



Mayor Mark McGrath

STATE OF THE CITY

By *Mark McGrath*

STREET REPAIRS

On January 25, City Council awarded the sale of \$1,295,000 in bonds. The proceeds from the bond sale will be used to repair internal streets.

As part of the bond sale process, the 2 major bond rating agencies, Standard & Poor's and Moody's, upgraded the City's bond ratings. In addition, the City qualified for municipal bond insurance making this bond issue "AAA" for investors.

The reason for the rating upgrade and the insurance is the strong financial position of the City. The rating agencies commended Council for achieving this status, particularly after considering the loss of sales tax revenue suffered by the City from the departure of Sam's and Garden Ridge several years ago.

It is anticipated the construction contract to repair our streets will be awarded at the February Council meeting. Construction should commence in early April. If you are interested in which areas will be repaired, there is map in the lobby at City Hall. We are also attempting to place a copy of the map on the City's website.

PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

If you are an avid walker/jogger here in Meadows Place, surely you have noticed the new trail in the park that is now completed and open to the public. Our Parks and Recreation Department is proud to show off the city's new crushed granite trail. Prior to laying the granite, extensive drainage repair was completed in the area of the trail. Underlying soils were analyzed. The clay and organic soil found in our area required special preparation and placement of a geotextile. Geotextile is a fabric that helps prevent granite from mixing with soft soils below and helps to control damage. To help prevent deterioration, dips or grade breaks are designed into the trail. With this proper subgrade and drainage in place, the trail will remain stable for many, many years in all weather conditions. Although this surface appears as loose particles, through natural weathering, the surface will harden. This surface is great technology that will withstand the climate and soil problems we incur in our city. This surface is also a very desirable jogging/walking surface. The natural look of the new trail enhances the look of the park which is located in the heart of the city. The design of the trail does not include a border on either side. Soil sample results and drainage repairs show the border is not a necessity in our area. Trail maintenance is easier without the border. Certain types of borders constitute a safety issue due to tripping hazards. Another project in this area is the newly repainted field house. The white paint has been replaced with a natural brick color that carries out the color theme from the elementary school and the Community Center.

Our Parks Department is taking on many new and exciting projects. Three "Small Community Grants" have been applied for within the last three years. The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department has been very supportive and complementary of our grant applications. Our first two grant proposals in 2003 and 2004 to TPWD were accepted and awarded to the City. These grants partially funded the new trail and the baseball lights in the same area. Each grant has been a \$100,000 matching funds project with TPWD providing one-half of the funds. The third grant (also a matching funds grant) which was submitted in January, 2005, is a joint project between the City and FBISD. This third grant is scheduled to be awarded in August 2005. Matching funds for this grant will come from FBISD's "Extended Day Program." This FBISD program funded the newly constructed addition to Meadows Elementary School. This is the new home of the Extended Day Program which was previously housed in the temporary buildings on the south side of the elementary school.

City Parks Directors Terry Modeland and Monya Keenen are excited about continuing to build a partnership with FBISD and working with the District on future projects.

Information from the last two TDPW grants is on the back page of this Newsletter.

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

CITY CALENDAR

February 22, 2005

City Council Meeting - 7:30 p.m

CITY OF MEADOWS PLACE

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DID YOU KNOW??????

DID YOU KNOW that City Council had a marathon session last month? Well it did. There were a lot of important issues before Mayor and Council. They included recommendations by our Planning and Zoning Commission that were accepted, a presentation on proposed street repairs, departmental reports and an ordinance allowing us to sell bonds for street repair. This of course is a part of the plan to maintain the infrastructure of Meadows Place and help keep the City from falling into disrepair. These repairs are designed to fix and repair many of our neighborhood streets, eliminate any big "birdbath" areas and help improve drainage. This will not only improve the appearance and safety of our streets, it will help maintain and improve our property values. If you want to know what the Mayor and Council do at you are invited to attend the meetings. Please do.

DID YOU KNOW that Nancy Adams wrote in and reminded me that Beverly McMinn, one of our great City administrative staff, now holds the title of Judge. Though she will not be active on the bench, Beverly will be available to the City for many things where a Judge is needed. Congratulations Beverly. And Thanks.

DID YOU KNOW our Police Department had over 525 'housewatch' requests over the holidays and performed over a thousand home checks? This is just one reason our (already low) crime rate statistics were even lower. They do a good job looking out for us, don't they? So next time you see one of our PD on patrol give them a big smile and wave!

When's last time you checked out our website? Well that's just toooooo long. You need to look it over. Your neighbors are. The site took over 8,000 hits last month. Our City website is really something to be proud of. It is attractive, easy to get around in, has lots of information, a calendar of events and meetings and even has links to other organizations within the city. It often has great pictures of your friends and neighbors having fun at local events. Check it out at: www.cityofmeadowsplace.org

DID YOU KNOW Three Meadows Place boys, James Jessup, Brian Schroeder and Eric Jones all made Regionals in all their individual events as well as for two relays while swimming for Dulles HS? Folks that's hard to do. Camanh Luu made it on the girls team and the Dulles JV boys smoked the competition at Districts. They can't wait for the Summer League to start where they should all have a ball swimming for the Meadows Marlins. The kids really enjoy it and it should be fun to watch too. Speaking of Meadows Place kids doing well and having fun....

DID YOU KNOW Nathan Sowell – a sophomore at Dulles – not only received an award for Academic Excellence but is starring in the DHS play Boys Next Door! Other MP actors include Emmie Rothenbach who landed the prize role of Dorothy in the Ft. Bend Community Theatre production of The Wizard of Oz later this month. Mark Jessup plays the evil Monkey General in that play and will make his flying debut as he whizzes across stage on a wire. Congratulations to all our Meadows Place thespians.

On a more serious note, Judy Doherty wrote Did You Know with a little reminder to those of us who proudly display the American flag in our yard. She says we should all make sure we are displaying in properly (yes, there are proper ways to display the flag) and that we need to keep an eye on them and retire them when they begin to get worn. When I mentioned this as a possible Did You Know there was a very strong response so lots of folks have noticed – so thanks Judy for writing and bringing it to our attention. If you need to retire a flag, you can contact MP Scout Troop 301 or 1115. Brian Turner of Troop 301 says they will have a flag ceremony and give it a proper retirement.

DID YOU KNOW That Did You Know depends on you, not everything gets put in, but most of it does. Several of the items covered today were sent in by your friends and neighbors here in Meadows Place. Some folks drop their info off at City Hall, some come by the house but most use the website to find and use the link on the website.

Send **your** Did You Know ideas to alderman1@cityofmeadowsplace.org .

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.



MEADOWS COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

PAINT APPROVAL FORMS

- *MCIA Board member must approve ALL 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.
- *Meetings begin at 7:30 pm at City Hall
- *Visit our website
<http://www.cityofmeadowsplace.org/mcia.html>

Members:	
Mike Schofield 281-575-7471	Diann Hamilton 281-495-4038
Cathy Jacobson 281-933-8333	Sherry Carlson 281-879-1359
Steve Court 281-498-4334	Terry Papetti 281-983-0844
Bob Clarkston 281-879-5332	

HOME AND GARDEN CLUB

In place of the regular business meeting for February, Garden Club members enjoyed their annual International Dinner at the Panda Garden Restaurant on Eldridge Road in Sugar Land.

A guest speaker from the Houston Orchid Society will be the highlight of the Club's next meeting on March 8th at the Community Center. Anyone interested in the program, which should be very informative as well as interesting, is welcome to attend the meeting beginning at 7:30 pm.

Gardening tips for February and March:

Prune twiggy growths and shape crepe myrtles. Prune all seed pods to insure better blooming. Prune roses no shorter than 18 inches. DO NOT PRUNE CLIMBING ROSES. Beginning in March, fertilize roses once every month until the end of September. To all the newcomers to our semi-tropical climate, a reminder to leave any cold-damaged foliage on evergreen shrubs until Spring and the possibility of a late frost has passed. But, Spring comes early in South Texas. Happy Gardening!



From the Parks Department.....

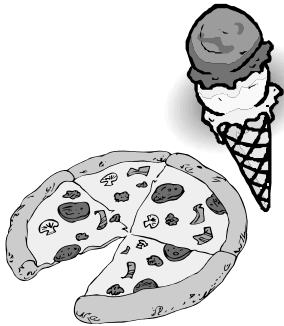


THEME PARTIES

Meadows Place Pool

*"Party Add Ons"
Clowns, Moonwalk,
Balloons, Ice
Cream, Custom
Themes*

- Celebrate at the pool
- Birthday parties •
 - End of the year parties •
 - Team parties •
 - Youth graduation parties •
 - Celebration Parties •



Parties can be scheduled:
 Tues - Saturday, 11am - 6pm
 Sundays, 1 - 6pm
 2 hour limit in all parties
 (based on availability)

*Check out the
details and themes
offered in the
March Newsletter!*

All parties are scheduled and staffed through the Parks Department. Reservations will begin with the arrival of your 2005 April Newsletter

Check out the coolest 2005 birthday plans
281-983-2935 MPPARD



SUMMER LIFEGUARDS

Lifeguard applications are being accepted at City Hall until April 1st. All applicants must be 16 years of age by the 1st training date:

Thursday, April 28th, 6-9 pm

Saturday, April 30th, 9-6 pm

Sunday, May 1st, 9-6 pm

COMMUNITY CENTER RENTAL

Building capacity 165

Tables and chairs to accommodate your party

Food and no alcohol\$150.00
 Food and alcohol.....\$250.00
 Non-residents add.....\$50.00

COMMUNITY POOL RENTAL

Maximum time allowed is 3 hrs.\$300.00
Available for rental May 21- September 4, 2005

COMMUNITY CENTER/POOL COMBO
Rent both and receive a discount of \$50.00

CALL PARKS RECREATION TO SCHEDULE YOUR EVENT
281-983-2935
monya@cityofmeadowsplace.org
terry@cityofmeadowsplace.org

NEW FROM THE PARKS DEPARTMENT

SMALL GROUP PERSONAL TRAINING

Do You Want to Get In Shape, but Need Some
Motivation?

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Now you can get fit with the help from an experienced & certified female Personal Trainer, while you save money and have fun too!! Members of the group will work with free weights, resistance bands, stability balls and mat work, using a variety of training methods to keep you motivated!!

WHEN:

Class #1: Every Mon & Wed. 6:00am – 7:00am.

Total of 12 Sessions from Feb. 28th to April 13th

(No classes during FBISD Spring Break)

Class #2: Every Mon & Wed. 8:30am – 9:30am.

Total of 12 Sessions from Feb. 28th to April 13th

(No classes during FBISD Spring Break)

Class #3: Every Tues & Thurs – 4:30pm – 5:30pm.

Total of 12 Sessions from Mar. 1st to April 14th

(No classes during FBISD Spring Break)

WHERE:

Meadows Place Community Center

COST:

Only \$249 for 12 sessions. That's almost 75% less than hiring an individual trainer at one of the local area gyms (and you won't have to pay those gym membership fees either!!)

Sign up today!! Space is limited to ONLY 6 participants per class in order to give all students adequate personal attention and to effectively train members on proper exercise form and technique.

Sign up at the Parks Department in City Hall

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.

March 25 & 26, 2005

September 23 & 24, 2005

May 27 & 28, 2005

November 25 & 26, 2005

July 29 & 30, 2005

ATTENTION: PET OWNERS

Please be considerate to others and always pick up after your pet. Reminder: All pets outside of a contained area must be on a leash. Keep your pet's shots up to date and get your pet ID tags from City Hall.

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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2005

9AM — 3PM

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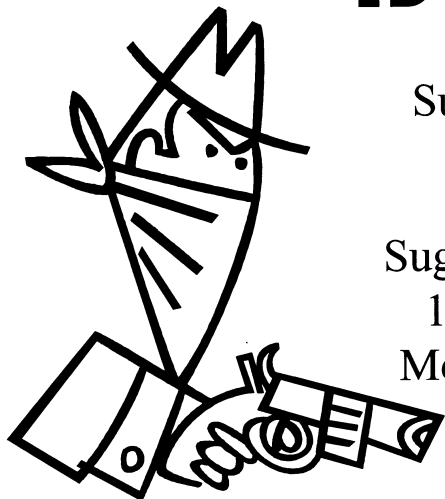
IDENTITY THEFT

Sunday, February 20, 2005

4:00 P.M.

Sugar Grove Church of Christ
11600 West Airport Blvd.
Meadows Place TX 77477

281-530-9651



Please join us and Bank One specialists as they discuss this important modern-day topic and answer any questions you may have!

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. The appearance of paid advertising is not an endorsement by the City.

Registered Home Day Care. Openings for infants, toddlers and after schoolers, 7:30-5:30 Mon-Fri. 281-568-8526.

Male caregiver who wants to take care of your elderly love ones in your home. 281-494-0586.

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MeadowsPlaceHomes.com

There is a choice when selecting an agent to market your home. Here is what Lynn & John Bigby had to say...

"We selected Marti Pattinson, because she lives in the neighborhood, and is very interested in the values of the homes in the City of Meadows Place. She currently is serving by appointment of the Mayor on the Planning & Zoning Commission—she definitely has her pulse on what is happening in the city and she wants the best value for your home. She is truly a top notch real estate professional."

Meadows Place 2004 Statistics

The following information is based on the Houston Association of REALTORS® statistics and is believed accurate but not guaranteed.

MONTH	# UNITS	AVG DAYS ON MKT	AVG PRICE/ SQ. FT.	AVG SALES PRICE	LP/SP
JAN	3	114	\$66.05	\$124,700.00	97%
FEB	5	59	\$59.31	\$124,380.00	97%
MARCH	3	10	\$60.15	\$123,250.00	102%
APRIL	6	78	\$57.86	\$122,600.00	94%
MAY	6	37	\$64.44	\$136,733.00	98%
JUNE	7	43	\$69.46	\$126,425.00	99%
JULY	5	55	\$61.90	\$126,160.00	93%
AUGUST	8	66	\$63.59	\$136,075.00	97%
SEPT	3	62	\$64.82	\$130,881.00	100%
OCT	5	56	\$61.82	\$124,380.00	94%
NOV	5	70	\$68.04	\$158,200.00	96%
DEC	6	74	\$67.45	\$146,850.00	95%
AVG TOTALS	62	62	\$62.95	\$140,400.00	98%

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PLEASE register me by calling the **West Orem YMCA** at **713-358-2774** OR meet the staff **March 19, 11 am-1 pm** at the **Community Center**. *The cost is only \$120 per week for 7 am-6 pm care and includes weekly field trips.

What a great deal!

Love,
Your Precious Darling

*Registration fee \$25 per child, \$40 per family. Supply fee \$25 per child, \$40 per family. Registration excepted daily at the YMCA offices.

**MEADOWS PLACE - BSA TROOP 301
ANNUAL FERTILIZER & MULCH SALE**

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Sat. 2/26/05

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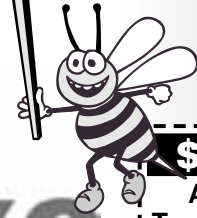
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YOUR PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT AT WORK

PARKS DEPARTMENT REPORT	
GRANT I	GRANT II
APPLICATION DEADLINE 1/31/03	APPLICATION DEADLINE 1/31/04
AWARDED, AUGUST 3, 2003 Completion deadline, September 2006	AWARDED AUGUST 4, 2004 Completion deadline, September 2007
Projects included in this grant: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Baseball field lights. • Baseball field backstop. • Jogging trail renovation. • Small pavilion at basketball slab. • Game tables, checkers, shuffle board court, hop scotch court. 	Projects included in this grant: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tennis court/fencing, lights. • McDonald Park (playground upgrade). • Playground safety/containment curbing upgrade. • Trail distance markers. • Heart-healthy walking/jogging education station at trailhead. • Interpretive signage. • BBQ grills. • Pool deck addition. • Spray toy at swimming pool. • Xeriscape garden.
TOTAL COST OF PROJECT: \$100,000 MATCH FROM TPW: \$50,000 CITY BOND FUNDS: \$44,000 Donation amount: \$6,000 • partnership/Meadows All Play Baseball	TOTAL COST OF PROJECT: \$100,000 MATCH FROM TPW: \$50,000 CITY BOND FUNDS: \$44,000 DONATIONS: \$6,000* *\$2,000 each from Claunch/Miller, ECO, & Ross Banks



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