

December 2024



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Ray Bonello and Eldri Zahn, your Lifestyle Coordinators, have been planning for months for the reopening of our renovated clubhouse. We still do not have a firm date of when normal activities will resume but have scheduled from the week of December 15th. Of course, all these clubhouse activities are subject to availability but, fingers crossed, this timeline will hold.

Starting on Friday, December 13th, we'll hold our Annual Christmas Golf Cart Parade, lining up in the clubhouse parking lot at 6pm. Afterwards, we'll return to the clubhouse (or outdoor kitchen) for hot chocolate and cookies, and vote for the Best Decorated Cart.

The following Friday, the 20th at 6pm, join us for Pulled Pork Sandwiches, Cole Slaw, Baked Beans, and Relishes for \$7. Then stay for resident favorite, DJ Dave and Buckeye Karaoke from 7 - 10 p.m.

Christmas day has a traditional Christmas dinner brought to you by the HOA and Ambassadors scheduled for noon. Turkey, ham, mashed potatoes, dressing, candied carrots, green bean casserole, homemade rolls, and three kinds of pie are on the menu. Afterwards, there will be games and door prize drawings too. Cost is \$13 per person with any money leftover going to the veterans.

And finally on New Year's Eve, The Meadows will sponsor our annual party from 8 p.m. to midnight serving a full hor de hourves table and a 10 pm champagne toast. DJ Darrell will be on hand to spin your favorite tunes to dance your way into 2025. December is going to be a great time at The Meadows!

We're already working on our January calendar, filling it with many of the fun activities we did in the past, but also adding in some new, exciting activities.

And finally, we'd like to welcome Missy Garrett to our maintenance department at The Meadows starting December 1st. Welcome, Missy!!  
**WATCH FOR DETAILS ON OUR GRAND REOPENING PARTY!**

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## Managers Corner

As we approach the holiday season, we wanted to take a moment to express our gratitude to all of our wonderful community residents. We are so grateful to be a part of such a warm and welcoming neighborhood and are constantly reminded of our neighbors' kindness and generosity.

This year has been challenging but has also shown us the power of coming together as a community. From supporting local businesses to helping each other through difficult times, we truly showed what it means to be a supportive and caring community.

As we celebrate with our loved ones, we want to extend our warmest wishes to all our neighbors. May your holiday season be filled with love, joy, and cherished moments with your family and friends.

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a happy, healthy New Year.

Donna, Matt, Alexis, Eldri, Ray, Mary Ann, Frank, Henry and Missy!

### THINGS TO REMEMBER:

- Please pick up your dogs' waste and dispose of it in a garage bag - not the road, sidewalk, drains or woods.
- Electronic recycling pick-up is the first Friday of each month.
- Our lawn care service comes every other Thursday throughout the season.
- Make sure you smoke only in the designated areas and use the cigarette disposal containers provided; not on the streets, yards or driveways.
- Please remember if you're away for a long period of time, have someone maintain your outside beds, plants and flowers, and pick up your mail.
- If you need help pulling weeds in your beds, contact the office.
- If the compactor is not there, use the smaller one for your garbage.
- You must be 18 and over to use our workout area in the clubhouse.
- Don't leave your "floaties" at the pool - take them home each day.
- If you need help navigating our trash area, call the office to arrange for help.

**Thank you for your cooperation!**

### Maintenance

Q: What items do NOT belong in the Recycle Bin?

- NO food or liquid
- NO foam cups or containers
- NO A/C filters
- NO loose plastic bags or film
- NO bagged recyclables
- NO clothing, furniture or carpet
- NO glass bottles or containers
- NO tree branches or yard waste



Mary Ann Bonello, Henry Weller, Frank Wedgeworth

## Residents' Fun



The winners of the best decorated yards for Halloween were Ken & Mary Beardsley who took first place with Dan and Deb Huettner taking second. Russell and Donna Wilkens won first place in our Halloween's Best Decorated Golf Cart contest with Danice Leal in second.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OUR WINNERS!**



## MONTHLY BIRTHDAY LUNCHEON

Each month some of the residents of The Meadows go out to a local restaurant to celebrate that month's birthdays. If you'd like to host in 2025, or want more information, contact Eldri Zahn.

November's luncheon was held at one of our local restaurants, the Tarpon Turtle, with a good turnout. Thanks to Lynette Mujica for serving as host. The food and service were great at a reasonable price.

Just a reminder - you don't have to have a birthday that month to attend.

The next luncheon is Thursday, December 5th at noon at Ozono Blue in Palm Harbor with Eldri Zahn as your host. If you need a ride, contact the office.

Please sign up by Wednesday, December 4th. The signup sheet is in the office.



## BUNCO FUN

A HUGE THANK YOU goes out to Danice Leal for graciously allowing us to have our bi-monthly Bunco game in her home at 514 Cary Lane. We really appreciate it!

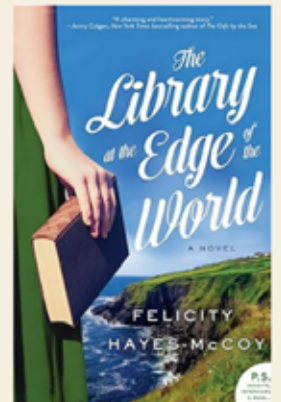
The next Bunco will be played at 6pm on November 27th with December games on the 4th and 18th. The 18th will be our Christmas Bunco Party (the party starts at 6 with the game starting at 6:30pm). Let Danice know if you're coming. We can play with up to 16. Bunco returns to the clubhouse in January.



## THE MEADOWS' BOOK CLUB AND LIBRARY NEWS

The Meadows' Book Club is scheduled to meet Tuesday, December 3rd and 17th with the club's Christmas party on the 17th. Everyone is invited to attend and bring a snack. We will be choosing our December book at our November 19th meeting. The November book was "The Library at the Edge of the World."

Our meetings are the first and third Tuesdays of each month. We will discuss our current book at the first meeting and the last meeting each month is just a get together with some good conversation, sweet treats and tea or coffee. Many thanks goes out to Carol Krishbaum at 446 Cary Lane for hosting this event and starting a "Little Library" near her home. New members are always welcome!



Carol Krishbaum is also heading up our Library Committee. She has a group of volunteers including Mary Beardsley, Danice Leal, Sam Kitto, Carol Tomasello, Tricia Baylis, Paula Rooney, and Beth Houston. Carol Krishbaum is also in charge of the Little Library next to her house at 446 Cary Lane. Thanks to all our volunteers!

## Recognition at The Meadows



December Yard of the Month

## YARD-OF-THE-MONTH

Congratulations to Mike and Shari Piscitelli at 447 Cary Lane. They have designed a beautiful front yard with never a weed in sight.

It's such a pleasure to drive or walk by their home. Thanks for all your hard work!

## SURPRISE & DELIGHT AWARD

Our December Surprise & Delight Award goes to Jimmy Valentino. Jimmy was nominated by several neighbors after all the work he did after the hurricanes, repairing his neighbors' homes.

We just want you to know how much you're appreciated here at The Meadows.



## DECEMBER ACTIVITIES - ARE YOU INTERESTED?

### Tarpon Springs Cops/Kids Toy Drive

Bring a new unwrapped toy (ages 2-15) to the office (or clubhouse) starting December 2nd. We will again be participating in this program. Checks are also accepted. Please make them out to: Tarpon Springs Police Department Cops/Kids Program.



### Christmas Karaoke - Friday, December 20th

Tickets will go on sale December 2nd for a Pulled Pork Sandwich, Cole Slaw, Baked Beans, and Relishes for \$7 starting at 6pm (Proceeds go to the DAV). Then, at 7pm DJ Dave Trent and Buckeye Karaoke will be entertaining us until 10pm.

### Christmas Dinner - Wednesday, December 25th @ Noon

Join us for a traditional Christmas Dinner at noon on Wednesday, December 25th, co-hosted by The Meadows HOA and the Ambassadors. Tickets will go on sale after Thanksgiving and be available up to December 18th. Because of seating capacity, ticket sales will be limited. Takeout orders will also be available.



### Bourbon and Cigars



We have a new club at The Meadows! Head over with your favorite bourbon and your cigar to Jon Loudon's back patio at 508 Bernice Boulevard at 6pm on Saturday, December 7th. Each month, the club will rotate locations.





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# The Meadows' HOA December 2024 Newsletter



The November HOA board meeting is scheduled for November 15 (after the deadline for this newsletter) at Barb Grano's home at 433 Cary Lane at 10am.

**2025 ELECTIONS:** All current board members' terms will end in January 2025. If there are more than five candidates, an election will be held in January. The Nominating Committee consists for Sam Kitto, Danice Leal, and Mary Keesler. If interested in being a candidate, please contact one of the committee or board members.

We are planning on having our December Nominating Meeting on Thursday, December 19th at 7 p.m. in our renovated clubhouse as it should be available at that time.

**NEGOTIATING COMMITTEE:** The Negotiating Committee is in the process of meeting with Cove management to discuss a few issues. However, our rent increase is not on the table because we are in the third year of a three year contract. As more information becomes available, the committee will be reporting the outcome back to the board and our general membership.

**RECOMMENDATION BOOKLET:** The fourthquarter booklet is out! Hard copies are available in the office at 405 Joseph Way. Lynette Mujica and Connie Ausflug are currently compiling additional recommendations to be included in our 2025 first-quarter edition.

Please, if you've had a positive experience with a contractor, store, restaurant or any other service provider, let our residents know. Word-of-mouth is the best way to advertise.

**HOMESTEAD AND DOMICILE:** The Declaration of Homestead and Domicile program is ongoing. There is no time limit for completing this, but the quicker, the better. Forms are available in the office.

**HOA SPEAKERS:** Our speaker program will resume in 2025. If you have a speaker or topic you would like us to consider, please let us know. We appreciate your input.

**MEMBERSHIP:** Lynette reported that we have 100 members. She welcomes them on the HOA Facebook page and will use that page to keep members updated while the clubhouse is closed. The 2025 applications are available in the office or in this newsletter. You must complete an application annually and pay your \$12 annual dues.

Next month, we will publish a list of your HOA's accomplishments for 2024.

**Doug Oliver, Treasurer**  
**Lynette Mujica, Secretary**

**Eldri Zahn, President**  
**920-606-6652**

**Deborah Wallace, Director**  
**Barbara Grano, Director**

The Meadows of Tarpon Springs Homeowners' Association Incorporated  
505 Anclote Boulevard  
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**2025 Membership Application**

The HOA annual membership year runs from January 1<sup>st</sup> through December 31<sup>st</sup> of the same year.

Annual HOA dues are \$12.00 per household per membership year. Dues are not prorated except in the fourth quarter when payment is also made for the next year.

Membership may be paid in cash or by check (check is preferred) and made out to The Meadows HOA.

[ ] Check # \_\_\_\_\_ [ ] Cash

You can give your completed application to any HOA Director

OR mail it to PO Box 1898, Tarpon Springs, FL 34688-1898

**OR drop it off in the HOA box outside of 503 Barbara Way.**

You must be listed on the home's registration to belong to the HOA and enjoy voting rights.

**PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse/Companion/Roommate: \_\_\_\_\_

Meadows Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

I/we, the undersigned, being a registered mobile homeowner of a home at The Meadows of Tarpon Springs, Pinellas County, Florida, hereby consent to become members(s) of The Meadows of Tarpon Springs Homeowners Association Incorporated in accordance with Section 723.075 and 723.078, Florida Statutes. I/we further indicate that I/we waive the right to receive written notice of the Annual Meeting by mail, hand delivery, or email (per FS 723.078).

Applicant's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

What is your alternative address if you do not live at The Meadows year-round?

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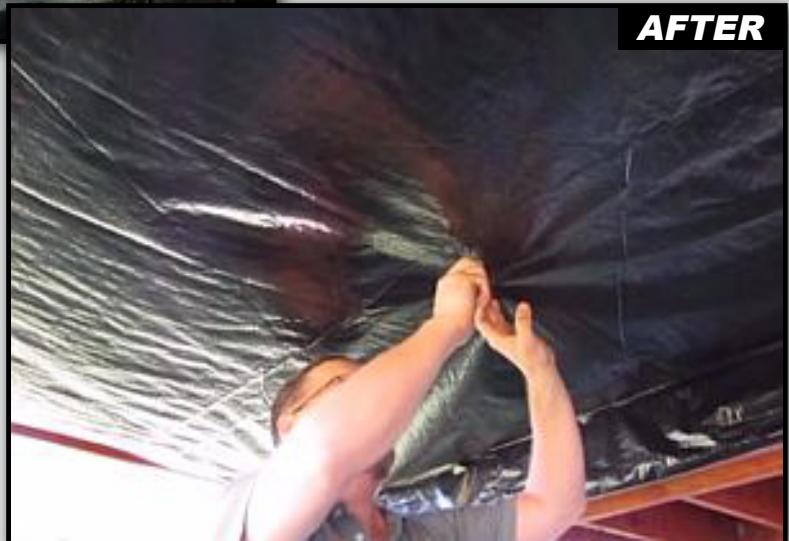
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Ray Bonello.....Co-Lifestyle Coordinator  
Frank Wedgeworth.....Maintenance  
Henry Weller.....Maintenance  
Mary Ann Bonello.....Maintenance  
Missy Garrett.....Maintenance  
Alexis Molnar.....Sales



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OFFICE HOURS - Monday - Friday 8:30am - 4:30pm  
CLUBHOUSE HOURS - Daily 7:30am to 10pm

### TRASH COMPACTOR

We have had to lock the trash and recycling area because of non-resident dumping. The code is available from the office. Remember, only residents are allowed to use it and only for household trash, please!

When the trash compactor is not within the fence, please put your trash in the other trash bin - not the recycling bin.

We now have cameras watching this area so **ABSOLUTELY NO LARGE HOUSEHOLD ITEMS!**

The Meadows newsletter is published monthly. Please have all submissions in by the 10th of each month.

Managing Editor - Donna Carrier

Editor - Eldri Zahn

### ELECTRONICS PICKUP

Each month, on the first Friday, The Meadows has an Electronics Pickup for recycling your electronics or metal. Any appliance with a cord is picked up. For pickup of larger items or if you have a question on whether your item qualifies, contact [gogreenhelp@yahoo.com](mailto:gogreenhelp@yahoo.com) or call 727-534-9152. This month, it falls on December 5th.

**Have your items at the end of your driveway by 9am.**

### YARD WASTE RULES

Yard waste pickup is every Tuesday and Friday unless they fall on a holiday. **ONLY** organic material such as branches and plant material will be picked up but must be in plastic garbage bags or tied together in bundles and left at the curb or end of your driveway.

### POOL RULES - HOURS 9AM - DUSK

1. No cups of any kind on the wet deck.
2. No glass in the pool area.
3. No smoking.
4. Pool ropes must be returned in place after lap swimming.
5. Please don't apply lotions or oils immediately before entering the pool. Let it get absorbed into your skin before you get in.
6. No running on the pool deck.
7. No jumping or diving into the pool at any time.
8. You are not allowed to save or reserve chairs and tables around the pool. It is strictly first come; first served.



### DOG PARK RULES - HOURS 8AM - 8:30PM

1. Do not leave any toys at the dog parks. For safety's sake, they will be thrown away.

2. PLEASE pick up after your dog!

3. Do not let your dog dig holes.

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### PROTECT YOUR CREDIT CARDS

~ Rick Gertsen



When you're going on a trip, instead of using your credit cards, get a prepaid credit card and use that. That will protect your card numbers from being stolen.

There are a number of ways your credit card numbers can be stolen. In today's digital world, your physical credit cards may no longer be a hacker's prime target. But that doesn't mean they can't still get their hands on your credit card number. Here are a few credit card theft practices to watch out for:

#### PHISHING EMAILS AND TEXTS LEADING TO FRAUDULENT WEBSITES

Phishing emails often look legitimate on the surface, but these fraudulent messages are crafted with a nefarious purpose. Many phishing emails try to get you to click a button or link that takes you to a familiar-looking fraudulent site to enter your account information. Phishing text messages are similar and often try to mimic messages from your financial institution or even from loved ones. Phishing emails and texts may also prompt you to click a link or download a file containing spyware, which hackers can use to export your card details and other information.

Another common phishing tactic is to provide an urgent (and entirely bogus) reason that you need to call a company, like your credit card company or the Social Security office. The email or text will list a fraudulent phone number and, when you call, request your personal information and even your card details to "confirm your identity." Now they have your cards and credentials.

#### PUBLIC WI-FI NETWORKS

Public internet networks, like the ones you find in hotels and airports, can easily put you at risk if you enter your account information or open sensitive documents and someone is monitoring the network. Make sure to use a virtual private network (VPN) if you use the internet away from home.

#### SHOULDER SURFING

Another thing to keep an eye out for while in public is who might be taking a good look at your screen. Shoulder surfing involves someone looking at someone else's computer screen — sometimes over their shoulder, but sometimes from far away using cameras or binoculars — and reading the login information they input.

Be careful about where you sit in public while working on your laptop and try to avoid going to sites where you might need to input your card information or account information.

#### UNSECURED WEBSITES

There are millions of e-commerce websites out there, but not all of them are secure. Some sites, especially those hosted in another country, could wind up leaking your information in a security breach.

#### MAJOR DATA BREACHES

Large institutions, including banks and retail businesses, can be susceptible to targeted data breaches that put your credit card information and other personal details at risk. Some of the biggest data breaches of the last decade, including a Capital One data breach in 2019 and Equifax breach in 2017, have led to tens of millions of consumers having their information stolen.

Even data breaches not directly related to credit cards could put you at risk, like the data breach from National Public Data, a background check company, in August of 2024. This breach exposed millions of Social Security numbers across the web, leaving those affected vulnerable to identity theft.

#### YOUR TRASH

Some thieves will still try to steal your credit card data the old-fashioned way — by sifting through your trash. Your trash can be a treasure trove of credit card and account numbers or for figuring out which companies you use for your savings or investment accounts, so it still pays to shred physical copies of your information before disposing of it.

In conclusion, there are many ways for bad guys to steal your credit card numbers. The above are just a few that are the most common. In today's world, you need to think before acting to keep your credit card numbers safe.

**It's not a matter of "Will it happen to me?" It's more of "When will it happen to me?"**

### FIFTY IS NIFTY CLUB

The November meeting of the Fifty is Nifty Club met on Wednesday, November 20th at Cricketers in Dunedin with Irene and Gerry Leflamme as hosts. The December meeting is yet to be determined. Watch for further information for date, time and location.

**Have you been married for 50+ years to the same person? If so, you're welcome to join us.**

### Meet Our Nifty Fifty Members

If you've been married for over fifty years, you probably have a pretty good story. In the next issues of our newsletter, we will ask each couple to tell us how they met and were married.

This month we're featuring residents, Tim and Nancy Titus.



Nancy and Tim Titus have been married for 57 years. As Nancy says, it's been a rollercoaster with medical difficulties with their first child and severe health concerns with her, but there's no one she would instead have spent those years with than Tim.



The couple met in 7th grade in Hermitage, Pennsylvania but they didn't get together until they went to a church dance in eighth grade. By the time they were freshmen, they became known as "TimandNancy." They were engaged the year after high school graduation, but both sets of parents wanted them to wait. Finally, when Nancy was two weeks short of 20, they eloped to Virginia and were married before a Justice of Peace who had to call their parents to get permission to marry them because they were under 21.

When they returned home to two sets of surprised parents, they lived with Tim's family for a month until they found a house two away from her parents in their hometown. A month after the wedding, Nancy's beloved father hosted a big reception for them.

Not long after, they bought a house and some acreage near Tim's parents. They lived in that house for the next 40 years. Tim drove a bus for many of those years, seeing all the sites throughout the country. Their first two children, a boy and a girl, were 14 months apart. Their third one, their miracle baby girl, came along 14 years later. Nancy worked 35 years as a pharmacy technician at Eckard Drugs, raising their three children and caring for their home.

For their 50th wedding anniversary, the couple renewed their vows on Honeymoon Island, then headed to Ozono Blue with their family for a nice meal and dance.



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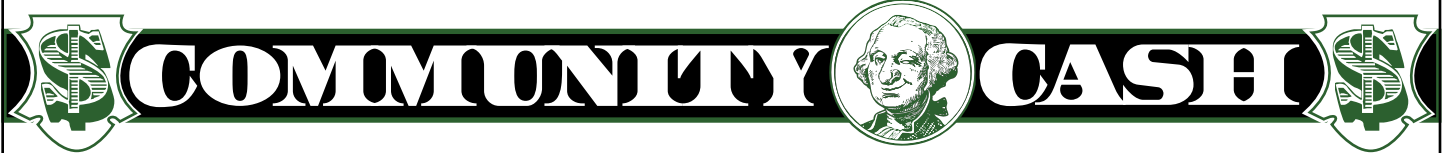
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## Getting Fit and Having Fun at The Meadows

### WATER AEROBICS

Water Aerobic classes are offered twice a week subject to weather conditions and pool availability at The Meadows.



Classes are held every Tuesday and Friday at 11am with Kathy Lloyd as instructor. With the loss of Daylight Savings Time, and no lights at the pool, we are unable to offer evening classes until Spring.

### DANCE FITNESS



Join our certified Zumba instructor, Tammy Grant, for a fun evening of dance fitness to get a good, solid cardio workout. The class is

every Tuesday starting at 6pm at Sun Valley until our clubhouse is open and the class moves back to The Meadows in January. Wear comfortable clothes and put on your dancin' shoes!

The group is putting together a dance troupe to entertain at Assisted Living, Senior Centers, and Nursing Homes. They're always looking for new participants to learn their "moves."

### LEFT-RIGHT-CENTER

Left-Right-Center returns to The Meadows on Monday, December 16th at 7pm with our "Host with the Most," Ray Bonello! Bring three one-dollar bills for each game - usually two games.

### YOGA

Yoga has returned on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 9:30am with our certified Yoga instructor, Olivia, at Sun Valley.

Yoga with Olivia will return to The Meadows on THURSDAY, January 2nd from 11am to noon.

### PICKLEBALL

Every Wednesday at 5:30pm and weekdays at 9am, there is open pickleball.



During renovation, paddles and balls are available for use and can be picked up outside by the fence.

### CORNHOLE



Are you looking for a fun, and easy-to-learn sport? Cornhole may just fit the bill. Each Sunday and Wednesday (new day) at 6:30pm, a group of men get together and play. Teams are picked and if needed, they will rotate new people in.

### SUPERAGERS

Thanks to Kathy Lloyd, The Meadows has an exercise group that meets twice a week - Tuesdays and Fridays at 11am. See the article in this newsletter for details.

### TRIVIA

Trivia will resume in January. We are looking at either a Wednesday, Thursday or Friday evening. Let Eldri know your preference.

### MAHJONG

Mahjong will be returning Friday, December 27th at 10am and then twice a week in January.

### LINE DANCING

We would like to bring a Line Dancing class back to The Meadows in January. It would probably be held on a weekday morning but are open to other times. Watch for more information in December.

### 51 INDOOR SHUFFLEBOARD

"51" Indoor Shuffleboard tournaments will resume at The Meadows when our clubhouse renovations are complete. A big thanks goes out to Anna Ehlinger for heading this activity.

### BINGO

Sunday Funday Bingo will be back when our clubhouse reopens later this year with all new equipment and run on our big screen TV.



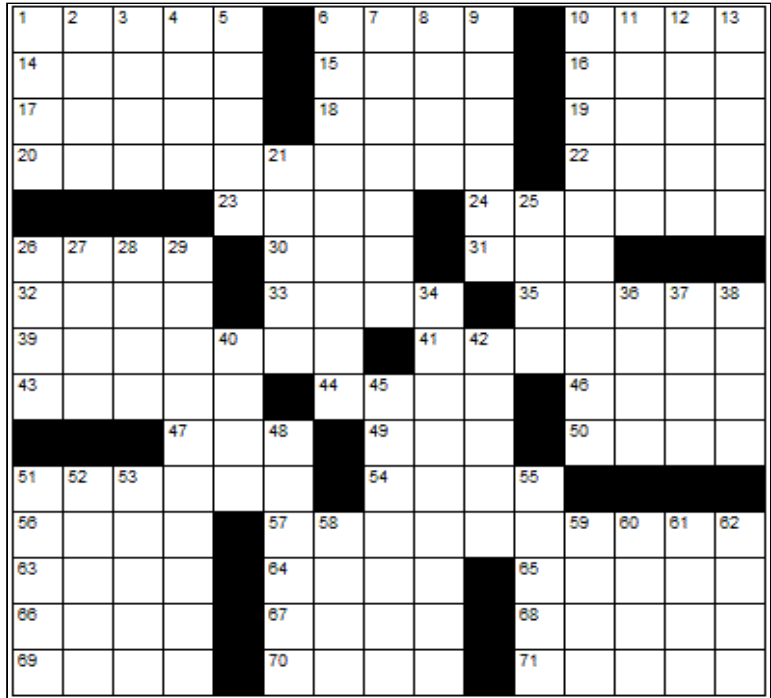
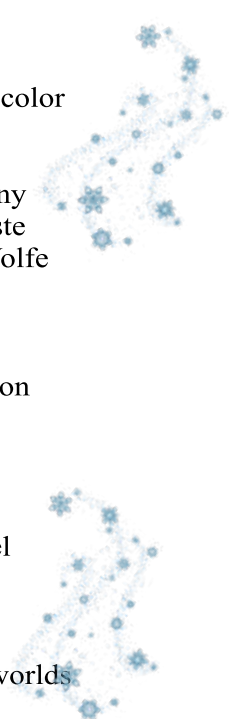
**We look forward to seeing you all when we return!**

*If you have an idea for an event, let the Ray Bonello or Eldri Zahn, Lifestyle Coordinators, know!*

# December Crossword

## ACROSS

1. Chronic nag
6. Hardly believable
10. A dark bluish-red color
14. Moor
15. Not under
16. Religious ceremony
17. Liquid bodily waste
18. Detective \_\_\_\_\_ Wolfe
19. Leave out
20. Neutral
22. Game piece
23. Disagreeable person
24. Is melodramatic
26. Capable
30. Consumed
31. Downturn
32. Metal used in steel
33. Feces
35. Skirmish
39. Chuckled
41. In the best of all worlds
43. Brown shade
44. Lack of difficulty
46. Stair
47. Zero
49. East southeast
50. Fashion
51. Lacking companions
54. Tears
56. Double-reed woodwind
57. Classical music compositions
63. Dam
64. Infinitesimal amount
65. Actor Clark \_\_\_\_\_
66. Being
67. Coagulate
68. Food grain
69. Marsh plant
70. Arid
71. Affirmatives



## DOWN

- |                             |                       |                       |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Blackball                | 13. Distributes       | 42. Ocean trenches    |
| 2. Protagonist              | 21. Angered           | 45. Faucet attachment |
| 3. Precipitation            | 25. Rodents           | 48. Words to a song   |
| 4. Europe's highest volcano | 26. Afflicts          | 51. Not upper         |
| 5. Young seal               | 27. Scottish hillside | 52. Overweight        |
| 6. Line on a world map      | 28. French for "Wolf" | 53. Sound of any kind |
| 7. Retaliator               | 29. Designed          | 55. Damp              |
| 8. Nothing more than        | 34. Squander          | 58. Puncture          |
| 9. Worn away                | 36. Countertenor      | 59. Act presumptuous  |
| 10. Cytoplasm               | 37. Sleigh            | 60. Nile bird         |
| 11. Boundary                | 38. Hoopla            | 61. Apart from this   |
| 12. Useful                  | 40. Salute            | 62. Adjusts           |



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## VETERANS DAY CEREMONY

Veterans Day presented a very moving Veterans Day ceremony at The Meadows' Veterans Park on November 11 at 11am to honor all veterans from all branches of service. They also did a tribute to Norm Oleesky, one of their members who passed away last September.

In addition to the traditional ceremony, several new memorial bricks were dedicated.

**LAND OF THE FREE BECAUSE OF THE BRAVE!**



## MEMORIAL BRICKS

Forms are available in the office. Please fill it out, include a check for \$30 for each brick, and return it to Rick Harrison.

**All gave some;  
some gave all.**

## MEETINGS

The club meets Tuesdays at 10am. They are currently meeting at Sun Valley but will return to The Meadows in January, with breakfast at the Legion on the second Tuesday.



The Veterans Club has asked that dogs be kept out the Veterans Park. This is a special place for them and they don't want it to be used as a pets' bathroom.

The memorial bricks are not intended to be driven on. Please do not park there or use it to turn around or throw cigarette butts on the bricks.



If you see someone abusing the park, let management know.  
Thank you!



### HISTORY OF THE MEADOWS VETERANS CLUB

The Meadows' Veterans Club started when Donna Carrier became manager. She encouraged two of our veterans to recruit other veterans to get together informally. From that meeting of four, things really took off.

The club has 26 active members, including three women who meet every Tuesday morning. All service branches are represented except for the newly created Space Force. In the past, they have sponsored food and clothing drives, took part in Operation Shoebox, where personal supplies are packed in shoeboxes for homeless vets, and recently donated \$500 to Fisher House, the veterans' equivalent to the Ronald McDonald houses, for veterans' families as they go through treatment at the VA hospital. Recently, the club collaborated with the HOA and The Meadows' management and donated \$1,000 to purchase three benches throughout the community for the convenience of residents who love to walk but need a place to rest.

On November 11, 2021, they dedicated our Veterans Park after our manager, Donna Carrier, secured funding through Cove. The park contains 245 memorial bricks that residents purchased to commemorate their loved ones who served in the Armed Forces, the oldest is a resident's third great-grandfather who served in the Civil War. Bricks continue to be added and dedicated.

The park also boasts stone benches, flowerpots, and commemorative statues. It flies the flags of all the branches of the service and a huge flagpole that proudly displays Old Glory (thank you, Cove, for purchasing that heavy-duty pole—it was the only flagpole to survive Hurricane Milton).

Our newsletter contains a Veterans Club page each month highlighting the club's activities, including pictures of its latest events. The club has a club historian, Doug Heise, who keeps meticulous scrapbooks of the club's activities.

The club provides many services, not only to other vets but to all residents. You will see them out before storms, helping residents secure their homes and doing cleanup afterward. They accompany other vets to doctor appointments at the VA clinic. They will accompany family members of vets to pick up their loved ones' ashes. They have done several full funerals, complete with a chaplain, speakers, presentation of an American flag to the survivors, and taps. After our recent hurricanes, the club collected and distributed food, clothing, cleaning supplies, and paper products to local shelters.

They have a program where, on every patriotic holiday, a group, including some non-veterans, goes around the community and places small American flags attached to each home's coach light. It's quite a sight. Then, on those holidays, they hold a ceremony at our Veterans Park to commemorate Memorial Day, the 4th of July, 911, and Veterans Day.

Several times a year, the club holds spaghetti supper nights and pancake breakfasts, only asking for a freewill donation. These events are huge successes, so much so that they've had to resort to multiple sittings in our clubhouse to feed everyone in a timely manner.

**Now, they need our help! Hurricane Milton damaged the service flagpoles beyond repair and the club needs to raise the money to replace them with steel poles instead of aluminum.**

### WATCH FOR MORE FUNDRAISERS AND PLEASE BE GENEROUS!



## Fun at The Meadows



### Calling All Crafters

Sam Kitto is offering a Christmas Craft on Thursday, December 19th, at 1pm. This is called a "Busted Canvas" and they are gorgeous. Save your cards or messages—any season is acceptable. Bring wrapping paper or napkins with designs. Again, it doesn't have to be Christmas-themed. Tickets are on sale from 12:30 to 4:30 in the office at 405 Joseph Way.

Carolyn Oliver, our award-winning card designer, has scheduled a birthday card class at her home, 1995 Douglas Lane, on Saturday, November 30th, at 1pm, with three cards for \$7.00. Then, on Saturday, December 14th, at 1pm, again at her home, she will offer a Christmas card class—three cards for \$8.00. Purchase your tickets from Eldri in the office at 405 Joseph Way from 12:30 to 4:30.



Several people have requested we offer an epoxy resin class and bring back the ever popular acrylic painting class. Theresa Weiss also promises to lead some wreath and wall decor classes. Debbie Wallace will again have a candle making class and new to our craft classes will be Donna Wilkens, showing us how to make those beautiful baskets.

Because of space constraints and limited materials, we have to limit the size of our craft classes. If we have enough interest, we have offered a second class provided the teacher is available and we can procure the needed materials.

## AMBASSADORS' MEETING

We will be holding an Ambassadors' meeting on **MONDAY, NOVEMBER 25TH** at the office located at 405 Joseph Way. At our November 1st meeting we discussed the upcoming Open House, Craft Sale, and Yard Sale. The Christmas Cruise to see the lights along the gulf in December is full. At our November 25th meeting we will be discussing our Christmas Golf Cart Parade, Christmas Karaoke, Christmas Dinner, and our New Year's Eve Party. Thanks to all our Ambassadors who formed our newly created Library Committee. We can't wait to see what they have planned.

Welcome to Paula Rooney, our newest Ambassador!

Anyone can be an Ambassador. We especially encourage new residents to join us. We get together once a month to plan upcoming activities and events. New people = New ideas, and we love new ideas. Our new clubhouse gives us so many more possibilities for activities. Please, come join us!

The only qualification to become an Ambassador is a desire to make our community the best (and most fun) it can be!

If you have any questions, give Eldri Zahn a call at 920-606-6652.

### SUPERAGERS

We define SuperAgers as those who age well into their 80s and 90s while retaining cognitive and physical abilities through healthy exercise, diet, mental activities, and a social life.

At The Meadows, SuperAgers put that description into action. We work on strength and balance and learn new things about our health. We do resistance chair exercises with weights, bands, and sometimes balls. Members work at their own pace and abilities. We are a judgment-free group.

We also discuss health topics that are of interest to our members. No health topic is off-limits. By sharing our concerns and experiences, we support each other. Our meetings are Tuesdays and Friday, starting December 17th in the clubhouse. It's only a half hour 10 - 10:30am.

All are welcome to join us. You don't need any special equipment but be sure to wear loose, comfortable clothing.  
~ Kathy Lloyd

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### Thursday Morning Men's Monthly Out-to-Eat Club

Join Ray Bonello on Thursday, December 12th for the Men's Out-to-Eat Club. Time and restaurant to be determined.

Sign up in the office so Ray can make reservations.



### Gifts & Greens

Bethel Lutheran Church Craft Fair  
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