

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

Building a safe and vibrant community together.



Welcome to the latest edition of our community newsletter! As we embrace the changing seasons, we have an exciting lineup of events and informative articles to share with you. From the much-anticipated Meadows Movie Night under the stars to insightful pieces like "Discovering the Meadows" by Misty MacLachlan, there's something for everyone to enjoy. As we transition into autumn, we also provide valuable tips on how to maximize your garden's potential during this season and important recycling dates to keep our community sustainable. Join us as we dive into the vibrant happenings and useful insights that make our community a wonderful place to be.

CONTRIBUTE TO OUR NEWSLETTER



If you'd like to contribute to next month's newsletter by sharing your photos or stories, we'd love to hear from you!

Please reach out to Mia Blom at mia@ohmcid.co.za

THANK YOU

Photo credits to Misty MacLachlan - a heartfelt thank you for graciously sharing your stunning photos capturing the beauty of our beloved neighborhood.



MEADOWS MOVE NIGHT!!!

**SATURDAY
6 APRIL
@SUNSET**

Only R80!

➤➤➤ FEATURE FILM

In "The Mitchells vs the Machines", an ordinary family finds themselves in an extraordinary adventure when they accidentally take on big tech. With a mix of clever animation, timely themes, and hilarious gags, this film is a **perfect pick for family movie night**.

Follow the eccentric Katie Mitchell and her family as they embark on a cross-country road trip that turns into a battle against robots, evil home appliances, and their own differences. Get ready for a wild ride filled with laughter, action, and heartwarming moments as the Mitchells fight to save humanity and their family.

Want a sneak peek? Check out the trailer at https://youtu.be/_ak5dFt8Ar0?feature=shared



COME EARLY AND MEET YOUR NEIGHBOURS!

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

NEIGHBOURS ARE WELCOME TO SET UP SWEETS/CAKES STALLS AT NO CHARGE. PLEASE INFORM BRAD VIA THE OHM CHAT IF YOU PLAN TO DO SO.

**SPECIAL OFFER:
1 FREE TICKET
FOR EVERY
10 BOOKED!**

➤➤➤ WHAT TO BRING

- Picnic/snacks OR meat to braai (fires provided)
- Chairs
- Blankets
- Warm clothing
- Drinks

BOOK ONLINE <<<

Ensure sufficient headphones by booking your tickets online. Preferably, no cash/tickets will be sold on the night.

**SPECIAL REQUESTS
CONTACT
BRAD BAILEY
072 320 1100**

**WWW.QUICKET.CO.ZA/EVENTS/255683-
BIG-SCREEN-MOVIE-NIGHT-SAT-6-APRIL-SUNSET#/**

DISCOVERING THE MEADOWS: A TALE OF ADVENTURE AND COMMUNITY <<<

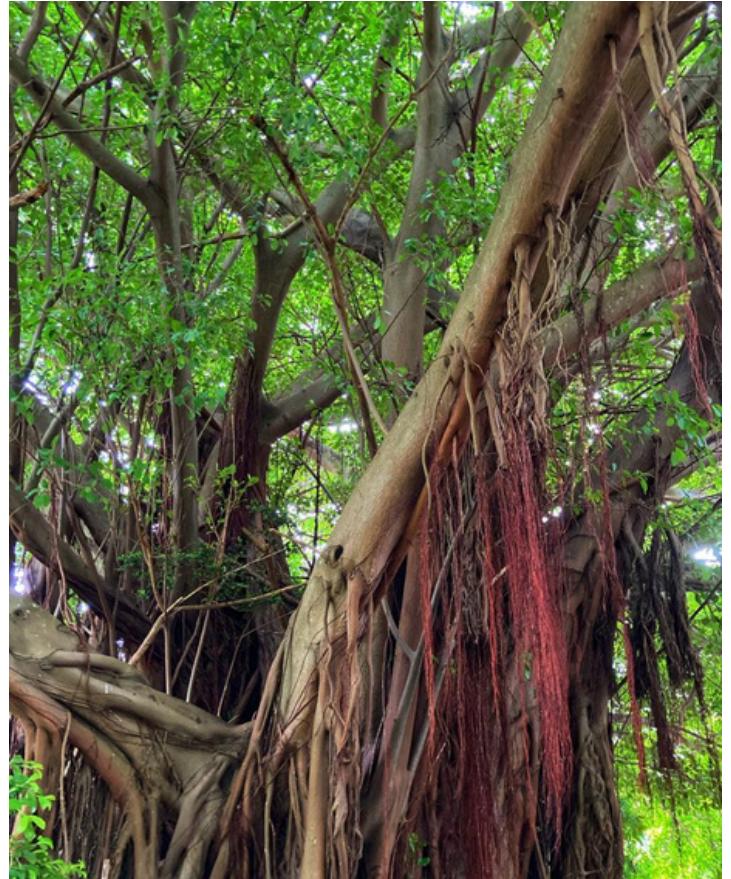
By Misty MacLachlan

I chose The Meadows as my new home because of a single, magnificent tree. This sprawling property in Whittler's Way felt like a slice of heaven, with its enchanting landscape and breathtaking sunsets. It was perfect.

One warm summer day, I embarked on an impromptu exploration of my new neighborhood with my daughter and her friend. Clad in sundresses and sandals, we set off down Grotto Road, following butterflies towards a bushy knoll. What began as a leisurely stroll soon turned into a wild adventure through thick grass and dense foliage. With no water, sunscreen, or sight of civilization, we forged ahead, our nerves tested by the possibility of encountering snakes.

Finally, we stumbled upon a man-made structure—a wall. Hopeful for a path or gate, we pressed on, directionless under the scorching sun. Our cries for help led us to a surprised gardener, and eventually, my relief turned to embarrassment as I realized he was a colleague and superior.

Despite the unexpected escapade, my experience in The Meadows has been nothing short of wonderful. From its diverse flora and fauna to the warmth of its community members, this neighborhood has truly become my sanctuary.





MAXIMIZING YOUR AUTUMN GARDEN

➤➤➤ PREPARING YOUR GARDEN BEDS

As autumn approaches, it's crucial to ready your garden beds for the seasonal transition. Begin by clearing out any spent annuals and weeds to prevent pest and disease issues. Incorporate compost into the soil to replenish nutrients and enhance its structure, promoting healthy plant growth. Applying a layer of mulch helps retain moisture and regulate soil temperature, creating an ideal environment for autumn planting and ensuring your garden remains vibrant throughout the season.

➤➤➤ SELECTING THE RIGHT PLANTS

Autumn presents an excellent opportunity to introduce new plant varieties that thrive in cooler temperatures. Choose plants that are well-suited to your climate and soil conditions, focusing on autumn-flowering perennials and ornamental grasses for added color and texture. Cold-hardy vegetables like kale, spinach, and carrots are also ideal choices for a productive autumn harvest. Careful selection of plants ensures a resilient and visually appealing garden that flourishes during the autumn months.

➤➤➤ PRUNING AND MAINTENANCE

Take advantage of the autumn season to assess the health and structure of your plants and trees, performing necessary pruning to encourage new growth and maintain their shape. Remove dead or diseased branches to prevent the spread of infection and promote overall plant health. Clearing fallen leaves and debris reduces hiding spots for pests and diseases, contributing to a clean and well-maintained garden environment. By staying proactive with pruning and maintenance tasks, you'll lay the groundwork for a thriving garden in the seasons ahead.

RECYCLING COLLECTION DATES



29 March
12 and 26 April
10 and 24 May

CELEBRATING THE SUCCESS OF THE MEADOWS CARNIVAL

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all the neighbours who joined us for the Meadows Carnival on 4 November, 2023. It was indeed a tremendous success, with a fantastic turnout and perfect weather that made for a delightful day! The event featured a fun run for the kids through the forest, a diverse selection of stalls offering goods and eats, lively live music, and a beer and wine garden where everyone could unwind. Thanks to the overwhelming support from the community, we raised an impressive sum of R9,000.00.



A special shout-out goes to the organizers who worked behind the scenes to make the carnival a reality. Their dedication and hard work ensured that the event ran smoothly and was enjoyed by all.

We would also like to express our gratitude to Brad Bailey for his visionary idea and efforts in bringing the carnival to life.

As we continue to enhance the Meadows, we are actively working to secure trees and seating from the City of Cape Town before allocating funds for further improvements.

Thank you once again to everyone who contributed to the success of the Meadows Carnival. Your participation and support are truly appreciated.