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# Notes From the President's Desk

By Dr. Bill Grubb—MCA President



My wife **Pat** and I first came to The Meadows to play golf in 1980. We then became homeowners in 1983. So, in the last 30-plus years, we have seen a lot of changes, including the addition of two 18 hole golf courses, much construction, and the addition of the entire Highlands area. Pat and I chose The Meadows as a place to live because of the golf community and for the green spaces preserved by Taylor-Woodrow.

Each year, The Meadows has looked better and better because of the quality of the professional management of The Meadows Community Association and The Meadows Country Club (TMCC) and because of the many volunteers who serve on our many committees—Restrictions, Maintenance, Community Affairs, Safety, Best Kept, and others.

### The overall community is governed by nine elected, volunteer board members

These members come from many professions including bankers, law enforcement, medical doctors, real estate agents, and corporate executives. All the board members are Meadows residents who desire to implement policies that will continue to make The Meadows a better place to live. Our obligations as MCA Board members are to do what we think is best for the community as a whole. We know that some residents will be unhappy, no matter what we do or fail to do.

The MCA is currently strong financially and has adequate reserve funds for the near future. In fact, our budget will decrease by one percent for the next fiscal year beginning in March.

### Meadows Country Club, a victim of the national trend of declining membership

The MCA Board knew that The Meadows Country Club was following this national trend and faced a problem of decreasing membership. Initially, 80 percent of Meadows residents belonged to TMCC, but now less than 20 percent are members. The MCA Board also realizes that TMCC needs to be strong to support property values in The Meadows.

Last summer, a joint committee was formed consisting of board members and administration from both the MCA and TMCC to see how to work closer together for mutually beneficial goals. Among our conclusions—we live in a 40-plus-year-old golf course community, and we are one community. It is not “them” (TMCC) versus “us” (MCA)—it’s “we.” Our community is interwoven with three golf courses, and the majority of our 3500 households have

golf course views. All our property values benefit from the golf courses remaining beautiful. The continued success of TMCC is vital to The Meadows community and the MCA.

### What is the solution?

A possible solution to aid the Country Club includes the construction of a hotel on Country Club property and residences on available Country Club and MCA properties. This solution would require the rezoning of small areas of The Meadows. This rezoning will give the MCA flexibility for future years and could make the MCA and TMCC stronger financially.

There may be other solutions

in addition to or instead of a hotel and other development on Club property—which is why we are holding neighborhood meetings to receive input from our residents. These meetings are a most important part of the planning process.

At the meeting on November 20, 2014, many questions were asked. These questions were recorded and all of them were answered in question and answer packets that were distributed at the last meeting on December 8, 2014. The Q&A is been posted to MCA and TMCC Websites. We are making our best effort to communicate to all Meadows residents and to answer all their questions.

## ATTENTION Meadows Residents and TMCC Members

You are invited to attend “Community Conversations” on the

# Rezoning Proposal

January 7, 13, and 19 at the MCA

All Meadows residents and members of The Meadows Country Club are invited to meet with MCA and Club staff and Board member representatives to discuss the proposed rezoning of portions of The Meadows planned unit development.

There are three scheduled meetings—Wednesday, January 7, from 2:00 to 3:00 pm; Tuesday, January 13, from 2:00 to 3:00 pm; and Monday, January 19, from 10:30 to 11:30 am.

Space may be limited, depending on availability of meeting rooms, so reservations on a first-come, first-served basis are requested to attend.

Individuals or groups who

would like to reserve space at one of the meetings should call the MCA office at 941-377-2300.

If you cannot attend one of these meetings and would like to discuss the proposals, call 377-2300 and ask to speak to MCA Manager **Len Smally** or Assistant Manager **Jay Brady**.

To speak to The Meadows Country Club General Manager **Doug Domino**, call 941-371-6000.

In addition to these meetings, a community-wide neighborhood workshop meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 28, at 6:00 pm in The Regency Room on the second floor of The Meadows Country Club, 3101 Longmeadow.

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# What's Happening?

## Pickleball's happening!

By Len Smally—MCA Manager

Pickleball is here—it's a sport for anyone



The MCA by now should have two pickleball courts near the playground. We also will have a limited number of paddles and balls available to check out, but we advise pickleball players to get their own equipment. The cost of paddles and balls is nominal, and they are available at local sporting goods stores as well as online.

Rules will be posted and should be available online. Call the MCA for details. The USA Pickleball Association describes the sport as follows:

*A paddle sport created for all ages and skill levels. The rules are simple, and the game is easy for beginners to learn, but can develop into a quick, fast-paced, competitive game for experienced players.*

### The Basics:

1. A fun sport that combines many elements of tennis, badminton, and ping-pong.
2. Played both indoors or outdoors on a badminton-sized court and a slightly modified tennis net.
3. Played with a paddle and a plastic ball.

*A Game for Everyone. The USAPA currently estimates there are now over 100,000 players actively playing pickleball. Seniors enjoy the social aspects and the ability to stay active in towns and retirement communities.*

*Tennis, racquetball and ping-pong players love the competitive nature of the sport and regularly participate in competitive tournaments.*

### Brief History

*Pickleball was invented in 1965 on Bainbridge Island, a short ferry ride from Seattle, Washington. Three dads—Joel Pritchard, Bill Bell, and Barney McCallum, whose kids were bored with their usual summertime activities—are credited for creating the game. Pickleball has evolved from original handmade equipment and simple rules into a popular sport throughout the U.S. and Canada. The game is growing internationally as well with many European and Asian countries adding courts.*

(For more information about Pickleball, see "Pickleball Anyone?" in *The Meadoword*, August 2014.)

## Speed tables—pros and cons

We have installed a fifth speed table on Longmeadow near Briarfield. This installation was requested by the Briarfield Association.

Although we still have not seen any increase in traffic related to the new mall, there has been a general increase in traffic since our last traffic calming efforts about six years ago. Generally, there is light traffic on Longmeadow, but there are lots of people (with and without Meadows stickers) who speed and run our stop signs. This new table is in the longest part of Longmeadow without any traffic control.

Obviously, local residents are the most affected by any type of traffic control. You have to cross the speed tables more than outsiders. But statistics have shown that speed tables do reduce speeding and "cut-through" traffic. Drivers of trucks and vehicles

pulling trailers, especially don't like them. Tools rattle when trucks cross tables, which can create minor noise. Both trucks and cars will decelerate and accelerate, which also can cause some noise. The Briarfield Association is aware of those issues, but was more concerned about the dangerous speeding through the area.

## Recycle your Christmas tree!

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# Like It or Not...

## The Meadows is a Private City

*More questions and answers on proposed rezoning...*

By Len Smally—MCA Manager

### Why can't property owners vote?

Like it or not, The Meadows is a private city. Our annual assessment (our "taxes") is based on a millage, which is based on your property value—just like it is with governmental bodies. Deed restrictions equate to code enforcement; the former private, the latter public. Our "government" (the MCA) is set up exactly like a city's. Our Board of Directors is equivalent to a city commission, and our President, elected by the Board, is equivalent to a mayor.

We have a community manager—like a municipality's city manager—with a staff who manages the master common areas—the public areas open to all our citizens—and carries out the wishes of the Board.

Our "police force" is The Meadows Safety Patrol; they operate 24/7, just like a public body's police would, albeit under a different set of guidelines. Even our right-of-ways are designed exactly like public right-of-ways; they are typically 60 feet wide with room for the street, a sidewalk, and underground utilities.

Cities and counties, through elected representatives, make many very important decisions without a referendum—especially on land-use issues, unlike condominiums, where just about everything requires a vote. Our documents are set up like a city.

### Are we listening?

There are some comments that this rezoning proposal was "ramrodded through" and it was a "done deal" from the outset. Our communications and meetings indicate otherwise. Notification of meetings were published in three issues of *The Meadoword*, we had two well-attended public meetings and have one more scheduled on January 28, many meetings with concerned citizens and more are scheduled, and no decision will be made to apply to Sarasota County for the rezoning until after the January 28 meeting.

Through all our communications with residents, very important issues have been discussed.

Maybe there will be only residential units in the Club area and maybe or maybe not a resort/hotel. The strategy proposed, however, is to apply for both because the situation at the Club, the market, and the economy will drive the proposals the Club receives from developers.

*Yes, we are listening!*

### ATTENTION

Meadows Residents and TMCC Members  
**Neighborhood Meeting on the  
 Rezoning Proposal**  
**Wednesday, January 28 • 6:00 pm**  
 at The Meadows Country Club • Please plan to attend

### What about protection of our 17th Street field and the wooded look at Longmeadow and Highlands Bridge Road?

We will protect the tree lines on both roads and the interior trees no matter what is built, even if units have to be sacrificed. *We are listening.*

The single-family units that might be constructed on 47th Street will have restricted access into Hadfield near Longmeadow, just west of the island through the edge of our nature trail area. None of our trails, however, will be affected—we would not allow that to happen. All construction, garbage collection, deliveries, and services will have to come in via 47th Street.

*We are listening!*

### Will the character of The Meadows be changed?

#### *Kobernick-Anchin-Benderson...*

The potential improvements at Kobernick on 17th and 47th Streets are basically outside our core area, so development on those sites will have little effect on our character.

#### *The Club area...*

Development in the Club area, where two-thirds of the Club is already public, will affect Club members the most—and it is up to Club officials to address those internal issues.

The intent is to revitalize our aging community, keep up property values, and stimulate redevelopment of aging neighborhoods.

#### *Traffic studies* will be

conducted—and there could be noticeable traffic at times, just as there are now for major club events and tourneys. We do not, however, anticipate there will be any significant issues with traffic; keep in mind that The Meadows was designed for many more units and club members than we have now, or will have if a rezoning is approved.

*Signage* will be restricted by the MCA. In fact, all the construction will have to be approved by the MCA, including landscaping and tree removal and preservation.

For *residential units of the nature contemplated* for the Club area, common standards are to assign

six trips per day/unit as a typical rule of thumb. For 30 units with a driveway on both Longmeadow and Highlands Bridge Road, there might be 90-vehicles spread over an entire day on each road.

Because of the Club's loss of membership, we need to be prepared to do something—whatever it takes within reason—to keep our great character and natural areas to preserve our community throughout the 21st Century.

### Are we losing open space?

*We are affecting an insignificant amount of open space*

Currently, according to the records, we have about 50 percent open space; the 50 percent requirement was Sarasota County's code at the time of our approvals many years ago. Now, the requirement is 30 percent. Regardless, the amount of open space that will be affected is insignificant.

We understand just how important our wooded areas are. We will be careful to keep a large mature tree buffer and save as many trees as possible everywhere—including Highlands Bridge and Longmeadow, even if less units can be constructed. We also would keep almost 75 percent of the field green and open space at Hammock Place and 17th Street.

### Most of our MCA board members are Club members—are they going to vote with the interests of the MCA in mind, or just to protect TMCC?

Throughout the history of The Meadows, most MCA Board members have been TMCC members. They are people who volunteer their time and are interested in keeping The Meadows as the best residential community in our area. They care about the operations, maintenance, and future of The Meadows—and they understand the situation at TMCC.

### Our Board voted back in October to allow the rezoning to proceed through the process—is it to help the Club?

Of course! But the real goal is to allow something to be done that will

help The Meadows continue to thrive.

There are no other decisions needed during the rezoning process. If the rezoning is approved by the County, then each site will need approval from both the MCA Restrictions Committee and Board of Directors.

### Why do we need to spend the funds to get the rezoning? Why not let a developer do it?

The cost is relatively inexpensive because we teamed up with Kobernick-Anchin-Benderson and TMCC to share the Sarasota County fees, engineering costs, and so forth. The land becomes much more valuable if we get the entitlements; we are not held up by a developer's issues and time frames; and, most importantly, we will do the rezoning for exactly what we want on the property. We control the process—not the developers.

### The Meadows Shopping Village needs maintenance—what will keep any new construction from becoming rundown?

Taylor Woodrow built and owned the shopping village. They wrote the restrictions so The MCA has *no say so* about the maintenance of the shopping village. When they sold the village to a private owner, we hoped that they would amend the documents so the MCA might have some control—unfortunately, they did not.

Any new development will be allowed not only with the construction and landscaping needing MCA approval, but also with provisions for maintenance being part of the approval.

### Can the MCA assess everyone annually to support the club?

Yes, state law allows us to do that. The costs, however, are difficult to predict (see "Proposed rezoning will be the 'hot topic' of 2015" by Doug Domino, page 19 of this issue). It could be very expensive per household. Some sort of membership also would have to be created by the Club, which would affect public play and some current levels of membership that bring in revenue.

### Can we require new owners to join the Club?

We could attempt that for any new units—obviously, that would affect the purchase price. According to our interpretation of the state law, it would take a 100 percent vote to require current owners to require their buyers to join the Club.

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## Safety

*Prevention is the best protection*

By John Spillane—Chairperson

### November number of reported incidents unchanged from October

During the month of November, there were 9 incident-free days, 3 less than last month. There were 38 reported incidents, which was the same amount as in October. The Safety Patrol issued 100 citations for various violations such as illegally parked vehicles, garbage violations, and open garage doors.

### Burglar enters residence through unlocked front door and locks it on way out with cash and jewelry

On Thursday, November 13, a resident of Woodmans Chart reported that between 2:10 and 2:30 pm, person(s) unknown entered his unlocked residence and shuffled through several rooms and drawers, taking cash and jewelry. The resident had gone out briefly to the store and left the front door unlocked. When he returned 20 minutes later, the front door was locked and a rear screen patio door was unlocked. He believes



### It's getting harder to tell the good guys from the **BAD GUYS**

In the past couple of issues of *The Meadoword*, I warned residents about the FPL scam. During these telephone calls, the caller says he is from FPL or is a subcontractor working for FPL. He tells you he needs to replace the electric meter or check your water heater or some other piece of electrical equipment. He usually gives a time frame for his arrival. His scheme is to check out your home for some type of criminal intent later on.

A scam like that was attempted one of our residents in September, and we have received reports of other Meadows residents having similar calls. FPL also warns its customers about these scams on the FPL Website. But, we have also learned that FPL sometimes does make a legitimate call and might in fact need to come to your property. So how can you tell who's telling the truth?

### FPL tells us this...

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the person(s) entered the front door and left by the rear door. The Sarasota County Sheriff's Office responded. Meadows Safety officers noticed a white work van and workers working at a nearby vacant residence and noted the vehicle tag. This information was forwarded to the Sheriff's Office along with several other service vehicle tag numbers belonging to trades people observed working at this residence.

### Thief rides off with bicycle left on outside porch

On Tuesday, November 25, a resident of Pinebrook Hollow reported that person(s) unknown removed a green Trek All-Terrain bicycle from her outside porch area sometime between 8:30 am and 9:00 pm. The bike was valued at approximately \$200. A report was filed with the Sheriff's Office.

### Altercation erupts into physical assault on Meadows resident out for a walk

On Wednesday, November 26, at 4:15 pm, a Meadows resident reported he was walking near Butterfly Lake and became involved in a verbal altercation with an unknown subject, which escalated into a physical

### NEXT MEETING of the Safety Committee JANUARY 5, 2:00 pm, MCA

All residents encouraged to attend

*Have a Safe and Happy New Year!*

altercation. The subject then struck the victim on his right cheek using his fist and pushed the victim to the ground. There were additional injuries. The victim reported the incident to the Sheriff's Office.

### Crimes of opportunity?

We all do it from time-to-time—just hopping in the car and running out to the store or doing a quick errand. No need to lock the door in the middle of the day for that length of time, right? Wrong. It's scary to think that someone could be watching you leave the house who takes advantage of that unlocked door. It may not happen often here in The Meadows, but if it ever happened to you, it would be one time too-many. Don't make it easy for these thieves. Lock your doors when you leave the property—no matter how short a time you think you'll be gone.

A few years ago The Meadows had a serial bike thief in its midst. Residents were finding their bikes missing from where they were secured. Often, if the locking device was strong



enough, the thief would take just the parts that he could unbolt. This situation went on for some time, but Safety Patrol had a suspect in mind., and, with the help of the Sheriff's Office, the thief was put away.

In the past few months, the Safety Committee has noticed that bike thefts seem to be on the rise here again in The Meadows. The Sheriff's Office advises bike owners to consider upgrading the locking devices used to secure their bikes. The Kryptonite New York Fahgettabout Mini device, pictured below, is one lock type that makes the grade.



The lock sells for about \$100, but you can find them cheaper online

if you search. Of course, the best way to secure your bike is to just take it inside—and that doesn't cost anything.

## Schemes, Scams, and Cons...

### And how they try to take your money!

*on electric meters, administering home energy-saving programs and maintaining power lines. However, we occasionally hear reports of people posing as FPL employees. Please remember that all FPL employees carry a photo identification badge and our contractors have a contractor badge or can provide a work request number and an FPL supervisor name and number. Ask to see it and call us to verify, if you are in doubt.*

*Also, it's important to remember that FPL will not:*

- *Come into your home without making arrangements ahead of time.*
- *Solicit personal information over the telephone, unless you initiated the contact.*
- *Send emails threatening to close your account if you do not take the immediate action of providing personal information.*
- *Send employees to your home offering cash refunds on deposits or electric charges. We either credit your account or mail a check to your electric service address.*

### So what should you do?

If you should get a call from someone claiming to be from FPL

who wants to make an appointment to come onto your property, tell the caller to call back later. Dig out your last FPL bill and call the number on the bottom. Find out from FPL yourself if that cold call was legit. And **please** call Meadows Safety Patrol if someone just shows up at your door claiming they are from FPL. Officers will be there in a minute to check it out for you.

Hmmm. "Badges? We don't need no stinkin' badges!" Oh really? Tell them, "Oh yes you do, if you want to come on my property!"

If you make an appointment to have workers from any utility company come to your home—FPL, Comcast, Verizon, or anyone else for that matter—insist they have a photo ID indicating who they work for; workers all carry photo IDs that must be presented when customers ask. Don't be shy about it. Even our Safety Patrol officers wear badges and have their photo IDs on their uniforms.

### It's the largest scam the IRS has ever seen—Phoney IRS "officials" demanding back taxes

The Treasury Department warns taxpayers to beware of phone

calls from individuals claiming to represent the Internal Revenue Service



(IRS) in an effort to defraud them. "This is the largest scam of its kind that we have ever seen," said J. Russell George, the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration.

Individuals, fraudulently claiming to be IRS officials, make unsolicited calls to taxpayers and tell them they owe taxes and must pay using a prepaid debit card or wire transfer. If victims refuse to pay, the scammers threaten them with arrest, deportation, or loss of a business or driver's license.

George noted the IRS has received reports of more than 20,000 contacts and has become aware of thousands of victims who have collectively paid more than \$1 million as a result.

Some Meadows residents recently received this type of phony call—but they didn't fall for it, and you shouldn't either! If you get one of these calls, just hang up and notify Meadows Safety Patrol.

NEXT MEETING of the  
**Emergency Prep Committee**  
**JANUARY 13, 1:30 pm, MCA**

**Please join us!**  
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# Emergency Prep Committee

*Be a little scared—so you will be prepared*

By Harry Shannon, M.D.—Chairperson

**What happened ??**

First, on a deeply personal note, I would like to thank all of you whose thoughts, prayers, cards, and letters sustained my family and me during my recent hospitalization and surgery. Words alone can not express the gratitude we felt knowing we were not alone; that your thoughts and prayers were with us and helped us through a difficult time. Thank you so much!

Next, an article by Zach Anderson in the November 24 issue of the *Herald-Tribune* sheds some light on “What Happened?” during this recent hurricane season. As he says, it has been nine years since a hurricane hit Florida! That’s nearly double the previous record. For your information, the last landfall in Sarasota County was in 1928, so we have been uncommonly lucky! Phil Klotzbach, research scientist at Colorado State’s Tropical Meteorology Project, is quoted as saying, “Florida has been very, very lucky. Hopefully that luck will continue”.

As to why this run of good fortune has continued, experts have no really good explanation. This season was the second in a row for a below-average storm season. And, this fact leads some people to say that the long period of above-average occurrence of storms from the Atlantic may be coming to a close.

Klotzbach is not so sure. Unusually warm water temperatures in the Atlantic persist, and warm water tends to be a dominant factor in hurricane formation he said. There have been 61 Atlantic hurricanes since our last one, and Klotzbach calculated the odds of all 61 of them missing the state to be 1,150 to 1!

This observation certainly sounds like good news, but a cautionary note was sounded by the National Hurricane Center spokesman Dennis Feltgen. He wrote, “this remarkable stretch WILL come to an end. We do have to be prepared.” This is why the Emergency Preparedness Committee is resuming our meetings to be as ready as possible *when*, not *if* a storm or other disaster impacts our Meadows community. Meetings are the second Tuesday of the month, 1:30 pm, at the MCA Community Center. Remember, it is better to be overprepared and underwhelmed than underprepared and overwhelmed! We need all the volunteers we can get to help us keep on being lucky! Hope to see you at the meeting, January 13!

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# Assembly Committee

## Doug Domino speaks at January Assembly

By Ginny Coveney—Chairperson

About 125 Meadows residents attended a very festive holiday party on December 5.

I want to thank my Assembly Executive Committee members and spouses for all their hard work in making it happen—**Marvin Glusman, Chuck and Jean Piper, Mona and Robert Snyder, Sue and Tom Pound, Jackie Williams and Ed Kramer**—who did everything from ordering food and wine, setting up and taking down, and greeting everyone who came.

The Paddock Trio provided the music, and many voices sang along with the Christmas carols.

**Paul and Jeanette Komarck** of Vivienda were celebrating 65 years of marriage and danced to the *Anniversary Waltz*. A good time was had by all!

The Christmas party, sponsored by the MCA, was a wonderful way to begin the Christmas Season.

The speaker at the next meeting of the Assembly of Property Owners on January 21 is **Doug Domino**, who will speak on the state of The Meadows Country Club and the rezoning applications. All Meadows residents are encouraged to attend, but only delegates from each association are allowed to vote on business matters.

Delegates for the associations, chosen by the association presidents, are charged with attending the meetings and bringing back pertinent information.

The three candidates nominated for the 2015 Board of Directors will also introduce themselves and give brief presentations.

NEXT MEETING of the

## Assembly of Property Owners

**Doug Domino** General Manager

The Meadows Country Club

“State of the Club and Rezoning in The Meadows”

January 21, 7:00 pm • MCA Community Center

Delegates, please sign in when you arrive  
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## MCA Annual Assessments Have Been Mailed...

The 2015 MCA Annual Assessment was mailed in January, and you should receive it by February 1, 2015.

**This Assessment is your Master Association fee, due yearly—not your sub-HOA or condo fee.**

### Payment is DUE MARCH 1, 2015

- Because of limited space and for cost-saving measures, the Assessment was addressed to the first owner listed in the Sarasota County records and mailed to the billing address on file.
- If you do not receive the Assessment by February 1, 2015, contact the MCA office at 941-377-2300 to confirm your correct mailing address.
- If you **recently purchased a home** in The Meadows but do not receive the Assessment by February 1, 2015, contact the MCA office to update our records and request the Assessment.
- If you **recently sold a home** in The Meadows and receive the Assessment for that property, please contact the MCA office to update our records so we can send the Assessment to the new owner.

All owners (including new owners) must pay the 2015 Assessment by March 1, 2015.

If you have questions or if any one of the above applies to you, please contact **Cheryl Price** at 941-377-2300 or email [mcaaccounting@meadowsca.com](mailto:mcaaccounting@meadowsca.com).

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# Election 2015—

## MCA Board of Directors

*Meet the candidates for the 2015 MCA Board of Directors at the January 21 Assembly of Property Owners meeting*

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# Please Don't Feed the Animals



**Bruce Ferretti**

**Bruce Ferretti** has lived in The Meadows for 12 years. He has been a member of the MCA Safety Committee for two years and a delegate to the committee from The Meadows Country Club for two years.

Bruce and his wife, **Catherine**, moved from Pennsylvania, where he was president of the Allentown Lehigh County Chamber of Commerce, campaign chairman of the United Way in Lehigh County, president of Lehigh Valley Business Conference on Health Care, and chairman of the Eastern U.S. Building Materials Dealers Association. For 29 years, he was also president and owner of Lehigh Lumber Company, a small chain of full-service lumberyards in Pennsylvania.

After he and Catherine retired to The Meadows in 2003, Bruce served on The Meadows Home Owners Association Board for three years. He also served on The Meadows Country Club Board of Governors for four years.

He says he “appreciates The Meadows quality of life and the approximately 8,000 people from around the world who call The Meadows home.”



**Malcolm Hay**

**Malcolm Hay** and his wife, **Cathy**, have lived in The Meadows since 2007. They are natives of Western Pennsylvania, but spent 20 years in Michigan prior to moving to Florida.

Malcolm has an engineering degree from Lehigh University, an MBA from the University of Pittsburgh, and a JD from Duquesne University. He was employed by PPG Industries for more than 30 years in a variety of management positions. After retiring from PPG, Malcolm was a management consultant with Omnex, Inc., a Michigan-based global consulting firm.

A member of the Penshurst Park Homeowner's Association Board for five years, Malcom currently serves as Vice President. In 2014, he completed a four-year term on The Meadows Country Club Board of Governors. During his term, he served as both Vice President and President and participated on every committee.

Prior to moving to Florida, Malcolm served on a number of not-for-profit and public boards, including 13 years on school boards in Pennsylvania and Michigan. He was President of the Birmingham (Michigan) Public Schools in a Detroit suburb for two years.



**Dr. Bart Levenson**

**Dr. Bart Levenson** grew up in Stamford, Connecticut. He attended the University of Pennsylvania, Lafayette College, and Tufts University School of Dental Medicine. After graduation, he served active duty in the U.S. Navy Dental Corps. Bart practiced Orthodontics exclusively for 30 years in Rochester, New York.

In 1997, Bart and his wife, **Joan**, moved to The Meadows, and he immediately volunteered and served many years on the MCA Maintenance Committee. He is a long-time member of the MCA Safety Committee, serves on the MCA Traffic Subcommittee, and chairs the MCA Fining Committee.

Bart and Joan are volunteer ushers at various area theaters and Circus Sarasota. Both support many arts, cultural, and human services organizations and enjoy travel throughout the United States and abroad. Bart also volunteers weekly at the Senior Friendship Center Dental Department and during most events at Benderson Park.

Both golfer and tennis player, Bart served four years on The Meadows Country Club Membership Committee. He says he looks forward to making significant contributions as a member of the MCA Board of Directors during this very exciting and critical period.

Please return your **Ballot for MCA Board of Directors** to the MCA with your **Annual Assessment Payment**, due **March 1, 2015**



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# Restrictions

Reviewing some basic rules...

By Bill Hoegel—Chairperson

With the majority of our property owners back for the winter, I believe it's important to review several of our rules and regulations, which are outlined as follows:

**Pedestrians and joggers must use pathways in The Meadows**

All pedestrians are expected to use Meadows pathways rather than roadways, which are designated for automobile use. When you use the pathways, you must always yield to bicycles.

For safety reasons, you are not allowed to walk, jog, rollerblade, or bike on The Meadows Country Club's private golf courses and cart paths.

**Owners are responsible for the physical control and behavior of their pets and for disposal of waste**

Florida law requires that pets be vaccinated against rabies. You must leash your pets at all times when they are outside your residence.

You must remove all pet droppings and deposit it in either waste containers located along pathways, or dispose of it at your own home.

The MCA does not permit pet behavior that becomes a nuisance to other residents.

**Feeding most Florida wildlife is illegal—feeding any Meadows wildlife is not permitted**

For your own protection, do not feed the wildlife living in The Meadows. The Meadows is home to numerous wild animals—among them, alligators, turtles, fish, herons, egrets, ducks, and Sandhill cranes. When humans feed these animals, some may become aggressive and learn to depend on handouts.

It is also against the law in Florida to feed certain wild animals, including alligators, Sandhill cranes, egrets, herons, and most aquatic birds.

**Fishing and picnicking in designated areas OKAY—swimming, boating, and discharging firearms NOT OKAY**

Fishing in ponds or lakes is limited

## Architectural Review

### Approved Applications

- 3065 Ringwood Meadow
- Morningside Condo Association
- 4533 Highland Oaks Cir
- 4519 Glebe Farm Rd
- 4861 Waterbridge Down
- 4625 Glebe Farm Rd
- 3845 Surrey Ct
- 4647 Glebe Farm Rd
- 3416 Highlands Bridge Rd
- 5315 Everwood Run
- 3363 Ringwood Meadow
- 3786 Surrey Lane
- 3024 Ringwood Meadow
- 4781 Ringwood Meadow
- 4536 Glebe Farm Rd
- 5237 Marsh Field Ln
- Villa Majorca Condo Association
- Harpers Croft Condo Association
- 4810 Windsor Park
- Penshurst Park Association
- 4756 Ringwood Meadow
- 3416 Highlands Bridge Rd
- 4451 Oakley Greene
- 4861 Waterbridge Down

to residents and guests accompanied by the resident. A map of designated fishing areas is located in the MCA office at the Community Center.

Hunting and discharging firearms are prohibited.

Picnicking is allowed in designated areas. Fires are not permitted.

Swimming and boating in The Meadows ponds or lakes are prohibited.

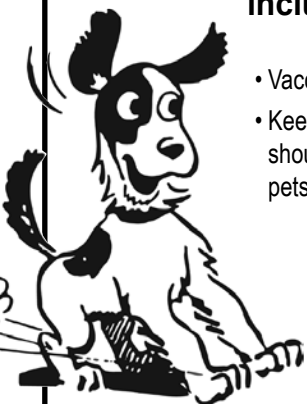
All Meadows rules apply to owners, renters, and guests.

If you have any questions, please contact our MCA Assistant Manager, Jay Brady at 377-2300. Thank you.

## If you have a pet...

Please consider the enjoyment of everyone, including your own and others' pets

- Vaccinate your pet against rabies—Florida law requires it.
- Keep your pet confined or leashed at all times. Your pet's leash should not exceed six feet in length. The Meadows will not allow pets that are noisy, dangerous, intimidating, or destructive.
- Please observe Sarasota County's quiet hours from 11:00 pm to 7:00 am.
- Pickup after your pet and properly dispose of all pet droppings in trash receptacles.



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## The MARKET REPORT

### Drop Deck

By Dick Plumb

#### Sales number is down but sale prices are up

There were a total of 10 sales in The Meadows (6 condos and 4 houses) during the month of November. This was 33 percent less than October (15 sales) and 41 percent less than November 2013 (17 sales).

The median sale price for November 2014 was \$187,000, 22 percent higher than October and 9 percent higher than November 2013.

#### Median home prices on track with Sarasota County

There were a total of 708 sales in Sarasota County during the month of November. This number was approximately 31 percent lower than the 1021 sales in October and 11 percent lower than November 2013.

The median sale price in Sarasota County was \$189,900 in November, with a minimal decrease from October's \$190,000 and approximately 9 percent higher than the \$172,500 median in November 2013.

#### Florida leads the nation in foreclosures

After dropping one level to become the nation's #2 state for foreclosures in October, Florida recaptured the #1 position in November, according to Realty Trac's U.S. Foreclosure Market Report for November 2014.

Even though The Sunshine State ranked first, its foreclosure problems are easing. The state had a 4 percent month-to-month decrease in foreclosure activity, and a 15 percent year-to-year decrease. The improvement, however, wasn't enough to keep the state from having the highest foreclosure rate in the country—1 in every 462 housing units had a foreclosure filing.

Florida has held the highest foreclosure rate in the nation for 13 of the last 14 months. Distressed property for sale in The Meadows, however, is gradually decreasing. In November 2013, there were 7 distressed homes (4 condos and 3 houses) for sale, and this November there were 5 (3 condos and 2 houses).

### Sales and Activity for Houses and Condos in The Meadows

November 2014*	Condos	Houses
• Property available for sale November 30.....	22	15
• Property available for sale November 30 (distressed).....	3	2
• Property with pending contracts November 30.....	12	8
• November sales.....	6	4
• October sales.....	15	0
• Property available for sale October 31.....	22	15
• Property available for sale October 31 (distressed).....	3	2
• Property with pending contracts October 31.....	14	8
• Median price of property for sale November 30.....	\$167,900	\$334,900
• Median price of pending contracts November 30.....	\$148,900	\$279,900
• Median sale price November.....	\$138,750	\$294,500
• Median sale price October.....	\$146,000	(no sales)
• Median price of available property for sale October 31.....	\$158,900	\$334,900
• Median price of property, pending contracts October 31.....	\$149,900	\$294,900

Information obtained from My Florida Regional MLS & Sarasota Association of Realtors. The November listing supply was 3.7 months (2.5 months for October).

6.0 is considered a healthy market

#### November 2013

• Property available for sale November 30, 2013.....	27	13
• Property available for sale November 30, 2013 (distressed).....	4	3
• Property with pending contracts November 30, 2013.....	25	5
• November 2013 sales.....	13	4
• Median price of property for sale November 30, 2013.....	\$157,900	\$349,500
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• Median sale price November 2013.....	\$142,500	\$277,500

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# MHOA

(Meadows Home Owners Association)

By Dick Plumb

## Happy Holidays from the MHOA!

An important topic for everyone who owns real estate in The Meadows, whether it's a condominium or free-standing single-family house, is the rezoning of The Meadows to allow for hotel/resort, office professional space, single-family, and villa construction.

There have been several meetings at The Meadows Country Club regarding rezoning with a large attendance of homeowners and Club members. The Meadows property owners and Country Club members are encouraged to attend as many of these meetings as possible. We believe these meetings are very valuable to every property owner (approximately 3,500) and all of the Country Club members, as well. We are all affected in one way or another by any changes made to The Meadows infrastructure.

## MHOA Annual Dinner set for February 25

We encourage all our members to participate in the MHOA gatherings to enjoy wonderful food and great camaraderie. MHOA members do not have to be Club members to take advantage of these gatherings. The Annual Dinner is held in the Regency room of The Meadows Country Club. We hope you will attend.

## Single-family home sales in The Meadows show slight tick up over the past 12 months

There was moderate change in single-family detached house activity in The Meadows during the month of November, with 4 sale at median sale price of \$294,500—a 6 percent

increase over the median sale price (\$277,500) in November 2013. The median asking price of the houses available (15) for sale at the end of November was \$334,900, down a bit from November 2013 (13 houses available) at \$349,500. Also in November 2014, there were 8 houses with pending contracts and a median asking price of \$279,900.

The November listing supply for Meadows homes was 3.8 months (3.3 months in November 2013); 6 months is considered a healthy market.

## The MHOA is your voice in the community

The MHOA is a homeowner association of the single-family dwellings in The Meadows. Its purpose is to provide group representation in the interests of the homeowners as well as to offer social opportunities for the residents. 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.

So, 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.

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# Scarborough Scribbles

## A New Year...

By Jane Lynahan Karklin

The entire month of October saw **Cathy and Joe Giglio** on a once-in-a-lifetime European adventure. Their first stop was Rome—the Eternal City. From there, they stepped aboard a cruise ship and sailed through the azure blue waters of the Mediterranean to ports of call in Naples, the fabled Greek Islands, and Turkey. When they returned to Rome, they set out for

Madeira and ended their trip through the Caribbean to Miami and back to Sarasota.

I'm sure Cathy and Joe will have some wonderful stories to share.

Over Thanksgiving, the Giglio's welcomed their daughter, **Mary** and her boyfriend **Mike**, who comes from Dallas. The family also took a 5K bike ride on "Turkey Day."

The day after Thanksgiving, a lively group of Scarborough residents assembled at the association sign to herald in the season and see the first lighting of the new holiday display.

The annual Scarborough meeting held in December will be further discussed in the February issue of *The Meadowd*. Our Board members serving on the 2015 board are **Joe Collins, Mike Garvey, Martha Honey, Diane Trettin, and Sandy Ulrikson**.

In December, **Carol Kollevoll** graciously invited us all into her lovely home for the annual Scarborough holiday party. The large turnout was ready to enjoy an evening of seasonal beauty, a variety of tasty foods, and heartfelt camaraderie.

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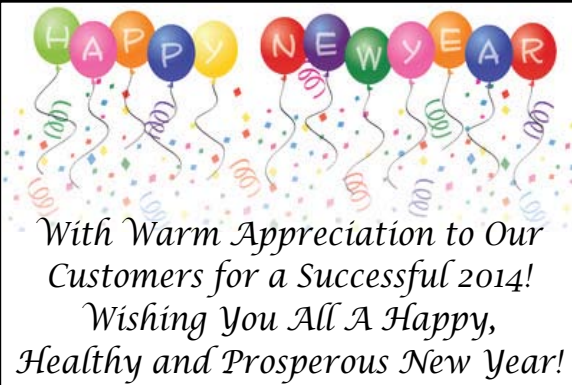
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# Happenings at Hampstead Heath

Looking back and moving forward...

By Ann Hamman

As 2015 approaches, it is a time to look back over the past year and look forward to the New Year. In 2014, Hampstead Heath saw several changes and welcomed new residents who purchased villas in our area.

## Some things remained the same

Nothing parties continued as residents opened their homes for early evening get-togethers once a month during the busy season. The pool was an attractive enticement for swimming, relaxing, and visiting with old and new neighbors.

**Merrill Olchick** continued his good leadership as president of our association with **Tim Parsons**, vice president, and **Jerry Cain**, treasurer. On a new note, **Betty Turner** was elected secretary.

## And, there were new happenings

We had changes in the landscaping around our 46 units. **Cody Harrison** became our Landscape Committee Chair. Our palm trees, oak trees, and hedges were trimmed. The association hired the Willhelm Brothers

Company to do our landscaping. The Entrance Beautification Committee was launched, and we received two prizes for our entrance plantings and decor.

## Now, looking forward to 2015

Several units were sold in our association—and all sold quickly—so we'll have a good winter to get to know our new neighbors.

Since our units were built between 1989 and 1990, it is time to consider painting the exterior of our buildings. That priority will be a big one in the new year. Funds are set aside for the work, so that is a very good thing!

As we enter the new year, we thank all of you who have worked so hard on our boards and committees, and we welcome the newcomers to our community. We can't see that they find out what many of us already know about living in Hampstead Heath and The Meadows; it's a great place to live—or visit.

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 By Sylvia Clark • Photo, Sylvia Clark

Back home again in The Meadows

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months and beyond! I wish all my friends and neighbors a safe and fun yearly journey south.

We are blessed in the state of Florida with the wonderful weather. This past couple of months has been a tad cool for us Floridians, but the warm weather will return once more, continuing to make the gorgeous never-ending flora and fauna grow.

**Weybridge hosts Appreciation Ceremony February 16**

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By Barbara Bates



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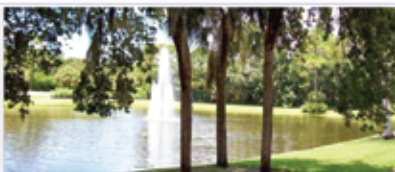
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To find volunteer opportunities at Nathan Benderson Park, all you have to do is enter **SANCA** in the search field under **Search by Volunteer Opportunities** to view the list of the events. When I searched, I found 40. Click the event you're interested in to see the list of volunteer opportunities and sign up online. When you select an event, you are required to agree to a volunteer pledge, liability waiver, background check, and photo release.

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# Koernick Anchin Benderson

## Keeping the Dream Alive

*The most successful ever...*

By Carlene Cobb—Communications Director

The Jewish Housing Council Foundation's fourth annual Keeping the Dream Alive dessert reception on November 12 at Michael's on East was a great success. It was attended by 300 guests and surpassed fundraising goals to benefit the Benevolent Care Program. This program helps qualified residents of Koernick House and Anchin Pavilion stay in their homes when they outlive their resources. Koernick House resident **Irving Bashevkin** offered a matching funds challenge, just as he did last year. This year, he also led a campaign among residents of the Koernick-Anchin-Benderson campus, who exceeded their fundraising goal as well.

"I want people to remember that, in our tradition, we take care of our neighbors," Bashevkin says.

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BELOW (left to right)—Arline Levine, Irving Bashevkin and Scott Anderson

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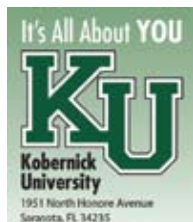
The 2014 Keeping the Dream Alive reception was chaired by Anne Garlington and Sally Yanowitz. Entertainment was provided by the Sarasota Opera.

TOP RIGHT (left to right)—Randy Benderson and Sally Yanowitz  
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## Happy New Year!

As we bid “goodbye” to 2014 and say a hopeful, hearty “HELLO” to 2015, we may find the “hot topic” for early 2015 is, “What will happen with the proposed rezoning for the MCA and TMCC?” There are a multitude of opinions and prognostications, all with very good intentions. The goal of this column is to provide additional information, because success—whatever that may be at the end of the day and all the discussions—can only come from an informed community.

### It’s important to understand the zoning requests

When The Meadows Community was developed, the zoning required that 50 percent of the total Planned Unit Development (PUD) could not be residential or commercial development—you think of it as open space. That requirement was changed to only 30 percent, and recently, the county approved some rezoning requests based on that change.

The Meadows PUD was originally approved for more than 800 additional residential units and an additional 10,000 square feet of commercial space than was actually built. It is this added potential for some type of altered or new development that the three entities (the MCA, Kobernick-Anchin-Benderson, and TMCC) have been investigating. Currently, there are three rezoning requests, all of which are designed to improve the business models for the three entities.

At this point, I’ll remove Kobernick (and its expansion) from this discussion since their request is away from the residents and has drawn no more than a very few questions. The points of major discussion seem centered on the requests by The Meadows Country Club and The Meadows Community Association.

That done, I’ll focus on the Country Club’s rezoning request, specifically:

- What are we requesting?
- What happens if the request is approved?
- Why are we requesting it?
- Why the members of the Club should support the request.
- Why the residents of The Meadows community should support the request.
- And finally, why the MCA Board and management have come out in favor of our request.

#### What is the Club requesting?

The Country Club is requesting that the county approve a rezoning for the main clubhouse site, including all the parking, golf buildings, and staging areas; the tennis center site, including all the area around the courts, the pool and all parking; the Dickens and public golf buildings, including all the areas surrounding the buildings and the



## Proposed rezoning will be the “hot topic” of 2015

By Doug Domino—General Manager

parking. These areas combined total approximately 25 acres.

The Club is requesting that the property be rezoned to allow a combination up to 150 commercial and/or multi-family dwelling/residential units. The Meadows PUD was approved for more than 800 additional residential units than were constructed, and the Club is requesting an allocation from this excess. A feasibility study was completed that indicated a boutique hotel could be successful in this location, and the real estate market for villas and other multi-family units in the community is strong.

#### What happens “if” the county approves the Club’s request?

The Club will put out “Requests for Proposals” to multiple developers. The Board of Governors will review the requests with the help of professionals and the MCA. The MCA must approve any plan before it can be presented to the Club members. The TMCC Board will then choose the proposal(s) that it feels offer the best opportunities for the Club, and these proposals will be presented to the membership in written and “live” format (Town Hall Meeting).

Following these presentations, the Board of Governors will then place a final selected plan to a vote of the Equity Membership. Such a proposal will include all provisions/choices to either lease or sell property.

If a developer and plan is approved by the membership, that developer would be engaged by the Club and would then be responsible for the ongoing costs of application fees for final county approvals, permits, and so forth. The Board would subsequently form committees to coordinate the implementation of the plan, causing as little disruption to the members as possible.

#### Why should the Club members support the rezoning request?

Ultimately, the membership has nothing to lose if the rezoning is approved. An approval of such a zoning application does not “approve”

a plan or construction. It only gives the Board the opportunity to request and investigate proposals. If we never applied for or received an approval of our rezoning request, we would never know if there is any type of plan that could benefit the Club and the The Meadows community.

Remember that the members purchased the Club from Taylor Woodrow for close to \$10 million dollars. TMCC has a Board of Governors (Directors) who have a fiduciary responsibility to sustain its financial viability. To *NOT* investigate the options (for example, rezoning of Club property) would be contrary to their duties as officers and directors. The members, as owners, should encourage their Board to look at alternatives that could help the Club deal with the loss of revenue from the declining golf and country club market. Consider these factors:

- ***If the rezoning is approved, it will increase the value of the Club’s property and improve the bank’s willingness to work with the Club to overcome any short-term financial issues.***

- ***The decline in membership has caused the Club to open golf courses to the public and cut more than \$1.4 million in expenses.*** These expense cuts have meant changes in operating hours and services to the membership. Without a change in the market conditions and Club finances, we will continue to cut, which will have a further negative effect.

- ***Most of the buildings within the proposed rezoning areas are over 40 years old and many are in need of refurbishment/replacement.*** Without a change to the current market conditions, we will not have the funds to keep up with the repairs needed to extend the lives of these buildings. If some of these buildings and their functions could be replaced as part of a development proposal, it would reduce Club expenses and make TMCC more attractive.

- ***The funds from any sale or lease of Club property would provide much needed short-term capital.*** The Club also intends to require that

developer proposals require new residential units (built on existing Club property) to purchase and retain at least a social membership in the Club. This requirement is currently in place at six other local communities, with no reported negative impact on their real estate sales. If a hotel were constructed, a similar requirement could be made for a “resort fee” to use Club facilities. Such provisions could provide more than \$300,000 in additional, ongoing income for Club operations and add an infusion of members who could be a base to further stimulate the market for membership

#### Why should Meadows residents support the rezoning request?

Residents will benefit from a stronger country club. The value of Meadows real estate is directly affected by the health of TMCC and the condition of the facilities. The Club is not in any immediate danger of failing, since we now have the infusion of income from public golf; however, public golf is reliant on other factors and is highly weather-dependent. Even without bad weather, the Club faces more cutbacks in 2015, which may reduce the maintenance in previously maintained areas throughout the community.

The Club does not want to request a “bail out” from the MCA, which would require a substantial increase in assessments for the homeowners. The total budget for the MCA is \$1.7 million, which is more than \$500,000 less than the cost of golf course maintenance alone. The Club’s total budget for labor, supplies, building, infrastructure, parking lots, furniture, and equipment exceeds \$7 million.

As we explained, we reduced expenses and opened facilities to the public in an effort to stabilize our business. TMCC is part of a declining market nationally and does suffer from its location in a “mature” community. The rezoning could revitalize the community as well as the Club with new residential products and activities that could, in turn, attract a stronger market that is more apt to join a country club.

#### There is always risk in change

Doing nothing, however, does not stop change; it will happen regardless of what we do. The Meadows, The Meadows Country Club, the residents, and the members will continue to age, and that will bring about its own change.

We don’t know if rezoning can result in interesting developer proposals that will jump start the Club and invigorate the community. The *truth*, however, is that we *will not know* if we do not try. And, we cannot try unless we can investigate the opportunities that rezoning could provide. The TMCC Board of Governors and the MCA Board of Directors have chosen to try this together—please join us.

***I hope you and our loved ones have a Happy and Healthy 2015!***

# 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

## The Big City

I am a small town boy. I was raised in Newell, West Virginia, along with 2,000 other people in a town that had only one red light. The red light blinked on caution 22 hours of the day. As I grew older, I moved to ever bigger cities like Columbus,

Ohio; Huntington, West Virginia (the second biggest city in the state); and, of course, Sarasota—which is really crowded in March.

I loved visiting New York for the theatre and sightseeing, but was always tense because of stories I had seen at the movies and on television of murder, mugging, robbery, fraud,

and getting lost in the subway.

Even though I was never faced with mayhem during a half dozen trips to New York and enjoyed every trip, the shadow of fear still lurks in my heart.

In December, I was given a choice of taking our school-age grandchildren to New York for a day

or remaining in Connecticut with the three-year-old. I thought of the stories about big city problems that Jeanette and John wrote for the Meadows Life Writing and Memoir Group and immediately volunteered to stay in New Haven with Ella!



A day in the city. A night on the town. What could be better than New York City during the festive holiday season? We had planned it carefully—an early drive from our house in New Jersey to avoid rush-hour traffic. A stop at an art gallery on the east side, then we planned dinner at a fine fancy French restaurant and had theatre tickets for a hit Broadway show.

It snowed the night before, but by the time we started out, the roads were clear and the drive in was uneventful. We found a parking spot right at the corner of 57th Street and Madison Avenue and walked to the gallery. About an hour later, we headed back to our car, ready for dinner. As we approached the corner, we did not see our car. We started arguing about where we parked. “This is the wrong street.”

“No, you are mistaken. This is the right street.”

“No you are wrong.”

Then at almost the same time, we both stopped and came to the conclusion that our car was stolen. Now what?

A foot-patrol officer was nearby, and we started blurting out our problems to him in unison. He pointed to the lamppost with a sign overhead that said, “SNOW REMOVAL STREET. NO PARKING HERE TO CORNER.” He said we could retrieve our car at the pound across town along the Hudson River.

We hailed a taxi and soon found ourselves at a dark and deserted strip of land along the waterfront. The scene was surreal inside the pound office. A dimly lit room, more like a long hall, a mess with trash, cigarette butts, papers along with a lot of angry drunks, druggies, tourists, suburbanites, people who spoke little English, and others whose English was limited to obscenities and curses. Everyone had a story.

A young mother with a crying baby had done her weekly marketing

and had a car full of food that was spoiling and ice cream that was melting. A grey-haired minister in clerical attire was due at church for a service. The driver of a florist’s van making holiday deliveries was worried that the flowers were wilting and he would lose his job.

When it was our turn at the window, we were ready to pay our fine and towing charges, but the clerk said before he could release the car, we would have to pay several old parking tickets. Our good friend and neighbor, who was a lawyer, once told us that, being out-of-state drivers, we didn’t have to bother with parking fines. The problem was that the courthouse was now closed until morning.

Now what?

How would we get out of there? Taxicabs weren’t cruising around that

part of town. The driver of the florist’s van offered us a ride back to midtown.

We walked to the theatre, arriving a few minutes before curtain time. We realized we would have to get home by bus and we would miss the last one of the night if we stayed for the play. People were outside looking for tickets, so we were lucky to sell ours. We gave up on dinner. We were not even hungry at that point.

We took a cab to the bus terminal and a bus back to New Jersey. Our son, who was home from college, picked us up at the bus stop several miles from our house. He wasn’t very sympathetic when we told him our story.

The next morning, my husband took the bus into the Port Authority Bus Terminal in midtown. Then, the subway downtown to the courthouse to pay the fines. He took the subway and a taxi to get back to the pound to pay the fees and finally get the car. It could have been worse. At least the car was not stolen—it can happen. But, that is another story.

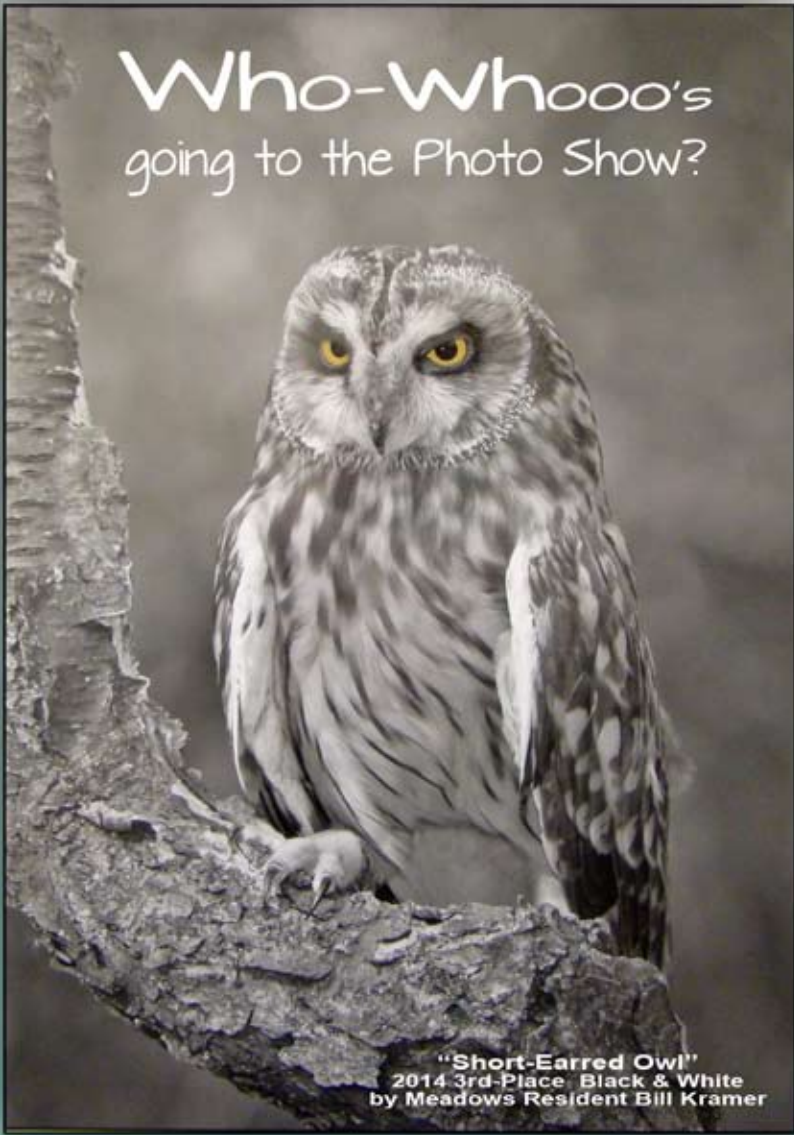
## No Parking

By Jeanette Liemer

Going away for a while? Read *The Meadow* online at <http://www.themeadowssarasota.org>

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## 2015 33rd PHOTO COMPETITION



Who-Whooo's  
going to the Photo Show?

"Short-Eared Owl"  
2014 3rd-Place Black & White  
by Meadows Resident Bill Kramer

Feb 27 thru Mar 1 • 10 am to 4 pm  
MCA Community Center, 2004 Longmeadow

**Memoirs**, *continued from previous*

# Locked Out

By John Arcr

We were so proud. Our daughter, Allison, was about to graduate from Columbia in New York City.

Because NYC was so expensive, the university offered dorm rooms to parents for \$100 a night for three nights. It was a good deal, so we took it. The suite we were put in was in Carmen Hall—the same dorm I lived in as a first year student in 1964. The suite consisted of two separate bedrooms with a shared bathroom.

For security reasons, the doors locked automatically whenever someone left the room. You needed a key to get back in.

When we checked in, we were told Rule # 1—"Never leave the room without your key." We were told another couple was assigned to the other half of the suite, but they hadn't arrived yet, so for the time being, we had the rooms to ourselves. We decided to shower and get dressed before the others arrived.

Diane went first. I could hear the shower going. I stayed behind in the room unpacking my suitcase. I needed to shave, so I gathered my shaving gear and went to the bathroom, stripping to my underwear—we were married, after all—in anticipation of taking a shower after the shave.

The sound of the door slamming shut behind me as I left the room is still audible in my memory. No, I didn't bring the key. Yes we were, half naked and locked out of our room. Diane was in a robe when I walked into the bathroom. "I've got some good news and some bad news. The good news is that the other couple hasn't arrived yet. The bad news is I forgot the key and we're locked out," I said.

We had a problem!

We wanted to call the front desk, but there was no telephone in the room. The dorm counselor was on the floor above us—or was it the floor below? We weren't sure. We began to dread the arrival of the couple in the other room. We needed a plan.

I decided to try to find the dorm counselor. I borrowed my wife's robe—way too short and frilly—and ran to the other end of the hall

and took the stairway up to the floor above. No counselor there. I ran down two flights to check the floor below ours. Still no dorm counselor.

The next floor down was filled with Columbia students milling about preparing to go to a graduation rehearsal. I walked out among them, and no one seemed to notice my short, girly robe. NYC and Columbia are good like that. No one cares much

what you look like.

I made my way to the counselor's room, and she (why couldn't it be a he?) called a security guard to meet me at the room and let me back in.

The guard came and told me not to worry; it was his third locked-out couple that night, although he mentioned that the others were more appropriately dressed. I thanked him and offered a tip, but he wouldn't accept it.

The graduation went off without any more glitches. We sat and watched as our daughter, her future husband, and a thousand other nicely dressed graduates received their degrees.

The two of us were dressed nicely as well.



2015

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# Library News

*Getting the books where they need to go*

By Jean Rezabek—Chairperson, Library Committee

The Meadows Community Association Library Committee met in October to review procedures and donation criteria. We gladly accept donations of up to six books per person per visit.

Volunteers **Elaine Arzberger, Bernie Deignan, Denise Hodgson, Jane Jassin, June Marette, Lucille Pohl, Marilyn Schmal, Barbara Shiner, Doris Simmons**, and I welcomed new volunteers **Phyllis Goldberg, Bobbie Hover, and Isabel Schulze**, who all joined since the end of summer. We also said farewell and thank you to former volunteers **Jan Drees, Ronni Parrish, and Susan Turner**.

Substitute volunteers for 2015 are **Mary Buhr, Alice Flint, Joan Kalil, Ellen Rosenstiel, and Philip** and

## Sonia Sutcliffe.

Please feel free to come in and browse our growing selection of books, and be sure to check out the interesting Florida authors shelf.

All full-time and seasonal residents are welcome to take up to six books each time they visit. Readers check out books on the honor system. We don't charge "late fees," and we don't send over-due notices—but we do expect readers to return the books when they are through reading them. That's what the honor system is all about.

The next Library Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 21, 2015. Current volunteers, substitutes, and anyone else who would like to volunteer are invited to attend the meeting.

# The Meadows 2015 33rd Annual Juried Amateur Photographic Competition

For Amateur Photographers and Camera Buffs  
Sponsored by The Meadows Community Association

**Feb 27 through Mar 1, 2015**  
**10:00 am to 4:00 pm**



## \$3000 in Prizes to be Awarded...

Including **Best of Show (\$400)**, **1st Place (\$300)**, **2nd Place (\$200)**, and **3rd Place (\$100)** in both the **COLOR** and **BLACK/WHITE** categories; a special Meadows Resident Award; and the remainder of prizes in **Merit Awards (\$50)** and **Honorable Mention Awards (\$25)**.

- Open to all resident amateur photographers and camera buffs in Sarasota and Manatee Counties. Photos submitted by professional photographers will not be awarded prizes.
- Entry fee, \$7.00 each entry, with a maximum of 4 entries in each category—color and black/white. Make checks made payable to the MCA. Forms and requirements are available at the MCA
- Entries must originate from a photograph taken by the entrant and may not incorporate any element produced by another person. The photographer's name and print title cannot appear on the front side of the print. Prints can be computerized and enhanced.
- Prints must be unframed and mounted on 16" x 20" black or white matting boards, 3/16" maximum thickness. Foam core is allowed. No front matting or hangers.

### Entry dates

**February 6 and February 7 • 9:00 am to 4:00 pm**

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The MCA is not responsible for loss or damage to a photograph. Pick up prints at the MCA Community Center from March 3 through March 21 during business hours.

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# 2015 Meadows “U” at a Glance This Month

**Suwannee Divide** by Gene Jones—Wed, Jan 14, 1:30 pm—details at right.

**Tour of Nathan Benderson Park**—Tue, Jan 27, 1:30 pm (rain date, Wed, Jan 28)—details at right.

## Next Month!

**FEBRUARY! Tour of the Sarasota Ballet**—Tue, Feb 10, 9:45 to 11:25 am  
Take an active, guided, behind-the-scenes tour of the ballet theatre, costume room, and studios. Tour includes standing time and stair climbing. Entire program lasts about 90 minutes. Meadows residents only. **Please call ASAP to RSVP and reserve your spot for this exciting, colorful, artistic event. Space is limited; maximum of 30.** Located at the FSU Center for the Performing Arts. Come to the screen room on the third floor, where the ballet offices are located.

**FEBRUARY! Revitalizing Your Retirement**—Wed, Feb 25, 1:30 pm  
Nancy Schlossberg, well-known author and speaker, will talk about her book for retirees. Books will be available for purchase and signing.

## Coming up...

**Tour of the Marietta Museum of Art and Whimsy and Red Rose Parlour Theatre performance**—Fri, Mar 6, 1:30 pm  
The group will explore the museum and grounds. Maximum of 30 people. \$10 due at sign up at the MCA.

**Quit Fighting With Food**—Tue, Mar 24, 3:00 pm  
Karen R. Koenig, eating coach, psychotherapist, national educator, motivational speaker, and international author of four books debunks myths about dieting, eating, and weight. Book signing opportunity.

**Sarasota’s Lower Main Street**—Tue, Apr 7, 3:00 pm  
Well-known local historian Jim Clubb presents a slide show, giving a pictorial tour of historical buildings in Sarasota, and lecture discussing how Lower Main and the surrounding area have changed since 1885. Jim gives guided walking tours of Main and about 50 other destinations.

**Staying on Your Feet**—Wed, Apr 22, 3:00 pm  
Lecture addresses balance issues and the threat of falling. Details will be announced later.



## 2015 PROGRAM SCHEDULE

### Meadows “U” Has Something for You!

*Meadows “U” programs are held at the MCA Community Center unless otherwise noted. Programs are free, open to all Meadows residents.*

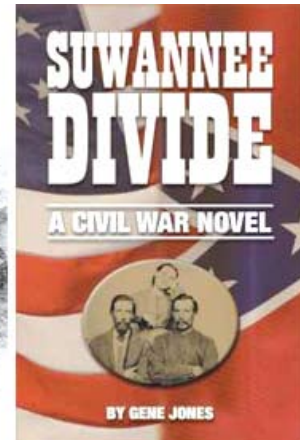
The 2015 season is all about **“Expanding Your Horizons and Your Mind!”** We hope you will join us for a great season and take advantage of the wonderful opportunities The Meadows “U” Committee has pulled together for you. Please come to as many programs as you can—we **DO** have a great season for **YOU!**

## The Suwannee Divide

Wed, Jan 14, 1:30 pm  
Sign up required—maximum of 70

Join Florida author Gene Jones for a history of the Civil War in Florida

Gene Jones is a fifth-generation Floridian and the descendent of Florida pioneers who settled in north Pinellas County. Born in 1945, he grew up as Florida transitioned from an economy based on agriculture to an urban state with mixed economy based on tourism, manufacturing, and construction. Educated in the public school system,



he graduated from the University of California at Berkeley and Florida State University Law School. He practiced law for many years in Sarasota.

His Civil War novel, *Suwannee Divide*, launched in 2012, tells the story of divided loyalties during that era.

Union sentiment remained strong throughout the war, even though Florida was the third state to secede from the United States. This little-known history is told through the eyes of the novels’ diverse characters—including a mulatto slave who escapes and falls in love with a runaway who is then captured by the Union Navy; a unionist farmer who is forced to enlist with the Confederate’s 2nd Florida Cavalry; and a black Union troop who made a final assault on Tallahassee.

Jones also wrote a nonfiction book called *Adventuring in Paradise*, a popular guidebook about the environment and outdoor recreational activities in Southwest Florida.

Copies of *Suwannee Divide* (\$15) will be available for purchase. Please make your check payable to Gene Jones or have exact change only.



## Nathan Benderson Park

Take a Special tour for a first-hand look at the park

Tue, Jan 27—Sign up at the MCA

On Tuesday, January 27 Meadows residents are invited to a private tour of the Nathan Benderson Park for a firsthand look at the new facilities and learn about all the opportunities the park offers to Meadows residents. Plan to arrive by 1:15 pm. The presentation about the park begins at 1:30 pm in the large white Hospitality Tent on Regatta Island. From there we will drive to several other locations in the park to see the various facilities.

At the end of the tour, the Suncoast Aquatic Nature Center Associates (SANCA) will offer refreshments.

If you want to limit your walking on the tour, you will be fine. If you would like to stay after the official function and explore the park on foot, you are welcome to do so.

Sign up is required. Please call the MCA office at 377-230 to register for the tour.

*Driving directions: Go north on Honore toward University. Turn right onto DeSoto Road, then turn right onto Cattlemen Road. After the bridge, turn right onto Regatta Island.*

### 2015 Meadows “U” Committee

Claire Coyle, Chairperson  
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Bernice Davis  
Chris Hannafin

### Consulting Members

Leslie Cobin  
Jane Glusman  
Mary Lipson  
Angelika Schultze

We have a great team. All our members have input and take responsibility for planning events. We are always looking for enthusiastic new members and good ideas. If you would like to learn more about the Committee and what we do, contact the MCA, 377-2300. We look forward to hearing from you, and—even better—working with you!

# Computer Classes

Dickens Activity Center

Spring Series 2015 begins February 12 and runs through February 26

Come join us for Computer Classes at the Dickens Activity Center. Classes are for all levels of ability. No registration is required—just come! Bring your friends and neighbors. Everyone is welcome, although priority seating is given to



Club members. Please be early if you want to use a battery-operated computer, iPad, or iPhone. Classes always start promptly. Fees are \$5 for members and \$7 for guests. Questions? Contact: [DickensPcClub@gmail.com](mailto:DickensPcClub@gmail.com).

## Schedule of Classes

### Thu, Feb 12

**10:00 am—“Windows 8.1® & Windows 10 Preview: Week 1 of 3”** Instructor: Mark Duren

Overview of Windows 8.1. Includes start screen, desktop, task bar, charms bar, Internet Explorer, and File Explorer. Note, the Instructor will show ways to maximize your PC use and enjoyment (Internet browsing and email on Windows 8.1 using Internet Explorer and Google Chrome). Follow along on your battery-powered Windows PC (optional). Arrive early to connect to the Dickens WiFi.

Windows 10 will be released in spring 2015; where appropriate (mostly Week 3), instructor will show what's next from Microsoft.

**1:30 am—“iPad, iPhone, et al: Week 1 of 2”** Instructor: Dave Johnston

For beginners; covers very basic attributes of iPad and iPhone as well as Apple Pay and the new “handoff” features of the latest operating system. Prerequisites: bring your iPad or iPhone updated to version iOS 8.1. Recommended: a spiral notebook for notes. Arrive early to connect to Dickens WiFi

### Thu, Feb 19

**10:00 am—“Windows 8.1® & Windows 10 Preview: Week 2 of 3”** Instructor: Mark Duren

Review and continuation of Week 1. Explores and demonstrates Microsoft Account benefits like OneDrive (Cloud storage) and Skype (voice and video calling). Microsoft OneDrive and Skype Apps also available for Apple or Android phone or tablet. Follow along on battery-powered Windows PC (optional). Arrive early to connect to the Dickens WiFi

**1:30 pm—“iPad, iPhone, et al: Week 2 of 2”**

Instructor: Dave Johnston  
Continuation of Week 1. Bring your iPad or iPhone. Arrive early to connect to the Dickens WiFi.

### Thu, Feb 26

**10 am - “Windows 8.1® & Windows 10 Preview: Week 3 of 3”** Instructor: Mark Duren

Refresher and Q&A of what's been covered to date. Also includes the most requested topics covered or missed and shows the Windows 10 Preview edition live. Follow along on your battery-powered Windows PC (optional). Arrive early to allow time to connect to the Dickens WiFi.

**1:30 pm—“Cyber Security for Seniors”** Instructor: Dave Johnston

Focuses on raising awareness and vigilance to all the types of risks and hoaxes and what you should do to avoid them (even phone calls you may get informing you of a problem with the Windows operating system on your computer—and all you have is an iPad!). Also covers the Department of Homeland Security's new foundation for maintaining secure Internet use. This class is for anyone who uses the Internet. Previous knowledge and skills are helpful, but class will be informative on all levels.

### About our instructors

**Mark Duren** is a technology enthusiast and consultant who provides home and remote computer/tech support and training. A former technology lawyer at NCR/AT&T, he has been a Dickens instructor since 2009.

**David Francisco** is a consultant in The Meadows for home computers, iPhones, iPads, and others. He is a retired systems development manager and has taught classes since 2002. He has also led the Dickens Computer Club since 2006.

**David Johnston** is a retired IBM instructor and software engineer. He is now a consultant and teacher of Apple (iMac, iPhone, iPad, iCloud, Apple TV) and Windows. He has been teaching at the Dickens Activity Center for several years.

## Pillows Group Seeks New Chairperson



*Pillows is seeking a new chairperson or cochairpersons. Carolyn Hand is stepping down as chairperson of the Pillows Group after this year. Pillows meets every Friday, November through March. If you are interested—or know someone who might be—in this position, please contact Carolyn at 377-*

### Like to sew? Want to help?

Pillows Group meets every Friday, November through March, from 9:00 to 11:00 am at the MCA Community Center to create pillows with red hearts for heart patients at Sarasota Memorial Hospital. The pillows provide therapeutic comfort to patients

recovering from cardiac events, heart surgery, or other procedures.

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## APPLICATION

The Twenty-Third  
Annual MCA  
Celebration of  
Fine Arts  
March 7 & 8, 2015

(Application Deadline is noon, January 23, 2015)

The Celebration of Fine Arts is open to Meadows residents and members of The Meadows Country Club. Exhibitors must submit an application with the entry fee by January 23, 2015. Space is limited. The entry fee of \$25 is for the Basic Space package, which includes one chair and six-foot space (display or wall) or two photo panels. One additional request can be added for a fee. Upon verification of your participation, the additional request will be made available at a fee of \$20, payable no later than March 2, 2015.

**Please show your preferences below:**

- 1. Basic Space:** Cost \$25 Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Cash \_\_\_\_\_  
(Check one space) 6' wall space \_\_\_\_\_, 6' floor display \_\_\_\_\_,  
or 2 photo panels (space is 6') \_\_\_\_\_  
More than one chair? Number of chairs \_\_\_\_\_  
(Check one table) Card table \_\_\_\_\_, 6' table \_\_\_\_\_  
or None \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. Additional Space:** Cost \$20/space  
Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Cash \_\_\_\_\_  
*I would like to add:* (To be paid when notified, by March 2, 2015)  
(Check one space) 6' wall space \_\_\_\_\_, 6' floor display \_\_\_\_\_,  
or 2 photo panels (space is 6') \_\_\_\_\_  
(Check one table) Card table \_\_\_\_\_, 6' table \_\_\_\_\_,  
or None \_\_\_\_\_

3. **Medium:** \_\_\_\_\_

*I understand that I will be notified if I will have a 12' (two 6' foot areas). The additional request will be located next to the original space. Quantities and space availability are limited.*

**I understand that the MCA will make every effort to provide security during the show, but cannot be responsible for any losses, however incurred.**

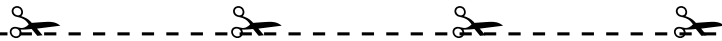
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MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO MCA. SEND OR RETURN TO  
THE MCA 2004 Longmeadow, Sarasota, FL 34235



**To be detached and kept by applicant**

- Applications are for Meadows residents and Meadows Country Club members only. Chairs, tables, and wall hangers will be provided by the MCA. You will be notified by February 14 of your inclusion in the show. Additional requests will be determined and artists will be called. That fee is due by March 2, 2015.
- Setup for the show will begin at 3:30 pm, Friday, March 6, 2015. The show will be from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm, March 7 and 8.
- The Art Committee will design the show to allow as many artists as possible to participate as well as allow for artistic diversity in each room. The Committee is responsible for final decisions about the suitability of any art. If there are any adjustments needed to your requests, you will be contacted. The show will be broadly advertised. Greeters will be available on each day of the show to ensure movement through all the display areas.

**MCA Contact: Kathy Gibson, 377-2300**  
email [mca@meadowsca.com](mailto:mca@meadowsca.com)

# Art 015

**Attention Meadows Artists!**  
**Celebrate the 23rd-Year Anniversary**  
**of the MCA Celebration of Fine Arts**  
**March 7 and 8—application forms**  
**due January 23**

**Attention artists!**

The 23rd Annual MCA Celebration of Fine Arts is scheduled for March 7 and 8 from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm at the MCA Community Center, 2004 Longmeadow.

We welcome your applications to exhibit in the event. All Meadows residents and Meadows Country Club members are eligible to exhibit.

Applications to exhibit must be received by **noon, January 23**, at the MCA Community Center. Applications must be completely filled out and accompanied by your registration fee.

You can use the application form on the left or print an online copy at [www.themeadowssarasota.org](http://www.themeadowssarasota.org). On the main page of the site, just click the link for Art Show Application. Application

forms are also available at the MCA Community Center, 2004 Longmeadow, between 9:00 am and 3:00 pm, Monday through Friday.

Completed applications and entry fees must be received by the MCA by 12 noon, January 23, 2015.

As always, we look forward to a great show from our diverse collection of gifted artists!



## Jan/Feb Events

### Golf

- Jan 7 & Feb 4 — Mulligan's & Martinis, Full Golf Privileged Ladies only, 3:30 pm
- Jan 11 & Feb 15 — Golf Guest Day, Guests of Members Pay \$27 Cart Fee Only
- Jan 10 — Men's Ryder Cup, 8:30 am Shotgun
- Jan 18 — Couples Member-Guest, 12:30 pm Shotgun
- Jan 20 — Ladies 18-Hole Queen Bee, 12:45 pm Shotgun
- Jan 24 — Men's Member-Member, 8:30 am Shotgun, Round 1
- Jan 25 — Men's Member-Member, 8:30 am Shotgun, Round 2
- Jan 30 — Couples Scotch Scramble, 12:30 pm Shotgun
- Jan 31 — Men's Barrett Nichols Championship, 8:30 am Shotgun, Round 1
- Feb 5 — LGA 9H & 18H, Think Pink Benefit Shotgun, Lunch & Fashion Show, 10 am
- Feb 7 — Men's Barrett Nichols Championship, 8:30 am Shotgun, Round 2
- Feb 8 — Couples Valentines Day Bash, 12:30 pm Shotgun
- Feb 10 — Ladies 18-Hole USA Vs International, 12:45 pm Shotgun
- Feb 19 — Ladies 9-Hole Pro-Talk, 8:45 am Shotgun
- Feb 22 — Couples Battle of the Sexes, 12:30 pm Shotgun
- Feb 27 — Men's Member-Guest, Practice Round, Morning T-Times
- Feb 28 — Men's Member-Guest, 9-hole matches, Formal Dinner
- Mar 1 — Men's Member-Guest, 9-hole matches & Flight Winner Shootout

### Tennis

- Jan 3 & Feb 7 — Tennis Guest Day, Free Tennis for Guests of Members
- Jan 7 & Feb 4 — Courts & Cocktails, Tennis Deck, 3:30 pm
- Jan 10 — Meadows 'Pro Staff' Team, Tennis Round Robin
- Jan 14 thru 18 — Club Singles Championship
- Feb 14 — Valentine's Day Round Robin
- Feb 16 thru Feb 21 — Meadows/USTA Super Seniors Grand Prix
- Feb 25 thru Mar 1 — Club Mixed Doubles Championships

**Call The Tennis Pro Shop for Information 378-5265**

### Dining & Social

- Jan 6 & Feb 24 — Trivia Night, Regency Room, 5:30 pm
- Jan 13 & Feb 17 — Mediterranean Night, Regency Room, 5:30 pm
- Jan 15 & Feb 12 — Bingo Buffet, Regency Room, 5:30 pm
- Jan 17 — Winter Dinner Dance, Regency Room, 6:00 pm
- Jan 22 & Feb 19 — Wine & Dine, Regency Room, 6:00 pm
- Jan 29 & Feb 3 — Seafood Buffet, Regency Room, 6:00 pm
- Feb 14 — Valentine's Day Dinner Dance, Regency Room, 6:00 pm

**Call for Reservations 378-2135**

### Activities

- Jan 27 — Speakers Bureau, Regency Room, 4:00 pm
- Feb 3 — Speakers Bureau, Regency Room, 4:00 pm
- Ladies Bridge — 1st & 3rd Wednesday and 2nd & 4th Friday, 1:00 pm
- Men's Bridge — Every Tuesday, 1:00 pm
- Mah Jongg — Every Friday 10:00 am to Noon



## Meadows Craft Group adds sixth charity to receive benefits from Sale

By Liz Barnett

The Craft Group has grown from 16 to 53 members in the last five years

These dedicated crafters produced an abundance of hand-made treasures. Fortunately, the MCA maintenance crew removed the partitions between the rooms to open up a light-filled space large enough to accommodate all the crafts and shoppers. And shop they did! Sales were 66 percent higher than last year's record-setting total.

You may have sparkled at holiday parties in jewelry from the sale, trimmed your tree with some of our ornaments, delighted a grandchild with animal-shaped puppet mittens or a *Frozen* princess gown for her doll, or touched someone's heart with a special card. Perhaps your home is looking a little spiffier or *your* look is updated with a unique purse or accessory. Maybe you treated yourself to some homemade baked goods. Whatever you bought, we hope you are enjoying your purchases as much as we enjoyed making them.

The real reward, however, comes from the proceeds from the sale that will allow us to increase our contributions to local charities, which are making a vital difference in our community. We will be able to increase the amount donated to the five charities we assisted last year—All Faiths Food Bank, SPARCC, JOY, Baby Basics, and FISH—and add a sixth charity, Resurrection House. The smaller charities (JOY, Baby Basics, and FISH) are operated by volunteers, so most of their income goes to services.

**All Faiths Food Bank provides food annually for 41,000 people; 17,000 are children**

All Faiths Food Bank's program is massive; it distributes more than 7 million pounds of food and provides more than 5 million meals every year. Visit [www.allfaithsfoodbank.org](http://www.allfaithsfoodbank.org),

**Resurrection House is a day resource center for the homeless**

New to our list of charities, the center provides showers, restrooms, laundry, counseling, medical treatment, food, clothing, veteran's assistance, storage lockers, and an address to receive mail for an average of 230 homeless individuals every day—a total of 29,000 since the center opened

## Best Craft Sale Ever!

It took two rooms to hold all the crafts we had made



20 years ago. Amazingly, the center has only a few paid employees; the bulk of the work is done by more than 200 volunteers. Visit [www.resurrectionhousesarasota.org](http://www.resurrectionhousesarasota.org).

**SPARCC provides state-certified domestic violence and sexual assault services**

SPARCC offers a hotline, crisis counseling, hospital and court advocacy, an emergency shelter for 7,000 shelter nights annually, and violence prevention programs in

schools and the community. Visit [www.sparcc.net](http://www.sparcc.net).

### Baby Basics

Baby Basics, an all-volunteer group, provides diapers and kindness to working-poor families who do not receive government assistance. Believing that "every baby deserves the basics," Baby Basics ensures each family receives enough diapers for their children, from birth to potty training. But, the kindness dispensed along with the diapers means this program delivers more than just the basics. Visit [www.facebook.com/pages/Baby-Basics-of-Sarasota/201355450459](http://www.facebook.com/pages/Baby-Basics-of-Sarasota/201355450459).

### FISH

FISH of Sarasota provides transportation to medical appointments for individuals in need. FISH maintains an answering service for ride-scheduling. Volunteer drivers receive no compensation other than goodwill and the satisfaction of helping others. FISH needs more drivers and welcomes volunteers to drive regularly or fill in when regular drivers are absent. If you are interested, call the answering service at 953-5838 before 2:30 pm.

### Joining Our Youth, Inc. (JOY)

JOY is an all-volunteer program to assist youths who "age-out" of foster care and are dismissed from their foster homes on their 18th birthday. JOY assists their transition to independence by providing a trained mentor, tutoring, a 52-item housekeeping starter kit, bicycles and bus passes for transportation, and clothes from JOY's Trendy Threads Boutique. Visit [www.joysarasota.org](http://www.joysarasota.org).

We appreciate your help!

Once again the generosity of Meadows residents who came to shop, the MCA staff who provided support services, and the 53 dedicated crafters who worked to make it happen has shown The Meadows is a community that cares. Lives will be changed for the better because of you.

Our work begins again on January 7. Novice or expert, if you would like to create items for next year's sale and support local charities, please join us on Wednesdays from 9:00 to 11:00.

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## MAH JONGG ON MONDAYS

Are you looking for a chance to play Mah Jongg?

Come by the MCA Monday mornings, 9:30 am For more information, call Caryl Magnus at 378-5055.

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## New to The Meadows in the Past Six Months?

*Come meet your neighbors—attend the Newcomer's Luncheon on February 14*

The MCA Involvement Committee

If you are a newcomer to The Meadows in the last year and have not previously attended a Newcomer's Luncheon, please join us on February 14, 2015, at noon for a Newcomer's Lunch hosted by the Involvement Committee of the MCA. It's a chance for us to welcome you and acquaint you with all our many activities as well as to meet your neighbors.

Seating is limited. Reservations are required by Monday, February 9. Please call the MCA Community Center at 377-2300.

The Meadows has a lot to offer—Crafts Group, Book Club, library, bridge groups, and Meadows "U" activities and

lectures—just to name a few. Community events include the annual Craft Show at the MCA and garage sale at the Village Center every November, the annual Photo Competition and Show every February, and the Celebration of Fine Arts in March.

We are happy that you have chosen The Meadows as your new home. If you are a new full-time resident or live in The Meadows for at least three to six months of the year, please pick up your Newcomer Packet at the front desk of the MCA Community Center. The packet contains information about The Meadows and cultural events in Sarasota.

## Pierian Spring Academy

*Course registration opens for 2015 Winter/Spring; terms run January 12 through February and March 2 through April 9*

Course registration for Pierian Spring Academy's (PSA) 2015 Winter and Spring terms opened in December.

Pierian Spring Academy, a leading lifelong learning institution in Sarasota and Manatee Counties, is offering 33 courses of four- or six-week duration during the winter term, which runs from January 12 through the end of February. In addition, another 21 courses will be offered in Spring session from March 2 through April 9.

PSA's seminar-style courses are taught by a distinguished faculty of retired college professors and other experienced experts. Courses cover a full gamut from art and music to science, politics, and world affairs. Sessions are offered at 10 different convenient locations in Sarasota and Manatee Counties.

Tuition is reasonable—\$60 for four weeks and \$85 for six. There are no registration fees, and free parking is available at all PSA locations.

For the most updated program details course descriptions, visit [www.PSAsrq.org](http://www.PSAsrq.org). A copy of PSA's 2015 course catalog is also available for download with a printable registration form if you prefer to mail it and pay by check. You can also complete an online registration form and make a credit card payment by PayPal®.

*Pierian Spring Academy is a volunteer-managed not-for-profit institution organized as a 501(c)(3) corporation. Its operating expenses are covered primarily by the tuition fees charged for its courses, supplemented by generous charitable donations by students, faculty, and friends of the organization.*



### The MCA 33rd Annual Photographic Competition

Friday, February 27 – Sunday, March 1, 2015  
 10:00 am – 4:00 pm Daily  
 MCA Community Center

### Entry Deadline

February 6 and 7  
 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

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# Good Food

## The Eighth Annual Forks & Corks Food & Wine Festival

The Sarasota-Manatee Originals hosts Festival January 23 through 26

In the past seven years, the Forks & Corks Food & Wine Festival has raised more than \$250,000 for area charities. It remains the region's top food and wine event. The four-day culinary festival, presented by The Sarasota-Manatee Originals (SMO), returns to Sarasota this month to unite food, wine, and beer enthusiasts with regional chefs and celebrated vintners from around the world.

The festival's public events feature winemaker activities at area restaurants and retail shops on January 23 and 24, interactive wine seminars on January 24, and The Grand Tasting in The Ringling Museum's courtyard on

January 25 (sold out).

Participating wineries submit their choice wine for judging by a panel of wine professionals prior to the festival. The winners are awarded gold, silver, or bronze in a number of categories and offered for sale at The Grand Tasting. This year's silent auction of fine wines will benefit All Faiths Food Bank.

For more information about the Eighth Annual Forks & Corks Food & Wine Festival, visit [www.dineoriginal.com/forksandcorks](http://www.dineoriginal.com/forksandcorks), or call 365-2800. For more information about The Sarasota-Manatee Originals, visit [www.dineoriginal.com](http://www.dineoriginal.com).



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which you can save for your own future use, transfer to a loved one, or donate to the Road Scholarship Program for low-income riders. Your biggest reward, however, is the gratitude of those you help and knowing that you are making a difference!

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## James Joyce Society

Joyce scholar speaks on "James Joyce, Frank Budgen, *Ulysses* and *Finnegans Wake*" at North Sarasota Library, January 14



James Joyce, 1915

The James Joyce Society of Sarasota will hold a special presentation on "James Joyce, Frank Budgen, *Ulysses* and *Finnegans Wake*," Wednesday, January 14, at 10:30 am at the North Sarasota Library (2801 Newtown Boulevard in Sarasota).

Speaker Jesse Meyers will share insights on Joyce's place in global culture and his relationship with Frank Budgen (his closest friend, biographer, and noted British painter) and Budgen's impact on Joyce's creativity. The program also includes representations of Budgen's unique work. A Q&A session follows the presentation. A reception follows the meeting at noon.

Meyers is a long-term Joyce scholar and New York University School of Professional Studies faculty member. He has taught, written, and lectured on Joyce's life and works as well as spoken at Joycean meetings in the United States, Ireland, France, and Trieste, Italy.

The event is free and open to the public—everyone is welcome. Questions? Contact [jmcglobal@yahoo.com](mailto:jmcglobal@yahoo.com).



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## Expressive Arts for Caregivers

Friendship Centers offers free workshop at Caregiver Resource Center, January 7

The Senior Friendship Centers in Sarasota will offer a free workshop on Expressive Arts for Caregivers on Wednesday, January 7, from 1:00 to 3:00 pm at the Caregiver Resource Center (1820 Brother Geenen Way in Sarasota).

Conducted by Linda F. Joffe, an expressive arts facilitator with a certificate in Art & Healing from the Ringling College of Art & Design, the workshop is an opportunity for caregivers to nurture themselves in a safe, relaxing environment through the medium of art. No art experience is required and all materials are supplied.

The Center already offers group therapy and journaling for caregivers.

Registration is limited to 12 people and advanced reservations are requested. To make reservations or for more information, call 556-3268.

The Friendship Centers' mission is *To promote health, dignity and quality of life throughout the journey of aging.*

For more than four decades, this organization has served persons 55 and older with programs and services which include medical and dental clinics, activity centers, lifelong learning, meals at the centers and delivered to the homebound, caregiver support, adult day services, supportive aging services, and volunteer opportunities.

More than 1,000 volunteers give time valued at more than \$3 million annually. The Friendship Centers serve in Sarasota, Charlotte, DeSoto, Lee, and Collier Counties. For more information, or call 955-2122 visit [www.friendshipcenters.org](http://www.friendshipcenters.org).



## "Angel Fund" Benefits Racing Dog Rescue Project

*A story of hope behind every dollar spent, but depleted funds mean that some animals may not get the help they need*

The Racing Dog Rescue Project (RDRP) has always struggled with returned or "bounce" dogs



and balance of financial resources.

RDRP is a volunteer organization that relies on donations to provide care for retired greyhounds

Due to no fault of the dogs, some owners must surrender their adopted pets back to RDRP for various reasons. Typically, these animals are more senior pets and are often very hard to place into new adoptive homes. Fortunately, RDRP has a small network of people that offer to provide foster homes to "bounce" dogs.

This foster arrangement is not typical, but it is a special "permanent foster" agreement where the foster family provides food and routine medical care.

**If specialized medical care is necessary, RDRP must absorb the financial burden**

RDRP currently cares for more than a dozen of these senior foster dogs. Recently, an elderly 10-year-old greyhound required necessary medical treatment after a routine procedure resulted in recovery complications, and one week of extended care exceeded \$5,000. But his prognosis was good, and the money was well-spent.

One of the hardest decisions to make on pet care is balancing all medical options against the decision to end suffering or let nature take its course. RDRP is sometimes faced with such decision-making for "bounce" dogs; their mission is humane treatment based on sound judgment

RDRP maintains the "Angel Fund" to provide care for returned or "bounce" dogs. Because of your generosity in response to the 2013 "Angel" letter, we were able to raise more than \$5,000 for care emergencies. But, this funding is now depleted and general funds were used to support the additional \$7,500 of specialty care required in 2014. The board of directors is working to reduce the expenses associated with veterinary care but are asking you to offer what you can to specifically support the care of retired "bounce" pets.

The organization appreciates the support they get from individuals to help carry their mission to provide facilities, care, and love for the retired racers. If you would like to make a donation to the "Angel Fund," please make your check payable to RDRP and indicate "Angel Fund" in the memo line so your donation will be applied directly to this campaign. Send your check to RDRP, P.O. Box 18153, Sarasota, FL 34276

RDRP is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit and your contribution is tax deductible. (FEIN #65-0748752.) If you would like to know more about RDRP or information about adopting a retired raced, visit [www.rdrp-greyhound.org](http://www.rdrp-greyhound.org) or call 379-3278.

## Sanctuary Concerts

# “Intimate Piano Impressions with Eleonora Lvov”

Acclaimed piano virtuoso performs works by Chopin, Liszt, Debussy, Ravel, Albéniz, and Gershwin at Unitarian Universalist Church, January 18

Eleonora Lvov, celebrated Russian piano virtuoso, brings her elegant and passionate brand of performance to the Sanctuary Concerts series, Sunday, January 18, 4:00 pm on at the Unitarian Universalist Church. The program includes works by Chopin, Liszt, Debussy, Ravel, Albéniz, and Gershwin. She often punctuates her concerts with personal impressions and historical remarks.

Lvov achieved acclaim as a piano virtuoso and popular recording artist; she performs as a soloist with major orchestras and in recitals throughout the United States, Europe, and Russia and was honored with command performances for the Queen of Belgium, the Prime Minister of England and the President of Israel. She received First Prize in the Beethoven Competition in Moscow and was awarded the International Alex de Vries prize in Belgium, among others awards.

“Music is the language of spirit,” says Lvov. “Whether I am playing about love, struggle, or turbulent dark forces, it is my soul talking to the audience through the language

of music. When I perform, my ego dissolves, and what flashes through my mind is a torrent of images—images which come from the subconscious and unconscious mind. I don’t concentrate on the notes —that’s what practice is for—I only feel emotion. What gives me a high is the feeling of joy, from spirit speaking through me.”

Don DeMaio, coordinator for the Sanctuary Concerts series, says that audiences can expect to “experience uplifting and inspiring music played by a world-class pianist who believes that giving and expressing love, music, and beauty can change the world.”

For more information or to purchase tickets, \$15, visit [www.uusarasota.com/concerts](http://www.uusarasota.com/concerts), email [concerts@uusarasota.org](mailto:concerts@uusarasota.org), or call 371-4974.

The Unitarian Universalist Church of Sarasota is located at 3975 Fruitville Road in Sarasota. Founded in 1952 with 12 members, it now has 400 members and is a growing church with an active calendar of cultural and social events, including its popular series of Freethinkers presentations on the first Friday of every month.

# The Sarasota Concert Association

70th Anniversary Great Performers Series Season runs January through March 2015 at the Van Wezel Performing Arts Hall

The Sarasota Concert Association (SCA) has brought the world’s most renowned classical musicians to Sarasota since 1938 with superstars like Rudolf Serkin, Yehudi Menuhin, Isaac Stern, Leontyne Price, Lang Lang, Emanuel Ax, and Joshua Bell. SCA’s board president Joy McIntyre says, “Reading the names of the illustrious artists and orchestras ... is like reading a roll call of the greatest artists in music performance history.” The Great Performer Series season will celebrate 70 years of inspired performances with a stellar 2015 Season.

**January 14, 8:00 pm—Royal Philharmonic Orchestra**, conducted by Pinchas Zukerman. Founded in 1946, the orchestra enjoys ongoing success and records extensively under its own record label, RPO Records.

**January 26, 8:00 pm—Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center**, with cellist David Finckel, perform “Folk Inspirations,” a varied program of folk-influenced works by Brahms, Dvořák, and Kodaly.

**March 1, 4:00 pm—Dresden Philharmonic**, conducted by Michael Sanderling, with cellist Johannes

Moser. The orchestra traces its history back nearly six centuries; the present-day orchestra was founded in 1870, gaining worldwide fame in the 1930s and attracting distinguished soloists and notable conductors.

**March 17, 8:00 pm—Takács Quartet**, with pianist Joyce Yang. Recognized as one of the world’s great ensembles, the Quartet has a unique blend of musical mastery, dramatic presence, and humor.

**March 25, 8:00 pm—Pianist Murray Perahia** has performed for more than 40 years.

The concerts are held at the Van Wezel Performing Arts Hall, 777 North Tamiami Trail in Sarasota. Subscriptions for all five concerts are \$155, \$195, \$235, and \$265. For subscription information, call 225-6500 or visit [www.scasarasota.org](http://www.scasarasota.org) to download subscription forms.

In a special performance, renowned pianist and composer **Dick Hyman** will perform on **February 11, 5:00 pm**, at the Historic Asolo Theater, followed by dinner at Treviso restaurant. Tickets are \$125. For reservations, call 941-225-6500 or email [boxoffice@scasarasota.org](mailto:boxoffice@scasarasota.org).

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# Key Chorale

## Sarasota's Symphonic Chorus performs "The Courts of Heaven and Earth" at First United Methodist Church, January 24

Under the artistic direction of Joseph Caulkins, Key Chorale performs "The Courts of Heaven and Earth" at First United Methodist Church. The performance takes place January 24 at 2:30 pm.

Mary Wilson, acknowledged as one of today's most exciting young artists, returns to Sarasota after her critically-acclaimed sold-out performance last season! The full Key Chorale & Chamber Chorus, conducted by Artistic Director Joseph Caulkins and members of the Sarasota Orchestra, perform music from the times of Courts and Kings including two Coronation anthems—*Let Thy Hand Be Strengthened* and

*Zadok the Priest*—which will be accompanied by First Church organist Elizabeth Goldstein. This piece has been sung at every coronation since it was composed by Handel in 1727.

A rarely heard work by Handel, *Laudate Pueri*, will feature American Soprano Mary Wilson, the full Chorale, Chamber Chorus, and orchestra. Ms. Wilson will also delight the listening ear with Mozart's popular *Exsultate Jubilate*. The Key Chorale Chamber Chorus will perform J. S. Bach's *Cantata 196 "Der Herr denket an uns."*

Tickets, \$35 general admission, are available online at [www.keychorale.org](http://www.keychorale.org).

# Jazz Club of Sarasota

## The Eddie Metz Jazz Trio performs at Riverview High School; Performing Arts Center, January 16

The Eddie Metz Jazz Trio—featuring bassist and vocalist Nicki Parrott, pianist Rossano Sportiello, and drummer Eddie Metz Jr.—returns to Sarasota to perform at the Riverview High School Performing Arts Center on Friday, January 16, 7:30 pm. The Center is located at 1 Ram Way, in Sarasota. To purchase tickets (Jazz Club members are \$25; nonmembers, \$30; and students, free at the door), visit [www.brownpapertickets.com/event/975619](http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/975619) or call 800-838-3006. For more information, call 941-366-1552 or visit [www.jazzclubsarasota.org](http://www.jazzclubsarasota.org).

### About the artists

Eddie Metz, Jr. got his first pair of drumsticks at age 3 and by 12, played his first professional gig. He has toured with the Count Basie Orchestra, the Bill Allred Classic Jazz Band, the Les Brown Orchestra, and many others and also worked with greats like Ella Fitzgerald, Sarah Vaughn, Arturo Sandoval, Sammy Davis, Jr., Rosemary Clooney, Michael Feinstein, Chick Corea, and Patti Page. He records with top jazz artists and performs at jazz festivals and events around the country. For more information, visit [www.eddiemetzjr.com](http://www.eddiemetzjr.com).

Bassist, vocalist, and songwriter Nicki Parrott moved to the United States from Australia in 1994 to study with acclaimed bassist Rufus Reid at William Patterson College. Since 2000, he has performed with notable musicians like Billy Taylor, Dick Hyman, Terri Thornton,

Holly Hoffman, Bucky Pizzarelli, John Pizzarelli, Warren Vache, Jr., and Jose Feliciano. Parrott also performed in several Broadway shows, including *Avenue Q*; *Imaginary Friends*; *You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown*; *Summer of '42*; and *Jekyll and Hyde*. For more information, visit [www.nickiparrott.com](http://www.nickiparrott.com).

Award-winning jazz pianist Rossano Sportiello, Italian born, began his study of piano at age 9. By 16, was performing professionally at jazz venues in the Milan area. In 1992, he joined one of Europe's historic jazz bands, the "Milano Jazz Gang," and toured with the group through 2000. Sportiello also performed with some of the world's finest jazz artists including Slide Hampton, Barry Harris, Dan Barrett, Bucky Pizzarelli, Warren Vache, Howard Alden, Jake Hanna, and Dick Hyman. For more information, visit [www.rossanosportiello.com](http://www.rossanosportiello.com).

### About the Jazz Club of Sarasota

The Jazz Club of Sarasota's mission is to promote, preserve, present, and educate people about jazz—the original American art form. Founded in 1980 by the late Hal Davis, the club presents ongoing concert series, events, lectures, and the annual Sarasota Jazz Festival.

For more information about the Jazz Club of Sarasota, call 941-366-1552 or visit [www.jazzclubsarasota.org](http://www.jazzclubsarasota.org).

# “Gulf Coast Heritage: At the Intersection of Art and Local History”

*Exhibit on display at the Florida Maritime Museum in Cortez through January 27*

The Florida Maritime Museum (FMM) is partnering with Sarasota Bay Watch to present a new exhibit, “Gulf Coast Heritage: At the Intersection of Art and Local History.” The exhibit features the artworks of three talented artists—Larry Stults, William Hartman, and Wilfrid “Wally” Berg. From net mending and boat building to general stores and main streets, the exhibit conveys many facets of Florida’s rich maritime history.

The exhibit is open Tuesday through Saturday from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm through January 24.

Admission is free. For more information, call 708-6120 or visit [floridamaritimemuseum.org](http://floridamaritimemuseum.org).

Florida Maritime Museum Supervisor Amara Nash is “excited to have the opportunity to bring this beautiful exhibit to Cortez” and hopes it will help bring attention to the good work that both Sarasota Bay Watch and FMM are doing to help preserve

the culture and environment of Florida’s Gulf Coast.

Featured artist Larry Stults and two of his family members, Peter Stults and Debbie Stults Harvey, will hold a discussion on Wednesday, January 14, at 3:00 to recount stories, trials, tribulations, and joys of island life on Florida’s West Coast from 1944 to 1969. Seating is limited, so reservations are required. To RSVP, call 708-6120 or contact Halee Turner at [halee.turner@manateeclerk.com](mailto:halee.turner@manateeclerk.com).

*About the Florida Maritime Museum*

*The Florida Maritime Museum is located in a 1912 Schoolhouse in the historic fishing village of Cortez. The museum seeks to preserve and share Florida’s Maritime history, with a special focus on the Gulf Coast, through a collection of informative exhibits, research materials, educational programs, and community events.*

## Lifelong Learning Academy

*Registration ongoing for Winter 2015 Semester, January 12 through March 6; New this year, classes start at the State College of Florida, Lakewood Ranch*

The winter semester, January 12 through March 6, offers a variety of course subjects, including literature, the arts, history, current affairs, science, psychology, health and wellbeing, technology, and languages.

“An Insider’s View of the Arts in Sarasota,” “Eat, Love, Pray the Jewish Way,” “Buddha Heart, Buddha Mind,” “A Guide to Evolution,” “A Walking Tour Through Paris,” and “History of the Mystery”—these topics are just a sampling of the more than 90 in-depth courses offered this winter by the Lifelong Learning Academy (LLA).

Courses are primarily offered on campus of the University of South Florida Sarasota-Manatee (USFSM), but are also offered at Kobernick-Anchin-Benderson in The Meadows, and Westminster Towers & Shores in Bradenton, and State College of Florida in Lakewood Ranch.

Classes range from two to eight sessions to accommodate people who travel, and costs range from \$30 to \$75 a course. Lifelong Learning Academy offers four course terms a year

on the USFSM campus, at 8350 N. Tamiami Trail, Sarasota. Most courses last six to eight weeks and classes meet for one hour and 20 minutes each week. Registration is ongoing now. To register or learn more about fall semester courses, visit [www.lla-sm.org](http://www.lla-sm.org).

Lifelong Learning Academy’s executive director Janna Overstreet says the academy sets the standard other educational organizations follow and served nearly 3,000 students who registered for almost 8,000 educational opportunities in the past year.

Through the new partnership with State College of Florida at Lakewood Ranch, the Academy will have a home on the east campus with office and classroom space. The alliance with SCF includes cooperative programming with their educational services division, free no-permit-required parking, and discounts at the campus café.

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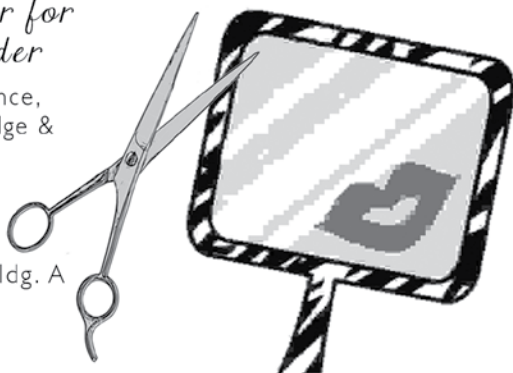
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## Van Wezel Adds Concerts to 2015 Lineup

**Ringo Starr's All Starr Band performs at the Van Wezel's 45th Anniversary Concert, February 24; Sarah McLachlan appears at the Van Wezel Foundation Gala, March 27**

The Van Wezel will shine a lot brighter with two new stars added to the 2015 Season—Ringo Starr and His All Starr Band will celebrate the Van Wezel's 45th anniversary season on February 24, and Grammy®, Billboard®, and Juno® Award winner Sarah McLachlan will star at the Van Wezel Foundation Gala on March 27. Tickets are on sale now.

Executive Director Mary Bensel says the Van Wezel is "thrilled beyond belief to have two of [her] favorite artists, Ringo and Sarah, make their Sarasota debut[s]" and to "have one of the Beatles on stage to celebrate [the] 45th anniversary is an incredibly special occasion." She goes on to say that "Sarah couldn't be more perfect for the Gala" with her "passionate

work with education resounds perfectly with the goals of the Foundation's Gala... to help support the Education Department."

The 45th Anniversary Concert also include a special dinner in a deep-honored tradition of bringing the biggest artists to the stage over the past 45 years.

The Gala features a cocktail reception, auction, dinner, Sarah McLachlan's "Shine On Tour," and after party.

To purchase tickets for either concert, visit [www.vanwezel.org](http://www.vanwezel.org) or Box Office, call 953-3368 or the Van Wezel Foundation at 366-5578. Concert prices only for Ringo Starr range from \$55 to \$180; Sarah McLachlan, \$65 to \$135.

## Village of the Arts

**"Celebrate the World" this month the first Art Walk of the New Year**

On Friday, January 2, from 6:00 to 9:30 pm, various galleries, restaurants, and specialty shops will transform into different countries with the sights, sounds, and foods of foreign lands. The journey continues on Saturday, January 3, 11:00 am to 4:00 pm. The world awaits you—no passports necessary!

Art Walks are the first Friday

of every month. Galleries, shops, and restaurants open for the evening, featuring work by local artists, food and refreshments, and live music. The Walk continues on Saturday and Sunday from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm. The Village of the Arts is located in Bradenton between US 41 (14th Street) and 9th Street West, & 17th Avenue West and 9th Avenue West.

## Sarasota-Manatee International Airport

**Air Canada to offer year-round service between Toronto and SRQ**

Air Canada has offered daily nonstop seasonal service from the Canadian Ontario region to SRQ between November and April since 2006. The Sarasota Manatee Airport Authority (SMAA) announced the airline will extend its nonstop service between Toronto and SRQ year-round.

Effective May 2, 2015, Air Canada will continue service with two weekly nonstop flights on Thursdays and Saturdays to SRQ, closing the summer-time gap and offering Canadian passengers year-round access to the Southwest Florida Gulf Coast.

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**941.225.1356**  
[info@sarasotaluxuryrentals.com](mailto:info@sarasotaluxuryrentals.com)  
Personalized attention with  
professional, honest advice  
25 years experience  
References available



Organizing • Decluttering  
Downsizing • Packing for Move  
Staging • Condo Watching

Licensed • Bonded  
[rst.callonme@gmail.com](mailto:rst.callonme@gmail.com)

*Renée S. Tope*  
941.376.1472



**Bonded Professional Guardian  
Durable Power of Attorney  
Health Care Surrogate  
Personal Representative  
Trustee, Notary**

**SueAnn Sanders** 941.915.3797  
National Certified Guardian [SueAnnSanders@gmail.com](mailto:SueAnnSanders@gmail.com)

**RPG DESIGNS@THE MEADOWS**

**Dick Gross**  
w/Florentine Marble  
Residential Cabinet Designs / Sales

Call 941.320.2700  
email [RPGDesignsSRQ@gmail.com](mailto:RPGDesignsSRQ@gmail.com)

**Ray Cordy Custom Painting & Remodeling, Inc.**  
Impeccable References  
from Meadows Residents



[cordycustompainting@gmail.com](mailto:cordycustompainting@gmail.com) Sarasota Green Business Partnership  
(941) 812-5684 [www.cordycustompainting.com](http://www.cordycustompainting.com)  
Sarasota Green Connections

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**FOR RENT**

RENT:WOODLAND GROVE:  
2BR/2BA, 1st floor, turnkey, updated  
and spacious private screened lanai  
with golf course view (no smokers/no  
pets, please) [ncallari@aol.com](mailto:ncallari@aol.com) or  
716-316-8118.

VILLAGE LAKE: 2BR/2BA unit on 2nd  
floor. Screened lanai with lake view.  
Walk to shopping and restaurants.  
Non-smoker, no pets. Monthly/  
Seasonal for 2016. Call 856-829-  
1756 or 941-351-2867 or [villagelake.condo@verizon.net](mailto:villagelake.condo@verizon.net)

WEYBRIDGE: All rental options  
available. 2BR/2BA golf/water views.  
Updated and tasteful second floor.  
Cable, internet, phone available. Pets  
negotiable. 413-222-4857.

**FOR RENT**

WINSLOW BEACON 2BR/2BA:  
Beautifully furnished end unit very  
bright. 2nd floor overlooking pool.  
Complete turnkey with washer/dryer,  
cable and WIFI. 716-316-5701  
[mmallia@huntmortgage.com](mailto:mmallia@huntmortgage.com)

QUAIL HOLLOW: 1BR/1BA turnkey  
unit available. Redecorated end  
unit, on the ground floor, overlooks  
18th fairway. Updated full kitchen,  
W/D. Just steps to country club, golf,  
tennis and pools. No smoking or pets.  
Monthly or seasonally. [paddikl@aol.com](mailto:paddikl@aol.com)  
or (219) 796-3915.

MEADOWS 2BR/2BA First Floor end  
unit condo. Beautiful A/C lanai on  
golf course. Available seasonally or  
annually. Please call 941-993-7195

**FOR RENT**

FOR RENT: Villa 2 BR/2 BA, glassed  
lanai, bright and cheerful, tiles and  
fans throughout, 2 flat screen HDTV's,  
Internet and phone included. No  
smoking, no pets. Available: October  
2015-April 2016, 4 months minimum.  
Must See: Call Bob: 941-371-1398 or  
email: [loco5626@comcast.net](mailto:loco5626@comcast.net)


TWO RENTALS AVAILABLE:  
VILLAGE LAKE: 2nd Floor 2BR/2BA  
Turnkey Furnished. Available Monthly.  
Overlooks Pond, Screened Lanai.  
SHEFFIELD GREENE: 2BR/2BA with  
garage, turnkey furnished. Available  
monthly, overlooks pool with 2 lanais.  
716-913-2790.

**PLEASE NOTE:**

Subscription prices  
for *The Meadowword*  
mailed to residents  
living outside the  
United States increased  
January 1, 2015

Canada .....\$3.50  
Europe .....\$6.25

**Southern Drawl  
Kayak Fishing**



"We take you fishing, not for a boat ride!"

**FLY • SPIN**  
Redfish • Snook • Trout  
Tarpon • Tilapia • Oscar  
Bass • Bluegill

**Steve Gibson**  
941.284.3406  
[www.kayakfishingsarasota.com](http://www.kayakfishingsarasota.com)

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**FOR RENT**

**BUNKER OAKS:** 1 Bungalow available for monthly rental. This small unit has been painted and refreshed for new renters. We face The Meadows Country Club golf course, so the view is beautiful. Please email rgruneisen@aol.com with any inquiries.

**4534 LONGWATER CHASE** vacation rental, monthly or seasonally. Beautiful 2BR/2BR, second floor scenic views of golf course. Complete turnkey with washer/dryer, cable and WIFI, phone available, carport. Photos and information available. Not available in February and March 2015. Don't hesitate to ask for availability and price. Please email idelooz@gmail.com or lousidelooz@gmail.com or arnolddelooz@expertbel.be

**WEDGEWOOD LAKE CONDO VACATION RENTAL:** Beautiful 2 Bedroom 2 Bath, first floor. Scenic Views of Lake and Golf Course. Photos and information available at; <http://sarasotaflcondorental.com> by owner 570-868-2017.

**WINSLOW BEACON TO RENT:** 2BR/2BA, 2nd floor, excellent and tastefully furnished and decorated, many upgrades, 2 TVs, cable/ Internet, lanai on pool with blinds and fan. Freshly painted, very clean. Monthly or Seasonal. By owner. Email Achim\_Albert@T-online.de

**FOR SALE**

**WILLOW GREEN 3/3-2 STORY CONDO** Beautiful totally undated-kitchen, bathrooms, doors, lighting, hardwoods, new carpet & A/C with water views from every room. Large private deck for entertaining with view. Vaulted cedar ceilings. Walking distance to Village & Benderson Park. \$215,000 941-266-2201

**FOR SALE:** 2/2 on golf course, renovated granite counters, raventine floors, high ceilings. \$144,800. Call 941-441-7209.

**SERVICES**

**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](http://eldercaresarasota.com). Licensed, bonded and insured. Lic. #30211372

**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.

**EXCELLENT CLEANING SERVICE** for your home, reliable, reasonable call Darlene at 941-962-4122.

**CLASSIFIED****SERVICES**

**FURRY GODMOTHER PET CARE:** Reliable and professional care for your furry friends. Taking care of all your pet sitting needs. Licensed, insured, long time Meadows resident. Set up your free consultation today. Call 228-4813.

**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.

**MOVING? DOWNSIZING? NEED HELP ORGANIZING?** Retired Professional available to help you take the stress out of moving, packing, unpacking, downsizing or cleaning out closets. Please call Leny Cohen (941) 544-3153. Senior Relocation Services. We do it all!

**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.

**STAY AT HOME HEALTH CARE:** There is no place like home! Registered nurse and full time Meadows resident. Medical, non-medical and respite care provider. Rest assured with a professional RN to care for your loved one/family member without expensive agency costs. Outstanding references. Available 24/7. Compassionate, dedicated and committed to ensure the highest quality of care. Canine caregiver too! Call 941-706-1917.

**PRIVATE-IN HOME CAREGIVER.** January-March. Call 937-935-8886.

**HANDY HANDS:** Do you need a strong pair of hands? I may be able to help you. Robert Knutsen. Free estimates. No job to Big or to Small, I'll do it all. Call me day or night 24/7. Cell 818-917-7562 or email robertok114@yahoo.com

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

**AIRPORT SHUTTLE:** TAMPA airport shuttle \$85.00 one-way for 2 people, \$25.00 one-way to Sarasota airport. Call Judy's cell 941-524-5100 or 941-896-6844.

**PAINTING CONTRACTOR:** 35yr business in Ohio. We do it right the 1st time. Meadows Homeowner and resident. Interior, Exterior and Repairs. Insured. Local References. Cell 330-827-1636.

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

**CLASSIFIED****SERVICES**

**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.

**HOUSEKEEPING** by Susan. Experienced (12 Yrs.), trustworthy, excellent references in The Meadows. Weekly, semi-weekly and monthly rates. Regular and deep-cleaning rates. Call: Susan 941-475-2461.

**DANIEL LENZ LANDSCAPING:** Not only specializing in landscape design, full maintenance, one time cleanups and hand pruning. Mulching, rock, yearly cleanups, untouchable quality for the best price. Licensed and insured. 20 years' experience. Free Estimate. 941-376-1920.

**HESS HOME SERVICES** will take care of all your home improvement and repair needs. With over 35 years of experience there is no job to small. We are licensed and insured. Estimates are always free. Give us a call at 941-306-6026 or 941-809-7734.

**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.

**CARGIVER/COMPANION/ PET SITTING** available anytime, honest, dependable, many years of experience, Sarasota resident for 23 years plus. Amish background. References available. Have own transportation. I also do pet sitting in your home. Call Ruth 941-893-9876 for more details and to set up a schedule.

**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.

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

**CLASSIFIED****SERVICES**

**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.

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

**RST CALL ON ME** to organize, downsize, declutter or to pack those boxes for that move. 6 years in The Meadows. Licensed and bonded. 941-376-1472.

**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** you have more peace of mind. Errands, transportation, organizing, personal assisting and more. You and your loved ones will enjoy services tailor made to suit your individual needs. Visit me on the web at [www.letamyhelp.com](http://www.letamyhelp.com) or call me today to get started. Amy Zeusler 941-364-8071. Helping your neighbors in The Meadows since 2009. I look forward to hearing from you!

**ERRANDS ON THE RUN:** appointments, shopping, etc. Excellent references. 360-0729

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

**CLASSIFIED ADS WORK!**

**PET CARE:** Giving lots of love and attention to your furry one while you're away. Daily visits to your home or overnight in my home, dog walks, vet visits, pet/personal errands. Also providing transportation to doctor, grocery store, groomer, pick up after medical procedures and other miscellaneous needs. Great rates! Bonded & Insured. Debbie 284-5088.

## Classified Ads for the FEBRUARY 2015 issue of *The Meadoword* are due TUESDAY, JANUARY 13

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

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**SERVICES**

**DRYER VENT CLEANING:** Owned by retired NYPD Police Officer. Clothes not drying? It's not the dryer...it's the VENT! Prevent dryer fires, extend dryer life. LINT HAPPENS! Call SUNSHINE DRYER VENT CLEANING @ 941-224-3606. Licensed & insured. www.LintHappens.com

**WINDOW & PRESSURE CLEANING:** Nick, from Nick's Block 5 is a local teacher. He and his staff specialize in Residential Window Cleaning and Pressure Cleaning Services. New service...Low Pressure Roof Cleaning. Call for your free estimate today! 941-538-8072.

**CITRUS** spraying, fertilizing, pruning & planting. Experienced licensed, insured. BACKYARD CITRUS CARE 925-1999.

**GARDENS BY ALLISON:** 2014 MEADOWS BEST KEPT AWARD WINNER! GARDEN MAKE-OVERS AND CLEAN-UP! 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

**WILL DO IRONING.** Experienced. Call Mimi 941-780-7797.

**SERVICES**

**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.

**Classified Ads  
Get Results!**  
Place your ad today  
Just \$4.00 for the first  
10 words and 10 cents  
per word thereafter

**MAGICAL GENIE** House Checking Service-Honest, Reliable, Responsible. Meadows resident would love to help ensure that your home is cared for while you are away. I would be happy to meet with you to discuss House Checking options. magicalgenieinc@gmail.com or 941-706-4336.

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

**SERVICES**

**TINA'S CLEANING** at your service we do all the rest. Honest, reliable, dependable & always on time. Call for free estimate. 10% discount for first time customer. Lots of references at The Meadows. 316-0576 or 228-6525.

**PAINTING:** Interior and Exterior. Low prices, local references; insured. Call Walter 524-4477.

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

**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.

**CLEANING,** house, condo's, apartments. January-March. Call 937-935-8886

**WANTED**

**WANTED:** PEO SISTERS who are snowbirds in the Sarasota area. Join us in the Sarasota Gulf Coast P.E.O Group. Contact Maureen at 941-377-2663.

**LOOKING FOR HELP WITH  
THAT SPECIAL PROJECT?  
LOOK IN THE CLASSIFIEDS!**

**VOLUNTEERS**

**HELPING HANDS**

**All Faiths Food Bank**—Needs non-perishable items like peanut butter, jelly, pasta, rice, dry beans and canned meats, fruits, nuts, and vegetables. No glass containers! Drop-off donations at the MCA.

**Baby Basics of Sarasota**—Help dispense diapers twice monthly to qualifying families. Call 377-1173.

**Designing Women Boutique**—Consignments needs. Good vintage or contemporary clothing. Volunteer! Contact Pamela Day at 366-5293.

**InStride Equine Assisted Therapy in Nokomis**—Help provide therapeutic riding to qualified children and adults with disabilities. Call 412-9333.

**Literacy Council of Sarasota**—Tutor adults, raise money, or help in our office. Training, materials, and support provided. Located at 1750 17th Street, Building D. Call 955-0421.

**iTN Sarasota**—Drive seniors and visually impaired adults. Flexible scheduling. Contact 941-364-7530.

**Pines of Sarasota**—Many opportunities, Call 365-0250, extension 1940, or email volunteers@pinesofsarasota.org.

**Sarasota Memorial Hospital Auxiliary/Volunteer Services**—Numerous opportunities available in different areas. Call 917-1010 about locations and times.

**Senior Friendship Centers**—a not-for-profit organization that acts as a community-based liaison in partnership with community organizations and departments of the County government by matching volunteers of all ages, talents and interests with nonprofit and faith based agencies. For information about volunteer opportunities, call 556-3249.



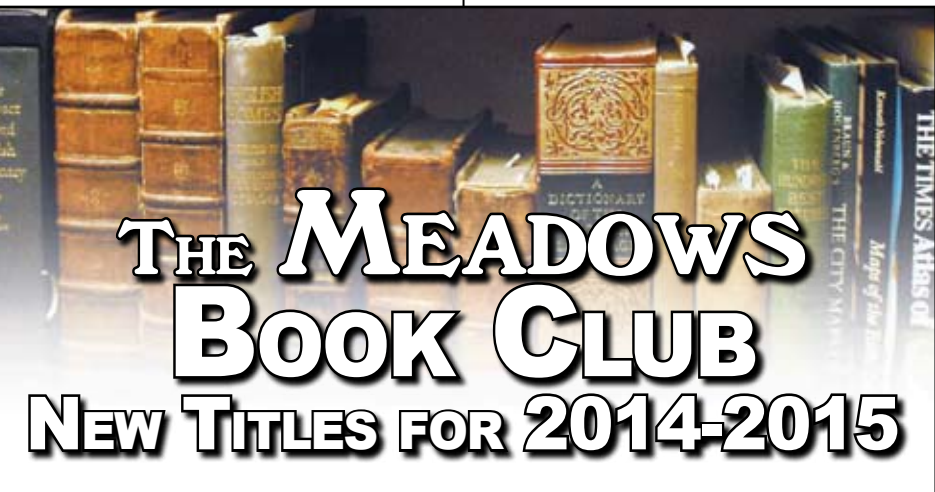
*The Meadows*  
**Memorial Garden**

*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 Luncheon	Priscilla Schlegel Caryl Magnus	341-0434 378-5055	pschlegel@comcast.net carylmagnus@verizon.net
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Date	Title and Author	Leader
<b>—2015—</b>		
Jan 14	<b>The Rose Project</b> by Graeme Simsion .....	Pam Draper
Feb 11	<b>The White Dog Fell from the Sky</b> by Eleanor Morse .....	Vida Gavin
Mar 11	<b>Luncheon &amp; New Book Selections</b> (11:30) .....	
Apr 8	<b>The Moth by Burns</b> by Gopnik and Green .....	Karen Rush
May 13	<b>The Lemon Tree</b> by Sandy Tolan .....	Janet Thompson

# The Meadoword

Community Events—All Events are at the MCA

## Assembly of Property Owners January 21, 2015 • 7:00 pm

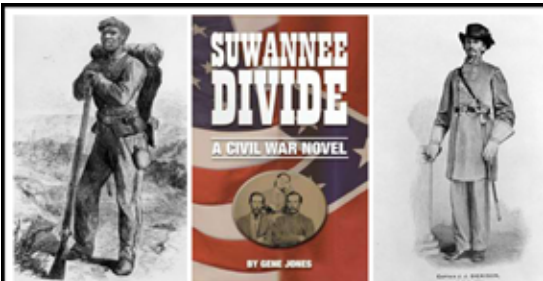
**Doug Domino**, General Manager, Meadows Country Club  
Talks about new opportunities offered between the Club and the MCA



The new nominees for the 2015 MCA Board will introduce themselves and give brief presentations

ALL DELEGATES ARE ASKED TO ATTEND AND SIGN-IN ON ARRIVAL

Open to all Meadows residents—Plan to stay afterwards for a brief meeting and cookies and coffee



Sign up at the MCA required  
Maximum of 70 people  
Book Signing • Books (\$15) available for sale  
Check or Cash (exact change) only

Meadows "U" • Jan 14, 2015 • 1:30 pm

Civil War author **Gene Jones** presents a history of the Civil War in Florida and talks about his book,  
**SUWANNEE DIVIDE**



Meadows "U" • Jan 27, 2015 • 1:30 pm

Tour of Nathan Benderson Park

(Rain Date, Wed, Jan 28) • Refreshments follow the tour  
SIGN UP REQUIRED at the MCA Meet at Nathan Benderson Park!

**Directions:** Take Honore north toward University Parkway. Turn right onto DeSoto Road; turn right onto Cattlemen Road. Turn right onto Regatta Island just after crossing the bridge. If you need a ride contact the MCA office.



**Entry Receiving** for the  
**MCA 33rd Annual Photography Show and Competition—2015**  
February 6 and 7 • 9:00 am–4:00 pm  
Bring Entries to the MCA Community Center  
2004 Longmeadow, Sarasota • 377-2300



Twenty-Third Annual MCA

## Celebration of Fine Arts

March 7 and 8 • 10:00 am–4:00 pm  
MCA Community Center • 2004 Longmeadow

# Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

*January*

All meetings and events are at the MCA Community Center, 2004 Longmeadow, unless otherwise noted. Daily notices are posted for room locations

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
December 28			MCA OFFICE CLOSED	MCA OFFICE CLOSED	MCA OFFICE CLOSED	
29			New Year's Eve	Happy New Year!		
30	MAH JONGG 9:00 am MEMOIRS 10:00 am SAFETY 2:00 pm	RESTRICTIONS 3:00 pm	CRAFTS 9:00 am BRIDGE 12:30 pm		PILLOWS 9:00 am BRIDGE 12:30 pm	
1			New/Revised Ads Due		CR Ads and Editorial Due	
2	MAH JONGG 9:00 am MEMOIRS 10:00 am	EMERGENCY PREP 1:30 pm	CRAFTS 9:00 am INVOLVEMENT 10:00 am BUDGET 10:00 am MEADOWS "U" Suwannee Divide 1:30 pm BOOK CLUB 2:00 pm MAINTENANCE 2:30 pm	BLOOD PLATELET DRIVE 9:00 am - 1:30 pm BOARD OF DIRECTORS 1:00 pm	PILLOWS 9:00 am BRIDGE 12:30 pm	
3		Classifieds Due				
4	MAH JONGG 9:00 am MEMOIRS 10:00 am		CRAFTS 9:00 am BRIDGE 12:30 pm ASSEMBLY 7:00 pm		PILLOWS 9:00 am BRIDGE 12:30 pm	
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6	MAH JONGG 9:00 am MEMOIRS 10:00 am	MEADOWS "U" Nathan Benderson Park Tour 1:30 pm	CRAFTS 9:00 am BRIDGE 12:30 pm MEADOWS "U" (Rain date) Nathan Benderson Park Tour 1:30 pm		PILLOWS 9:00 am BRIDGE 12:30 pm	
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