

Creating a Warm and Welcoming Community

A Welcome Committee has been started for the purpose of welcoming and connecting new homeowners to the community. Once a month, new homeowners will be invited to meet each other and learn about community rules, meet their village director, and see a presentation on the Hotwire Meadows channel. We feel that it is important to make connections and learn about the community you are living in. If you are new to our community and would like to attend our first Welcome Committee meeting to find out more about our community and meet some wonderful people, please email janetshiller5@gmail.com and you will be added to the list.

Did You Know?

May and June are mating season for alligators, so be careful walking pets or letting children play near the lakes. The Florida Wildlife Commission (FWC) has a Nuisance Alligator Hotline to call if you see a gator that appears to be a threat: 1-866-FWC-GATOR.

What About Polybutylene Pipes?

If you have recently purchased a home in The Meadows, or had to obtain new homeowners' insurance, you have likely learned about Polybutylene pipes. If you have not, you might have heard friends and neighbors talking about replacing their pipes. What are they and why do we need to worry?

Polybutylene piping was commonly used instead of copper in new home construction during the 70s, 80s and until 1996. Polybutylene turned out to be a poor piping material due to it reacting to oxidants and disinfectants in public water supplies such as chlorine. This reaction breaks down the piping and the joints causing leaks.

As our homes have aged past the 30-year mark, home purchases have required inspections that include plumbing which is how and why replacement has become a hot topic. Most insurance companies will not insure a home with Polybutylene pipes.

Replacing the pipes is possible and there are many local companies performing the work. If you have questions about whether or not you have Polybutylene pipes, contact a local plumber.

From the President Joseph M. Carr, Sr.

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

I am truly encouraged as we go forward here in The Meadows. We are making progress in all areas of operations and aesthetics. There will always be challenges and problems that get in the way of our desired outcome, but we will approach these issues and find solutions. We will bring the best results available and move forward to continue our mission. We have the people and ability to keep The Meadows, a very desirable and beautiful neighborhood to live. I know there are different needs and desires for the different villages, and they are all very important to us as a board. We will do all that we can, with the resources available, to overcome all the issues to gain the best outcome.

We have had some great events recently, pool parties, happy hour and others that our residents have enjoyed, and I am sure they will grow larger and become even better in the future. Speaking of our pool, our bathrooms are finally completed. The ladies' room has the tile on the walls as promised and is really a major upgrade from the past. The men's room, although not re-tiled, looks great with its new appointments and upgrades. We also came in well under budget and will use those remaining funds to maintain them going forward. Another project I have been asked about is the Tennis/Pickleball courts. We are moving forward and will be under contract very soon.

Now I have some requests of all our residents and their guests, Please slow down! and please show respect for our Stop signs! There was a death recently and even though it was a duck, poor thing, it could have just as easily been a child or an adult. There is plenty of time to get where you need to be if you plan ahead.

As always, I listen to the residents when they talk to me, and we are all here because we love our community and want it to be a place we enjoy. I encourage communication and I ask that we all respect each other as we go forward looking out for one another.

Lastly there soon will be a change in how we vote in The Meadows so that the majority of residents, on most any item voted on, makes the decision of the outcome of issues put forth. There is more info available on this, and it will be talked about at board meetings. I want to thank you for being able to serve my neighbors for I, like you all do, love our community and want to protect and make it better as we go forward.

Blessings & Regards,
Joe

HIGHLIGHT

Communications Committee

The Communications Committee started because there was a need in the community that was not being met. Everyone wanted more and better communication from the Board. A few enthusiastic volunteers offered to be on the committee. After the official establishment of the committee, a purpose was set. The purpose of this committee is to work with the BOD to communicate more effectively through a few different methods. The plan includes but is not limited to the newsletter, Meadows Homeowners Association (MHA) website, TV message board, and periodic email blasts that support the mission, values and strategic goals of the MHA.

The Committee may be chaired by a BOD member or any member the committee chooses to place by majority vote. The committee will be comprised of 4-7 volunteer homeowners, plus one alternate and open to anyone willing to assist who has working knowledge, background, or education in publication, communication, and electronic media.

Our first task was to make each of these modes of communication better with information that gets to residents quicker. The newsletter was re-designed to give it a more modern look, with articles addressing multiple topics along with new information. The Hotwire Channel Message Board and The Meadows website have information posted on a more frequent basis. We focused next on establishing new methods of communication. An official Facebook page was established so that accurate and timely information was posted. Thanks to one of our committee members' skills, a Facebook Live feature was added so that residents are able to view the Board meetings in real time.

Residents that want to be informed about what is happening in their community now have multiple avenues to find information. The committee is a well-oiled machine that operates with a group of people that complement each other with their talents. Each one brings something to the table, with one thing in common, we enjoy what we do, and genuinely want to make a difference in the community. The chair is Tim Myers; committee is Janet Shiller, Elaine Keller, Alyssa Greenspan, Shauna Monahan and Denise Lowe.

Lakemont Residents

A few months ago, there was a fire in one of the Lakemont townhomes. It has been determined that the fire was caused by faulty electrical wiring. It is in everyone's best interest to find out if your wiring is up to date or to code, especially connections to the water heater.

Renting Success

Thinking about renting your home?

Make sure to contact The Meadows office. They will guide you through this process and inform you of the guidelines for renting. Your tenants will need to have pertinent information that you as a landlord will need to convey.

Dial-In Your Safety Net

For the safety of all residents, please complete the Access Accommodation form to include a local emergency contact. The form can be found on the website under the HOA Members Area > Member Forms or it can be picked up in the office. The completed form can be dropped off at the office or emailed to meadowsoffice@meadows-hoa.com.

New Landscape Contractor

A change has been made regarding our landscape contractor. This was not due to any dissatisfaction with our current contractor. It was strictly a financial decision.

New Office Hours

For the convenience of the residents, the Meadows Office hours have been extended to Monday through Friday from 8am to 12noon and 1pm to 4pm.

A Library of Our Very Own

Located inside The Meadows House is an extensive lending library where you can take a book, game or puzzle and share one back. The library is open during The Meadows office hours. Please stop by and check it out!



Got Junk?

Bulk waste is any item that will not fit into a regular garbage can due to size, shape or weight. Bulk pickup is included with our trash collection service, and residents may place bulk waste items out for curbside pickup on one of our scheduled garbage collection days. Items too large and/or too heavy will be tagged by the driver and scheduled to be collected within five business days. Acceptable items include appliances, construction or remodeling debris from a **resident's** DIY project, grills, furniture, bikes, mattresses. Unacceptable items include contractor debris, hazardous waste, boats, engines, and automotive parts.