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November 2004

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Mayor Mark McGrath

COMMENTS FROM THE MAYOR

By Mark McGrath

MAYOR PRO-TEM TERRY HENLEY - OUTGOING TML PRESIDENT

On October 29, Mayor Pro-Tem Terry Henley concluded his one year term as President of the Texas Municipal League (TML). TML is an association of over 1,100 Texas cities. It provides a wide variety of services to its member cities. Perhaps its most important service is to

work with the Texas Legislature in ensuring that new laws are not harmful to city interests.

Terry has been active in TML for many years. He has headed the local TML Region 14 and has served on the TML board. His election as President is obviously a first for Meadows Place. Also, to the best of my knowledge, no city official in the history of Fort Bend County has risen to this level. He will continue serving TML in the next year as Past President of its Board of Directors.

In addition, Terry is past Chairman of the Board, and currently member of the Board of Directors, of the Houston-Galveston Area Council (H-GAC). H-GAC provides a host of services to local governments located in Harris and surrounding counties, including the City of Meadows Place.

Terry's service with TML and H-GAC have provided, and will continue to provide, state-wide recognition for our City. Please join me in congratulating Terry for a job well done as TML President.

Street Light Repair 713-207-2222 or www.centerpoint.com

ALARM PERMITS

All alarm permits expire December 31st. Alarm permits are renewable for \$5.00. Any permit that is not renewed by December 31st, 2004 will be deemed cancelled.

Cancelled permits shall not be renewable and must be reapplied for at the initial fee of \$15.00. Alarm permits are required by City Ordinance. Failure to comply may result in the issuance of a citation by Meadows Place Police Department. When renewing your permit by mail, your cancelled check will be your receipt.

CITY CALENDAR

November 22, 2004 City Council Meeting

7:30 p.m.

November 25 & 26, 2004 Closed for Thanksgiving holiday

CITY OF MEADOWS PLACE

DID YOU KNOW.....

Did You Know that they are well on the way toward the construction of the CVS pharmacy on W. Bellfort & Dairy Ashford? Hope to open early 2005. We wish them well and hope they do well at the new Meadows Place location.

Did You Know... C&H Steakhouse is now open for lunch. They say they are experiencing a good and steady growth that bodes well for their luncheon offering.

Oh, *Did You Know* ... That there are Meadows Place Newsletter fans out there? Jeanette Faris e-mailed us saying "Did You Know" that the Meadows Place Newsletter is the best I've ever seen." She went on to say "it is informative and contains all the information you need to know about the city." What she liked best was - the format – "it is attractive and easy to read". I agree! I would love to take the credit but that goes to Debbie Wood who, as one of her MANY duties, does most of the work on our Newsletter. She takes all the raw data, articles, etc. and puts them all together. She even gets it to the printer. Thank You Jeanette for the nice comment and Thank You Debbie for all your hard work to make our Meadows Place News Letter one that we can be proud of.

Did You Know ... That – at the time this was written – the Dulles Lady Viking Volleyball team is ranked # 1 the 'Greater Houston Area' and 6th in State!!! The Lady Vikes are lead by Junior setter Sarah Curtie (a Chronicle Top Setter pick) and Junior blocker Ashley Emmanuel – both live here in Meadows Place! Congratulations and good luck in the post season!

A little Scouting News – Boy Scout Troop 301 has a new Eagle Scout. He is David Van Deursen. David earned over 20 merit badges and rebuilt the deck for the rectory at St. Thomas Aquinas while on his way toward Eagle Scout. Congratulations David.

Oh, Myra McMillan thought Meadows Place should recognize all the Girl Scout Leaders, Pack and Den Leaders, Coaches, Garden Club members, Parents and everyone else who does volunteer work here in Meadows Place. I think so too, so until we come up with some type of more formal format this will have to do ——— Attention all Volunteers, for all the work you have done to make our wonderful city an even nicer place to live, we want to say.... Your efforts are appreciated!!

Did You Know ... that Meadows Place had a great Halloween this year? Lots of little folks teamed up with friends and neighbors to go to Trick or Treating and take in the Carnival and Haunted House (more volunteers). Monya Keenen, one of our MP Parks Department Directors, was up at the Community Center and said she got <u>lots</u> of comments and complements on McDonald Park from folks who walked by or through and saw all the improvements for the first time at night. They loved it. Oh, check out the City web site to see some really cute –er, scary – Halloween pictures.

In case you didn't know, you can send YOUR news, ideas or comments about our neighborhood to alderman1@cityofmeadowsplace.org but if you want to place an ad – take it to Debbie at City Hall.

CLASSIFIED & ADVERTISING

Anyone wishing to place an ad in the newsletter can contact City Hall for information. All ads are due by the last working day of each month. We wish to thank the advertisers who have helped to make this newsletter possible. The appearance of paid advertising is not an endorsement by the City. However, if you choose to use these advertisers, please let them know that you saw their ad in our newsletter.

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Party Rentals: Margarita and frozen drink machines. Beverage mixes with multiple flavors available. Daily rental: \$75.00 per machine. Al Scheaffer,Resident 281-495-4856.

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The Naked Window Terry Garrett 281-240-9586

HOME AND GARDEN CLUB



All plans are finalized for the Club's 29th Annual Craft Show on Saturday, November 13th from 9 am to 5 pm. As a reminder, the show will be at its new location this year - St. Thomas Aguinas Catholic Church on W. Bellfort between Dairy Ashford and Eldridge Roads. Members have signed up to bring their home baked "goodies" for the sale and in addition, the Boy Scouts will have their annual BBQ in the church's parking lot. All booth space has been rented, with a waiting list if anything comes available. We are all looking forward to a great show this year and hope to see many of our friends and neighbors there.

The weekend of December 11th and 12th was chosen for judging holiday lighting displays by the Yard of The Month committee. There will be one award given for each of the six sections in Meadows Place. Displays will be judged on theme as well as over-all use of lights. Our beautiful lighting display each year is a great way to show off the Christmas spirit in our city and is always a much looked forward to event by both residents and our neighbors.

GARAGE SALE DATES

Garage sales are limited to the last weekend of odd numbered months (January, March, May, etc.) Weekends are defined as Friday and Saturday. Residents may have up to 2 garage sales per year on the designated weekends. A garage sale permit is required. Please refer to the dates shown below for garage sale dates.

November 26 & 27, 2004 January 28 & 29, 2005 March 25 & 26, 2005 May 27 & 28, 2005 July 29 & 30, 2005 September 23 & 24, 2005 November 25 & 26, 2005

CITY ORDINANCE/ CODE ENFORCEMENT

In the City of Meadows Place as a continued effort to improve our community appearance Code Enforcement will begin a program to remove vehicles that are considered "junked" according to City ordinance. A junked vehicle means a vehicle that is self-propelled and:

- (1) Does not have lawfully attached to it both an unexpired license plate, including annual registration certificate, and a valid motor vehicle inspection certificate issued by the proper authority under the laws of the State of Texas; or
- (2) Is wrecked, dismantled or partially dismantled or discarded; or has remained inoperable and not moved from the property upon which it has been parked for more than thirty (30) consecutive days. Movement shall not be deemed to have occurred unless said vehicle is operated upon a public street of the City of Meadows Place for a distance of at least five (5) miles, displaying a valid license numbered plate, registration certificate and a valid Texas inspection sticker.

Our Code Enforcement Officer will be going door to door where "junked or inoperable" vehicles have been identified giving information on organizations that take donations of vehicles for a tax write off if you are no longer interested in keeping the vehicle. If you have any questions please contact (281) 983-2950 for assistance. Thank you for caring about your community and your continued support.

PARKS AND RECREATION BULLETIN

CHRISTMAS MEMORIES FOOD DRIVE

We would like everyone attending Christmas Memories to share the Christmas Spirit by bringing canned goods or non-perishable food to be donated to the Human Needs Ministry in Stafford. There will be drop off boxes located at the community park during the event. Remind your friends and neighbors to bring their donations between 6:00-9:00 p.m. If you miss the event on Friday evening you may drop off your items at City Hall on Monday, December 13th. Suggested items are: crackers, dry milk, canned beans, flour, sugar, corn meal, tuna, tomato sauce, canned meat, pasta, rice, dried beans, soup, toilet paper, soap and detergent. Thank you for your help.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR CHRISTMAS MEMORIES 2004

Christmas Memories has become a traditional event held in the City of Meadows Place. It has grown throughout the years to an event that is challenging and requires many volunteers in order to make the night a success. The following areas are in need of volunteers:

Santa's helpers
Hayrides, ride monitor
Carriage rides, assist people into carriages
Snowball target throw competition
Snow play area – monitor kids
T-shirt sales

Be sure to come and enjoy the fun filled evening of Christmas Spirit and Holiday fun. This evening is sure to get you in the Holiday Spirit and provides a great time with neighbors and friends. There is something for everyone. Contact Terry or Monya in the Parks Department if you are interested in volunteering a little bit of your time to help make Christmas Memories the best ever for 2004. 24 hour a day voice mail at 281-983-2935.

BIG CITY LIGHTS

Along with Christmas time carriage rides and hayrides, Big City Lights has become a great tradition in our city and Christmas Memories has traditionally kicked off the viewing of residential lights, decorations and displays. Each year we ask residents to promote this community project by lighting up their yards. Outlining your yard with lights has been a "basic procedure" encouraged since Big City Lights was first introduced, but we encourage everyone to be creative and unique in lighting their yards and homes. We hope everyone will choose to participate and use this opportunity to promote spirit within our city. Good Luck on your project! Remember to remove lights after the holidays.

HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL 2004

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Always held on Halloween Night, the City of Meadows Place offers the greatest spooktacular night of the year for all the ghost and goblins hanging around. Sunday, October 31st, 2004 was a great evening of fun, games, and goodies for the hundreds who ventured out in fabulous attire and disguise. Scary and exciting was the haunted house manned by the frightening and spooky members of Troop 301. Something new this year was the haunted house open for two nights, Saturday and Sunday. Troop 301 along with the Parks Department offered a car bash for all who desired to take a swing releasing frustrations at the popular car bash, held at Meadows Place Community Center. Also at the Community Center was Mayor Mark McGrath along with the Parks Directors handing out glow in the dark necklaces and candy filled pumpkins to the first 600 who attended. Back by popular demand was a DJ playing monster mash popular tunes for the many neighbors who came out to enjoy the night's festivities. Members of Meadows Place Swim Team, some in costume as well, were out to offer delicious, warm food and cool drinks for everyone.

Pack 301 crowded the park on Brighton with the traditional and very popular carnival. The carnival has been a favorite in the City of Meadows Place for an estimated 30 years. Residents, guests and all the hard working volunteers had a great Halloween evening. We appreciate everyone who came out in costume to decorate the festive evening and all those who worked so hard to make it all possible. Plenty of goodies, fun, music and fellowship are always enjoyed in Meadows Place on Halloween night. *Do not miss out on Halloween 2005 — always held on Halloween night*, 6-9 pm.



VEHICLE STICKERS

Meadows Place vehicle stickers are available at City Hall for your vehicles at the cost of \$1.00 each. While the stickers are optional, they do identify your vehicle as belonging in Meadows Place and are an aid to the Police Department. Be sure to bring your vehicle identification number and license plate number when applying for a sticker.



CHRISTMAS MEMORIES 2004

An annual event presented by the Parks and Recreation Department Friday, December 10th, 6:00 – 9:00 P.M.

This Spectacular Event will entertain you with night time hayrides, Meadows Elementary Choir, a DJ, and more. There will be Snow, Snow and more Snow! A special visit from Santa will be at 7:00 p.m. Food and drinks will be available at a nominal cost. See the schedule of events inside this newsletter. Tee-Shirts will be on sale during the event for \$5.00.



MEADOWS COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

MCIA MISSION STATEMENT

The purpose of the Meadows Place Community Improvement Association ("MCIA") is to serve the City of Meadows Place ("City") by enforcing the Deed Restrictions and convening as the Architectural Committee for promoting the overall appearance and value of the City. This accomplished by the MCIA working to ensure:

Aesthetic appearance

Enhancement of property for appreciating investment

Ensuring a place people desire to live

Cohesiveness of community and citizens through pride of property and neighborhood

PAINT APPROVAL FORMS

MCIA Board member must approve <u>all</u> exterior painting.

Brick on homes may not be painted

Exterior portions of fences may not be stained or painted

Approval forms are always necessary, even if repainting the existing color.

Painting prior to approval may result in your having to repaint

MCIA BOARD MEETINGS

first Thursday of each month. beginning at 7:30 pm at City Hall

visit our website http://www,cityofmeadowsplace.org/mcia.html

Members:

Mike Schofield 281-575-7471 Cathy Jacobson 281-933-8333 Steve Court 281-498-4334 Diann Hamilton 281-495-4038 Sherry Carlson 281-879-1359

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A Healthy Home is a Happy Home

If you or a family member is one of the 50+ million people who experience some form of allergic symptoms, you understand the importance of controlling your home's environment. Here are some common substances that tend to trigger allergic reactions and ways to reduce

effects. Your home's air is easy to control, especially when air filters and air conditioning are used. When selecting a filter, ask for test data from the manufacturers to determine the quantity and the size of the dust particles captured. It is important to maintain your filters regularly.

The presence of dust and dust-mites are also contributors. They thrive in warm and humid air and are commonly found in bedrooms. Cut down the exposure to these allergens by washing bed linen, window coverings and throw rugs in water that is at least 130° F. Utilize allergenimpermeable coverings on pillows and mattresses, placing tape over the length of the zipper. Eliminate stuffed animals that cannot be washed and everything under the beds. Dust with a damp mop or cloth and remove bedroom and bathroom carpeting.

Combat indoor mold by keeping your home's humidity at about 35%. When humidity is high, indoor mold can present a problem. Also, make sure your bathrooms, kitchens and basements are well-ventilated and are cleaned often. Repair plumbing leaks. The information contained in this article is not a substitute for medical advice or treatment. Please consult your doctor or healthcare professional.

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Happy Thanksgiving

Cranberry Salad

INGREDIENTS:

- 2 (3 ounce) packages cherry flavored gelatin mix
- 1 (16 ounce) can whole cranberry sauce
- 1 (20 ounce) can crushed pineapple with juice
- 1 (8 ounce) package cream cheese
- I cup chopped pecans
- 1 tablespoon mayonnaise

DIRECTIONS:

Drain crushed pineapple and save 1/4 cup of the juice. Dissolve gelatin in 2 cups of hot water. Stir in cranberries and crushed pineapple. Pour 1/2 of the mixture in a bowl and leave at room temperature, set the other 1/2 in the refrigerator until firm.

In a separate bowl mix together the cream cheese, mayonnaise, reserved pineapple juice and chopped pecans. Spread mixture over chilled gelatin. Place in refrigerator for 10 minutes. Pour the room temperature gelatin over the top of the cream cheese layer and refrigerate until set.

2004 Nutcracker Market

Over 500 merchants will participate in this annual holiday event. Presented by the Houston Ballet Foundation. www.nutcrackermarket.com

Nov. 11 & 12, 10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. Nov. 13 & 14, 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Price: \$10 Reliant Center One Reliant Park Houston, TX 77054

Houston Ballet Guild's Nutcracker Market has become an annual tradition to kick off the holiday season in Houston, Texas. Since its inception, it has contributed over \$12 million to Houston Ballet Foundation, supporting scholarship funds to nurture and develop young, promising dancers who have and will become the backbone of Houston Ballet.



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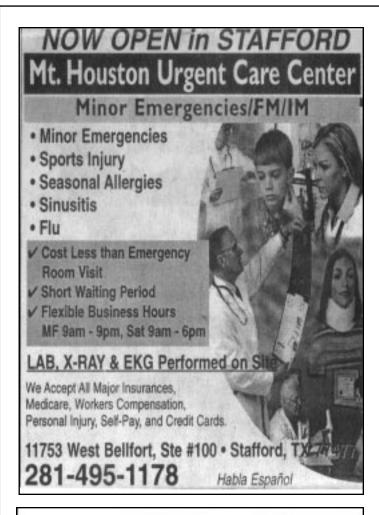
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COMMUNITY CENTER RENTAL

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