeshinski	6	Eugene	Bueno	23
Alan	Barbier	7	Gregory	Beer	25
Amadeu	Vieiera	8	Henriette	Mordecai	25
Jacqueline	Blanchenay	9	Jan	Mingolello	26
Robert	Herst	10	Olga	Gudkevich	28
Richard	Atlas	10	Lori	Karol	29
Wayne	Gray	12	Nancy	Krakowski	30
Luis	Valencia	12	Carol Ann	Seith	31
Eddie	Gonzales	13			

Anniversaries



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

Steven & Patricia	Schneider	10
Keith & Kathy	Pomper	23
Benoit & Henriette	Mordecai	23
Frank & Deborah	DiSalvo	28



October 2021

September '21							November '21							
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	29	30	1 HOA Maintenance Due Rob's guitar jamm 1:00 PM	2
3	4 Mahjong 1:00PM	5 No Bingo	6 Budget meeting 7:00 PM Zoom Tech Club 4:00 PM	7 Bridge 12:30 PM	8 Rob's guitar jamm 1:00 PM	9 National Motorcycle Ride Day
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24 Mother-In-Law Day	25 Mahjong 1:00 PM	26 No Bingo	27 Zoom Tech Club 4:00 PM	28 Bridge 12:30 PM	29 Rob's guitar jamm 1:00 PM	30 National Candy Corn Day 
31 Happy Halloween	1 Mahjong 1:00 PM	Notes  Fill up your Bingo daubers it's coming back November 9th at 7:00 PM				

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