

All Things Meadows (The Weather!)

Meadow's Weather Analysis: January 2022 Report

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Rainfall & Temperature Data:

Rainfall: 0.51 inches (YTD: 0.51 in.)

23 yr. January rainfall average: 1.61 in.

Average high temperature: 73 F (normal: 72 F)

Above normal high-temperature days: 18

Record high-temperature days: 4

This month's theme is quite appropriate for the Meadoword and this weather column. Here's why.

First, this is the time of year when visitors from the north country find our **weather** to be ideal for the many outdoor activities found in the Meadows, activities that include: hiking, cycling, swimming, fishing, tennis, golf, and of course, pickle ball! There's something for everyone, even those who just want to kick back and bask in our abundant sunshine.

Second, we are fortunate to live in a community that has such respect for the **weather** that it provides all residents a long-standing emergency preparedness program. The program's Emergency Preparedness Committee has many volunteers who are trained to assist residents throughout a severe **weather** event, like a hurricane.

Finally, on a personal note, I moved to the Meadows in 2018 with the **weather** in mind. Because our community is approximately two feet above sea level placing it outside the established FEMA flood zones, I'm not concerned about 'storm surge' flooding in the event of a major hurricane. I can choose to ride out a storm in the comfort of my home. This is important because at my age I have no interest in sleeping night after night on a school gymnasium floor!

Weather Summary: In December's weather summary, I asked the question: "Will we experience year-long record heat again in 2022?" If we're counting on January 2022 temperature data to provide an answer, we must concede that the jury is still out. A sharp temperature contrast between the first half and second half of

January certainly sends a mixed message. In fact, the average temperature was 78 degrees F (6 degrees above normal) during the first half, while the second half temperature averaged 67 degrees F (5 degrees below normal) – the first half gain cancelled the second half loss.

Temperature Analysis: Despite the big temperature swing described in the summary, January averaged one degree above the historical normal of 72 degrees F. Other statistics include 18 days of above normal temperatures and there were four record high-temperature days, all occurring during the first ten days of the month.

Rainfall Analysis: January's sparse rainfall of 0.51 inches will certainly bolster the month's reputation as one of the driest months of the year. The first half of the month was bone-dry and the only rainfall occurred on the 16th (0.21 in.) and 25th (0.30 in.). The two rain-days also fell far short of an expected seven days of rain in January.

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Meadows Rainfall and High Temperatures

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