

**MEADOW POINTE II
CLUBHOUSE**

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**Office Hours: Daily 8am
-9pm**

**Fitness Center: M-F 7am-
8:45pm, SS 8am-8:45pm**

**Pool: Daily 10am-30
minutes before dusk.
(Wednesdays the pool
opens at 12 noon.)**

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**The RC is a group of
volunteers that work to
make our community a
better place to live.**

**Notary Services are
now available through
the Clubhouse. Call
ahead for availability.**

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Holiday Season

**By Michael Cline
CDD Board Chairman**

Halloween kicks off the Holiday season, followed by Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Years, and the National and Local elections on November 8th. One important day that gets overlooked is Veterans Day. This is the day where we honor the men and women who have made great sacrifices to protect the freedoms you and I enjoy and sometimes take for granted. Less than 5% of our citizens have ever served in the United States Armed Forces. That's a very small percentage of those who go in harm's way. Veterans Day is a very special day to honor those who have sacrificed so much.

Why do people join the Military? There are a lot of answers to that question. Some join because they can't find a job, some for educational benefits, some

join because it's a family tradition, but most join because serving our country is the patriotic thing to do.

Having served a total of twenty-eight years in the Army and twenty-one years for a Military and Veterans organization, I've had the opportunity to be around many heroes – including numerous Congressional Medal of Honor recipients. Every one of them will tell you the same thing: they received that Honor because they fought for their buddies on either side of them, so that all Americans can enjoy the freedoms that we have.

So, this Veterans Day, November 11th, take time to honor your flag and give thanks to the millions who have served it and are serving it today. Wish a Happy Veterans Day and say Thank You for your service in the United States Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, and Coast Guard. And welcome HOME to all our Brothers and Sisters.

IT IS THE SOLDIER
By Charles M. Province

It is the Soldier, not the minister
Who has given us freedom of religion.

It is the Soldier, not the reporter
Who has given us freedom of the press.

It is the soldier, not the poet
Who has given us freedom of speech.

It is the Soldier, not the Campus organizer
Who has given us freedom to protest.

It is the Soldier, not the lawyer
Who has given us the right to a fair trial.

It is the soldier, not the Politician
Who has given us the right to vote.

It is the Soldier who salutes the flag,
Who serves beneath the flag,
And whose coffin is draped by the flag,
Who allows the protester to burn the flag.

Newsletter Update

After much consideration, the CDD Board has chosen to continue to self publish our Newsletter in this format. Every other month, a paper version will be delivered to your

door. On alternating months, it will only be posted digitally with links on our website (www.meadowpointe2cdd.org) and our Facebook page (www.facebook.com/MPIICDD). For digital

months, there will be several printed copies available for pick up at the Clubhouse. Thank you all for your patience as we transition our Newsletter. We are striving to keep communications going.

Clubhouse Holiday Hours

While the staff at the MPIO Clubhouse strives to be available to assist residents as much as is reasonably possible, there are a few days where we close and let the employees all have time with their families. All three of those days are coming up, so we thought we'd keep you posted so you don't waste a trip down to the Clubhouse.

On Thanksgiving Eve (11/23), the

Clubhouse will close at noon and will stay closed for Thanksgiving Day (11/24). Similarly on Christmas Eve (12/24), we will close at noon and stay closed all of Christmas Day. And on New Year's Eve (12/31) we will again close at noon and stay closed all of New Year's Day.

When the Clubhouse is closed, there will be no staff on hand. The pool, fitness

center, office, shuffleboard court, and the main building will remain closed and locked. Residents will still have access to the basketball and tennis courts during their normal hours with functioning ID cards. Note: there will be no access to the restrooms.

Normal operating hours resume the day following these three holidays. We thank you for your understanding during the holiday season!

Election Day is Coming Up!

Tuesday, November 8th is Election Day here in the United States. Assuming you registered on or prior to October 18th, you should have received your instructions in the mail detailing early locations, your official polling place (for the 8th only), as well as a sample ballot. If possible, take some time to use your sample ballot to do some research before you head to the polls! There are a lot of important things on this year's ballot, including of course choosing the

next President. However, there are two important amendments to the state constitution to consider, as well as a senatorial seat, several other local positions, and two of our own CDD Board seats are on the ballot. If you're registered, please do some research and vote your conscience!

Another important note is that since the MPIO Clubhouse is a local polling site, the Clubhouse

office will be closed all day on Tuesday, November 8th.

If you or a neighbor is a registered voter but has transportation issues, please check with Pasco County Public Transportation at www.ridepcpt.com. They are offering some free bus rides to polling places to voters with valid Voter Information Cards. More info, including routes and schedules, are available at the above website.

November Holidays

November 6th – Daylight Savings Time Ends. At 2am on the 6th (or late at night on the 5th for most of us) we turn our clocks back 1 hour and we all get an extra hour of sleep! While many modern gadgets will make this adjustment automatically, not all will. Don't forget your watches, appliances, and car clocks. Enjoy the extra rest!

November 8th – Election Day. While not technically a holiday, it's a very important day. Don't forget to vote!



November 11th – Veterans Day. Unlike Memorial Day, Veterans Day is a National Holiday to acknowledge and appreciate all veterans of all the United States Armed Forces. Please take the opportunity to reach out to the veterans in your family and in your community and thank them for serving the United States.

November 24th – Thanksgiving. For many Americans, this is their favorite holiday. Originating as a holiday to celebrate the blessing of the harvest and the work of the previous year, most Americans use it as an opportunity to be thankful and recognize their family, friends,

and all the good in their lives. MPIO wishes all its residents and neighbors a very Happy Thanksgiving!

November 27th – Advent begins. For many Christians, the 27th is the first day of Advent, the season that builds to the celebration of the Nativity of Jesus at Christmas. For all those that celebrate: MPIO wishes you a joyous Advent season!



Residents' Council Corner

The annual Halloween FunFest was a huge success! Hopefully by the time you read this newsletter, you'll be able to see photos on our facebook page (if not they'll be up soon!). The kid's costume parade was a sight to behold, and several of those amazing costumes earned prizes in the costume contest for those kids. The sno-cone machine was very popular, as were the hot dogs and hamburgers. The haunted maze was wonderful, so were the paper-pumpkin crafts, and lots of kids enjoyed the hayrides and sack races behind the clubhouse!

But that's not the only RC event in the news... the annual Santa visit is right



around the corner! The MPIO RC has secured a private visit with Santa Claus for Saturday, December 10th, from 1-3 pm here at the Clubhouse! He'll even be cruising through the villages in a convertible beforehand. There will be snacks and a craft for the kids while they wait for their turn to see Santa, as well as opportunities to write their letters including wish lists! Santa will be bringing an express mailbox to take the letters with him to the North Pole. Photos will be available on your own (bring your camera or at least your phone!) and will be free.

Meadow Pointe II Clubs

BOOK CLUB Contact Joan Abrams at 813-907-8329 or email ah2wcn97@aol.com.

BROWNIE/DAISY/GIRL SCOUT TROOPS Several troops meet at MPIO. Contact your local troop for meeting dates and times.

EMPTY NESTERS A social club for singles and couples. Contact Fran at fjargo71@gmail.com.

MAHJONG The Mahjong Group meets Mondays from 1 – 5 pm. The Newcomers Group also meets for Mahjong on Wednesdays from 12:30 – 4:30 pm. Come by for more information.

MEN'S CLUB Meets Friday nights from 5:30 – 9 pm for cards. For more info, call the Clubhouse at 813-991-5016.

PICKLEBALL CLUB Meets Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 6:30 pm. Anyone interested in learning the game please come join us! Email Renee at rglassman@tampabay.rr.com.

PIANO LESSONS are available at the MPIO Clubhouse. For more information, contact Anya Kovalenko at 813-417-3976.

PINOCHLE CLUB Meets the 2nd and 4th Friday each month from 6 – 8:30 pm. Come by for more information.

SHUFFLEBOARD CLUB Teams forming now for shuffleboard. Mondays & Thursdays at 6:30 pm. All skill levels and

experience levels welcome. Contact Diana Cline at 813-994-8555.

TAMPA BAY NEWCOMERS A group for all women in MPIO, whether they are new to the area or established. Meet every Wednesday to play mahjong from 12:30 – 4 pm. If Mahjong is not for you, they also host many other activities including luncheons, outings, bowling, book club, card games, and much more. For more info contact Anita Savage at 813-397-1551 (retiredanita08@aim.com) or go to www.tampabaynewcomers.com.

YARN CLUB Meets every Thursday night from 6 – 8 pm. Open to all adults who knit or crochet – all skill levels welcome.

Win a Gift Card!

As a special bonus for our readers, if you've read this far into the newsletter, please take a moment to fill out and cut out the coupon to the right. The MPIO CDD will be rewarding one lucky reader with a \$10 gift card to McDonalds. We will draw from the returned coupons at the end of November and the winner will be contacted to redeem their prize!

Newsletter Reader Raffle November 2016!

Please complete, cut out, and bring this ticket to the MPIO Clubhouse by November 18th for your chance to win our \$10 McDonalds Gift Card!

Name: _____

Village: _____

Phone Number: _____

Home Improvement on Your Agenda?

When you moved into Meadow Pointe II, you learned that MPII is a deed restricted community. While that means there are a few extra rules we all agree to live by, the idea behind it is that our neighborhood will always look its best, and hopefully everyone's property values will rise over time. For that reason, whenever



you consider making any changes to your home, especially any that might be visible to neighbors or from the street, it's important to ensure you are within the deed restrictions. If you live in Colehaven, Deer Run, Glenham, Iverson, Manor Isle, Morningside, or Wrencrest - the best way to do that is to fill out an ARC form (Architectural Review). (If you live in one of the other villages, contact your HOA for proper procedure.) This paperwork will be reviewed by the CDD Board, who will determine if the Board has authority on the change, and if so, they will decide to approve it or not. ARC forms are available at the clubhouse daily from 8am -9pm, and they're always available online at <http://>

meadowpointe2cdd.org/docs/MP2forms/app-ARC.pdf. There is a bit of a turnaround time as the CDD Board only meets twice a month, so plan ahead. The most common changes that require CDD approval are painting the outside of your home or roof repairs and replacements.



DRVC Looking for Help

The Deed Restriction Violation Committee (DRVC) is still looking for a few volunteers. This is a great way to become involved in the community and learn more about how our CDD operates while only investing a

small amount of time. Volunteers are needed to attend two meetings per month, lasting approximately an hour each. The group's role is to review Deed Restriction complaint issues. If you can spare 2 hours a month and are willing to

help your community look and be the best it can be, please contact Sheila Diaz at 813-991-5016 or Sheila.diaz@mpicdd.org. Thank you!