



April 2023

Action News



APRIL EVENTS MARK YOUR CALENDAR

BROWARD HEALTH NORTH'S HEALTH FAIR

Health Fair is on April 22, 2023, from 10am until 2pm **See insert for additional information.** Health Screenings: Blood and Glucose, Heart & Oxygen Rate, and the RETURN OF CAROTID ARTERY SCREENING, along with information about Physical Therapy for Seniors, 211 Broward (a daily phone call to seniors), and Caption Call (a free phone for those with hearing loss). Light Catering will be provided by Broward Health North and The Meadows of Crystal Lake.

Social & Travel Ice Cream Sundae Social

Join us in making your own Ice Cream Sundae at the Clubhouse on Sunday, April 30th at 2pm. We will have several different flavors of ice cream, sauces and syrups, sprinkles, whipped cream, and maraschino cherries. The best news is, IT'S ALL FREE with your \$5.00 annual membership to the Social and Travel Club. Come join us for a great Sundae afternoon with your neighbors. It's never too late to join the Social and Travel Club.



Sock Hop scheduled for Easter Weekend has been canceled due to lack of interest.

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Kindly, notify the HOA office of any homeowner. contact information changes.

Winner of the 50/50 raffle (\$255.00)



Christine Hunt Congratulations

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OPEN to All Tuesdays at 3:00 pm Eastern

During the Meadows Tech club Zoom session
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 to
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On My Mind from The President

Hello Residents Near and Far,

Another sold out St. Patrick's Day party, so many people to thank, helping with decorations, food, entertainment, even a \$255.00 50/50 Raffle. Thank you, Kelley Giasullo, your staff of volunteers, and Director Jackie Wright.

We had several new residents at the party. See someone new? Say hello and invite them to a function, committee, or activity!

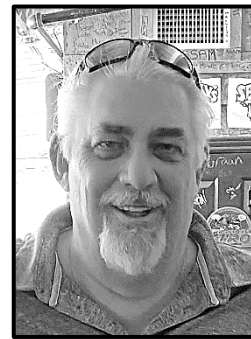
Please help us with the issues of the day. Do not feed the wildlife. Many people enjoy backyard wildlife viewing. In some cases, "uninvited" wildlife may visit yards and neighborhoods which may create conflicts with you or your neighbors. They gather in the wrong places. They cross streets, they get used to getting fed, and when the food runs out or you go on vacation they do not know how to hunt for their food and die. Feeding wildlife can reduce their fear of humans which may result in aggressive behavior and the need for the animal to be removed or killed to protect public safety. Please do not feed the wildlife!

It is time to look around your house remembering that nothing may be hanging on the outside of our homes. (No ladders, chairs, bikes etc.) Only one outside shed may be approved depending on how big it is and if it is not in the eyesight of your neighbor. Keep our community looking clean and sharp. Grass may look greener next door but that is only temporary. As of this writing we are 28 days without rain. We are in a draught, and we have several brown spots. Our watering system is working overtime. Never fear. When it rains the green will come back.

Many of you may have heard that our board member for the past 3 years Bill Jeffries resigned at the end of February. I am not alone in wishing him well in the future as we all appreciate the hard work he did for our community. Good luck and see you around the "campus" Chief.

In light of Bill's resignation, we are once again on the hunt for an additional board member to add to our very hard-working productive team. If interested, call the office or any board member.

Finally, below you will see a **new** organizational chart that shows board members and the department they are responsible for. The office will always be available to guide you. Our Team!



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	Roadways	Parking	Jackie Wright Email Blast		Bingo	Directory
					Bunco	

Getting to know Louise Rivington

By Bill Jeffries

The eldest of eight children, growing up in Ottawa, Ontario Canada presented Louise with different life experiences than she faces today in sunny south Florida. The most obvious difference is her age. Louise was born in the early 50s. The second difference must be the weather, but Louise compensates for that by being a “Snowbird” only spending half a year in Ottawa and half a year in Deerfield Beach.



When Louise was growing up her father worked as a bus driver for the city of Ottawa. Her mother was a homemaker and a part-time seamstress, working at night when everyone else slept. Louise had four younger brothers and three younger sisters. She remembers playing outside as a child, but mostly she remembers helping her mother take care of her younger siblings.

Until the age of five the family, only numbering six, lived in a two-bedroom apartment. When she was five her parents purchased their first house. Louise recalled, “It was a little house, with only two bedrooms, but I thought it was a Castle.” Her parents quickly converted the dining room into a bedroom and soon added another bedroom.

Her experience from taking care of her siblings began to pay off around age eleven when Louise started getting hired by neighboring families to baby sit their children. “I got paid a quarter an hour.” she said with a smile.

In school, Louise remembers doing well in languages and history. “Math was not my favorite subject” she recalled. Her schooling through eighth grade was at an all-girls school. Grades nine and ten were at a convent taught by nuns. The last two years were in a regular high school with boys and girls mixed. Louise recalls liking that arrangement the best.

Right out of high school Louise went to work at a local credit union. She started as a receptionist and when she moved on five years later, she was part of the administrative staff. More importantly, during those five years she met three “lifelong friends” she still sees regularly. Over 50 years later and she is still close friends with Perry, Micheline, and Gise’le. After the credit union job, Louise had a career as an administrator for the Federal Government in Ottawa from 1974 until 1989.

Louise married Brian Rivington in 1979. They had two sons, Brock and Brandon. Brock presented Louise with two grandsons and two great-grandsons. Brandon also provided two grandsons for Louise to spoil. Both sons and all grandsons and great-grandsons live in the Ottawa area. After 36 years of marriage Louise and Brian ended their marriage in 2007.

In 1989 Louise began another career in the printing industry. For 20 years until 2009 she worked in sales in the publishing industry. “It was going great until computers and the internet took over printing.” she said. Being resourceful Louise got her real estate license in 2009 and worked with her partner Michel Circe on real estate ventures in Ottawa until December 2013 when Louise retired from the business world.

When asked what brought her and Michel to Florida, Louise said she and Michel were visiting Perry, her friend of 50 years, in Century Village in 2012. “We loved the area” said Louise. At first, they bought a place in Century Village, but Michel wanted a house with a garage. While searching for a home they discovered the Meadows. While touring the Meadows pool area Louise and Michel met Lucie Parent and Daniel Langlois in the hot tub. “After meeting them, we knew we wanted to live in the Meadows. We just had to find the right house” said Louise.



When asked for words of wisdom, Louise said, “Stay active, stay positive, and enjoy life.”

Social & Travel Club

Hello from the Social and Travel Club.

We had a very successful St. Patrick's Day party. The food was amazing and served by our Meadows volunteers. Entertainment by Eddie B and company kept the 124 residents dancing all night. Thank you to all who helped to make the party a success, especially our servers and volunteers who set up and cleaned up.

Future events are the Ice Cream Social on April 30th starting at 2:00 pm. This is a free event for Social and Travel Club members and \$5 for non-members. We are also planning a Fourth of July party with more information to come.

Lastly, we would like to remind everyone about Social & Travel membership. The cost is \$5 per person, per calendar year and helps to offset costs throughout the year. Members also receive a discounted rate for events. You can pick up a membership form in the office. It's never too late to join! Thank you from the Social and Travel Club,





The Meadows Welcome Wagon

Lot# 200 Thomas Murphy and Andrew Munro from Buffalo, NY
May they have many years of happiness at the Meadows of Crystal Lake.

Please call Ed MacDonald at 954-421-7440 or Kelley Giasullo at 978-375-9874 if you have any questions.



House painting contractor hired.

At the March 20th, 2023, HOA Board of Directors Meeting, the house painting contract was discussed. The Board voted to accept the proposal from Smart Coat Painting Company. Painting is due to start in the fall. The weather, supplies, and staffing may affect the start date in October.

In anticipation of this project beginning in October, the homeowners need to be attentive to the needs of their home. This should include maintenance of wood, trim around the gutters, and most importantly pruning overgrown foliage. Foliage needs to be trimmed 12 inches away from the house. They will not paint if your overgrown foliage prevents them from rolling or spraying the paint onto the house. They will not be responsible for the harm or damage to any overgrown shrubs that have not been taken care of ahead of time. Be alert, some of you have objects up against the walkways, the painters will not be moving anything. All houses will be painted.

We will have more to say about this MAJOR project in the next few months. Yes, attend the HOA monthly meetings, read your newsletter, Meadow's website, and homeowner's Facebook page for updates. Before this project begins the contractors will do a walk through the community to examine each house and determine what, if anything, needs to be done prior to painting.

Thank you to Jimmy Giasullo, Mike Miller, Robin Markarian, Ron Masloff, Steven Hunt, and Tony Guadagnino for all their hours of work to help us secure the bids.

Veteran's Club

The Veteran's Club meets at **3pm on the 3rd Wednesday of every month** in the Clubhouse. All Veterans are invited to join and swap war stories. Veteran family members & caregivers are also invited to seek help in caring for their Veterans. **FYI The VA Caregiver Support Program** promotes the health and well-being of those caring for vets with education, resources, support & services. The CSP can be reached at **855.260.3274** or on the web at [caregiver.VA.gov](https://www.caregiver.va.gov). Any questions, contact Jim Wells at jrwells5@gmail.com

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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BOCCE

Ladies, come join us for BOCCE at the Bocce courts every Tuesday and Thursday at 9:30 AM. No experience necessary. Beginners are welcome. Come join in and have fun!

Aqua Mermaids

Come to the pool on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 11:00am for some aqua fun! Join the fun of coordinated water exercises while getting in a good workout! Easy, fun and move at your own pace. All are welcome!

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 & 4th Wednesday of each month. We meet at 6:45PM in the cardroom so we can be ready to start at 7PM. Bunco is a fun dice game that is easy to learn. If you are interested in playing, contact Jackie Wright at 561-962-5450.

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April 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	Berry	1	Denis	Lauzon	15
Carmelina	Reino	1	Nancy	Rodriguez	15
Mohamad	Katah	1	Henry	Plaisir	16
Helen	Fahey	1	Nell	Sto Domingo	16
Ivonne	Morgan	1	Steven	Schneider	17
Barbara	May	2	Gerald	Murchie	18
Roseanne	Messina	2	Linda	Parente	18
Teresa	Fisher	3	Giacomo	Castagna	19
Clarisa	Hernandez	7	Maura	Dersch-Wissekerke	20
Jose	Albaladejo	8	Rosalie	Ray	20
Ronald	Gittens	8	John	Condon	20
Sally	Pautz	9	Ronald	Page	20
Maria	Benedetto	9	Gary	Mann	21
Maria	Iannetta	9	Ramon	Rodriguez	22
Mary Louise	Dutch	10	Nancy	Long	22
William	Pautz	11	George	Trask	24
Georgia	Burkes	11	Maeva	Adler	25
Sidney	Reed	11	Donaida	Vergel	25
Francesca	Pitsker	13	Catherine	Kutner	27
Joanne	Rodriguez	13	Mary	Colavito	28
Robbin	Jacobs	14	Rafael	Coste	29
Frank	DiSalvo	14	Helga	Honerlah	30
Kenneth	Kalen	14	Raul	Calderon	30

Paul & Sharon	Messina	1
Luigi & Rosa	Iannolillo	6
Hugo & Monica	Garzon	6
Enrique & Bianca	Orrantia	10
Juan & Joanne	Rodriguez	13
Michele & Norma	D'Andrea	19
Anthony & Jessica	Durante	19
Derek & Susan	Lundstrom	22
Alexander & Irna	Lepeshinski	25
John & Theresa	Caruso	27




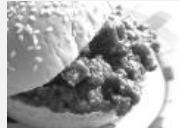




Anniversaries

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



April 2023

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Saturday	Sunday
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2  Palm Sunday	3 Aqua's 11am pool Mahjong 1:00PM	4 Bocce 9:30am Zoom Club 3pm Bingo 7:00PM	5 Passover Begins at Sundown Gold Star Spouses Day Aqua's 11am pool	6 Bocce 9:30am Bridge 12:30PM Mahjong 6:30PM	7 Good Friday Aqua's 11am pool Rob's guitar jamm 1:00PM	8 50's Sock Pop Canceled
9  Easter Sunday	10 HOA Meeting 7:00PM Aqua's 11am pool Mahjong 1:00PM	11 Bocce 9:30am Zoom Club 3pm Bingo 7:00PM	12 Aqua's 11am pool Bunco 7:00PM	13 Bocce 9:30am Bridge 12:30PM Mahjong 6:30PM	14 Air Force Reserve Birthday Aqua's 11am pool Rob's guitar jamm 1:00PM	15 National Sloppy Joe Day 
16 National Librarian Day 	17 Social & Travel Meeting 7:00PM Aqua's 11am pool Mahjong 1:00PM	18  Bocce 9:30am Bingo 7:00PM	19 Veteran's Club 3:00 PM Aqua's 11am pool	20 Bocce 9:30am Bridge 12:30PM Mahjong 6:30PM	21 Aqua's 11am pool Rob's guitar jamm 1:00PM	22 Broward Health Fair 10.00 - 2:00pm Clubhouse
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