

THE ADVISOR

THE MEADOWS AT MARTIN DOWNS

OCTOBER 2019

It's unbelievable – another year is drawing to a close. However, it is a very special time of the year for many of us. We have Halloween, which I love to see the younger kids (and some adults) in their costumes, then Thanksgiving when families and friends gather around the table to feast upon their favorite dishes. Then the Holiday Season, one of the most special times of the year. I hope each of you will spend time with your family, friends, and love ones during the holidays.

Review of 2019:

For the most part, 2019 has been a fairly quiet year. Listed below are several brief updates on noteworthy topics:

- Traffic Control: Based on our data from the Radar Unit and Martin County Sheriff's office the overall speed on most of our streets has decreased and residents appear to be stopping for our Stop Signs –“I guess the fines for not stopping has gotten their attention”? We will continue these enforcements as long as they are needed.
- Storms and Lightning: Unfortunately, the spring time storms and lightning has cost us dearly for the replacement of equipment at the Gatehouse, Maintenance Facility, and the Pool. Yes, we have insurance, but the deductibles are high in order to keep the overall costs down.
- Tennis Courts Resurfaced: The Tennis Courts had been patched for years and it was time to resurface them. Additionally, one of the courts was modified and striped for Pickle Ball.
- Playground Sand Lot: The Playground soil was old and compacted and had become the home of many “yellow jacket” bees which were a major problem for our kids. All of the soil was removed and replaced with fresh sand.
- Road Repairs: In 2020 we will resurface our roads. In order to prepare for the resurfacing process, many of our roads cracked from tree roots, water damage, and general wear and needed to be repaired. This effort was completed in May.
- Hotwire:
 - With all of the TV and Internet services and performance improvements made during the last 12 months with Hotwire, unfortunately 50% of our service calls were due to resident created problems and/or a lack of education using the system. Please refer to the original handouts, on-screen training videos under the Menu/Help tabs, or contact our Meadows representative under the Menu/Meadows at Martin Downs for assistance. There are also several printed instructional handouts available in the Meadows House lobby.
 - Our basic Internet speeds for the Meadows are now 300 Mbps Download and 125 Mbps Upload. Many of you have complained that you have not been able to obtain these speeds. In many instances it was determined that the residents' computer equipment was not capable of operating at these speeds.
 - Additionally, your Meadows Board, working with our legal representative, has continuously ensured that Hotwire services and performance was in compliance with the specifications outlined in our contract. As a result, some additional penalties and credits were collected from Hotwire. These funds will be utilized to minimize our residents 2020 Hotwire cost increase.

Lakemont Director Position:

Unfortunately, Theresa Bonventre, our Lakemont Director, has resigned due to family needs. We wish Theresa the best and thank her for her dedication and services for the Meadows during the last year. As a result, anyone interested in the Lakemont Director position, please contact me or the Meadows Office.

From the Board of Directors, and Management Staff:

Again, thank you! We appreciate your continued support, feedback, and suggestions.

Tim Graham, HOA President

AMENITIES

- Bocce Wednesday and Saturday at 9:00 am
Players Needed
- Tennis Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at 8:00 am. Just show up with your tennis gear. **Players Needed**
- Water Exercise Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 10:00 am
- Water Volleyball Thursday at 6:00 p.m.
RSVP Ray (ray3141@comcast.net)
- Pickle Ball Wednesday at 6:15 pm at Tennis Complex

MEADOWS HOUSE ACTIVITIES (Excluding Holidays)

The Meadows at Martin Downs offers beautiful amenities and fun-filled activities. It is not necessary to call the office to participate. Just show up at the designated times and join the fun!

- Bridge Wednesday at 1:00 pm
- Mah Jongg Tues. and Thurs. at 1:00 pm & Wednesday at 7:00 pm
- Poker Wednesday at 7:00 pm
- Bingo 2nd and 4th Monday of the month at 7:00 pm

MEADOWS MINDERS

Please do not add household garbage or recycling to items set out for bulk pickup. Waste Management will not pick up mixed piles. If setting out bulk items; furniture, appliances, etc. please call Waste Management for pickup. Their phone number is: 772 546-7700.

Please give the HOA office an emergency contact name/number. In the event of a medical or storm related emergency we may need to have that number for police and fire rescue services.

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