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# Notes From the President's Desk

By Dr. Bill Grubb—MCA President



## Hazardous Waste and Food Drive a big success

On Tuesday, April 1, The Meadows Community Association in conjunction with Sarasota County Waste Management held its annual Hazardous Waste Collection in the MCA parking lot.

The event was incredibly successful and set new records for the amount of toxic substances collected in The Meadows. More than 6,000 pounds of hazardous waste were collected from our residents during the drive-through event.

We're also proud that, at the same time, more than 400 pounds of food were gathered for All Faith's Food Bank.

I want to thank all the residents who contributed, as well as those who volunteered to help make this project such a success.

Special thanks go to MCA Manager Len Smally, MCA Operations Services

Administrator Jay Brady, Restrictions Chairperson and former MCA Board Member and Bill Hoegel for all the planning and hard work on this project. Thanks to all for a job well done!

## Pickleball anyone?

Are you familiar with a game called Pickleball? If not, it's a cross between tennis and badminton. The game is played with paddles and a Wiffle® ball on a hard-surface court that measures 44 feet by 20 feet.

The ball is served underhand over the net and returned by the opponent after it has bounced in the opposite court. There is no rushing of the net and players may not be within seven feet of it unless the ball bounces within the area. The first side scoring 11 points and leading by 2 points wins. It may be played singles or doubles.

While the game is rapidly becoming

popular in the area, we have no Pickleball courts anywhere in The Meadows or at The Meadows Country Club. The MCA is trying to find out if there is any interest in this game among our residents. The MCA would consider creating a Pickleball court in the park near the basketball court if there is interest. If you are interested, call the MCA Office at 377-2300 and leave your name, email, and telephone number.

## Volunteers needed for STORM Triathlon

On Sunday, May 4, we will again be cooperating with the Sarasota STORM Triathlon. The bicycle portion of the event will go down Longmeadow on Sunday morning, just as it did last year.

We need volunteers to help with traffic control while the bicyclists pass through. If you are interested in volunteering for this event, call the MCA Office at 377-2300.

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## Volunteer Jobs at Benderson Park Rowing Regattas

*The Meadows is the number one source—volunteers always welcome!*

In April at a large gathering in Lakewood Ranch, Paul Blacketter, President and CEO of the Suncoast Aquatic Nature Center Associates (SANCA), named The Meadows as the number one source of volunteers for the regattas and events held at Nathan Benderson Aquatic Park. Just a few months ago, this recognition was also mentioned at a Sarasota County Commission meeting. It's a good distinction to keep!

All types of volunteer jobs are available—both indoors and outdoors. For example, if you prefer to sit down in air-conditioned comfort, you might check people in. Or if you like to be outdoors where the action is, you could drive a golf cart and pull a jitney full of people. You don't have to work all day or every day—just sign up for just a morning or afternoon session.

If you would like to volunteer and help keep up our good relations with Sarasota County and the folks at the park, email [row.volunteer@gmail.com](mailto:row.volunteer@gmail.com) or call us the MCA at 377-2300.



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## Safety

*Prevention is the best protection*

By John Spillane—Chairperson

NEXT MEETING of the  
**Safety Committee**  
May 6, 2:00 pm, MCA  
All residents encouraged to attend



### March activity creeps up from February

During the month of March, there were 36 reported incidents, 4 more than in February. There were 11 incident-free days. The Safety Patrol issued 106 citations for various violations such as illegally parked vehicles, garbage violations, and open garage doors.

### Golf cart drives off and returns next day

On March 1, a resident of Pinebrook Hollow reported that someone stole a white 2007 Club Car golf cart from its parking space in front of the condo. The next day, the complainant reported that the golf cart had been returned to its original parking space undamaged.

### Copper pot goes missing from unlocked garage

On March 4, a resident of Chelmsford Close reported she was missing a copper pot from the garage. The complainant said the side garage door is usually left unlocked, indicating that if the pot was actually stolen, the perpetrator probably entered through the unlocked door. There was no sign of forced entry. The complainant did not wish to notify the Sheriff's Office.

### Illusive car leaves tread marks on Longmeadow and Highlands golf course

Also on March 4 at 9:44 pm, two different complaints were reported to Meadows Safety about a recklessly driven car on Longmeadow near

Hadfield Drive. Both officers on duty responded to the area but did not locate a speeding suspect. A check of the area revealed tire tracks at several locations on Longmeadow.

Shortly after officers checked Longmeadow, a call from one of the complainants came in stating that he had just observed a vehicle on the Highlands golf course near 47th street. Safety inspected the area, but found no vehicle on the golf course, although there were tire tracks on the fairways of Highlands 13, 14, and 15. Minimal damage was reported to the golf course maintenance supervisor the following morning.

### Attempted intrusion leaves pry marks on front door

On Friday, March 7, a resident of

Oakley Greene reported pry marks on the front door near the deadbolt. The complainant said the incident could have occurred any time during the previous two weeks. No entry was made. The Sarasota Sheriff's Office responded to file a report.

### Two 50-foot hoses snake off from resident's yard

On March 18, a resident of Downham Meadow reported a theft, which occurred sometime during the previous month, of two 50-foot hoses from his yard. He did not wish to report the incident to law enforcement.

### Flag pole assembly vandalized

On March 18, a Rosemead resident reported that someone severed the power cord on his solar-powered flood light, used to light his two flags. He also reported previously on three separate occasions prior that the flag assembly was torn down. The resident was advised to contact the Sheriff's Office.

### Home burglaries decline

Thankfully, the increase in home burglaries we experienced in January and February has abated. The Sheriff's Office reports that serious crime in Sarasota County is down as well. Even so, we can't let our guard down.

### Now is a good time to discover just how secure your own home is

Take a few minutes and walk outside your home. Close your front door and pretend you lost your keys—your front door is locked, no one is home, and you want to get back inside. How would you do it without calling a locksmith? The idea is to find the easiest way to gain entry—the same way a burglar might.

Begin your walk around starting in front of your home. The garage door is closed, and you don't have access to the remote opener. Do you own a second car that is usually parked out front? Hopefully, the remote is not clipped to the visor of that second car in the driveway. If it is, you just discovered a means for someone else to open the door and go inside. Never leave the remote opener visible in your car!

Next, walk around to the side door of the garage. Is that door locked—always? Is there a window on that side door? If there is, you can easily break it and reach in to open the lock. If you can do it, a burglar can do it without thinking twice. Consider putting a mesh screen on that window and attach

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## Are You a Bicyclist?

*Believe it or not, cars do have the right-of-way in The Meadows—bicycles are required to stop at stop signs*

You sometimes hear about cars striking bike riders, but you never think it can happen to you.

The Meadows has nice, wide sidewalks to ride on, and bikers seldom ride in street traffic. The sidewalk on Longmeadow was widened so that walkers and bicyclists could use it together. You may go for a nice ride on your bike, enjoy the surroundings and exercise, and you sometimes forget that you are a moving vehicle, too.

Be careful! That sidewalk also crosses streets and driveways. And, cars have the right-of-way if there are no traffic control devices to stop them. The intersection of Longmeadow and Highlands Bridge Road is one such intersection where bicyclists should be extra cautious. We've had some close calls with bike riders not paying attention here.

**Play it safe. Always stop at the stop sign!**

The pictures that follow demonstrate.



**This is what you see when you ride your bike up to the intersection at Longmeadow and Highlands Bridge Road. Despite the big stop sign and the orange warning flags, riders often blow right through the intersection without even thinking.**

**Do you?**



**Now look at the picture above. You see the stop sign for the bike path right in front of you, right? Do you see the stop sign for the automobile traffic on the left? That's right—a car coming up to that intersection does not see the bike path stop sign, and the driver will drive right up to stop.**



**Drivers making a right onto Highlands Bridge Road from Longmeadow have nothing at all to slow them when they turn into that intersection.**

**Safety, continued from previous**

it from the inside. It's an inexpensive deterrent.

Continue your trip around the side of the house. Are your side windows locked when you're not home? If so, excellent. If not, an unlocked window makes an easy point of entry.

Continue to the back of the house, where you probably have a lanai or screened cage. It doesn't matter whether the screen door is locked or not—a quick pull or a screwdriver gets you inside the screened area in a flat second and you enter the area where a burglar feels most secure. He's out of sight from the neighbors, and he has time to try the sliding glass doors.

Are your sliders locked? If you can answer yes and can't open them, good for you. If not, you have just found the easiest point of entry. Believe me, bad guys like *easy*!

How good are your slider locks? Do you have additional locking devices or just the lock the door came with? Meadows Safety Patrol frequently receives calls to examine pry marks on slider doors. Most of the time, no entry is made because extra locks protect the doors. In last month's issue of *The Meadoword*, I highlighted a simple locking device called Engert's Patio Security Latch, recommended by the Crime Prevention Unit of the Sarasota County Sheriff's Office, that costs about \$10. It's easy to install—but if you are not mechanically inclined, any handyman can do it for you. You can find it online.

And, last, but not least, check the remaining windows around the other side and in front of the house. All locked? Good job!

After you complete the safety inspection of your home—and find you were able to get in without a key or garage door opener—you should have a pretty good idea how burglars might attempt to gain entry into your home. Make it hard for them.

**Have a Sheriff's Security Survey**

In the past issues of *The Meadoword*, I have written about the home security program offered by the Sarasota County Sheriff's Office to advise residents how to secure their homes and property. You should take advantage of this free "Security Survey." A Sheriff's deputy will come to your residence to evaluate the home's current security and point out the areas that could be improved. You might be surprised at what the deputy finds. The Sheriff's Office has done numerous home evaluations in The Meadows and is happy to perform the service.

If you would like a deputy to complete a professional security evaluation of your residence, call the Crime Prevention Unit of the Sarasota County Sheriff's Office at 861-4084 and request a "Security Survey." It's free, and you have nothing to lose but everything to gain. So, do it. Crime Prevention will be happy to set up an appointment for you.



# What's Happening?

*Hurricane season is coming up fast...*

By Len Smally—MCA Manager



**The Meadows Softball Team had a winning season, taking First Place in the Senior Softball League with a 20-8 record—(LEFT to RIGHT) MCA Manager Len Smally accepts sponsorship award from Ken Shephard and Jay Wolfinger at the League's annual luncheon at the Der Dutchman**

## Prepare now for the coming storm season

If you are leaving for the summer, be sure to take in any items that could blow around during a storm. Things like lawn furniture, statuary, and other types of yard art could cause damage to your own property as well as your neighbors' property. Small plants in pots can tip over. Older roofing materials, such as shingles or tiles, might blow off during a storm. Are the trees you are responsible for trimmed?

Condominium and homeowner association Boards have the power to promulgate reasonable rules that would include removal of items that could be blown around in a storm.

### Shutters can remain installed from May 1 through November 30

The MCA allows you to leave your home shuttered between May 1 and November 30, *if* your shutter systems have been approved by architectural review. The MCA Board of Directors enacted that policy, more liberal than most associations, to accommodate and protect absentee homeowners. Associations may be stricter—it is up to the individual association. Please check with your association if you intend to leave your home shuttered for all or any part of the storm season.

At the time a watch is declared for our area (48 hours before expected landfall), the MCA allows you to install anything you want to protect your windows, even if it has not been approved. But again, associations can be stricter and not allow certain materials to be used. Anything you install that has not been approved by the MCA must be removed immediately following the storm, or sooner if the storm goes elsewhere.

### After the storm...

Following a major storm, there may be considerable destruction and

chaos. We could experience possible break-ins and looting and impassable public streets may not allow officials to access The Meadows. The Meadows Country Club and MCA staff will clear the streets by cutting and pushing trees off the roads.

The MCA staff, G4S guards, and volunteers will man as many of our entrances as possible. Only residents, guests who can prove they belong here, and others with legitimate business in The Meadows will be admitted. We will actually turn away anyone we don't think belongs here, and, although we can't physically restrain someone from entering, we will follow them to see where they go and what they do.

We will do all we can to ensure that your homes are protected to the best of our abilities. Please volunteer for the Emergency Prep committee; we can use your help. Call 377-2300 to sign up.

### Contractors must use cones for MCA on-street parking

Most of the landscaping companies understand our safety rules for putting out orange cones when they park on MCA streets. Please remind them, as well as irrigation and pool contractors, of that rule. As a matter of fact, please tell any contractor using our MCA streets for parking to place cones in the appropriate locations. If work is being done in our right-of-ways, there may also be a requirement to sign a form regarding liability prior to starting work.

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## Assembly Committee

*June Assembly addresses the political climate and the changes the County Commission faces*

By Ginny Coveney—Chairperson

The April 16 Assembly had a huge attendance to hear all about Benderson Aquatic Park and the new mall. Benderson President and CEO Paul Blacketter presented a slide show depicting the past, present, and future of the park. He emphasized the need to include volunteers from The Meadows for the many rowing events planned. Representatives from Taubman presented a virtual tour of the new University Mall. The scheduled opening is October 15 or 16 this year.

The Assembly meeting on May 21 features Carolyn Mason, County Commissioner District 1, who will discuss the political climate and the many changes the Commission faces. Mason is currently the Commission chair and also served as Mayor of Sarasota from 2001 to 2003.

If your association delegate to the Assembly has changed and you have

not notified the MCA, please let us know so we can make the necessary changes. It is important that we have current names of delegates to send out meeting notifications and minutes.

Meetings start at 7:00 pm with cookies and coffee. Please plan to attend as this will be your chance to find out what is going on in The Meadows.

NEXT MEETING of the  
**Assembly of Property Owners**  
**May 21, 7:00 pm**  
 Guest Speaker  
**Carolyn Mason**  
 County Commissioner  
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- May 22**—"For Sale By Owners: How to Market Your Home Like A Professional"
- Jul 24**—"Foreclosures, Short Sales, and Mortgage Guidelines Update"
- Sep 18**—"Estate Planning: Trusts, Wills, and Probate"
- Oct 23**—Welcome Back Picnic
- Watch for details! Coming soon—Meadows Singles Picnic, featuring the Daisy Dukes Band**

## How To Market Your Home Like A Professional

**May 22, 2014 • 11:00 am**

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# Restrictions

*Summer is approaching fast*

By Bill Hoegel—Chairperson

Summer is fast approaching again, and many of our property owners have already gone from The Meadows until next fall. Rains will be more frequent. Roads will have less traffic.

Home and Condominium owners who stay here year-round will have a good opportunity to have work done on their homes. Reliable contractors may not be as busy during the off-season and look for work.

Please remember that any change to the exterior of your property requires you to submit an application

for Architectural Review. Applications are processed 12 months a year.

Many of our homes and condominiums are more than 25 years old. Roofs, driveways, and so forth may now need major repair or replacement. By updating your property, you help keep values up and make The Meadows a special place to live.

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# Emergency Prep Committee

Be a little scared—so you will be prepared

By Harry Shannon, M.D.—Chairperson

## May is a month to prepare

For this month's article, I would like to plagiarize from MCA Manager Len Smally's article of last month and say that "May is a month for preparation, not April." Just as the County's mantra, "The First 72 [hours after the storm] are on YOU," came from Sarasota County Director of Emergency Services Ed McCrane when I used it, Len's statement was too good not to use. Accordingly, I'd like to suggest some preparations we can make for the upcoming hurricane season. Many of you have heard some of this before, but it always bears repeating since we continually have new folks arriving in The Meadows—thank goodness.

First and foremost, *make a disaster plan for your family!* You can do this right now and practice it prior to any disaster. In a disaster, there can be panic and confusion. Having and practicing a plan will minimize any potential panic by making sure everyone knows where to go and what to do.

*Know what your risks are.* Know if you are in a flood zone.

*Coordinate your location and communications for your family with a contact person.* Determine if and when you plan to evacuate and have shelter in place. If you leave, know where you will go and how to get there by several different routes—remember that main roads may be clogged with other evacuees. If you have a safe place, invite friends and family to stay with you.

*Start to gather your disaster supplies.* You can do this a little at a

NEXT MEETING of the  
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May 13, 1:30 pm, MCA  
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time as long as you have everything you need prior to the disaster. Obviously, you will need food and water for everybody. You will also need things like medicines, flashlights, portable radios, batteries, first aid supplies, insect repellent, and instant tire inflators. And, don't forget to stock up on cash. Banks and ATM machines will not operate without electricity. These are just a few thoughts. The Sarasota County Disaster Planning Guide coming out next month will have a much more comprehensive list of needed items. You can also review the guide from last year.

Another aid to planning is the Emergency Preparedness Committee, which meets on Tuesday, May 13, 1:30 pm, at the MCA. The speaker will be Wayne Sallade, who was the Emergency Services Director for Charlotte County when Hurricane Charley hit there. He will talk about what residents experienced and what we can look forward to and prepare for. Scott Wortmann and the CERT folks from Glen Oaks, across 17th Street, will join us for that meeting. Sarasota County Emergency Management Chief Ed McCrane, is also invited. It should be an interesting, educational meeting.

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# The Meadoword adds new Editorial Assistant position

Former Meteorologist Steve Newman joins the MCA staff

By Mary Jo Gord—Editor

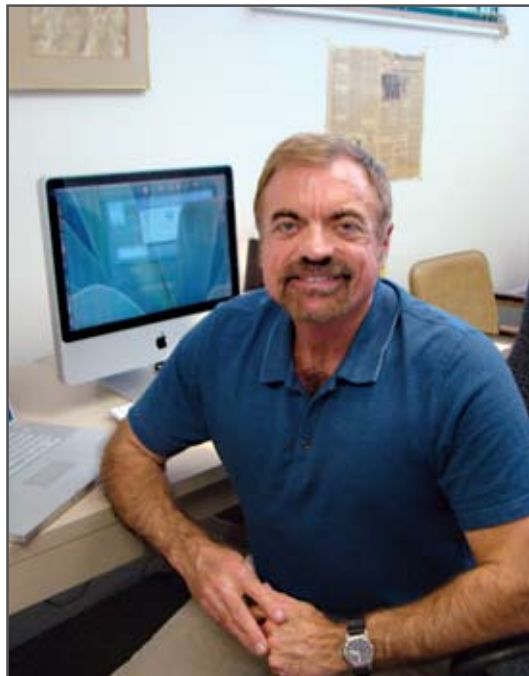
The Meadoword has continued to grow over the past seven years since I came to the MCA as editor. With the increase in advertising, the paper has almost doubled in size from 28 to 40 pages during season. Though I never missed a deadline, the crunch was on, so a new position was created for an editorial assistant.

Steve Newman joined *The Meadoword* staff on April 1 this year to help with production. An “almost native” of Sarasota, Steve was born in the Ohio Valley near Ashland, Kentucky, but moved to Sarasota in his early teens. “I grew up on Lido,” he says, “and I still love to hang out on that beach.” He attended Sarasota High School at the same time as MCA Manager **Len Smally** and graduated in 1970, two years after Len.

Following graduation, Steve went to work for Channel 40 in Sarasota—now known as ABC7. He says he turned the transmitter on the morning the channel launched—October 23, 1971—and was the first voice heard over the air that day. Later on, he became the station’s second weathercaster while he studied meteorology at Manatee Junior College—now, State College of Florida.

Destined to follow the weather for the next 25-plus years, Steve moved on to WLS-TV in Chicago as the weekend forecaster and weekend news anchor for the ABC Radio Network. From there, it was Sacramento, Dallas, and San Francisco, where he held different positions as weathercaster, science writer, and science editor.

After 16 years in television, he turned to print for a while, producing the weather page and writing for the *Los Angeles Times*, the *Sacramento Bee*, and the *San Francisco Chronicle*, where he was syndicated.



**Steve Newman—You may remember him from the early days of Sarasota station, Channel 40, or his reports on Discovery News and Good Morning America—joined *The Meadoword* staff in April**

But, it wasn’t long before he was back on the air with ABC News and Discovery News as an environmental correspondent and *Good Morning America* as an environmental contributor. He reported often on *El Niño* and *La Niña*, his area of expertise, he says.

After 25-plus years of weather

and science reporting, Steve quit television, sold his Earth Environmental Service weather-consulting business, and bought a small ranch with horses and cattle north of Dallas, Texas.

A 40th-year high school reunion in 2010 brought Steve back to Sarasota again—and he decided to stay. He saddled up for the last roundup and sold his ranch in Texas.

Steve is designated a Certified Broadcast Meteorologist by the American Meteorologist Society (AMS), and, I noticed, has a quick link on the production computers to radar at [www.wunderground.com](http://www.wunderground.com)—“old habits die hard,” he says. He still maintains the nature and environmental resource Website he created—[www.earthweek.com](http://www.earthweek.com) from his Sarasota home in Whitfield and keeps an in-house broadcasting studio.

When he’s not at the beach, he’s on a bicycle, at the gym, or at the movies. As a cinema buff, he has taken in all the Oscar-nominated films in all the categories for the past two years.

You may wonder why Steve would want to work with our community newspaper after such a career—I asked him that myself. “I’m semi-retired,” he says, “I’ve had an active life and like to keep busy.”

Maybe *The Meadoword’s* not as exciting as some of the reporting he’s done, but we can surely guarantee “busy.” I look forward to working with him.



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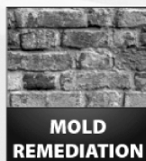


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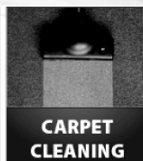


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# Weybridge Condominium Association

Where owners and renters are one big happy family

By Sylvia Clark

## Weybridge residents party down

On March 3, residents flocked to the home of **Martin and Philomena Devereaux** for a fantastic cookout. Everyone brought an assigned dish and the hosts provided a fun atmosphere full of camaraderie.



Cook **John Viviano** did a terrific job with the hot dogs, hamburgers, and chicken, and we all shared and enjoyed the delicious dishes and desserts on the warm, sunny afternoon.

On March 12, we held our 4th

Annual Pizza Party with all the pomp and fanfare that our association is famous for. It was a truly remarkable party. With the fantastic music of Siesta John filling the festive air, the party lasted way after sunset and into the night. The delicious pizza was provided by the Association and

delivered from Bellacino's—including every imaginable pizza combination possible. Weybridge Association also provided delicious desserts. **Betty Oddo** and her social committee: **Janice Kosobucki, Anne Sferra, and**

**Dot Viviano** hosted the evening. **Rose Dolan** graciously helped serve the pizza. More than 70 people came to chat and catch up with friends.

## New landscaping brightens Weybridge

It's hard to believe that the season is coming to an end, but that's not to say President **Vincent Oddo** and **Earl Perdue** haven't been busy with the landscaping. Under the uncanny ability of Vincent, they created and put together gorgeous flower beds with a different mixture of tropical plantings. Earl's manual labor and Vincent's direction were combined to create one of the best grounds in The Meadows—without the direction or expense of a landscaper. All the original, old, tired plantings were removed over the past few years, making room for beautiful, colorful new plantings and flower beds.

## Weybridge elects officers

At our last annual owners meeting on March 20, new officers were elected—President **Vincent Oddo**, Vice President **John Viviano**, Secretary **Earl Perdue**, and Treasurer **Sylvia Clark**. Old business was addressed as well as new planning for the continued maintenance and beautification of Weybridge.

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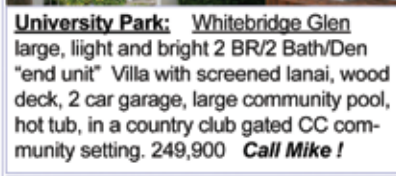
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By Doug Domino—General Manager



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 May, Every Wednesday Drop In, Single sign up only, tee times at 8:00 am  
 May 7 & Jun 4 — Mulligan's & Martini's, for the Ladies, 5:30 pm  
 May 8 — Twilight Golf, 9-hole Shotgun, 5:30 pm  
 May 11 & Jun 22 — Golf Guest Day; Guests of Members pay \$27 Cart Fee only  
 May, Every Saturday — Men's Golf with Skins, 8-holes Gross and Net  
 May 17 & Jun 21 — Summer Sizzler Saturday Shotgun  
 May 25 — Memorial Weekend Scramble  
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 Jun 3 thru 26 — In-House Doubles League, Tuesdays & Thursdays, 6:00 pm  
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 May 10 — Summer Social, On the Pool Deck, 6:00 pm  
 May 11 — Mother's Day Buffet, Regency Room, 11:00 am to 3:00 pm  
 May 22 — Seafood Night Buffet, Regency Room, 6:00 pm  
 May 25 — Memorial Weekend Barbeque, on the Pool Deck, 5:30 pm  
 May 29 & June 26 — Wine and Dine, Regency Room, 6:00 pm  
 Jun 10 — Mediterranean Night, Regency Room, 5:30 pm  
 Jun 21 — Summer Social, Regency Room, 6:00 pm

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We look forward to having you **join our summer party!**

### What? No time to join the party?

No worries. Even if you do not have time to join the party, you can still take part in the fun and have an opportunity to get to know the Club better. If you are a golfer, we will have summer golf competitions and leagues open to everyone on the Highlands course.

We will also hold three community barbecues where nonmembers of the Club living in The Meadows community can make reservations to enjoy the festivities and learn more about what it is to be a member of The Meadows Country Club.

The barbecues are traditionally held on our tennis and pool decks and feature entertainment for dancing, food, and good fun.

For more information about summer activities, check the Club's website at [www.meadowsccl.org](http://www.meadowsccl.org) and be sure to watch for our ads in upcoming issues of *The Meadoword*.

*So, if you are here for the summer, join us... and have a party.*



## Think Pink Golf Event Raises More Than \$11,000 Designated for Breast Health Care

Think Pink Golf Event Chairperson **Lucy Eberts** reported the tournament and related activities, held at The Meadows Country Club February 20, raised \$11,496 to benefit the Sarasota Healthcare Foundation Breast Health Center. The Foundation assists indigent women with the treatment of breast cancer.

The event featured a 9-Hole Scramble golf tournament for 9- and 18-hole players with a Meadows Country Club handicap.

It was followed by a luncheon, fashion show, trivia and raffle.

A representative specializing in breast cancer services from the Breast Health Center was the guest speaker.

Lisa Intagliata, Director of Development at the Foundation, and Yulonda Greene, Director of Patient Care Services at Sarasota Memorial Hospital, were grateful for the donation and spoke about how the Foundation will use money gifted by The Club.



# Happenings at Hampstead Heath

*Sprucing up in the off-season*

By Ann Hamman

Most of the snowbirds have by now said their good-byes to the full-time residents. They left after a winter full of activities from the “Nothing Parties” and women’s lunches, golf games and card games, afternoons at the pool, and the bird and alligator watching at the ponds.

Continuing condo association officers elected for the coming year include President **Merrill Oltchick**, Vice Presidents **Fred Smith** and **Tim Parsons**, Secretary **Betty Turner**, and Treasurer **Jerry Cain**.

All of us are confident they will continue their excellent service just as before. In April, for example, the Board arranged for roof cleaning, tree thinning, dead tree removal, and some roof repairs.

**Betty** and **Mike Turner** have been very busy since moving in. They were responsible for our condominium entrance display that won Third Place in the Holiday Decorations Awards, and now they have installed a spring floral display in that area.

Mike joined the Landscaping Committee and also helped **Jerry Cain** on the Roads and Building Committee.

Also, thanks to Mike and Betty, we have a Red Cross emergency aid package in the ladies’ restroom at the pool.

Congratulations to **Isabelle Defino**, who recently graduated from college and has taken a position at Another Broken Egg on Siesta Key. She will remain here after her parents, **Laura** and **John**, head back home to New York. Laura and John, by the way, are looking forward to their first grandchild this summer.

Seasonal families—the **Ladds**, the **Ziems**, and the **Flahertys**—have gone back North after renting in the community during January, February, and March. But, they all plan to return again next year.

We all look forward to summer—some of us in our northern homes, and the rest of us in the warm Florida sun,

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# MHOA

(Meadows Home Owners Association)

By Dick Plumb

### Summer Social set for June

We will be having our Summer Social on Wednesday June 11. This is a great chance to start the summer off socializing with our neighbors, most who are staying through the summer. Invitations will be on the way, so “pencil it in” your calendar. MHOA members have partially subsidized meals during the year, giving all of us a chance to mingle with our neighbors. Dinners are at The Meadows Country Club, and you don’t have to be a Country Club member to participate in our MHOA dinner gatherings.

### Join the MHOA

Any single-family homeowner who does not already belong to another sub-HOA can join the MHOA, which is separate from The Meadows Community Association, the master association that all homeowners in The Meadows automatically belong to.

Be sure to join the MHOA and take advantage of the current discounts— one year is \$15; two years, \$25; three years, \$35; and five years, \$55. Just contact membership chairperson **Bobbi Hurwitz** at 941-341-0022 or email her at [BH4Tennis@Verizon.net](mailto:BH4Tennis@Verizon.net); she will be delighted to send you an application or answer questions about the MHOA. We look out for all our members and look forward to seeing more homeowners join the MHOA so we can grow and improve.

### First quarter real estate activity not very pretty

A look back over the first quarter of 2014 was not a pretty picture! There were several conditions pulling back on the reins of the real estate market in The Meadows. Sales have slowed down because of lack of inventory. The number of buyers is growing, but the inventory is decreasing. Prices should rise quickly under these conditions. Not always, which is another hiccup for our sellers. Sale prices, hopefully, will slowly increase. I hope this slow increase (with a few corrections) remains for a long time to keep us from entering another “Bubble.”

One of the foremost reasons for this irregularity of prices is distressed sales (short sales and foreclosures).

These homes are typically marketed at a considerably lower price than comparable homes in the area.

One of The Meadows’ defenses is that the majority of home sales are cash purchases, which eliminates financing resulting in no appraisals.

Bank appraisers consider distressed property when comparing for a sale, but just as importantly, buyers study the sale prices through the Internet for comparable sales before purchasing homes. But, bank appraisers are just another cook in the kitchen to upset a sale.

During the first quarter of this year, 36 of the 49 buyers (74 percent) paid cash, more likely allowing the sales to close.

Distressed sales will be part of life in the real estate market for years to come. Usually, they are more predominant in other areas than The Meadows, but we aren’t immune to them by any means. During the first quarter of 2014, 1 of 7 sales in The Meadows was distressed with a median sale price of \$114,000 (the median sale price excluding distressed sales was \$162,000)—compared to Sarasota County, with a median sale price of distressed property at \$109,299 (the median sale price excluding distressed sales was \$217,000).

The AVERAGE for total sales in The Meadows for the first quarter was \$189,395. Without the 7 distressed sales, the average was \$199,239.

The amount of distressed sales in The Meadows has remained lower than other communities for many years. As you will see, increasing distressed property sales lead to decreasing sale prices. Of the total sales in Sarasota County in first quarter, 2013, 26 percent were distressed.

During that same time in 2014, distressed sales decreased to 23 percent and the median sale price went from \$167,000 in 2013 to \$180,000 in 2014. As for The Meadows, the opposite occurred. The first quarter of 2013 showed 5 percent of total sales as distressed and 2014 increased to 14 percent of total sales as distressed, along with a decrease in the median sale price from \$168,250 in 2013 to \$155,000 in 2014. This past March, the median sale price was \$167,000.

### Sales & Activity For Houses and Condos In The Meadows—March 2014\*

- Sales during the month of March .....11
- Sales for the last year (March 2013) ..... 29
- Pending Sales (under contract; not closed) as of March 31, 2014 ..... 23
- Median Sale price of homes sold in March 2014 ..... \$167,000
- Median Sale price of homes sold in March 2013 ..... \$172,500
- Average inventory of homes for sale during March 2014 ..... 51
- Average inventory of homes for sale during March 2013 ..... 64
- Median list price of homes for sale on March 31, 2014 ..... \$214,700

The March listing supply was 4.6 months (February listing was 2.1; 6.0 is considered a healthy market)  
 \*Information is obtained from My Florida Regional MLS and Sarasota Association of Realtors

Off Honore Ave, just south of University Parkway.

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# After The Art Show

## Large crowd attends 22nd Annual Celebration Of The Arts

By Pat Farrell—Chairperson, Art Show Committee

The two-day Celebration of Fine Arts drew 569 visitors. We thank all of you who attended for showing your support of our 14 diverse, talented artists who displayed their work.

This year, we welcomed new artists to the event and hope to continue this trend. If you are a Meadows artist or an artist living outside The Meadows and a member of The Meadows Country Club, we encourage you to display your work. You will find the two days filled with the enjoyment of meeting other artists and talking to people who attend. Just watch for the application in the December issue of *The Meadoword*.

We also thank our wonderful greeters, whose friendly demeanors set the tone for the show, ensuring that all who attended were directed to the display rooms. This year's volunteer greeters were **Joan Pabian, Ronnie Parish, Ginny Coveney, Jane Jassin, Mary Lou Perkins, and Barbara Shiner.**

Thanks also goes to our committee members **Tommy Duke, Lea Gitow, Jacques**

**Linder, Janet Kuhn, Charlotte Lee, Marilyn Olsen, and Howard Ribble.** We are pleased to welcome our newest committee member, **Phil Aklonis.** All of them contributed many hours to promote the success of the show.

The Meadows Celebration of Fine Art Show could not be a success without the strong administrative talent and unfailing support of MCA Administrative Services Coordinator **Judy Egan** and her behind-the-scenes workers who helped set up the show.

Thanks also to MCA Receptionist **Sandy Truman** for handling the applications and directing applicants' questions.

And, thanks to our community newspaper Editor, **Mary Jo Gord,** for her promotion of our event in *The Meadoword* and her coverage of our featured artists.



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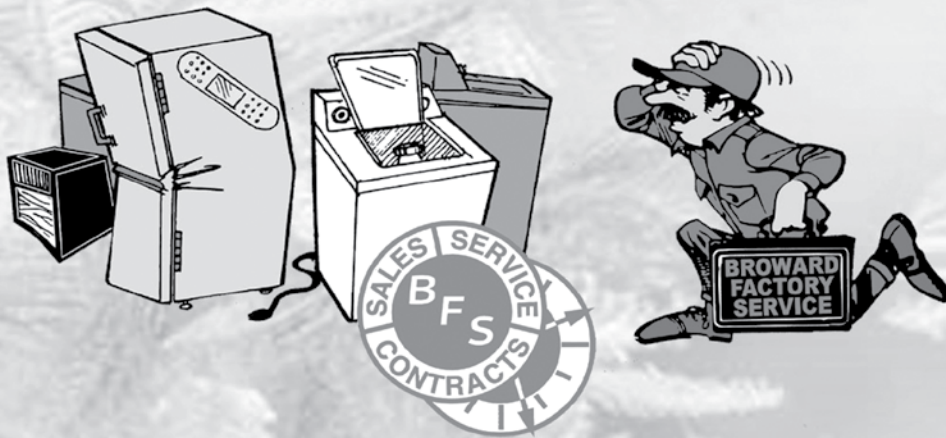
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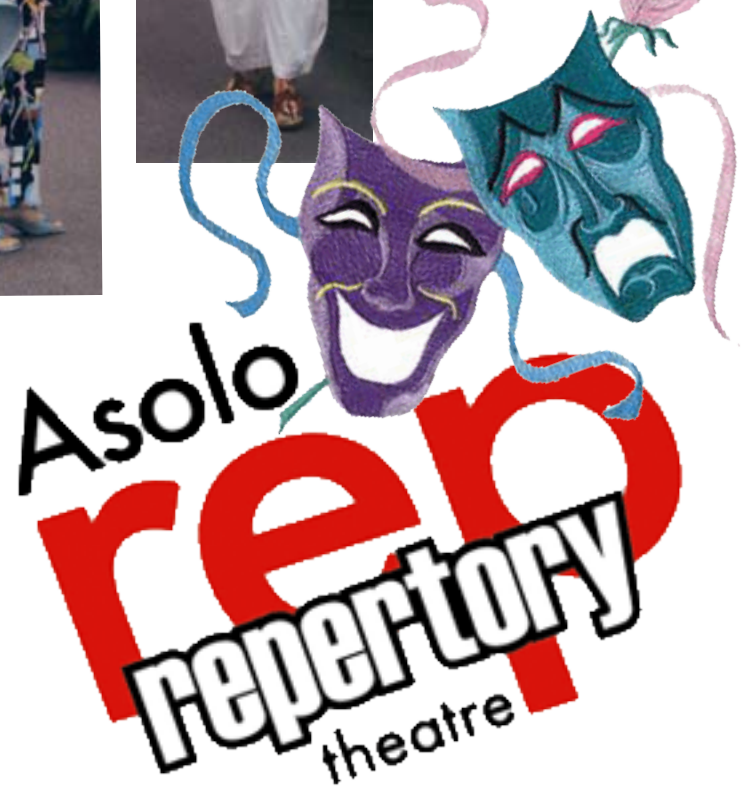
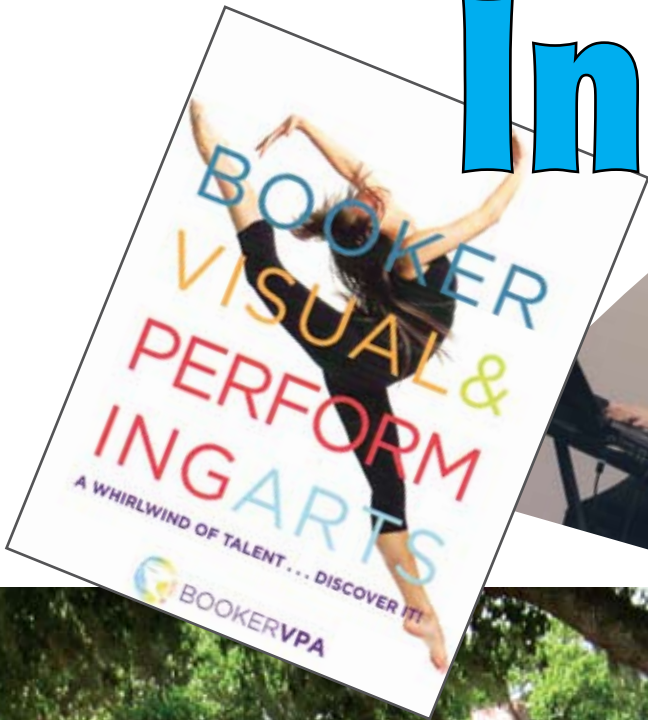
## The Meadows "U" Committee

*The Meadows "U" Committee for the 2014 season—Chairperson Angelika Schultze, MCA Board liaison Claire Coyle, Leslie Cobin, Bernice Davis, Jane Glusman, Mary Lipson, and Mary J. McGee had a great team who put together a wonderful*

*program in the 2014 season. We thank all of you for your support and participation in our events—we could not have done it without you!*



# 2014 In Review



# Responsibility Goes a Long Way

*Residents dispose tons of hazardous waste and donate nearly one-half ton of food to All Faiths Food Bank during joint collection*

By Steve Newman—Editorial Assistant  
Photos Mary Jo Gord—Editor

A line of cars stretched across the MCA parking lot on April 1—even onto Longmeadow at times—as Meadows residents brought in loads of hazardous waste for proper disposal. Others brought non-perishable food to donate to All Faiths Food Bank.

The MCA organized the event in conjunction with Sarasota County.

An estimated 253 cars brought in nearly 6,500 pounds of hazardous

waste during the two-hour period.

This amount sets a new record for the community. The first year the collection was held at the MCA, 5,001 pounds were collected during four hours—twice the amount of time it took for this year's record amount.

Many of us wind up each year with a garage filled with paint, chemicals, and other hazardous waste items that we just don't know what to do with. Since regulations prohibit disposing of these items in regular trash containers or pouring the contents down drains, Sarasota County's annual collection helps eliminate waste material without poisoning the environment.

Volunteers also collected more than 400 pounds of food brought in for All Faiths Food Bank, a 501(c)(3) organization and member of Feeding America.

The Food Bank distributes supplies to 195 nonprofit agencies, food pantries, soup kitchens, churches, community centers, and schools. It also supports other programs that offer hunger relief in Sarasota and DeSoto counties.

Your generous contributions on April 1 will help keep kids in low-income families from going hungry this summer when they are not receiving regular meals from school cafeterias.

Thanks goes to all of you who helped make this venture a great success.



# Give Local: 2014 Giving Challenge

May 6 and 7, noon to noon

*Here's your chance to give back to the community! Donate locally to your favorite participating charitable organization for matching dollars contributed by local foundations.*

On May 6 and 7 from noon to noon, support the causes important to you in Southwest Florida—hundreds of participating local 501(c)(3) organizations in the fields of education, the environment, human services, animal welfare, arts and culture, health, and youth development will be working hard to raise dollars. Each organization has demonstrated transparency by developing an in-depth profile online at [www.thegivingpartner.org](http://www.thegivingpartner.org).

Local foundations are contributing \$660,000 in matching dollars and grant incentives and will match new and increased gifts, dollar-for-dollar until the money runs out, up to \$1000 per individual for the first \$440,000. The remaining \$220,000 will be given away in incentive grants throughout the remainder of the challenge.

The Community Foundation of Sarasota County, The Patterson Foundation, Manatee Community Foundation, the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation, and the William G. and Marie Selby Foundation

are providing significant financial support to local nonprofits to make this opportunity possible. None of the partner and sponsor foundations receive fees of any kind.

Each gift that you contribute of \$25 or more will be counted on the online Leaderboard. During the 24-hour online donation period, May 6 and 7, credit card donations only will be accepted online at [www.givingpartnerchallenge.org](http://www.givingpartnerchallenge.org). Donations are 100 percent tax deductible and will be for the unrestricted use of the charity you select. Donations cannot be refunded.

Secure donations for the Giving Challenge are provided through KIMBIA to donors entering their own credit card information directly on the giving site. An online gift processing fee and check distribution fee of 6 percent will apply, charged by the online payment vendor KIMBIA and check processing company Fairway Payments. This fee is standard for the industry. Foundation partners and the Community Foundation of Sarasota County, which administers The Giving Partner Website, do not collect any fees associated with the online contributions.

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*~Margaret Mead*



## MEMOIRS

*Group has ended till next January, but don't stop writing!*

*The group meets from January through April at the MCA, so join us next January - share your memories and grow as a writer*

*Want to find out more? Contact Bob 371-1572*



By John and Susan Turner • Photos by Susan Turner

### Single-Family Homes

#### First place—4489 Highland Oaks Circle

A giant oak is centered in the front lawn, bordered with impatiens, red geraniums, and Amaryllis. Roses, Plumbago, Hibiscus, and Allamanda lead into the inner courtyard with a Jack and Jill fountain. On the right is a Pygmy Date Palm, surrounded by geraniums and roses. The gardens were designed by her daughter, Allison. Pictured is owner **Diana Cleland**.



#### Runner-up— 4809 Windsor Park

Many mature trees—including oak, pine, and palm—enhance this extensive landscaping. Large pots overflowing with flowers and greenery surround the entrance way and mondo grass and orchids line the flagstone paths. Pictured are long-time residents **Carolyn and William Webster**.



### Condominium Entrances

#### First Place—Pipers Waite

Red and white geraniums welcome you at the front of the entrance. Arabacola, Dwarf Bougainvillea, and Society Garlic surround the sign. Ligustrum, palms, and a flag pole highlight the area. Pictured LEFT to RIGHT— former Landscape Chairperson **Larry Eschrich** and Association President **Kingsley Hallerdin**.



#### Runner-up—Chatsworth Greene

Crown of Thorns, flax, and dwarf yew surround the raised oval entrance with pink and white Begonias at the front. Pigmy Date Palms flank each end of the sign. Pictured LEFT to RIGHT— Landscape Committee member **Eileen Young**, Association President **Ed McCaffrey**, and Landscape Chairperson **Tony Dammicci**.



# Willow Green Pool Party

March 15 was an absolutely perfect day for the Willow Green Annual Spring Pool party. Attendance was great, as were the libations and delicious hors d'oeuvres that everyone brought.

The year-rounders, the seasonal, and the new condo owners had a great time catching up with one another and getting acquainted. What an interesting and personable



assembly—hailing from Virginia, Iowa, New York, Illinois, Michigan, and many other locales.

Party set up and clean up was a breeze, thanks to volunteers **Don and Linda Fraser, Maggie Logan, Paul Paisley, and Larry and Gail Stephens.** And, special thanks to **Claes Andersson** for his photography.



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Sheila O'Donnell serves up corned beef and cabbage



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# Memoirs and Life Writing Group

*Describing significant events that happened in your life and hearing the same from others is what The Meadows Memoirs and Life Writing Group is about*

By Bob Barnett—Memoirs Coordinator

## Living in history

On May 17, 1954, the United States Supreme Court, in a unanimous 9 to 0 vote, issued the *Brown v. Board of Education* decision. By ruling that de jure racial segregation in the public schools violated the United States

Constitution, the Court's decision paved the way for integrating public schools and changed the racial climate in the United States forever. In some instances, integration occurred within a year, but it took almost 20 years to fully integrate the public school system in other areas of the country.

In my hometown of Newell, West Virginia, there were no African-Americans, but the very next basketball season, we played against integrated teams. The last segregated black high school in West Virginia—Bluefield Park Central High School—however, did not close until 1969.

At the Memoirs meeting on Martin Luther King Day, the suggested topic was incorporating history into memoir writing. Almost everyone wrote about their experiences with segregation and integration. The edited excerpts that follow are from a narrative by **Fran Collier**.

I grew up and got married in Birmingham, Alabama. In 1954, the same year as the *Brown* Supreme Court Decision, my husband and I, with our two children, moved to Memphis, Tennessee. Memphis was just as segregated as Birmingham. Before integration, I took the kids on the bus to the Overton Park Zoo on a Tuesday. This turned out to be Negro Day, so we couldn't go in. Try explaining that to two- and four-year-olds.

Later, the Civil Rights movement became a defining time and those of us who believed in equality worked together for peace and justice. Hearing Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. on TV introduced my husband and me to the Civil Rights movement. We both felt he was absolutely right in all he said. By this time, our children were teenagers, and we all did whatever we could to promote integration non-violently. We were not courageous enough to participate in marches, but applauded those who did.

When integration came, most of the white people in Memphis simply avoided public places. They stayed away from public swimming pools, so my kids and I were the only whites there. They took their children out of public schools and sent them to newly established church schools.

Memphis schools were integrated when Federal District Judge Robert McRae was given the job of drawing up the plans. Bob and I had taught Sunday school together, and I had taken my U.S. History students to his courtroom on a field trip. He was bitterly attacked for drawing up the plan, but I thought it was a stroke of genius.

Judge McRae simply designated that all-white East High School would become the high school for all students. He also ordered that all-black Lester High School would become Lester Junior High for all students and elementary schools would accept all elementary students. Sad to say, Bob was vilified for many years.

My first job in Memphis was teaching at a junior high school where my children attended three blocks from our house. In 1972, I had been assigned to teach art at Lester Junior High School, which was given a major overhaul to be ready for white students. Only a few chose to attend. The new principal, Mr. Garrett, was the

## Integration Through the Eyes of a Southern Debutante

By Fran Collier

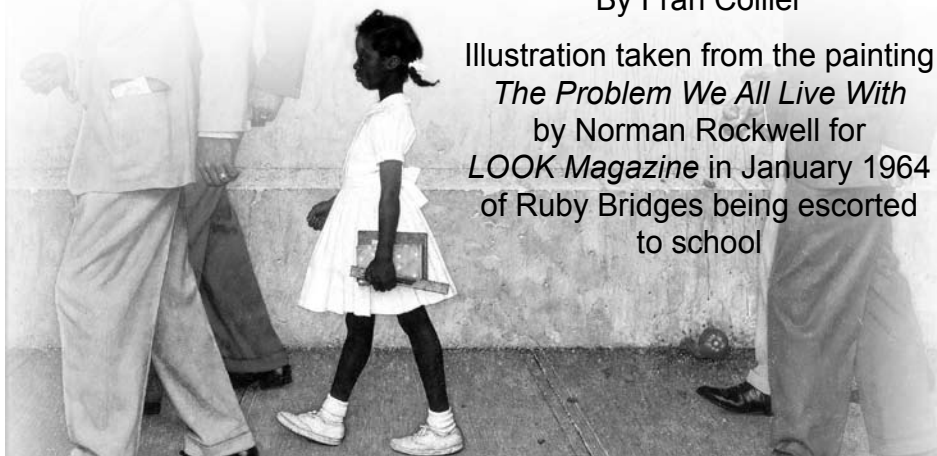


Illustration taken from the painting *The Problem We All Live With* by Norman Rockwell for *LOOK Magazine* in January 1964 of Ruby Bridges being escorted to school

first white principal for this school. He came with an optimistic determination to succeed. He bought a second-hand Cadillac and visited black parents in the neighborhood. He told our faculty, "You can't get to know people until you sit on their sofas in the front room and put your feet on the carpet." He warned us not to say we couldn't teach black kids and assured us they were smart enough to run circles around us. To stop break-ins, he slept on a cot in the hallway at night, with a shotgun handy. It was never used because he won the hearts of the community.

My black students in art class were respectful, lively and creative. Their comments made me realize how little contact there had been with white people. Benny pointed to my freckled arm and asked sadly, "Were you born that way?" I had a lot to learn also. A black teacher next door to me said she had been called by her first name all her life and now wanted me, as her friend, to call her Mrs. Garrison. During that first year of integration, we felt that we were making history at Lester. A reporter from *The New York Times* even showed up to tell our story.

The next year, I was transferred to East High School, to replace an Art teacher who had been fired for giving passing grades to students whether or not they did any work or came to class. The most disruptive experiences were the bomb scares. It wasn't that I feared being blown up, they were always false alarms. But students working on the potter's wheel, the loom, and kilns had to stop. Finally, the novelty of evacuating the entire school wore off and bomb threats ended.

Gradually black and white students in art class became friends and appreciated each others' unique and

colorful drawings, weavings, enamel jewelry, hand thrown pottery, batik prints, and wood block prints. There were never two projects that were the same. Different students posed for figure drawing, and I pointed out to white students how soft the Afro' hair was. Students who could not succeed academically were given new hope as they received awards for their work.

One student asked to take his cardboard frame and some yarn home to complete his weaving. I thought I'd never see either student or materials again, but I had little invested. At the end of that grading period, he came back to school with the most outstanding weaving I'd ever seen. I gave him an "A" for the 6 weeks and put his weaving in a traveling exhibit, which took it all over the state of Tennessee. This student was a black male—in risk of dropping out—but he came back to show marked improvement.

Students seemed to handle integration better than teachers. I was amazed when I walked in the lunch room and saw all the black teachers at one table, and right next to it, all the white teachers. I alternated sitting at the "black" table one day, the "white" table the next day, receiving an equally cool reception at each table. Good morning greetings were given grudgingly with quick exits. It wasn't until I had to leave for six weeks to have cancer surgery that warm responses were given and prayers offered for my recovery. Even my students outdid themselves in wishing me well. Two mischievous guys said they were going to kiss me good-bye. I was worried, but they coyly came up and kissed me on the cheek.

The second year at East High

School was almost normal as teachers and students accepted each other. My lunch hour—30 minutes actually—was delightfully filled with tales from the black principal and secretary about life in black Memphis. The secretary chided me for having meat loaf for dinner three nights in a row, until she learned that I took coffee and the paper to my husband every morning.

John Wesley, who had been principal of Lester High School and was well respected in the African-American community, became the first black principal of East High School. His approach was rather laid back and things ran smoothly. One of the stories he told me at lunch was about driving the basketball team to an out-of-town tournament. He was stopped by police when he returned to Memphis and all the young men were ordered out of the car, which was thoroughly searched. Mr. Wesley, a small, dignified man of obvious integrity, who was ticklish, was spread eagle against the car praying, "Oh Lord, don't let me flinch." The police had received a call about a car, just like the one Mr. Wesley was driving, which was loaded with drugs.

As students and teachers began to accept each other, the Memphis Board of Education launched the Adopt-A-School program to get community support for public schools. A staff person was assigned to recruit business and churches who would adopt a school. Federal Express (which was just beginning its package delivery business and wanted publicity), Holiday Inn corporate headquarters, and big downtown churches all signed on.

The Adopt-A-School program was a tremendous success and became a model for cities across the country. The proof of success was in changed attitudes. People came into the schools, volunteered to do everything imaginable, brought students to their places of work, and developed loyalty for "Our School." Thirty years later, the program was still going strong. A Civil Rights Museum was built at the Lorraine Motel, where Dr. King had been killed. Willie Herrington, a six-foot-plus former basketball player, who grew up in public housing, became the first black Superintendent of Schools and later Mayor of Memphis.

When I left in 1989, I felt that Memphis had changed.

# The Scene From Chatsworth Greene

Wherever, Whenever, it's always fun...

As seen by Bill O'Connor

Because I got my signals crossed about the Chatsworth Greene Golf Dinner held this past February, I can now relay to everyone that the golf portion of the day included 28 players, with four teams winning prizes: First Place (\$100 prize) was awarded to **Mr. and Mrs. Brian Golden, Dick Detwiler and Mel Mitchell**; Second Place (\$60 prize) went to the group of **Mr. and Mrs. Don Horn, Bill Barnard, and Bert Greenberg**; Two groups tied for Third Place (\$20 prize each), those being Team A (**Barry Nichols, Sigrid Jensen, and Mary Barnard**) and Team B (organizer **John O'Brien, Casey Wolcott, and Dick Wagner**).

In addition to half the attending golfers winning prizes, all 42 participants for dinner were treated to a great buffet by the Club pool.

**Jane Jassin** is one proud Grandmother. Her granddaughter, **Elizabeth**, spent a week in Costa Rica for a "not-for-profit organization." The goal of the trip was to try to teach English to the children and show the Costa Ricans how to plant "mangroves" in the poor section where they live. Some of the children there are homeless.

It was a gratifying experience, which proves once again that "it is better to give than to receive."

For the second consecutive year—to replace a normal Tuesday get-together by the CG Pool—**Fernando and Victoria Viteri** opened their home to a contingent of Chatsworth Greene residents and friends nearby for a potluck buffet and beverages, complete

with many wonderful meals brought by the guests. As many as 79 guests gathered by the Viteri's outdoor-caged pool—and no one fell in.


A former member of the CG clan for more than 20 years, **Janet Fassler** shared her cabana at the Sun and Surf Colony on Lido Beach on March 31. The party began sometime after 3:00 pm at her wonderful sandy beach house with more than 20 CG residents and friends of Janet's. An array of great food and refreshments complimented a delightful afternoon and a beautiful sunset. Needless to say, we give our thanks to Janet for her kind invitation and hospitality. To top that off, **Nancy Morris** celebrated her birthday during the party.

**Jean Weber's** sister, **Peggy Naftzger**, reported that Jean's 14-year-old dog, **Gus**, passed away in March.

**Jerry and Eileen Finehirsh's** son **Alan**, daughter-in-law **Robin**, and granddaughter **Ashton**, from Chesterfield, Virginia, visited for the Passover holidays.

**Ed and Kathy McCaffrey's** son **John** and grandson **John**, who live in Chevy Chase, Maryland, visited Chatsworth Greene for the Easter Holiday. The McCaffreys celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on April 11, with many thanks and great appreciation for all of the friends, fun, and love they have enjoyed here at Chatsworth Greene.

Our own **Casey Wolcott**, who is 93, shot an incredible 84 this past April 10th—with witnesses! It was a feat that included three birdies. Congratulations!



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# Scarborough Scribbles

Blooming in glory...

By Jane Lynahan Karklin

Shakespeare certainly knew what he was talking about when it comes to the darling buds of May. Here in The Meadows, flowers are found in abundance everywhere.

In March, with **Maxine Borchers** as our hostess, the Scarborough women dined at the Savory Street Café. There was a fine turnout for this luncheon and the food was superb.

My daughter-in-law **Rose's** older sister, **Becky**, has been an animator with Disney Productions for many years. Her group recently received an Academy Award for their work on the critically acclaimed film *Frozen*.

**Deb and Linc Miller** recently played host to numerous visitors. While the Miller's and their old

college chums enjoyed the laid back atmosphere here in Scarborough, their granddaughters and their college friends spent time at beautiful Siesta Beach, shopping at the Ellenton Outlets, visiting St. Armand's Circle, and playing at The Meadow's Country Club pool. The whole family visited Smuggler's Cove Miniature Golf in Sarasota. They also took in a few Oriole spring training games.

My childhood friend, **Rita**, was in town recently and stopped by for a visit. Her brother is a snowbird in The Meadows. Small world!

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# Who Gives a Hoot?

*We do! Rescuing a Great Horned Owl*



Information for this article was provided by Resident Paul D. Campbell

On a Sunday morning in February, **Paul Campbell** saw the Anhinga bird hanging entangled in a fishing line from a pine branch over the water at Weybridge. He immediately called friends **Frank** and **Sandra Van Hullenaar**—avid birders—who would know how to reach a wildlife rescue group.

Venice Wildlife Rescue was on the scene hardly an hour later and was able to save the Great Horned

Owl. The Anhinga, unfortunately, did not make it. The owl was released back into the same area three days later.

Residents should be aware that the Anhinga swims with its tail, feet, and wings underwater to spear small fish—and is easily vulnerable to being entangled in discarded fishing line. When it's through fishing, it finds a tree limb to dry its wings. If the bird met with fishing line in the water, the line probably will wrap around the tree and the struggling bird becomes fair game for predators.

And, this is the likely scenario of what happened to the Anhinga found that Sunday in February.

What can you do as a Meadows resident to help prevent this tragedy?

If you fish in The Meadows, be careful with your line. If you see anyone fishing who is not a Meadows resident or anyone

setting trap lines (baited hooks to catch turtles or fish), call Meadows Safety Patrol (809-0084).

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## Baby Ghow "People-watches" From the Nest

Meadows residents recently discovered a Ghow and snapped this picture of the baby Ghow people-watching the birders while they bird-watched. Apparently there are at least two youngsters in the nest

# Craft Group



## Making new friends and sharing ideas

By Liz Barnett

At our end-of-the-season luncheon, the Craft Group members proved that we can cook as well as we can create. Between bites, we paused to say good-bye to two of our favorite long-time members, **Ethel Beams** and **Judy Hesse**, who are leaving The Meadows and saying so-long until next year to our seasonal members.

To keep us from feeling too sad, cochairs, **Kathy Easley** and **Vicki Robley**, organized a drawing for one of our coveted candy-wrapper purses. The

lucky winner was **Sharon Godlewski** (pictured RIGHT) who couldn't have been happier. In fact, Sharon joined the Craft Group because of candy wrapper purses. After seeing them at the

embroidery, beading, and is an accomplished seamstress—even made her daughter's wedding gown. At their summer home in Lake Anna, Virginia, she's the craft instructor for "Grand Camp," a camp run by community grandmothers for visiting grandkids. With five grandchildren from age 7 to 15, Sharon had done a lot of crafts over the years, but nothing quite like candy-



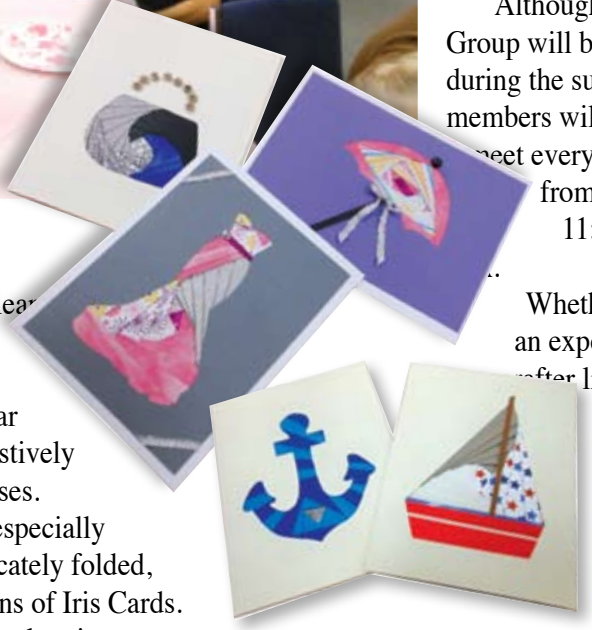
**Vicki Robley** in teaching 20 more crafters to make the cards. "The ladies are wonderful. I'm a talker who loves socializing," says Sharon, explaining her teaching success.

Although the Craft Group will be smaller during the summer, members will continue to meet every Wednesday from 9:00 to 11:00 am at



wrapper purses. Sharon soon learned to make purses and began contributing her own ideas for cigar box purses and festively painted wine glasses.

But she was especially drawn to the intricately folded, mosaic-like designs of Iris Cards. Her work as a dental assistant was a little like working on a ship in a bottle, so Sharon felt right at home with the tiny designs. This year, she joined



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# Kobernick-Anchin Benderson

*The Jewish Housing Council Foundation holds second Eight Over 80 celebration*

By Carlene Cobb

The Jewish Housing Council Foundation's second annual Eight Over 80 celebration surpassed fundraising goals to support programs and services for residents of the Kobernick-Anchin-Benderson senior living campus in Sarasota. More than 320 guests enjoyed the excellent cuisine at Michael's on East and a fun video about the eight individuals or couples over 80 years of age who were honored for their legacy of leadership, philanthropy, and community enrichment. Honorees (pictured above), also include recently deceased **Bob Zabelle**.



**Eight Over 80 Honorees—(LEFT TO RIGHT) Standing: Lee Peterson, Ed Kalin, Sally Yanowitz, and Herman Frankel; seated: Ernest and Alisa Kretzmer, Jeanne Zabelle, Florence Katz, Sally and Sam Shapiro (NOT PICTURED: recently deceased Bob Zabelle)**

ABC 7 News Anchor Max Winitz was master of ceremonies. Margot and Warren Coville, and Irving Bashevkin served as event cochairs.

Jewish Housing Council President Larry Haspel introduced Heidi Brown, the organization's new CEO. Dr. Haspel also read several emails from Scott Anderson of Gulf Coast Community Foundation, who was unable to attend because of a family emergency. One email announced that honorees **Ernest and Alisa Kretzmer** had given a major gift of \$200,000 to kick off the Master Facilities Plan, which includes a new 300-seat auditorium for educational programs, concerts, performances, and other activities. The auditorium is part of the expanded services planned for the Kobernick-Anchin-Benderson campus.

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## Sarasota Music Festival—June 2 to 21

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## Dakin Dairy Farms 2nd Annual Dairy Day Festival—June 7

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## Suncoast Super Boat Grand Prix—June 28 to July 6

Celebrate the Fourth of July season with boat races and festivals featuring parades, events, and fireworks.

For more information visit [www.suncoastoffshore.com](http://www.suncoastoffshore.com)

## World Oceans Day Family Festival—June 7

Celebrate World Ocean Day at Mote Marine Laboratory with a day of games and crafts focused on green practices, marine science, and

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## Englewood Pioneer Days—August 16 to September 1

The 58th annual festival of Pioneer Days celebrates the town of Englewood in Sarasota's southern region with family-friendly events such as cardboard boat races, chalk painting, and a parade. For more information visit, [englewoodpioneerdays.com](http://englewoodpioneerdays.com)

For a complete list of events and happenings, visit [www.visitsarasota.org/events](http://www.visitsarasota.org/events). To request more information about the above-listed events, contact Lynn Hobeck Bates at 955-0991, ext. 103 or email [lhobeck@visitsarasota.org](mailto:lhobeck@visitsarasota.org).

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## Jazz On The Water Cruise

Sarasota Jazz Club cruise onboard LeBarge departs May 4 with the Michael Royal Trio

The Jazz Club of Sarasota presents its popular "Jazz on the Water" cruise, Sunday, May 4 from 3:00 to 5:00 pm aboard LeBarge, which departs from Bayfront Park in downtown Sarasota. If you go, you will enjoy the swinging sounds of the Michael Royal Trio with Michael Royal on keyboards, Johnny Moore on drums, and Michael Ross on bass.

Tickets are \$30 for Jazz Club members; \$35, nonmembers. Snacks and beverages are available for sale; please do not bring coolers. Boarding begins at 2:30 pm. To purchase tickets, call 366-1552.

Pianist and composer Michael Royal is considered to be a pioneer in the establishment of jazz in Florida. He has introduced live jazz and classical piano to such local venues as Michael's on East, the Gator Club Private Reserve, the Upper Deck, and many more.

A native Floridian and former student of Jacques Abram at the University of South Florida, Royal developed his own unique expression for the piano, merging classical influences of Ravel and Debussy with the sounds of John Coltrane, Thelonius Monk, and Bill Evans. Royal has

performed at major jazz venues around the world, and with such acclaimed jazz and pop artists as Clifford Jordan, George Morrow, John La Porta, The Count Basie Orchestra, Ira Sullivan and Mark Murphy.

In the 1980s, Royal's career took him to Hollywood and New York, where he created film scores and produced jazz events, including the 1989 Western New York Jazz Festival. Royal returned to Sarasota in 1989, where he has since been a major force on the area's vibrant jazz scene.

Royal's trio is rounded out by drummer Johnny Moore, who is lauded by critics for "his rock steady beat and tasty solos" that are "lessons in how drums should be played" (*Puppy Jazz*), and bassist Michael Ross, a fixture on Florida's jazz scene, is known for having "one of the fattest acoustic bass sounds you'll likely hear" (*All About Jazz*).

"The jazz cruise has been a favorite for more than 10 years," says Jazz Club of Sarasota president Dave Walrath.

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The guide provides information on hiking, walking, running, paddle sports, cycling, wildlife viewing, birding and fishing, as well as a list of parks, preserves, and other natural places

to discover and explore in Sarasota County. Each section provides an overview, top spots, frequently asked questions and their answers, and an "Ask a Local" section.

The "Ask a Local" section provides insider tips on how to best enjoy the outdoor adventures in Sarasota County from individuals such as John Krotec, owner of Environeers; Jon Thaxton, Gulf Coast Community Foundation and local environmental advocate; and Tommy Klauber, avid triathlete and owner of Polo Grill and Pattigeorge's restaurants. Clyde Butcher, an internationally renowned photographer, environmentalist, and local Sarasota County resident, provided the cover picture of Myakka River State Park.

For more information, visit [www.visitsarasota.org](http://www.visitsarasota.org).

## Red Cross Seeks Veterans to participate in project for Library of Congress

*Veterans from all eras encouraged to share their stories and experiences*

Florida's West Coast Region of the American Red Cross, in partnership with the Veterans History Project, is seeking Veterans who would like to reflect on their former roles in the military. The project, an official program of the Library of Congress, is designed to capture firsthand accounts from veterans through video interviews.

Anyone who served in any branch of the U.S. military in any capacity, from World War I through the present, and is no longer serving is eligible to participate. Civilians who served in support of a U.S. war effort in a professional capacity are also welcome to participate.

The project recently conducted its first interview with a Vietnam veteran. Staff members say they were very excited to have captured the personal reflection of this soldier and will add it to the permanent Library of Congress Collection for all to see.

As Teresa Fazio, an Operation Iraqi Freedom Veteran, stated, "It is important to get every veterans' story so future generations can learn about military life from first-hand accounts. Our individual

experiences may have been different, but when compiled, they form a powerful snapshot of history."

If you are a veteran or know veterans who would like to share their stories, please contact Florida's West Coast Region of the American Red Cross' Service to the Armed Forces Specialist, at 813-348-4820 for details.

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# Musica Sacra Cantorum

Season closes with milestone event, "Cathedral Close," on May 4

In the final program of their "Britten to Britain" 2013-2014 season, Musica Sacra Cantorum, Sarasota's Sacred Choral Ensemble, presents a program that celebrates a milestone event for the ensemble—the first residency of any Sarasota choral ensemble at a British Cathedral. The program, *Cathedral Close*, takes place on Sunday, May 4 at 4:00 pm at St. Boniface Episcopal Church (5615 Midnight Pass Road in Sarasota). Tickets, \$20 in advance, are available online at [www.musicasacracantorum.org](http://www.musicasacracantorum.org) or by calling 405-7322. Admission at the door is \$25 per person.

Musica Sacra Cantorum is the first Sarasota choral ensemble honored to be selected from a competitive field to serve this July as the choir-in-residence at Great Britain's historic Lichfield Cathedral.

*Cathedral Close*, the last public concert prior to their departure for England, features works written purely for the concert hall as well as selections chosen from the repertoire to be performed during the Lichfield residency.

The repertoire of anthems for the program, as well as the residency, was chosen to reflect our American heritage and includes works by some of the leading 20th Century sacred music composers, including Harold Friedell, Leo Sowerby, Rene Clausen, and Ned Rorem.

Two large-scale works, Benjamin Britten's *Rejoice in the Lamb* and Gabriel Fauré's *Cantique de Jean Racine* will be balanced by Mendelssohn's poignant *Hear My Prayer*, featuring soprano Fiona Gillespie in her Florida debut. The performance also pays homage to the British hosts with works by Samuel Sebastian Wesley and Michael McCarthy

### About the Lichfield Cathedral Residency and Cathedral Close

All great English cathedrals are surrounded by what is called the "Close," a precinct of buildings

associated with the cathedral and the clergy who encircle the Cathedral. Britain's Lichfield Cathedral Close was developed during medieval times. Only some of those original buildings still remain, but newer buildings from the 17th, 18th, and 19th Centuries are filled with history.

Such residencies are eagerly sought by choirs throughout the world and rarely offered to Americans. Musica Sacra Cantorum is the only American choir chosen this year. The Sarasota musicians will be living in the city for 10 days, working at the cathedral each day, and providing music for the daily choral evensong services and Sunday Eucharist. There will be 20 choristers representing the region traveling on the tour.

Each musician will have a significant opportunity to interact with the city's residents and businesses.

For more information about the cathedral and its history, visit [www.lichfield-cathedral.org](http://www.lichfield-cathedral.org). Musica Sacra Cantorum is listed on the cathedral's "Visiting Choirs" page. The present cathedral (the third built on the site) has a very rich and interesting history beginning with its construction in 1200. It has served as a place of worship and refuge for more than 800 years!

### About Musica Sacra Cantorum

*Musica Sacra Cantorum is dedicated exclusively to the performance and promotion of sacred choral music. It is the only ensemble of its kind in Southwest Florida as it is not affiliated with any religious institution, denomination, or philosophy. Sacred texts have been the basis of the greatest choral works ever written by the foremost composers in history, including Bach, Beethoven, Brahms, Bloch, Durufle, Elgar, Faure, Handel, Haydn, Mendelssohn, Mozart, Verdi, Vaughn Williams, and even Puccini! Each has left a legacy of great choral music inspired by sacred texts.*

# Sarasota Airport Aces FAA Inspection

For the 9th year in a row, the Sarasota-Bradenton International Airport (SRQ) completed the annual Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Airport Safety Certification Inspection with "Zero Discrepancies."

The inspection, which was completed on February 28, verifies SRQ's compliance with Federal Aviation Regulation 14 CFR Part 139 and is a key component in maintaining the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) Airport License.

The inspection included review of airfield signs, lights, and markings; runway pavement and safety area conditions; Airport Rescue Fire Fighter (ARFF) response time; wildlife management; and training records.

In a letter to Fredrick J. Piccolo, SRQ President and Chief Executive Officer, the FAA wrote, "You are to be commended for the procedures that you are using in the day-to-day operation of the airport. The appearance of the airport indicates that they are effective."

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The Red Cross is looking for diverse volunteers of all ages and skill levels and invites you to sign up to

volunteer and be a part of its lifesaving work. To learn more about volunteer opportunities and how to submit a volunteer application, visit [www.redcross.org/fl/sarasota](http://www.redcross.org/fl/sarasota).

To volunteer if and when a disaster strikes in this area, download the Team Red Cross App. It's free and gives you an overview of basic volunteer tasks, allows you to receive notifications of volunteer opportunities, and provides you with a place to sign up to help. To find the app in the Apple App Store and Google Play Store, search for American Red Cross or go to [www.redcross.org/mobileapps](http://www.redcross.org/mobileapps).

# Bradenton Marauders Baseball

*Club reveals game-day promos and family-friendly fun at McKechnie Field*

The Bradenton Marauders is the MiLB Class A-Advanced affiliate of the Pittsburgh Pirates. This season, they face the High-A affiliates of the Florida State League.

Advance regular-season tickets for the Marauders games are \$8 adult for infield box, infield reserve, baseline box, and grandstand seats; children age 12 and younger are \$7. Leftfield bleacher seats \$6 adult ticket; children are \$5. There is no change in day-of-game pricing for children's tickets.

The Marauders offers a \$1 military discount to anyone who presents a valid military ID at the McKechnie Field box office at the time of ticket purchase.

The McKechnie Field ticket office is open on non-game days Tuesday through Friday from 11:00 am to 5:00 pm. On game days, the ticket office is open from noon until the game concludes. To purchase single game tickets, visit the ticket office, go to [www.BradentonMarauders.com](http://www.BradentonMarauders.com), or call 877-893-2827.

The Marauders offers several promos throughout the season

## Thirsty Thursdays

On Thirsty Thursdays, sodas and select draft beers cost just \$1. Purchase a Thirsty Thursday Club membership for only \$60 to receive a ticket for each of the remaining 12 Thursday home games, a club T-shirt, and the opportunity to earn great rewards all season. Club members will also receive their first 12 ounce drink for free at each Thirsty Thursday game.

Marauders season ticket holders

can join the Thirsty Thursday Club for just \$10.

## Free Shirt Fridays

April 18 was the first of 11 Free Shirt Fridays that started with an "It All Begins in Bradenton" T-shirt giveaway presented by DOS Imaging for the first 500 fans. The shirt featured 2010 Marauder and current Pirates left fielder Starling Marte on the front. There are 11 "Free Shirt Friday" T-shirts. Come to each Friday home game at McKechnie Field and collect them all! (T-shirts are not available in stores.

## Happy Hour Friday

Every Friday home game features a Free-Hot-Dog-Away, presented by Pier 22, to the first 500 people and great drink specials from Kayem and Cheney Brothers.

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Presented every Saturday by Humana for fans age 60 and older who join the Silverauder Club. As a Silverauder member, you receive a ticket to every Saturday game, a food voucher for each Saturday game, a Silverauders T-Shirt, and the chance to take a postgame senior stroll around the bases. Membership is \$30.

Saturday games also feature Baseball Bingo, presented by Jersey Mike's Subs and PLS Print.

For more information about the Bradenton Marauders, visit [www.BradentonMarauders.com](http://www.BradentonMarauders.com), email [MaraudersInfo@Pirates.com](mailto:MaraudersInfo@Pirates.com), or call 747-3031.

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## 2014 Florida State League All-Star Game

*McKechnie Field hosts All-Star game for first time in its 90 seasons*

McKechnie Field will host the 2014 Florida State League All-Star Game on Saturday, June 14. The 53rd annual game, and the first hosted by Bradenton, will pit the top players from the Florida State League (FSL) South against an elite squad from the FSL North.

The Florida State League was formed in 1919 and has competed as a Class-A minor league since 1963. It is one of three High-A leagues in professional baseball.

The League currently includes 12 teams split into two six-team divisions. The regular season is 140 games split into two 70 game halves. The champion at the end of each half qualifies for the playoffs. The All-Star

Game is played at the end of the first half.

McKechnie Field has been hosting baseball in Bradenton for 90 seasons. It is the oldest Spring Training ballpark in Major League Baseball and the second oldest in the Florida State League.

The Bradenton Marauders began its fifth season of Florida State League competition at McKechnie Field in April.

For more information about the 2014 Florida State League All-Star Game or the Marauders, call 747-3031, visit [www.BradentonMarauders.com](http://www.BradentonMarauders.com), or email [MaraudersInfo@pirates.com](mailto:MaraudersInfo@pirates.com).





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**ARNIE'S HANDYMAN SERVICE:** Certified Home Inspector, all phases of home repairs, wholesale distributor of walk-in bathtubs, and no job too small. Call me first 941-993-4023, licensed and insured.

**ARNIE'S SCREENING SERVICE:** Rescreening all types of enclosures. Pool cages, patios, lanais, windows and doors. Using only quality materials. No job too large or small. For free estimate call 941-993-4023.

**MILLIE'S CLEANING SERVICES:** Honest young cleaning lady. Experienced. 24/7. 2 B/R \$50.00. Landscaping available. References. 941-538-1048.

**JONES HANDYMAN SERVICES HOME REPAIRS & REMODELING:** Drywall, painting, tile, screening, ceiling fans, minor plumbing, fencing, power washing & more. For all general repairs inside & out! Licensed. 30 Years experience. Meadows references available. Bill 941-724-0952.

**HOUSECLEANING PLUS STEAMCLEAN FLOORS:** affordable cleaning most 2BR/2BA basic cleaning \$70.00 plus steam clean floors with every visit. For reliable, professional service call Carla 941-894-9262.

**CLASSIFIED****SERVICES**

**BOB THE GARDENER:** I do the jobs too small for the lawn maintenance companies. Weeding, mulching, planting, pruning. Complete care of garden areas. Meadows resident. Call Bob 377-8264.

**SEAMSTRESS:** Home Décor Items: Pillows, cornices, drapes, cushions & hems too. Call Sue to discuss 378-9321.

**DOG SITTING:** In my home. Close-by, reasonable. Call Sue to discuss 378-9321.

**CLEANING BY VALERIE:** cleaning, errands, pet-sitting, house-sitting and more. Quality work you can depend on! Call 941-932-0865

**ALL PRO HOME SERVICES:** pressure cleaning and painting. Houses, decks, cages, driveways and roofs. Interior/ exterior painting. Paver sealers, roof coatings. License and Insured. Free estimates. 18 years experience. Call Rick 894-0507.

**VICTORIA'S GARDEN & COURTYARD LANDSCAPING:** Design, installation, and maintenance. With 15 years of on-site Meadows experience, I can offer a conservative personal touch and a variety of services to meet your needs. Summer maintenance while you are away. Neighborhood references are available. I look forward to meeting you! Victoria (941) 350-2566

**AUTO DETAILING WE COME TO YOU!** Car wash and wax \$50.00. To schedule an appointment call 941-371-0780 or visit us at [www.sarasotaautodetailing.com](http://www.sarasotaautodetailing.com)

**SLIPCOVERS AND UPHOLSTERY:** Quality at discount pricing. Meadows References. 10% discount with ad. Call 941-755-6500

**CLASSIFIED****SERVICES**

**SEAMSTRESS:** Experienced seamstress, reasonably priced, excellent work. Call Lois at 907-0177.

**FURRY GODMOTHER PET CARE:** Reliable and professional care for your furry friends. Offering mid-day dog walking during your long days at work or if you are simply unable to exercise your pet enough. Vacation visits, overnight stays, vet visits for kitties too. Licensed, insured, long time Meadows resident. Set up your free consultation today. I would love to talk with you. Call 228-4813.

**IRONING: HOT OFF THE PRESS** Linens, curtains, casual/ professional attire, etc. Starch optional. Pick up/delivery. No more exorbitant dry cleaner rates. 941-350-0296.

**MEADOWS RESIDENT:** Provides condo cleaning, rental cleaning package. House sitting, windows, special pricing. Great references. 24 years experience. Call Karen 941-713-2269.

**LET ME HELP** with your errands, transportation and organizing. LET ME HELP around the house or look after things while you're away! LET ME HELP you have more free time to enjoy Sarasota! Reliable, affordable and fun with excellent references from your neighbors. Call Amy Zeusler at 941-364-8071. Visit me at [www.letamyhelp.com](http://www.letamyhelp.com)

**MOBILE AUTO DETAILING WE COME TO YOU!** Professionally serving and satisfying Meadows residents for over 12 years. From washing to detailing, RIDE ON DETAIL, INC. is your company. Meadows residents receive \$50.00 off a Full Detail. To schedule an appointment call 941-371-0780 or visit us at [www.sarasotaautodetailing.com](http://www.sarasotaautodetailing.com)

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For More Information, Call the MCA Office, 377-2300, or email [administration@meadowsca.com](mailto:administration@meadowsca.com)

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**STAY AT HOME HEALTH CARE:** "There is no place like home!" Registered nurse and full time Meadows resident. Medical and non-medical services available. Respite care. Rest assured that your parents/loved ones are living at home safely and receiving the attention they need. Weekly, daily, per diem. Non agency affiliation. Call Karen 941-706-1917.

**DONNA'S HOUSECLEANING & HOMEMAKING:** 12 years in Meadows. New openings. 928-1889.

**AIRPORT SHUTTLE: TAMPA** airport shuttle \$80.00 one-way for 2 people, \$25.00 one-way to Sarasota airport. Call Judy's cell 941-524-5100 or 941-896-6844.

**COMPUTER TECH SUPPORT:** Hardware and software problems solved. Upgrades, networks, Internet, malware removal, data recovery, etc. A+, Network+, Security+ certs. Navy trained electronics tech. Vet. Phone 941-225-0046.

**SERVICES**

**"GARDENS BY ALLISON"** GARDEN MAKE-OVERS AND CLEAN-UP! NOW IS THE TIME! Do you need an extra set of hands? Let us help with your garden make-over, garden clean-up and maintenance, courtyards, patio, lanai, pots? No job is too small. Call 941-400-0431.email: gbyallison@yahoo.com, website: www.gardensbyallison.com

Want to rent or sell?  
**Advertise in the Classifieds**  
 Looking for Something?  
**Find it in the Classifieds!**  
**CLASSIFIED ADS WORK!**

**SERVICES**

**FRUSTRATED WITH YOUR COMPUTER, IPAD, Kindle, or Smartphone?** Call Dave--The Patient Trainer-- for in-home help with any of your devices. Training, troubleshooting, even help shopping for the right product. Call 941-404-5585 for help from The Patient Trainer.

**TILE-TILE-TILE:** Professional ceramic & porcelain tile installation and sales. Free estimates, many Meadows references. Call Neil 726-3077.

**CLASSIC CLEANING BY COCOA:** Meadows resident, 30 years experience, bonded & licensed, references. Please call Cocoa 377-2538.

**UNCLUTTER YOUR GUTTERS:** Keep your roof looking new. I can do that for you. I have a home in the Meadows too. Call Mike 377-2538.

**LOOKING FOR PEACE OF MIND? LOOK NO FURTHER.** ElderCare Services provides in-home assisted living, perfectly tailored to suit your needs and enhance your lifestyle. Services include, but not limited to, homemaking, transportation, running errands, meal prep., medication supervision, 24/7 medical staffing, and more. Please call 377-4465 for more information or visit us on the web @ eldercaresarasota.com. Licensed, bonded and insured. Lic.#30211372

**SERVICES**

**PLUMBING:** Austin Plumbing - Master Plumber with 45 years experience. Licensed and insured. Backflow certified. Call Wayne @ 320-3986.

**DOES YOUR PET NEED CARE** when you're not there? I provide loving, reliable care, daily/overnights. Walks, feeds, vet appts. Etc. Meadows resident. Experienced. Reasonable rates. References. Will also check homes while residents are away. Call Kate 371-6862.

**CYNDERELLA HOUSECLEANING:** Quality and reliable. Excellent Meadows References. Call 807-9788.

**CLEANING BY JENNIFER:** Honest, reliable service with references in The Meadows. 822-5733.

**WANTED**

**LOOKING TO RENT:** 1/2 BD RM condo for March 2015. Rented in Meadows past 5yrs will provide references. Call 860-823-8059/860-405-1133. Dan O'Donnell Groton CT.

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*The Meadows*  
**Memorial Garden**

*with its serene, natural setting...*

*is the perfect place to memorialize your loved ones. Any Meadows' resident, past or present, can have an engraved, granite plaque placed on the Memorial Wall.*

To find out more about the Garden or to order a plaque, contact:

**The Meadows Community Association,**  
**941.377.2300, or email**  
**mca@meadowsca.com**

**THE MEADOWS BOOK CLUB**  
**NEW TITLES FOR 2014-2015**

(Meets on 2nd Wednesday of the month at 2:00 pm at the MCA)

Administration Priscilla Schlegel 341-0434 pschlegel@comcast.net  
 Luncheon Caryl Magnus 378-5055 carylmagnus@verizon.net

Date	Title and Author	Leader
Oct 8	<i>All Quiet on the Western Front</i> by Erich Maria Remarque	Joanne Simons
Nov 12	<i>Death Comes For the Archbishop</i> by Willa Cather	Cindy Kodish
Dec 10	<i>The Goldfinch</i> by Donna Tartt	TBA
<b>—2015—</b>		
Jan 14	<i>The Rose Project</i> by Graeme Simsion	Pam Draper
Feb 11	<i>The White Dog Fell from the Sky</i> by Eleanor Morse	Vida Gavin
Mar 11	<i>Luncheon &amp; New Book Selections</i> (11:30)	
Apr 8	<i>The Moth by Burns</i> by Gopnik and Green	Karen Rush
May 13	<i>The Lemon Tree</i> by Sandy Tolan	Janet Thompson

# The Meadoword

Community Events—All Events are at the MCA

## Assembly of Property Owners

May 21, 2014 • 7:00 pm



### Carolyn Mason

Sarasota County Commissioner  
Talks about "Changes the Commission Faces"

**DELEGATES—SIGN-IN ON ARRIVAL**

Open to all Meadows residents. Coffee and Cookies provided

## Blood Platelet Drive...

**May 15, 2014**  
**9:00 am—1:30 pm**

## THE MEADOWS BOOK CLUB

### TITLES REMAINING IN 2014

(Meets the 2nd Wed of the month, Oct thru May, 2:00 pm, MCA)

Administration Luncheon	Priscilla Schlegel Caryl Magnus	341-0434 378-5055	pschlegel@comcast.net carylmagnus@verizon.net
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Date	Title and Author	Leader
May 14	<i>The Patron Saint of Liars</i> by Ann Patchett	Karen Schwaid

## NEVER FORGET

The MCA Office will be **CLOSED** to observe **Memorial Day • Monday, May 26**

## Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

<b>May</b> <i>All meetings and events are at the MCA Community Center, 2004 Longmeadow, unless otherwise noted. Daily notices are posted for room locations</i>				<b>1</b> May Day		<b>2</b>		<b>3</b>	
<b>4</b>		<b>5</b> Cinco De Mayo		<b>6</b>		<b>7</b> New Ads Due		<b>8</b>	
<b>11</b> Mother's Day		<b>12</b>		<b>13</b> Classifieds Due		<b>14</b>		<b>15</b> BLOOD PLATELET DRIVE 9:00 am -1:30 pm	
<b>18</b>		<b>19</b>		<b>20</b>		<b>21</b>		<b>22</b>	
<b>25</b>		<b>26</b> Memorial Day Observed MCA Office Closed		<b>27</b>		<b>28</b>		<b>29</b>	
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<b>16</b>		<b>17</b> Armed Forces Day		<b>18</b>		<b>19</b>		<b>20</b>	
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