

JANUARY 2026



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January is a beautiful time for reflection, completion, and new beginnings. What did the last year teach you? What do you choose to release or to renew? What do you want to bring into this new year? Consider these questions with a kind and forgiving heart for yourself and others.



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KARAOKE FUN



Recognition at The Meadows

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season



**Poinsettia's
Being Delivered**



SURPRISE **AND**
DELIGHT

Surprise and delight went to Marsha Milligan. Marsha has been a great help with cooking for HOA dinners, contributing to Thanksgiving Luncheon, and having those delicious soups available. Thank you!!



As we say goodbye to Ortud & Rick Gersten



Ortrud Gertsen

~ Rick Gersten

We would like to take this time to thank you for all the articles that you both have written for our newsletter, and wish you both the best of luck on your new adventure. Take care and best wishes from the Meadows Crew

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VETERANS DAY CEREMONY



HOA VETERANS DAY DINNER



Veterans Club News

Please join your friends and neighbors to support our Veterans Club!

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MEMORIAL BRICKS

The forms are available in the office. Please fill it out and include a check for \$30 for each brick. Then return it back to the office.

The club meets every Tuesday at 9:30 a.m.. They are currently meeting at the clubhouse game room, and at the American Legion on the second Tuesday.



Long May She Wave

January Veterans Activities

Veterans Community Breakfast Saturday January 10th
Pancakes, Eggs, Sausage Patties, Hash Browns, Coffee
FREE WILL DONATION



Annual Clothing Drive Starts January 15th
Drop Boxes Located in Clubhouse



All gave some; some gave all.

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!



Thank You Meadows Residents!

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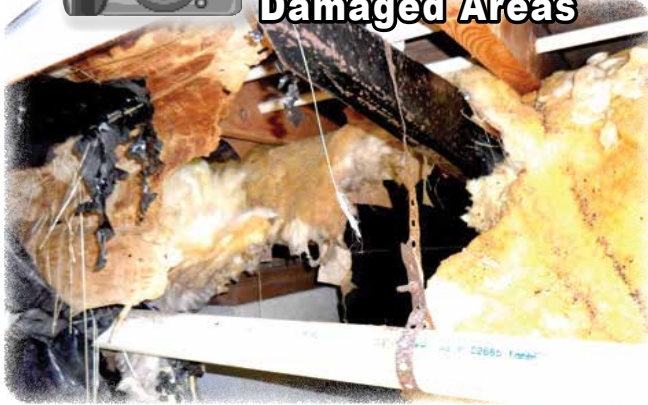
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Meadows Veterans Club

Veterans Day 2025



What an incredible Veterans Day 2025. The day started out on a low note as it was to be the coldest day on record for this time of year. Yet in the true spirit of this community, it turns out to be a bright day full of celebration as we honored all veterans past, present and future. Honored Guest for our ceremony included – Anclote River High School JROCT - Chaplin Mike Baty - Bugler Bill Ryan. Following the posting of the colors by the JROTC we honored all six branches of service and added five new names (*bricks*) to our Walk of Honor. The ceremony concluded with a prayer, taps, and lowering of the flag to honor all those who we lost. *This was only the beginning.*



At noon, the Veterans Club served Hot Dogs to anyone willing to brave the cold and stop by the Club House. There were no leftovers.

The day ended with a free dinner for all veterans in the community. THANK YOU, HOA, for providing us with this wonderful meal and time to relax after a busy day.

What really made this day special:

All donations collected throughout the day went directly to raising money for a wheelchair ramp for a neighbor and fellow veteran Kevin Logan. Along with donations from the Veterans Club, the HOA, and residents of The Meadows, we were able to pay for the installation of the ramp for Kevin.

Well Done to all who were involved!

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OFFICE HOURS - Monday - Friday 8:30am - 4:30pm
CLUBHOUSE HOURS - Everyday - 7:00 - 10:00pm

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 will have a new camera system installed. Residents who violate our trash policy, will get their items returned/ or charged a bulk fee for extra tonnage or pickups. **ABSOLUTELY NO LARGE HOUSEHOLD ITEMS!**

The Meadows newsletter is published monthly. Please have all submissions in by the 10th of each month.
Managing Editor - Matt Simanteris
Editors - Ray Bonello/Deb Huettner

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. If you have a question on whether your item qualifies, contact Matt Simentaris.

Please 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 do not 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 - DUSK

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. It can be dangerous for pets and pet owners.



Getting Fit and Having Fun at The Meadows

WATER AEROBICS/SENIOR FITNESS

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



Classes are held every Tuesday and Friday at 11am with Kathy Llyod. Kathy also teaches Senior Fitness Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday at 10:00am.

DANCE FITNESS



Join our certified Zumba instructor, Tammy Grant, for a fun evening of dance instructions. Learn all the dances so you can cut a rug at our next community dance. Or, just come to get a good, solid cardio workout. The class is every Tuesday at 6pm. Wear comfortable clothes and put on your dancin' shoes!

LEFT-RIGHT-CENTER

Left-Right-Center is scheduled for the first and third Mondays of the month at 7pm. Come early and pick your lucky seat.

YOGA

Yoga has returned on Thursdays at 11:00 am with our certified Yoga instructor, Olivia, in the clubhouse

EUCHRE

Join us every Monday in the game room at 1:00 to learn and play the game of euchre and join in on our tournaments

PICKLEBALL

Every Wednesday at 6:30pm, and every Saturday starting at 9am. We have open pickleball here at The Meadows, paddles are stored outside the pickleball court.



If you have an idea for an event, let Ray Bonello, and Deb Huettnner Lifestyle Coordinators, know!

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.

CRAFTING

Our popular craft classes are in full swing. Classes fill quickly, so sign up early. The crafters are handling sign-up and payment individually.

All crafters have easy step by step instructions. They won't leave you behind. You'll never know how good you are unless you try it.

Thanks to our craft committee, Carolyn Oliver, Debbie Wallace, Sam Kitto, Theresa Weiss, and our newest member, Donna Wilkins.

If you have any ideas for crafts, please let us know. We are always looking for new ideas!

51 INDOOR SHUFFLEBOARD

"51" Indoor Shuffleboard tournaments have resumed on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month. A big thanks goes out to Anna Ehlinger for heading this activity.



BINGO

Bingo now being held every other Sunday until September. See calendar for scheduled weeks.



MUSIC MANIA BINGO

Free to play every 2nd Thursday of the month when you win the fun begins with competitive fun games Your hosts Dan and Deb Huettnner



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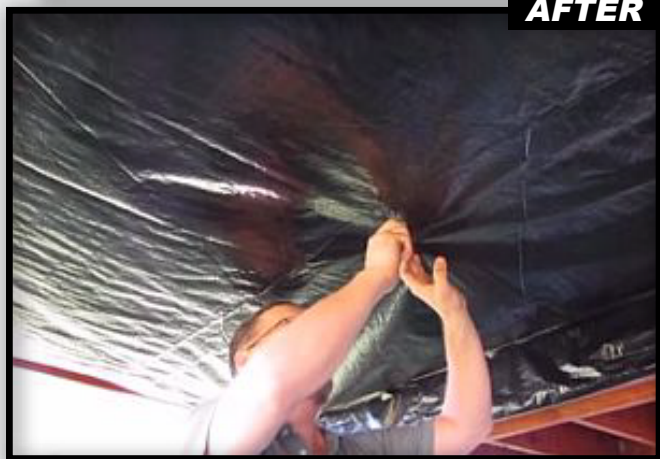
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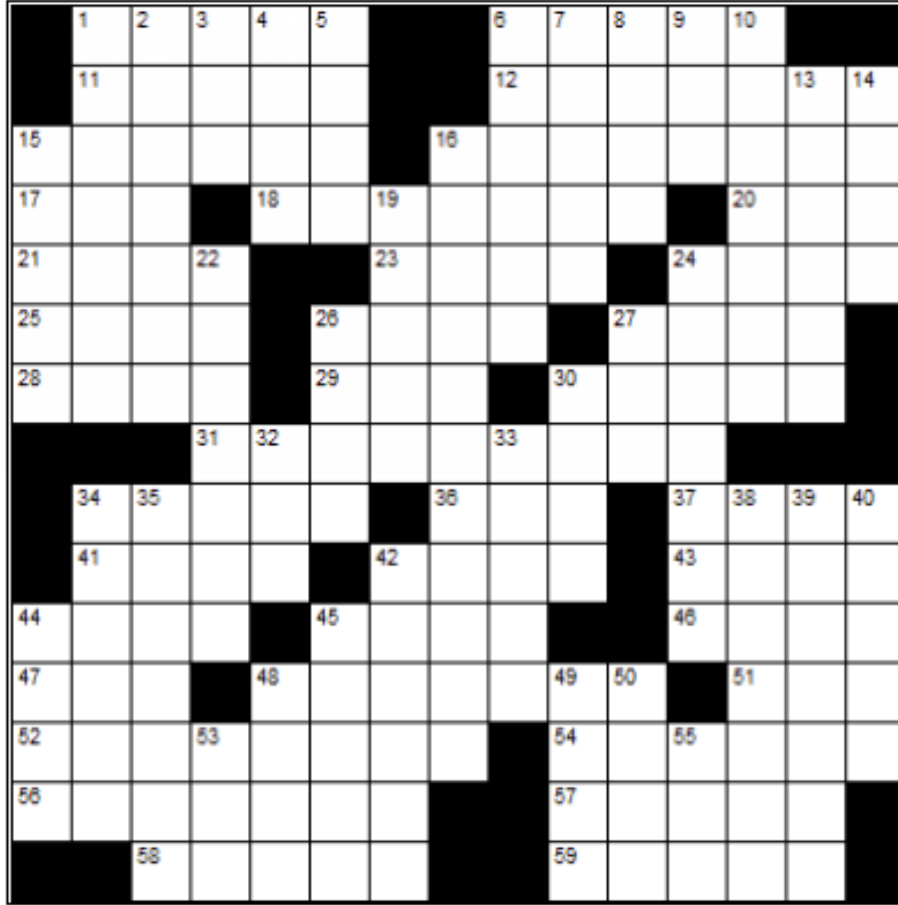
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ACROSS

1. Spring month
6. Failures
11. Pursue
12. Take up the cause
15. Barroom fights
16. Harvesting
17. Snake-like fish
18. Wide part of a river
20. Sprocket
21. Chutzpah
23. Picnic insects
24. Broadcasts
25. Chills and fever
26. Workshop gripper
27. Fair attraction
28. Bird home
29. Type of tree
30. Harps
31. Amounts per unit size
34. Underway
36. One plus one
37. Make well
41. Scattered seed
42. Not fat
43. Inactive
44. Blackball
45. Tibia
46. Tube
47. Term of endearment
48. Deny
51. Distant
52. Making menu requests
54. A plan of action
56. Abounding
57. Genus of heath
58. Leases
59. Where clouds are

DOWN

1. Land
2. Male genitalia
3. Uncooked
4. Small island
5. Not more
6. Arrive past due
7. Utilizers
8. Neuter
9. 2000 pounds
10. Kill oneself intentionally
13. Breathes noisily while sleeping
14. They come from hens
15. Started
16. Gun repairing
19. Dogs wag these
22. Anticlimax
24. Blimp
26. Opening
27. Deli loaf
30. King of the jungle
32. Anagram of "One"
33. They can be fraternal or identical
34. On land
35. One who establishes
38. Building
39. Mammals like camels
40. Apprehensive
42. Objects
44. Fired a projectile
45. Holy person
48. Smile
49. Gorillas
50. English royal house
53. An uncle
55. Fifty-two in Roman numerals



Manager's Corner

A New Year Full of Fun and Community Spirit

Happy New Year!

As we welcome 2026 I would like to thank each and every one of you for making our community a special place to live!

This year we have so much to look forward to!

- A Residents Awards Ceremony celebrating amazing people in our community.
- A Casino night party.
- Valentines Party with Elvis - A rockin' good time you won't want to miss.
- More Nacho and Pizza Karaoke
- And Ray's Family Feud!

The Team at The Meadows will be continually improving things here at the park and we look forward to seeing all of you in 2026!

Sincerely,
Matt Simanteris

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 street 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.

Maintenance

Thank you for your cooperation!

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

FIFTY IS NIFTY CLUB

Have you been married for 50+ years to the same person? If so, you're welcome to join us. The club meets once a month for a nice meal.



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.

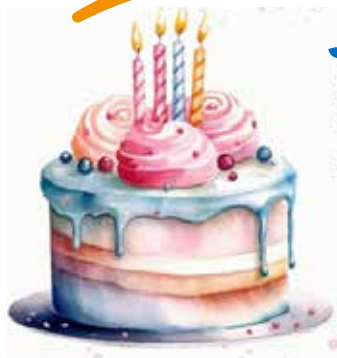
Birthday Luncheon

December Birthday Lunch
Pit Boss Bar-B-Que
Hosted by Deb Huettnr



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COLLABORATION GETS THINGS DONE AT THE MEADOWS

This year The Meadows' HOA decided to have a fall picnic for all its members. After meeting, it was suggested that they invite the Veterans Club since they had successfully collaborated on projects in the past. After talking with the Vets, the Veterans Club asked if the HOA could also invite ALL The Meadows' veterans, even if they didn't belong to the club. Of course, the HOA agreed. When the HOA found out there was no Veterans Day dinner planned, they decided to move the picnic to an evening meal, and include the veterans and their families, along with all HOA members.

A couple of weeks prior to Veterans Day, Veterans Club Commander Dave Pleasants contacted Eldri Zahn, president of the HOA. One of our community's veterans, Kevin Logan, after a failed back surgery, was paralyzed from the neck down and needed a ramp to be able to access his house and come home from the hospital. He also needed it to be able to attend intensive physical therapy. Dave said the Veterans Club was looking to donate \$1000, and an individual veteran had also pledged another \$1000. Eldri said she would contact the HOA board immediately to get their opinion. They agreed to donate to the Veterans Club fundraiser, matching the Club's donation up to \$1000. On November 11th, the club held their Veterans Day Ceremony at Veterans Park, featuring the Anclote High



School ROTC color guard. At noon, they planned to hold a free hot dog "sale," asking for donations to raise money for their various projects. They decided to divert any money raised from the hot dog fundraiser to fund the ramp. The Meadows' manager, Matt Simanteris, graciously donated the hot dogs and paper supplies. As word spread throughout the community, excitement grew that maybe, working together, we could raise the entire amount needed and do it all within a week. The HOA donated all the food and drinks for the dinner, with Matt donating the plates, napkins, and flatware. The club put out several donation jars. At the end of the night, between the hot dog fundraiser and the donation jars, they realized they were only \$20 short of their goal! It didn't take long for that \$20 to magically show up!

A huge thanks goes out to Marcia Milligan, who prepared all the food, and to her husband, DJ Darrel, for playing patriotic music during the event. Britt Procter came through at the last minute, putting together an amazing slideshow along with snapping pictures throughout the evening, with Sal Grano taking the picture of the presentation of the check to Marie Schaller, Kevin's fiancée.

From left to right: Barb Grano, HOA Board Member, Matt Simanteris, Community Manager, Marie Schaller, and Rick Harrison, co-chair of the event representing The Meadows Veterans Club.

Also the HOA wants to thank Debbie Huettnner, Co-Activities Director, for working the event and Ray Bonella, Co-Activities Director, for assisting the HOA in promoting the event.

"Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much." ~ Helen Keller



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