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Welcome to The *Meadows Connection*

MESSAGE FROM JOYCE TILDEN, BSM BOARD MEMBER AND COMMUNICATION LIAISON

Extending a warm welcome and inviting you to another issue of the ***Meadows Connection*** newsletter. We're excited to share the latest updates with our Meadows community.

Burnt Store Meadows Property Owners Association, in collaboration with our publisher, Seabreeze Communications, has a dedicated website for The *Meadows Connection* monthly newsletter.

FEATURES OF THE MEADOWS CONNECTION WEBSITE

The new website offers a redesigned version of the newsletter, access to individual articles, an event board, and additional resources. Readers can enjoy a digital flip book experience with a refreshed magazine layout that allows you to turn pages, click on embedded links, and use features such as zooming in or switching to full screen mode. For those who prefer an article-based format, the website provides all current content organized on individual pages for easy reading.

NAVIGATION AND RESOURCES

The top menu bar includes convenient access to previous issues, a collection of articles, an Event Board highlighting activities and happenings in and around Burnt Store Meadows, and a Vendor Page featuring local service providers. You may visit the new website to view or download the digital edition, or you can find a PDF version available on our BSM website under Meadows Connection Newsletter | Burnt Store Meadows.

YOUR PARTICIPATION

We hope you enjoy exploring this newly developed website. We encourage you to share your suggestions for articles or topics you would like to see featured in future editions of The *Meadows Connection*.





Burnt Store Meadows Property Owners Association Website

JOYCE TILDEN, BSMPOA DIRECTOR
COMMUNICATIONS AND WEBSITE ADMINISTRATOR

Keeping you informed and up to date on what's happening in the Meadows.

The www.bsmpoa.com website makes it quick and easy to access and electronically complete forms required for new construction, additions, and modifications to your existing residence. Also, requests for overnight parking permits can be completed online.



As a resident and/or property owner in the Burnt Store Meadows Community, you will have access to "Owner Only" documents and information. In order to access those documents and sections on the website you must register and be authorized as a property owner.

Registration is simple!

The first time you log in to www.bsmpoa.com simply select the Register option in the upper right corner of the screen.

On the Register page you will be asked to enter the following information:
• Are you a Homeowner, Condo Owner, Lot Owner, etc.
• Name, email, cell phone*, address, and create a password for your account.
* If you don't have a cell phone, or prefer to use another number, you can change this on your Member Profile once your account is approved.

Once you have entered the appropriate information and select Register at the bottom of the page it takes you to the next page. There you are asked to complete your personal Member Settings. This is where you may select your personal preferences on communications, e.g., receiving emails or text messages from the association for items such as the Newsletter. Member Settings is where you can update and change your password and specify your privacy.

We hope you enjoy the website. Please feel free to forward comments or suggestions to the Star Management or the webmaster via the Contact Page on the website.

BURNT STORE MEADOWS PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President – Anthony Nutt
Vice President – Jay Gile
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The Board of Directors meets on the 3rd Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the conference room at Star Hospitality Office located at 26530 Mallard Way, Punta Gorda.

(941) 575-6764

The March meeting will be held on March 16, 2026

Residents are welcome to join the meeting in person or via Zoom. The zoom link is listed on the website for registered members - Zoom Link to Monthly Board Mtg | Burnt Store Meadows

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Burnt Store Meadows Car Show and Family Fun Festival

SATURDAY, MARCH 21, 2026, 10:00 A.M. TO 2 P.M.



BSM Greenspace between Plum Tree and Blue Sage on both sides of Royal Poinciana

CAR SHOW

The Burnt Store Meadows Car Show will feature a variety of antique and classic cars. There is no entry fee required to participate in the event. Participants will have the opportunity to compete for first, second, and third place prizes, which include both cash awards and trophies.

FAMILY FUN FESTIVAL AND ACTIVITIES

Across the road from the car show, families can enjoy a range of activities and attractions. These include food trucks and a selection of vendors, a video game trailer, a bouncy house with a giant slide, and corn hole games. Entertainment will be provided by two DJs on the car show side, while the family fun area will have its own family-oriented DJ.

Families who own corn hole games are encouraged to bring them to the event.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Questions may be directed to Anthony Nutt anthony.nutt.bsmpoa@gmail.com or (941) 979-1058 or Adele Higgins adele.higgins.bsmpoa@gmail.com or (856) 904-5452

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Celebrating March!





March Holidays and Observances

MAJOR OBSERVANCES IN MARCH

March is a month rich with significant observances. Throughout the month, several themes are celebrated, including Women's History Month, Red Cross Month, and National Nutrition Month. Each observance highlights important issues, achievements, and causes that are recognized and promoted across the United States. There are no U.S. Federal holidays in March 2026.



KEY DATES IN MARCH 2026

These dates mark significant events and celebrations, contributing to the vibrant and meaningful character of March.

March 2 – Read Across America Day
March 3 – World Wildlife Day
March 6 – Employee Appreciation Day
March 8 – International Women's Day
March 13 – Daylight Saving Time Begins
March 17 – St. Patrick's Day
March 20 – First Day of Spring (Equinox), International Day of Happiness
March 23 – National Puppy Day
March 29 – Palm Sunday







Our Very Own Neighborhood Little Free Library



What's that miniature building next to the BSM Bulletin Board on Royal Poinciana? Nope, not a birdhouse or a suggestion box -- it's our new "**Little Free Library**!"

A Little Free Library is a free book exchange sponsored by the BSMPOA. You can borrow or leave books anytime, making it easy to share and enjoy reading with others.

The new Little Free Library is located on the Royal Poinciana greenbelt between S. Plum Tree and S. Blue Sage next to our community bulletin board.

Many thanks to Niles Higgins for installing our Little Free Library!

BSMPOA board member Adele Higgins is the library steward. Please contact her with any questions. You can also contact her to arrange a pickup of books for the library. Her email is Adele.Higgins.BSMPOA@gmail.com.

For more information about Little Free Libraries, see the website at www.littlefreelibrary.org.



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What's Happening in Punta Gorda this Month

ONGOING - PUNTA GORDA FARMER'S MARKETS

WEEKLY WEDNESDAY MARKET
PUNTA GORDA ISLES CIVIC ASSOCIATION

2001 Shreve St., Punta Gorda, FL 33950
Indoor / Outdoor Market - Open to the Public
8 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Plants ~ Fresh food Items ~ Arts and Crafts ~ Businesses and Services ~ Used and/or Thrift Items ~ Nonprofit Organizations ~ Food Trucks ~ And More

SATURDAY DOWNTOWN PUNTA GORDA FARMER'S MARKET

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May to September – 8 a.m. – 12 noon
October to April – 8 a.m. -1 p.m.
227 Taylor St, Punta Gorda, FL 33950

HISTORY PARK SUNDAY MARKET

Visit Punta Gorda's only weekly Artisans Market, held every Sunday in the History Park. You will discover local artists selling their creations, as well as our resident artists in the History Park Artisan Village, where the Peace River Woodturners, SWFL Fiber Arts Guild, SWFL Potters Guild, and SWFL Glass Fusers Foundation each work out of one of our historic buildings. Their buildings are open to the public during market hours on Sunday.

In addition to the artisans, the Sunday market vendors include local providers of farm-fresh produce and eggs, local honey, home-baked artisan breads, goat cheese, and other goodies. Check out the wonderful vendors! History Park Sunday Market Sundays 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.



Living With Coyotes in Florida

Coyotes are found throughout Florida. And they are very present in the Burnt Store Meadows Community. This adaptable animal belongs to the dog family and resembles a small German shepherd. In Florida, coyotes typically weigh between 15 to 30 pounds. They have pointed ears, a narrow muzzle, and a bushy tail. Males tend to be larger than females. Coyote fur is usually grayish brown but occasionally it is black.



When running, the coyote usually holds its tail at “half-mast” or straight out behind it, unlike most domestic dogs. The scientific name of the coyote, Canis latrans, which means “barking dog.” Coyotes use a variety of vocalizations, such as barking like dogs, but most often they are heard making shrill yips and howls. Howling is often a group effort that begins as a simple howl but quickly increases into a series of group howls and high-pitched barks.

Coyotes typically are shy and elusive, but they occasionally can be spotted either alone, in pairs, or in small groups where food is readily available. **Never feed coyotes**, and **do not don’t place food outdoors** that will attract any wild animal. Clean up pet food, fallen fruit, and seed around bird feeders. Secure garbage cans and compost in animal proof containers. Keep your pets safe. Coyotes can and do prey on domestic cats and small dogs. To protect your pets, don’t allow them to roam freely. Most coyote attacks on pets occur either at night or at dusk or dawn. During these times especially, be careful if you’re walking your pet in wooded areas or in heavily foliaged areas where coyotes could hide.

Keep your dog close on a short leash. Keep cats indoors. When cats wander freely, there’s an increased risk of them being attacked by coyotes.

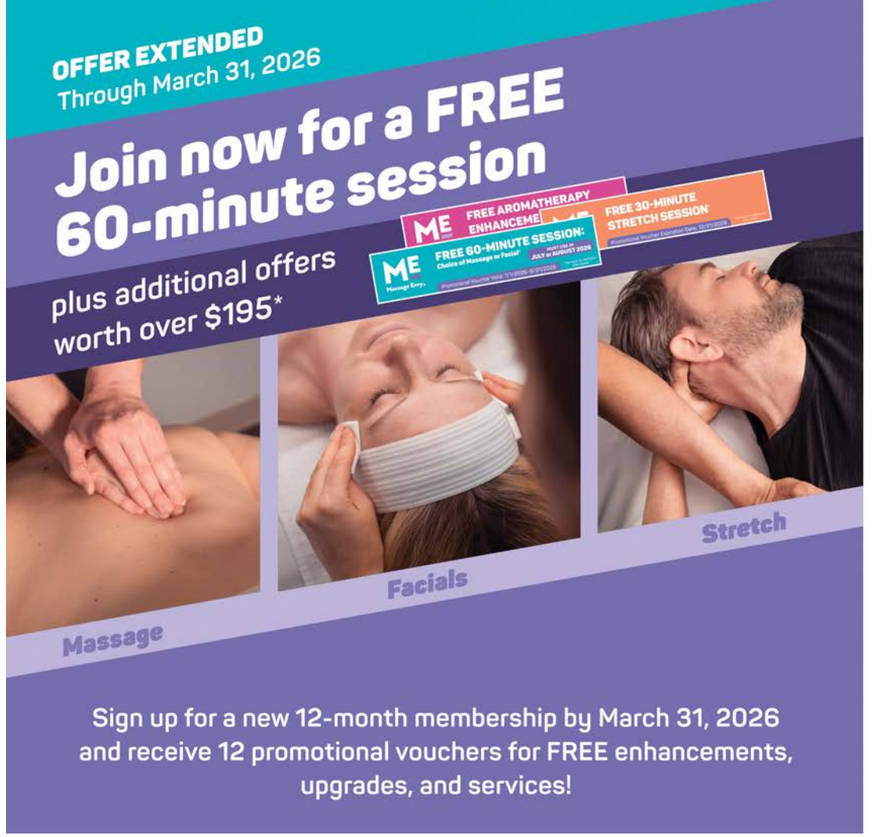
Be aware of unusual coyote behavior. Examples include coyotes approaching people, stalking pets, chasing joggers or bikers, or attacking leashed pets.

Teach children to recognize and **not to run** from coyotes. If children are approached, have them move slowly into a house or climb up on a swing, tree, or deck and yell. Coyotes can be curious but are also timid and will run away if challenged. Just remember that any wild animal will protect itself or its young. Never initiate a close encounter with a coyote. If a coyote approaches too closely, immediately act aggressively toward the coyote. Wave your arms, throw things like stones, and shout at the coyote.

However, don’t attempt to hurt it because injured animals are more likely to attack. If necessary, make yourself appear larger by standing up or stepping onto a rock, stump, or stair. Convince the coyote you are a potential danger to be avoided.

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Where coyote encounters occur regularly, walk pets at other times besides nighttime hours, dusk, and dawn. Carry something that will make noise or scare the animal, such as a small air horn, big water pistol, solid walking stick, golf club, or paintball gun. These things may deter the coyote at close range. Make a "coyote shaker" by putting a few washers, pebbles, or pennies into an empty soft drink can. Wrap the can in foil and tape closed. Continue "hazing" the coyote until the animal leaves; otherwise, the coyote will learn to wait to leave until the activity stops.

Coyotes remain active year-round and play an important role in the ecosystem by helping to keep rodent populations under control.

If you are experiencing coyote problems, please contact FWC's Wildlife Alert at (888) 404-3922.

COYOTE FAST FACTS

Coyotes live throughout Florida and in every state but Hawaii.

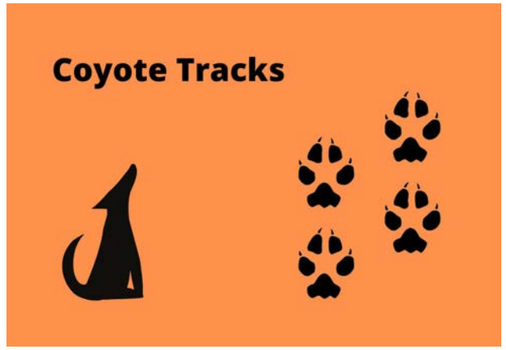
▪ They weigh 15 to 30 pounds. The males are slightly larger than the females.

▪ Coyotes eat whatever is available, including fruits, nuts, seeds, dead animals, rodents, garbage, pet food, domestic cats, and small dogs.

▪ They breed every year with 2 to 12 pups per litter. Pups are raised in a den.

▪ Removing coyotes from one area can result in other coyotes moving in from surrounding areas and producing more pups per litter.

▪ Coyote tracks are narrower and more elongated than dog tracks.



MYTHS ABOUT COYOTES

▪ Coyotes are extremely dangerous: False! There have been very few reported cases of Eastern coyotes biting people. The coyote's innate fear of humans tends to keep them from getting too close.

▪ Coyotes are a new problem: False! Coyotes have been in Florida for many years and will continue to make their homes around the state. This medium-sized predator is extremely adaptable, thriving in urban, suburban, and rural areas.

▪ Coyotes need our help to survive: False! People like to feed animals. However, by providing a "free lunch" for coyotes, you eliminate their natural fear of humans and increase their populations. Remember … a fed coyote causes problems. Keep 'em wild!

▪ Coyotes can be totally eliminated: False! Removing coyotes is an inefficient and ineffective method to control populations. They compensate by increasing litter size, and new coyotes move into areas where others have been removed. Populations can quickly return to original size.

If you are experiencing coyote problems, please contact FWC's Wildlife Alert at (888) 404-3922.



BROADWAY PALM PRESENTS

February 20 - April 4



This Andrew Lloyd Webber, record-breaking musical is a dazzling spectacle of music, dance, and fantasy. On one magical night, the Jellicle Cats gather for their annual ball, where their wise leader, Old Deuteronomy, will choose one cat to be reborn. As each cat shares their story—from the mischievous Rum Tum Tugger to the hauntingly beautiful Grizabella—you'll be swept into a mesmerizing world of mystery and wonder. Featuring the iconic *Memory*, CATS is a breathtaking celebration of life, second chances, and the power of community.

April 10 - May 16



It's *Footloose, Grease* and *Happy Days* all rolled into one zany story. This hip-swiveling musical is inspired by the songs of Elvis Presley and features over 24 Elvis hits! The story takes place in 1955, in a square little town in the middle of a square little state. A young mechanic named Natalie dreams of escaping her quiet Midwestern life. When a tall, handsome motorcycling stranger with blue-suede shoes and a guitar strapped to his back rides into town in search of a mechanic, Natalie's whole life changes.

Dates may be subject to change.

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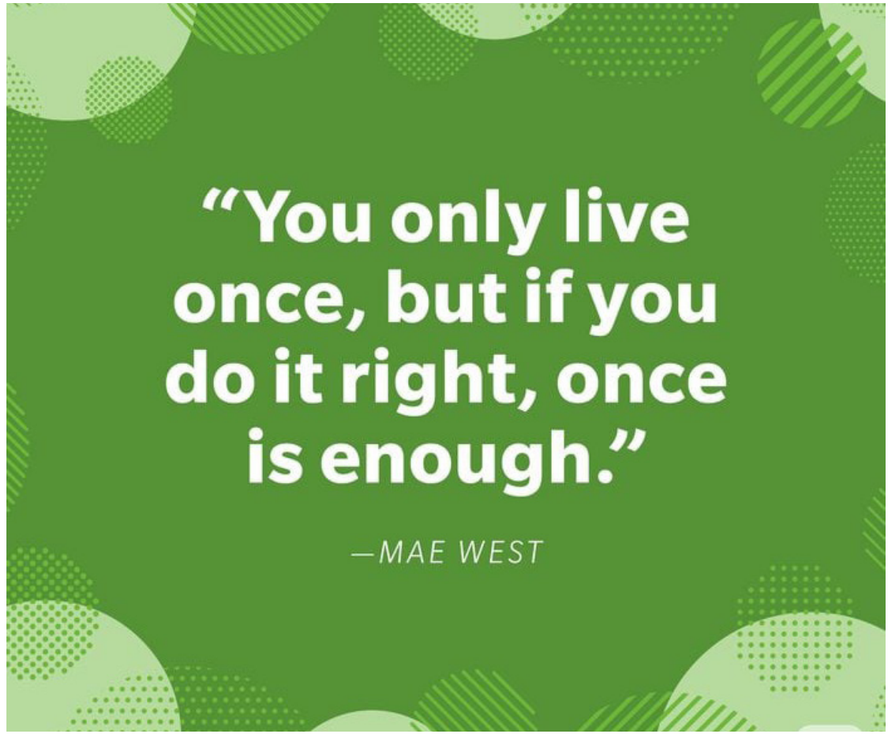
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Calling All Pet Owners!



Tell us about your pet(s)! Every month we will feature one family's pet(s) in an article in *Meadows Connection*. All you must do is write between 200 to 600 words about your much-loved dog, cat, or other animal and include a couple of high resolution pictures. Some ideas to show off your beloved pet include – how you named him/her; a description of his/her looks; favorite activities and toys; what makes him/her special to you, or whatever else you'd like to share with readers. This is limited to Burnt Store Meadows owners and residents.

Your submission doesn't have to be a literary masterpiece; we will edit and format it for the monthly newsletter. Have fun writing about your pet and send to joyce.tilden.bsmpoa@gmail.com for submission in the *Meadows Connections*.







March in Your Southwest Florida Garden

WHAT TO PLANT

Annuals/Perennials/Wildflowers: Plant heat-tolerant flowering plants such as pentas, coleus, crossandra, gazania, vinca, gaillardia, caladiums, and zinnia that will last into fall.

Annuals: https://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topics/annuals
Perennials: https://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topics/perennials
Florida Wildflower Foundation: https://www.flawildflowers.org/

Herbs: In addition to their culinary value, many herbs are ornamental and attract butterflies to the garden.
Herbs: https://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topics/herbs

Vegetables: This is the last month to plant arugula, beans, cantaloupe, carrots, celery, sweet corn, endive, okra, radish, squashes, Swiss chard, and watermelon.
Vegetable Gardening in Florida: https://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topics/vegetable_gardening



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WHAT TO DO

Shrubs and trees: Prune when new growth begins after the end of the dormant season. Prune after the last flowers fade but before new flower buds set.

Mulch: Add mulch to plant beds to minimize weeds and conserve moisture during dry weather. A ring of mulch around trees will protect them from damage by lawnmowers and line trimmers.
Lawn and Garden: *Mulches*: https://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topics/lawn-garden-mulches

Pests: Monitor landscape plants for insects, especially for the presence of aphids on tender new growth. Insects become more active during warm weather.

***Landscape Integrated Pest Management*:** https://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/publication/IN109

Lawn and Garden Care: Pest Management: https://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topics/lawn-garden-pest-management

Aphids: https://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topics/aphids

Fertilize: Fertilize lawns, palms, and ornamental shrubs if not done last month, but only if local ordinances allow.
Palm Care: https://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topics/palm-care

Lawn & Garden Care: *Fertilization*: https://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topics/lawn-garden-fertilization
Florida-Friendly Landscaping™ Program Fertilizer Ordinances App: https://ffl.ifas.ufl.edu/resources/apps/fertilizer-ordinances/

Lawns: Identify damaging insects and spot treat early to prevent widespread damage. *Turfgrass Pest Insects*: https://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topics/insect_management_in_your_florida_lawn. Apply a preemergence weed killer (not a "weed and feed") to lawns to prevent germination of warm-season weed seeds. Apply when temperatures rise to 65°F for 4–5 days. Timing is important for good control.

Insect Management in Your Florida Lawn: https://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topics/insect_management_in_your_florida_lawn

Lawn and Garden Care: Weed Management: https://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topics/lawn-garden-weed-management

Tropical and subtropical fruits: Add variety and interest to the landscape and meals with exotic fruits.

https://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topics/lawn_and_garden_tropical_and_subtropical_fruit

Citrus: Squiggly lines in the younger leaves of citrus trees indicate Citrus Leaf Miner (CLM) insects, but there is seldom a need to manage them. Natural enemies in Florida usually keep them in check.

Citrus Problems in the Home Landscape: https://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/publication/HS141



Tax Season Can Be Stressful – Don't Let Fraudsters Make It Worse

Each year the U.S. Internal Revenue Service (IRS) releases a list of the latest scams that taxpayers should watch out for. While many of these involve unscrupulous groups and individuals—especially on social media— trying to mislead taxpayers into filing false or incorrect returns, others center on direct attempts by fraudsters to steal money and personal information. These direct threats represent a major risk of identity theft and financial loss.

According to the Taxpayer Advocate Service, an independent organization housed within the IRS, more than 1.9 million U.S. tax returns were flagged in 2024 for potential identity issues. Here are three identity-related scams identified by the IRS for the 2025 tax season, along with advice on how to stay protected as you prepare and file your return.

1. **Emails or Texts From IRS Impersonators** – Scammers posing as entities like the IRS, state tax agencies, or tax software companies are sending unsolicited emails with offers of tax refunds or warnings that the recipient faces legal charges for committing tax fraud. These are phishing attempts meant to capture the victim's personal and financial information. (The text message equivalent of phishing is called "smishing," in which the fraudster sends an alarming text such as "Unusual Activity Report," accompanied by a link.) The links in these phony texts and emails could lead to web pages that appear official but are actually fake sites designed to steal personal information. They could also be a way for fraudsters to secretly plant malware or ransomware on your device. *Tip: As a matter of policy, the IRS initiates contact with taxpayers only by mail. Never click a link in an unsolicited email or text message from a sender claiming to be the IRS or any state tax agency*. If you need to contact the IRS for any reason, start here.

2. **Fake Online Account Assistance** – Have you created an individual online account with the IRS? It's a convenient way to access your tax records, balance, payments, and more. If you haven't, watch out for third parties contacting you and offering help in setting up your online account. The IRS says there's been a rise in these phony offers of assistance. The scammers are looking to harvest your personal information and submit fraudulent tax returns in your name. Tip: Don't respond to any unsolicited offer of online tax assistance. If you need help in setting up your individual online account with the IRS, the agency has several free resources available, including Frequently Asked Questions.

3. **Bogus Nonprofits** – While you may have donated to a charity from the goodness of your heart, it's also nice to get the side benefit of a tax deduction. Beware, however, of fraudulent nonprofits that have been created to take advantage of your generosity. These fake organizations usually don't serve their stated purpose and often put your donation into their own pockets. Plus, they've got your personal information, which can be exploited for identity theft. As for that tax deduction, it won't count unless the charity is a qualified tax-exempt organization recognized by the IRS. *Tip: Before giving, do your research on nonprofits through an independent rating service like Charity Navigator. Donate only to nonprofit organizations that can show legitimate proof of their 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status*.

More Advice For Staying Safe During Tax Season – A few bonus tips on how to avoid falling victim to tax-related fraud:

• Sometimes, IRS impersonators will contact you by phone, with the caller ID altered to match a legitimate IRS number. Don't fall for it. Remember, the IRS will only initiate contact with a taxpayer by mail.

• Speaking of mail, if you get a letter claiming to be from the IRS and demanding tax payment through high-pressure language like threats of imprisonment or steep fines, know that it's a scam. The IRS doesn't use aggressive collection tactics like this.

• Similarly, don't engage if you're directed to send cryptocurrency, debit cards, or gift cards. The IRS will never ask for nontraditional forms of payment like these.

• File your return as early as possible. If your identity is stolen through a data breach, criminals might attempt to file a false tax return in your name. Filing early allows you to stay one step ahead of them. (It's also a good idea to get an Identity Protection PIN from the IRS—it prevents others from filing a return in your name.)

• If you believe you've been victimized by fraud related to your tax return, report it to the IRS. You can also contact the Taxpayer Advocate Service. As a matter of policy, the IRS initiates contact with taxpayers only by mail.

VITA Free Tax Prep Assistance

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE 2025 TAX SEASON ARE OPEN NOW!

United Way's Free Tax Preparation program helps low- to moderate-income households meet their basic needs and build financial assets. Residents who earn a household income of $66,000 or less can have their federal tax returns prepared, e-filed and direct deposited for FREE by United Way's Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program.

United Way IRS-certified volunteers who are passionate about taxes will prepare your return and determine if you are eligible for the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC), Child Tax Credits, Childcare Credits, and/or Education Credits when you file.

We do simple returns. We cannot accept returns that have rental income or self-employment income at a loss, with expenses exceeding $35,000, or with employees. Please call to see if you qualify.

Choose an option that is right for you

1. File Yourself – Have a simple tax return and a computer? You can file yourself for FREE. All you need is the AGI (Adjusted Gross Income) amount from last year's return. Click to file with MyFreeTaxes.com
2. Schedule an appointment at one of our VITA sites – We are making appointments now. See the list of tax sites below.

ALL SITES ARE BY APPOINTMENT ONLY:

Please call 941-421-7100 or 2-1-1 (or 239-433-3900) for scheduling.
1. Port Charlotte: Family Services Center, 21500 Gibralter Dr. | Tuesdays & Wednesdays
2. Punta Gorda: New Life Church, 507 W. Marion Ave., Mondays

Please leave a voicemail with your name, phone number, and preferred time to receive a call back in case our staff are busy attending to other calls.

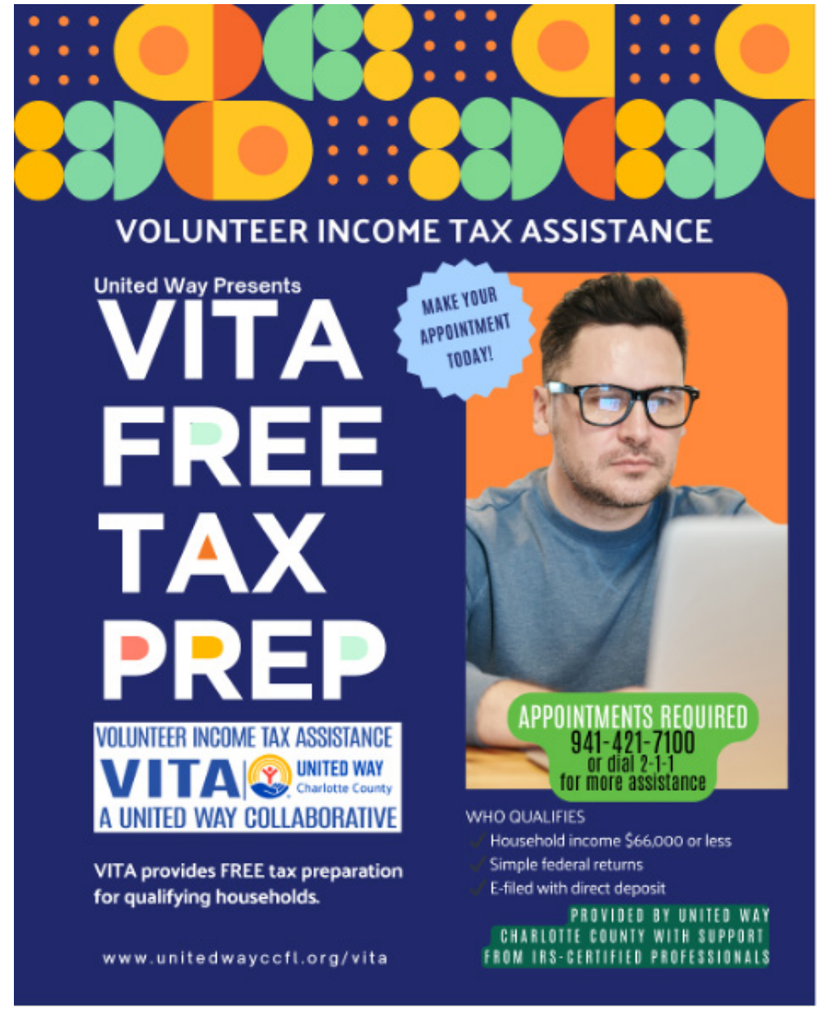
You can put the "Volunteer" in Volunteer Income Tax Assistance

Volunteering for the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program is a fun and easy way to help others in our community. You don't need to be a "numbers-person" to help, either! The software (a partnership between Tax-Slayer and the IRS) does all the heavy lifting. Over 85% of our volunteers have had no prior experience in tax prep.

Through the VITA program, you can help hard-working individuals and families in our community take advantage of every credit and deduction they qualify for and reinvest their refunds back into Charlotte County. Contact the United Way of Charlotte at 941-627-3539 for more information or complete the **volunteer application**.

Volunteer Positions:

- **Appointment Setters** make phone calls to clients to schedule their time slot.
- **Greeters'** welcome VITA clients to the site and ensure that they are prepared with all required documentation to meet with the tax preparer.
- **Tax Preparers** help individuals and families prepare their tax returns and ensure all eligible taxpayers receive their qualifying tax credits.



- **Site Coordinators/Quality Reviewers** manage the operations of the United Way VITA site, including volunteer staff and quality control.

These roles contribute to families' financial stability every year. Behind every return, there is a story. Volunteers hear these stories and experience firsthand how they are making a difference every time they volunteer.



Writers Wanted!!!

To make the *Meadows Connection* interesting and readable to our residents, we invite you to share your stories, experiences, and perspectives. We welcome articles about books, travel, pets, sports, TV and movies, Tech, and/or content that will get our community talking and sharing. Just avoid topics such as politics and religion in keeping with our policy to avoid controversy.

Please limit your words to between 200 to 600 words and feel free to include a couple of jpeg photos with high resolution. We'll be happy to give you a byline!

Have fun writing and send to joyce.tilden.bsmpoa@gmail.com for submission in the *Meadows Connection*.

Being a Good Pet Owner and Neighbor!

REMINDER

Being a good neighbor and animal owner means picking up after your dog. Also, while our deed restrictions do not specifically state your animal must be leashed, it does state the animal must always be under the owner's control. Not having the animal leashed could constitute a nuisance and that is a violation of our deed restrictions.

Tell us about your pet(s)! We would like to feature one family's pet(s) in an article in the ***Connection.*** All you need to do is write between 200 – 600 words about your much-loved dog, cat, or other animal and include a couple of high resolution pictures. Some ideas to show off your beloved pet include – how you named him/her; a description of his/her looks; favorite activities and toys; what makes him/her special to you, or whatever else you'd like to share with readers. This is limited to Burnt Store Meadows owners and residents.

Your submission doesn't have to be a literary masterpiece; we will edit and format it for the monthly newsletter. Have fun writing about your pet and send to joyce.tilden.bsmpoa@gmail.com for submission in the *Meadows Connection*.