



MEADOWBROOK MOMENTS

NEWS, EVENTS, AND STORIES FROM OUR COASTAL COMMUNITY



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Neighborhood Spotlight

Meet Apryl & Orlando Evans: Hearts for Community

Apryl and Orlando Evans are true Meadowbrook originals, having proudly called the neighborhood home for 22 years. After moving from Fort Lauderdale, Meadowbrook quickly became “home,” and to this day, nothing feels more welcoming than the familiar drive down Coconut Road. The peaceful setting and strong sense of community remind them how lucky they are to live here.

Orlando built his career as a construction professional, primarily working on single-family homes. Over the past decade, his focus shifted to building and managing construction projects for retirement communities in Naples. When he’s not working, Orlando enjoys fishing, cooking, and has his eye on learning how to play pickleball someday. He also serves on Meadowbrook’s ARC Committee, helping maintain the look and character of the neighborhood.

Apryl has a passion for reading, crafting, and baking, and she’s deeply involved in the Meadowbrook community. She is currently in her second year on the HOA Board of Directors and proudly serves as President. Her dedication and leadership have helped strengthen the community she loves so much.

Family is at the center of Apryl and Orlando’s lives. They have five children and three grandchildren, spread across the country. From Florida to New York City and



California, their family’s paths reflect a wide range of passions, careers, and adventures.

As a family, they love traveling, beach days, concerts, Broadway shows, game nights, and road trips. Weekends are often spent relaxing by the pool or visiting Bonita and Fort Myers Beach. Favorite local spots include El Local in San Carlos and The Bonita Balloon, especially for Saturday night bingo.

Apryl and Orlando love cruising and are already dreaming about a future trip to Italy. They’re also enjoying the empty-nest phase and can’t wait to welcome even more grandchildren — all while continuing to proudly call Meadowbrook home.



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Letter from the Board of Directors

January Board of Directors Meeting Summary

We'd like to share a few highlights from our January Board of Directors meeting and keep everyone up to date on what's happening in the community.

New Board of Director positions for 2026 were announced:

- **Apryl Evans** – President
- **Nikki Roe** – Vice President
- **Jim Myers** – Treasurer
- **Rick Feller** – Secretary
- **Manny Chambers** – Director

Several important projects are moving forward:

- The new exterior paint colors have been approved.
- Power washing quotes were approved, and we're currently waiting on a start date.
- Mailbox repairs should begin shortly.
- The Board is reviewing several quotes for a new Christmas light vendor.



- No soliciting signs have been ordered and will be installed at three locations throughout the community.
- We've finished cleaning up the preserve and met with Santiago to finalize the remaining areas that need attention.

Friendly Reminders

- **No overnight parking** is allowed in the neighborhood. If you need special permission, please contact Next Gen.
- **Interested in joining a committee?** Submit your name to alex@nextgcm.com.
- **Board Meetings:** If you've never attended a Board meeting, we encourage you to join us – we'd love to see more neighbors involved.

Thank you for being part of what makes our neighborhood such a great place to call home.

Your Meadowbrook Board of Directors



BOARD TALK

We cordially invite all Meadowbrook neighbors to join us at our monthly Friday night food truck events – great food, friendly faces, and fun for everyone. Be sure to read all the delicious details on the next three events on page 6.

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UPCOMING BOARD MEETING

Feb. Meeting – Tues. Feb. 17th at the Elk's Lodge

Mar. Meeting – Tues. Mar. 10th at the Elk's Lodge

Your voice matters. Come join us!

5 Simple Ways to Connect with Family

It's easy for families to get caught up in their routines and drift apart a little. Between work schedules, school activities, and daily chores, simple moments of connection can sometimes get pushed aside. But staying close to family doesn't have to be complicated or time-consuming. A few small, thoughtful gestures can make a big difference in keeping relationships strong, whether your loved ones live nearby or far away.

If you're looking for easy, meaningful ways to connect with your family more often, here are five ideas to try:

1. Start a Family Tradition

Traditions aren't just for holidays. Creating small, simple family rituals can give everyone something to look forward to and a reason to stay in touch. It might be a monthly Sunday dinner, a weekly phone call, or a yearly summer picnic at the park. Even if schedules are tight, a planned routine, no matter how small, has the ability to build memories and keep connections alive.

If you live far apart, consider virtual traditions like a monthly video chat, a shared online photo album, or a family book club where everyone reads the same story and talks about it. The important thing is consistency and including as many family members as possible.

2. Send Notes and Letters

When sending and receiving email is the norm these days, getting something in the mail feels extra special. Taking a few minutes to write a short letter or send a cheerful card can brighten a loved one's day and show them you're thinking about them. Share a funny story, a favorite memory, or even just a note to say hello.

For younger kids in the family, consider becoming pen pals. Receiving mail addressed to them is a thrill, and it helps them build reading and writing skills too. It's an easy, personal way to connect across generations.

3. Cook a Favorite Family Recipe Together

Food has a way of bringing people together. Cooking a recipe that's been passed down through the family can spark memories and start conversations about the past. You might remember Grandma's famous chocolate chip cookies, Uncle Joe's spaghetti sauce, or your tía's authentic tamales.

Invite family over for a cooking day, or share recipes over email and make them at the same time in your own kitchens. You can even host a virtual cooking session through video chat. Swap pictures of the finished dishes and trade stories about where the recipes came from and who made them best.



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4. Take a Walk Down Memory Lane

Sometimes, the easiest way to reconnect is by sharing memories. Dig out old photo albums, home movies, or scrapbooks and spend some time looking through them together. These moments often spark stories that younger generations haven't heard before and give everyone a chance to laugh, reminisce, and maybe shed a happy tear or two.

If you don't have old photos handy, start a new tradition by collecting family memories. Ask relatives to email or text their favorite family stories, then gather them into a simple notebook or digital scrapbook. It's a wonderful way to keep family history alive and remind each other of the good times you've shared.

5. Make Time for Quick Check-Ins

Not every conversation has to be long or serious to be meaningful. Sometimes a simple text, phone call, or quick visit can brighten someone's day. Make it a habit to reach out to one family member each week, just to say hi and see how they're doing.

You might be surprised how much these small gestures matter. A text saying, "Saw this and thought of you," or a five-minute phone chat can go a long way in letting people know you care. Even leaving a kind voicemail if they don't pick up lets them hear your voice and feel connected.

Family connections are one of the greatest gifts we have, and it doesn't take grand gestures to keep them strong. A little effort, made consistently, can help relationships grow and thrive, no matter how near or far your loved ones are.

Whether it's through a family tradition, a handwritten letter, a shared recipe, or a quick check-in, these simple ideas can help you stay close to the people who matter most. So pick one to try this week, and see how good it feels to reconnect.

After all, it's often the little moments that mean the most.



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Neighborhood News, Events & Updates



Frank's Fresh Seafood

On February 20th from 5:00pm to 7:00pm, join us for some coastal favorites, when Frank's rolls into Meadowbrook. Highlights include lobster rolls, fresh lobster and fish tacos, and hearty seafood sandwiches. The menu is rounded out with satisfying chicken options, from crispy tenders to specialty sandwiches - perfect for a seaside meal.



Las Gorditas Mexican

At taste of Mexico is coming Friday night, March 20th from 5:00pm to 7:00pm. Featuring rich spices, fresh ingredients, and traditional Mexican recipes that come together to create satisfying, authentic meals full of flavor. Highlights include Mexican street-style favorites like tacos, quesadillas, and tortas, crafted fresh and packed with flavor.



Let's Get Smashed

Friday night, April 17th from 5:00pm to 8:00pm get bold, crave-worthy smash burgers made fresh to order on buttery brioche buns. The menu features classic and specialty burgers, stacked deli favorites, and shareable fries topped with house-made sauces. Finish with sweet treats like cookies and soda floats for the ultimate comfort-food experience - fast, messy, and seriously satisfying.

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Crispy Baked Wings with Sauce

Wings:

2 tablespoons baking powder
 1 teaspoon salt
 1 teaspoon paprika
 1/4 teaspoon black pepper
 4-1/2 pounds chicken wings, drums and flats separated, tips removed

Nashville-Style Sauce:

6 tablespoons Tabasco Sauce
 8 tablespoons butter, softened
 1 tablespoon light brown sugar
 1 teaspoon paprika
 1/2 teaspoon garlic powder
 1/2 teaspoon salt

Chipotle Barbecue Sauce:

1 cup barbecue sauce
 3 tablespoons Tabasco Chipotle Sauce
 2 tablespoons lime juice

Prep time: 10 minutes
 Cook time: 50 minutes
 Servings: 4-6

Heat oven to 425 F.

In bowl, combine baking powder, salt, paprika and black pepper. Shake over both sides of wings.

Place seasoned wings on rack over foil-lined sheet pan. Bake 20 minutes, turn wings over and continue cooking additional 30 minutes.

To make Nashville-Style Sauce: In bowl, mix Tabasco Sauce, butter, brown sugar, paprika, garlic powder and salt. Set aside.

To make Chipotle Barbecue Sauce: In bowl, mix barbecue sauce, Tabasco Chipotle Sauce and lime juice.

Remove wings from oven. Toss wings with sauce and serve. Enjoy!

(Courtesy of Family Features)

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Pet Parade: Meet Paisley!

5 Fun Facts You Need to Know About Me

- 1. Not the Lap Dog You Ordered.** I'm a Great Pyrenees, adopted from rescue about 8 years ago. My humans don't know my exact age, but they think I'm around 11 or 12. They were hoping for a tiny lap dog, but instead they got me—as pretty as a cloud and impossible not to love.
- 2. Guardian Dog... In Theory.** Great Pyrenees are known for guarding farms, fighting off wolves, and jumping 6-foot fences. Me? I'm deaf, afraid of the dark, and need help getting into the backseat of the car. Good thing I was rescued.
- 3. Fancy Girl Energy.** I've been wearing bows in my hair for years—every color of the rainbow— and I proudly leave them in all day. I may look like a giant polar bear, but I'm actually petite for my breed.
- 4. Built Like a Cloud (With a Past).** I weigh about 86 lbs now, but during Covid I topped out at 119 (hey, we were all going through something). I move a little slower these days, but that doesn't stop me from enjoying life.
- 5. Neighborhood Icon.** I still love my neighborhood walks, patrolling the house before bed, woofing at nothing, drinking puddle water, standing near my favorite neighborhood dog friends, and getting treats from Phyllis and Charles. I ignore cats and bunnies—but I love kids.

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