



Mayor Mark McGrath

COMMENTS FROM THE MAYOR

By *Mark McGrath*

PUBLIC HEARINGS

At 7:00 PM on December 21, 2004, City Council and the Planning and Zoning Commission will conduct a joint public hearing regarding two zoning issues.

The first relates to regulation of window air conditioning units. Representatives of the MCIA board have questioned the aesthetics of these units. The deed restrictions do not specifically address them. However, legal counsel has advised me the City may regulate them, if Council so chooses, by amending the zoning ordinance. The second issue relates to electronic "LED" signs in commercial areas, such as the one in front of Walgreens. With all the commercial construction expected to take place, I felt it would be a good idea for P & Z to review the existing ordinance and recommend any changes. P & Z has recommended no additional "LED" signs be constructed in the City. The City and P & Z must hold a public hearing on this matter prior to proposing any specific changes.

Finally, a public hearing will be held at the same date and time regarding our upcoming grant application to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. Representatives from our Parks Department will describe the projects in the grant application and answer any questions. You are invited to attend the public hearings and speak to any or all of these issues. The public hearings will be followed by the regular City Council meeting.

CITY COUNCIL CHANGES

At its November 22, 2004 meeting, Council voted to accept the resignation of Alderman Position 5 member Leen Zellers. At the same meeting, Council voted to appoint Rick Staigle to complete her term which expires next May. Leen had been on Council for almost four years. Prior to that, she served as Chairman of the City's Planning and Zoning Commission for ten years. Her experience on P & Z, as well as her business background as a realtor and her family interests made her an excellent Council member. She will be missed. Rick also comes to Council from P & Z where he has served the past few years. He is a professional traffic engineer with lots of experience working with municipalities in addition to our City. We look forward to Rick's expertise on Council.

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.

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.

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

CITY CALENDAR

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| December 21, 2004 | Public Hearing - 7:00 p.m. |
| | City Council Meeting - 7:30 p.m. |
| December 24, 27 & 31, 2004 | Closed for Holidays |

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DID YOU KNOW.....

Did You Know ... that there is more improvement by the Parks Department on the way. In case you have not noticed, we will soon have some more fencing along Dorrance by the school. There will be additional lighting for the park area near the soon to be built pavilion and an entrance at the sidewalk leading to the school. It will really enhance that area and most importantly, increase the safety of the little ones playing there. Councilman Joe McCann played a big role in the design of the area saving us all a lot of money. Thanks Joe.

Did You Know ... Sterling McCall Nissan provides our DARE program with an SUV? For FREE!!! According to Chief Pickett the PD also uses it for other community service and as well as special projects. Talk about a great corporate neighbor. Marvin Marcell, VP with Sterling McCall Automotive Group, says they are thrilled to do it and consider it an opportunity "to give a little back" to the City. Thank You Sterling McCall J

Speaking of the Meadows Place Police Department, **Did You Know ...** That Robert Soto has been selected as the MP Police Officer of the Year? Let's all give a great big Meadows Place Thanks and our heartiest Congratulations to Officer Soto!! Besides doing his job well on a day-to-day basis, Officer Soto was involved in some work that resulted in some real bad guys being put away and making our City an even safer place to live. Thanks again – to Officer Soto, Chief Pickett and all the fine men and women of Meadows Place Police Department.

Did You Know ... That – as long as we are on awards – Theresa Bathe, a member of the Meadows Place Planning & Zoning Commission, was selected as "Teacher of the Year" for Meadows Elementary? Congratulations Theresa! Another P&Z member, Marti Pattinson was recently honored as Women's Council of Realtors Member of the Year for the Texas Chapter. Congratulations Marti! Showing how strong our P&Z is, the newest Meadows Place Alderman is Rick Staigle and he too was a member of P&Z. Whew! What a talented bunch. Aren't we lucky to have them...

A little Scouting News – both the boys and girls have people to be proud of. First the girls. **Did You Know ...** Brittany Bathe, Courtney Kitchen and Megan Minton from Girl Scout Troop 578 were awarded their Silver Awards? They each put in over 30 hours preparing for, and then leading, workshops for the Brownies. Congratulations girls! That is fantastic. As for the boys, Boy Scout Troop 301 has another new Eagle Scout. He is John Sealy, John has 36 Merit Badges and was the scout responsible for the new pocket park pavilion on Meadow Valley. Just proves once again that Meadows Place is a great place to learn leadership and commitment to community.

Did You Know ... that Meadows Place has adults that exhibit that same sense of commitment? This month the City is recognizing some of them for their service. Jerry Browlee is receiving his 5 yr. pin; Capt. Gary Stewart is receiving his 10 yr. pin and both Debbie Wood and Elaine Herrf are receiving their 20 yr. pins. That's right 20 years with the City of Meadows Place. Let's Thank them all for their service and dedication to you and I and the City of Meadows Place.

Oh, one more award you should know about- this year the City of Meadows Place selected Debbie Wood as (non Police) Employee of the Year!!! This was a selection that I am glad I didn't have to make because I think everyone we have is worthy. That is what makes this city so special. We give a special Thank You and congratulations to Debbie for all her hard work and effort on our behalf to make our wonderful city a great place to live.

Be sure and check out the website!!! www.ctyofmeadowspplace.org .

HOME AND GARDEN CLUB

Thanks to all our neighbors and friends whose turnout made the recent Garden Club's Fall Craft Show a big success. Boy Scout Troop 301 gets a special thanks for assisting in clean up after the show, especially after working all night on their delicious BBQ. Also, another special thanks to Boy Scout Troop 1115 for giving up their weekend to deliver announcement fliers to all the homes in Meadows Place. Great job boys!

Garden Club members put up a Christmas tree and decorated the Community Center the weekend after Thanksgiving. December 10th will be the annual bunco and Christmas celebration with husbands and guests at the Center. The regular Christmas Party and gift exchange for members will be on December 14th. "Holiday Lights" were judged December 11th and 12th and winners will be announced in the January newsletter.

- December gardening tip – mulch beds and plant Amaryllis
- January gardening tip – leave any cold-damaged foliage on evergreen shrubs until spring

At the January 11th meeting, Phyllis Ducote from Scrapbook Village will help members make a Memory Book. The meeting will be at 7:30 p.m. at the Community Center and guests are welcome to attend. Come join us for what sounds like an enjoyable evening.

From all of us to all of you –

Happy Holidays and a very Happy 2005



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Mikayla Pickett stands in front of Santa's mailbox, now in place at City Hall. Letters to Santa can be mailed in his special mailbox without any postage! Santa's helpers pick up his mail everyday and make sure it gets to the North Pole before Christmas Eve.

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MCIA BOARD MEETINGS

- First Thursday of each month.
- Beginning at 7:30 pm at City Hall

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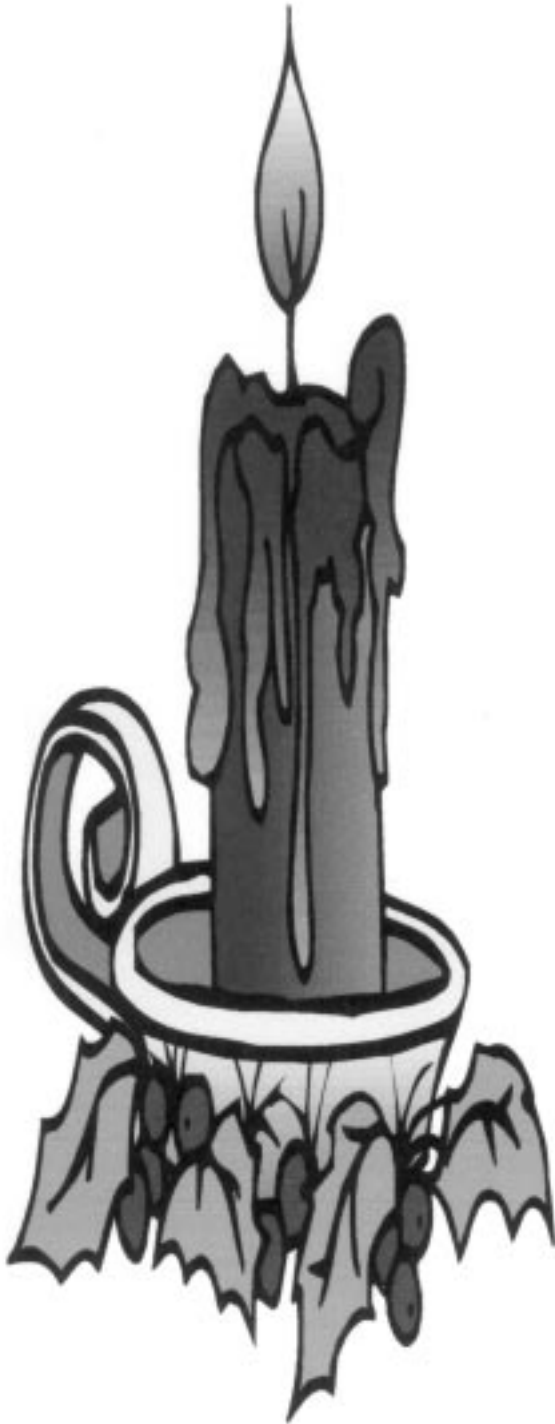
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