



December 2022 Action News

Celebrate the Season at the Meadows

We have a holiday fun event planned for December 17th at 7:00 pm for your enjoyment. This evening at the clubhouse will begin with a holiday sing along. We will provide the song sheets to many holiday songs. We have 12 residents that will sing the 12 Days of Christmas. **Patty Doo Wop** will provide the music for this event sponsored by **Barbara Higgins Real Estate Century 21 Hansen!** We also have several talented residents who will sing solos. We still need some line dancers to dance to the song Silver Bells taught by Tom Milo, as well as small groups, trios, or even solo singers that would like to entertain the residents with a Christmas Carol or two. Refreshments will be provided by the Social & Travel Club. We need those interested in participating in the line dancing or singing to sign up in advance. Please contact **Tom Milo@ 561-251-0086**

Happy Holidays & Happy New Year 2023

Ladies Meet & Greet - Sunday December 11th 2 - 4pm Join us for a fun ornament exchange!

This will be a great opportunity to meet your neighbors. Ornaments should be limited to a \$10.00 value. Also, in the spirit of the season, all month Social & Travel will be collecting donations from Meadows residents for a local homeless shelter. There will be a large, wrapped box, in the Clubhouse to deposit your donation. Please consider, items for women or men, boys or girls... new socks, undergarments, or T-shirts would be greatly appreciated.

***Donations will be gifted to:
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Attention: Activies starting up again

Bocce

Ladies meet Tuesday and Thursday at 9:30am, come meeting new friends & see old friends.

Aqua Fit Mermaids

Meet at the pool Monday, Wednesday and Friday@11am

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.

Stay safe neighbors

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
Donald Smyth
Gerald Page
Simone Levy

FREE Technology Club via Zoom

OPEN to All Tuesday 3:00 pm Eastern

Tech club goes on via Zoom. In the interest of health and safety; we have not resumed 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.

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2023 Maintenance Fee

At the November 21st 2022 Board of Directors Meeting the 2023 Budget was voted on and passed. Beginning January 1, 2023 **Your New Quarterly Maintenance will be \$600.00**

The office will be mailing your new **2023 Coupon Booklet** for the payment of your Maintenance Dues. Maintenance fees are due on the first of January, April, July & October. After the 10th of the month a **late fee of \$25.00** will be enforced. If your account at the end of the month is not paid, you may incur legal fees if your account is given to the lawyer for collections.

Getting to know Michelle David Meadows Mail Lady

By Bill Jeffries

She knows your name, your address, and when you go on vacation. Everyone recognizes her and now everyone will get to know our Mail Lady, Michelle David.

Michelle was born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania in the mid-1960s. She had four younger sisters and her family moved to south Florida when she was eleven. In February 1988 Michelle married Theodore David. They have a son, a daughter, and one seven-month-old granddaughter. Theodore died in 2020 from the COVID 19 virus.

Michelle's career with the Post Office started in 1985. She reported for work on her first day wearing a REO Speed Wagon Shirt. After several fill in positions, Michelle landed the job of delivering mail at Century Village. She delivered mail there for thirteen years. She recalled becoming very attached to the residents and said, "seeing them pass away was very depressing. It was like I was losing my grandparents over and over again."

Michelle took the summer off and considered retiring. Instead of retiring she bid on the Meadows of Crystal Lake route. She started in the Meadows in 2005 and when the recession of 2007 hit, she and Theodore were both glad she hadn't retired. He owned a land surveying company that employed 23 people in 2007. By 2009 only three employees were left. Michelle recalled Theodore saying "Letting people go was the hardest thing." As the recession ended the company was back to having ten employees. Working together, the couple, and the company survived on their savings and Michelle's steady pay checks.

When she first started at the Meadows, Michelle's first reaction was, "All the houses look the same." The lot numbers don't mean anything to the Post Office. The Post Office goes by real addresses. Michelle recalled, that the person who trained her, taught her to: "**sort by address, but deliver by name.**" She said, "Sometimes a letter is addressed to Grandma and Grandpa at an address, and I know who it is going to." If you get a letter for a previous resident, it usually happens on a day when Michelle has the day off, because the substitute is delivering to the address.

One of Michelle's most memorable experiences with the Post Office came in 1996 when she was part of the Deerfield Beach Post Office crew that carried the Olympic Torch through Deerfield Beach on A1A and passed the Torch off to Pompano Beach's Post Office at the city line.

Michelle has been working since she was 15 years old, so plans after retirement include: Not going to bed early, waking up late, reading books, walking the dog, bike rides, and coming to Bingo. She also said she wanted to learn sign language and Spanish. Michelle said, "I won't need to squeeze everything into 'that one day' I have off." About the Meadows, Michelle said, "I'm not going to miss the job, but I'm going to miss the people."



2023 Ballot for Election of Officers

At the November 14th HOA meeting the Candidates were introduced. Barbara Higgins, chairperson, asked for nominations from the floor and there were none. The candidates picked a number from a hat that represented the order their name would appear on the 2023 Ballot.

Please mark your calendar for December 12th, 2022 for Meet the Candidates night here at the Clubhouse. Read the resumes in this edition of the Action News and come ask questions of the candidates to help you better mark your ballot. Remember to vote for up to three (3) candidates. You should receive your information packet from the office in regards to a Ballot and Proxy in the event you will be unable to attend.

Jimmy Giasullo Jr.

I was born and raised in Boston Massachusetts. After graduating High School in 1982, I joined the United States Marine Corps and served in the Wing Transportation Squadron (WTS-37), during the Granada conflict.

After being Honorably discharged I attended Bunker Hill Community College and received my Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) License. I was then hired by the Tewksbury Fire Dept in 1988 as a Fire Fighter/EMT for my first 18 years before being promoted to Fire Lieutenant for 7 years. I went back to school and completed Fire Officer 1 & 2, Fire Instructor 1 & 2 and after receiving my Pro board Certification I was promoted to the rank of Fire Captain. During that time, I was responsible for many duties such as budgeting, negotiating contracts, building maintenance and managing personnel. During my 30-year career I was heavily involved in the Fire Dept Union. I served 8 years as an Executive Board member, 12 years as Vice President and 2 years as President, then retired in 2018.



While in the Marine Corps I married my high school sweetheart Kelley. We have been blessed with 4 children and 7 grandchildren. Kelley and I also started and managed a successful business called Jimmy's Oil Co. After 17 years we turned the business over to our children.

My parents have been residents here at The Meadows for 28 years. My mom, Patty Giasullo who taught me how to be kind and respectful and my dad Jimmy Giasullo Sr. (served as a director on the board for over 17 years) taught me to work hard and treat people fairly. So, if I am elected, I will do my best to carry on his legacy and to give every resident a voice in our community. Thank you for your support.

Robin Markarian

My name is Robin Markarian. I am currently serving on the Board of Directors here at the Meadows. In 2005, I along with Mike Miller purchased a home here at the Meadows. I am originally from Massachusetts. I have a Master's Degree in Integrated Studies in Education and I am a licensed Speech and Language Pathologist. I worked as a Speech and Language Pathologist and literacy instructor in one of the largest school districts in Massachusetts for 35 years retiring in 2010. I also co-own and manage a commercial cleaning corporation managing employees, scope of work, clients, finance and all that goes along with running a company. I am very familiar with the bid process involved in securing clients. My strengths are in communication, organizational management and people skills. I have advanced course work in Conflict Resolution and Mediation. I enjoy living in this community and supporting you all. I feel my time on the Board has been well spent and has benefited the community. I would love to continue on the Board and would appreciate your vote. Thank you.

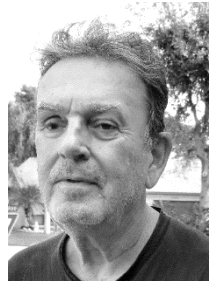


Paul Davies

I was first elected to your Board of Directors in January, 2015 and have been re-elected 4 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 they 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



Ron Masloff

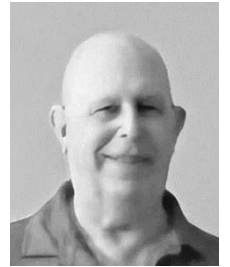
My name is Ron Masloff and my wife Susan and I have lived here for 10 years.

Why do I want to be on the board? Well for one reason we need to have a board that works together and does not disagree. All board members should be aware of all voting issues before coming to a monthly meeting to vote on. You should obviously be aware of this as it was seen in the last few meetings. Why would the President, as he has done, only call board members whom he knows will agree with him in order to get the vote he needs?

I'm sure some of you remember the letter that was left at your door this past April that was written by a current homeowner who sees it like it is. Read that letter again and analyze the content. Truer words could not have been written.

Do not get me wrong, there are some current board members who are honest and upright trying to do what is best for the Community. I will also give praise to all board members for having done all the clubhouse improvements as well as all other upgrades.

I look for your vote as I hope to bring more honesty and integrity to this board. This community is too important to me, to be let run by some incompetent people. Thank you.



Jackie Wright

My Husband Tony and I have been residents of The Meadows since January 2021, and as a resident I have become involved with the Social & Travel committee for which I am the treasurer, followed by working with the website. Meeting my neighbors in the community and listening to their concerns has made me want to become more involved. I am looking to protect my investment in this community as well as my neighbors! My experience includes: Small Business Owner, Florida Notary Public, CFO of a general contracting company, PTA President, Girl Scout leader, and cookie chairwoman and trainer for adults wanting to join the Girl Scout organization.

I believe we need a board that can communicate in a respectful manner, that listens to the homeowners, and works together to get things done. We don't always have to agree on things, but it should be done in a respectful manner! It takes all 7 board members to make solid decisions for this community; questions can and should be asked, and answers given without disrespect.

Bringing fresh ideas and a new perspective to our community as well as being a part of the solution for existing and future issues is what I hope to accomplish. This can be done by listening to fellow homeowners and taking care of business in a professional manner.

Thank you in advance for your support.



Social & Travel Club

Tis the season to be jolly... Ho Ho Ho... Let's talk a bit about our Italian Night Event. The dinner was prepared by Maggiano's Little Italy and according to all the empty plates it was delicious. Although the Blues Brothers arrived late, they did entertain us filling the dance floor several times with hits from the 60s,70s,80s and 90s.

Once Again, it's membership time for the *Social & Travel Club*. We are trying our best to keep the cost of events down to a reasonable amount. We all know, the costs of food and services have gone up for everyone. Membership is \$5.00 per person, not per home, and is very affordable. With everyone's membership we can afford great dinners, shows and entertainment. There will be a membership form in your December Newsletter.

We are blessed to have so many nice people as our neighbors: *Merry Christmas, Happy Chanukkah and Happy New Year to all.*

Speaking of New Year...the New Year's Eve Party

Come Party & Celebrate on December 31st 8pm - 12:30am

Entertainment by Eddie "B" & Co.

Hors d'oeuvres, soda & champagne will be provided (BYOB) 50/50 RAFFLES

RSVP BY Dec. 28 - \$25 Members \$30 Non-Member



Bridge at the Meadows

Attention: If at one time you played Duplicate Bridge and would like to get back in touch with Bridge, we meet weekly in the library on Thursdays at 12:30pm. If you have any questions, please call **Jo Lojewski @954-429-3320** or **Trudy Kalen @954-729-0750**. Bridge has been recommended as one of the things to sharpen your memory and to off-set Alzheimer's Disease.

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Bunco

Join us for Bunco on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 7pm in the cardroom. Bunco is a fun dice game that is easy to learn. We are still looking for a few players to complete our 4 tables. If you have any questions, contact Jackie Wright at 561-962-5450. Looking forward to seeing you.



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December 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
Sybil	Berrie	1	Theresa	Caruso	15
Leonor	Fuente	1	Suzette	Asher	15
Bianca	Lingen	1	Alyce	Weldy	16
Barry	Coates	1	Paula	Dresin	17
Patricia	DiFilippo	1	Janet	Patrizi	19
Beverly	Goldman	2	Florence	Trovato	20
John	Clare	2	Terrence	Fleming	20
Brian	Witlarge	4	Iuz	Rosario	21
Sebastian	Coglitore	4	Trudy	Kalen	24
Alfred	Chansen	6	Thomas	Mullen	25
Richard	Berrie	9	Lee R	Brueck	26
Lawrence	Blue	10	Adrienne	Maisodneuve	27
Stephean	Hunt	12	Kay	Bonniwell	27
Ronald	Thimothée	12	Arlette	Yassa	27
Lucy	Guerasio	13	Dora	Clark	28
Ramonita	Miranda	13	Jacqueline	Smith	28
Gary	Blades	14	Winsome	Braham	28
Sylvio	Fossas	14	Eleanor	Morrissey	29
Patricia	Chorowiec	14	Stephen	Gray	31
Yvonne	Robles de Medina	14	Steven	Goldman	31

Anniversaries



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

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



December 2022

November '22							January '23								
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30	1 Bocce 9:30am Bridge 12:30 PM Mahjong 6:30 PM	2 Aqua's 11am pool Guitar Jamm 1pm	3
4	5 Aqua's 11am pool Mahjong 12:30PM	6 Bocce 9:30am Zoom Club 3pm Bingo 7:00PM	7 Peral Harbor Day Aqua's 11am pool	8 Michelle 's Lunch 11:30-3:00pm Bocce 9:30am Bridge 12:30 PM Mahjong 6:30 PM	9 Aqua's 11am pool Guitar Jamm 1pm	10
11 Ladies Meet & Greet 2pm-4pm Ornament Exchange	12 HOA Meet the Candidates 7:00 PM Aqua's 11am pool Mahjong 12:30PM	13 National Guard Birthday Bocce 9:30am Zoom Club 3pm Bingo 7:00PM	14 Aqua's 11am pool Bunco 7:00PM	15 Bocce 9:30am Bridge 12:30 PM Mahjong 6:30 PM	16 Aqua's 11am pool Guitar Jamm 1pm	17 Holiday Sing Along at 7PM 
18 Hanukkah Begins at Sundown National Wreath Across America Day	19 Social & Travel Meeting 7pm Aqua's 11am pool Mahjong 12:30PM	20 Bocce 9:30am Zoom Club 3pm No BINGO	21 1st day of Winter Aqua's 11am pool	22 Bocce 9:30am Bridge 12:30 PM Mahjong 6:30 PM	23 Aqua's 11am pool Guitar Jamm 1pm	24 Christmas Eve
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1 Happy New Year!	2	Meet the 2023 HOA Candidates at the HOA Meeting on December 12th @ 7PM				

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