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CITY HALL (9:00 a.m 4:00 p.m.) Mon-F	ri(281) 983-2950
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ANIMAL CONTROL	(281) 342-1512
PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT	(281) 983-2935

March 2005

#### WWW.CITYOFMEADOWSPLACE.ORG



See enclosed information for details on the April 22nd Fun Run/Walk. Street closings will take place 6:40-8:15 p.m. Please be aware that if you live along the route you may be directed away from the route during this short time. We appreciate your patience and support of the events held in Meadows Place.



#### POOL/TENNIS ACCESS CARDS

If your access card was up to date last year, it will be current again this year. If you need a card, they can be purchased at City Hall, Monday-Friday 9:00 am-4:00 pm. You must have a current card to use the City pool and tennis courts. You must be 21 years of age, a Meadows Place resident and have picture ID to purchase cards. (\$5) <u>Cards can be purchased Memorial Weekend ONLY at the City pool during regular pool hours.</u>

#### **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 May 27 & 28, 2005 July 29 & 30, 2005 September 23 & 24, 2005 November 25 & 26, 2005 Street Light Repair 713-207-2222 or www.centerpoint.com

#### **CITY CALENDAR**

March 22, 2005 March 25, 2005 City Council meeting 7:30 PM City Hall closed for Easter Holiday

#### CITY OF MEADOWS PLACE

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#### DID YOU KNOW???????

**Did You Know** ...... that even though Seniors Village, CVS and the Meadows Elementary projects are winding down, there is still a lot of construction going on in the City? You will be seeing activity at the pool as we add decking around it and put in a small parking area in the power line easement. The next phase of sidewalk renovations are starting as well so be careful out there.

**Did You Know** ......that City Council meetings have been busy lately with the Mayor and Council dealing with some issues that will have a long term affect on the City of Meadows Place. It can be entertaining as well as informative. Watch for the signs and join us. A lot of your neighbors do. Have fun too. Thanks to the Mayor, there is an agenda item that lets you come and have a few minutes to speak about non-agenda items. This is a great opportunity for you to let Council know what you think about things. Hope to see you there.

**Did You Know** ..... our Police Department is still getting calls about door to door solicitors – and are loving it!! According to the PD, the vast majority of solicitors do not have permits to be here and should be reported and run out of the City. Furthermore, there is the possibility that some of these 'solicitors' could be bad guys checking out the area. YOU can help keep our City even safer by asking to see a solicitor's permit from Meadows Place and reporting violators or any suspicious persons to the Police Department at 281-983-2900. Permits are issued for a limited time and show an expiration date.

Speaking of a safer City, **Did You Know** ......there is a Neighborhood Watch program beginning to form. This can be a very effective way to protect ourselves, look out for our neighbors and help the police keep our City as safe and serene as possible. If you are interested, call the PD or check the website for more information and meeting dates. The address is: www.cityofmeadowsplace.org

**Did You Know** ......Three Meadows Place boys, James Jessup, Brian Schroeder and Eric Jones went all the way to Texas State Swimming Championships in Austin last month? Ended up ranked 12th in State in the 200 relay. Not bad representation for our little City is it? These boys all plan to do a little more swimming this summer with the Meadows Marlins. The Marlins should have a wonderful year and they have a great program for our kids. If you are interested you can link up through the City website.

Oh, speaking of links, you can get linked up to Boy Scout Troop 301 too. They always have a lot going on and are the ones who have the Flag Retirement Program for those old tired flags.

**Did You Know** ......that our Parks Dept. is putting in a new and improved Softball field in the big park? Well they are. There is a lot of interest. Teams will be forming and lining up to use it so watch the Parks bulletins for more info or give them a call at City Hall. 281-983-2950.

Bits and pieces of Did You Know include -Meadows All Play Baseball league is off and running, there is discussion regarding a new Fire Station, the PD getting new bullet proof vests and property values going up.

**Did You Know** ......That Did You Know depends on you for input? Let us here from YOU either by e-mail at alderman1@cityofmeadowsplace.org or drop a note at City Hal. Thanks.



#### MEADOWS COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

Regrettably, the MCIA Board accepted the resignation of board member Cathy Jacobsen at their February meeting. Cathy served as a valued, hard-working, committed board member for many years. Thank you, Cathy, for serving Meadows Place and its citizens so diligently and tirelessly; you will be missed.

#### SPRING CLEAN-UP

**PAINT** – We have endured a wet, damp winter. In driving around, you have probably noticed many homes with green mildew on the wood or vinyl siding. Vinyl siding will need to be washed down with Clorox and water. Also, consider power washing the brick on your home.

**REMINDER** – A MCIA Board Member must approve <u>ALL</u> exterior painting. Copies of the paint color approval book, as well as approval forms, are available at City Hall. Consider purchasing a small amount of paint prior to submitting your approval request to be certain you are requesting a color you are happy with and a color that has been deemed acceptable. Please attach a swatch of the requested paint with your request and allow a week for your request to be processed. *PAINTING PRIOR TO APPROVAL MAY RESULT IN YOUR HAVING TO REPAINT*.

FENCES - Use the longer days and warmer weather to make needed repairs to your fence. Reminder-fences may not be painted!

#### Members:

Mike Schofield 281-575-7471 Steve Court 281-498-4334 Bob Clarkston 281-879-5332 Diann Hamilton 281-495-4038 Sherry Carlson 281-879-1359 Terry Papetti 281-983-0844 **TRASH** – Take a walk around your property. If you find loose wood, empty pots and cans, chairs, newspapers, etc., please gather and discard where appropriate or place behind your fence. Lawn furniture is not appropriate in your front yard. Remember that trashcans must be moved to the back of the house, out of sight, the same day your garbage is collected. Be a good neighbor by keeping your home and yard aesthetically pleasing for those that live around you and drive by.

WEBSITE - Visit our website <a href="http://www.cityofmeadowsplace.org/mcia.html">http://www.cityofmeadowsplace.org/mcia.html</a>

#### MCIA BOARD MEETINGS

The Board meets on the first Thursday of each month, 7:30 p.m. at City Hall. If you have a concern that needs to be brought to the attention of your MCIA Board and would like to be placed on the agenda, please contact one of the board members.

#### NEWS FROM YOUR PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

#### **TENNIS UPDATE**

Tennis court light replacement and fencing repairs are in the designing stages as a part of the grant received from Texas Parks and Wildlife.

#### **SPLASH NIGHT NEWS**

There will be something new on June 3, 2005 at the traditional citywide celebration opening the summer activities. Neighbors, come out and enjoy a fun evening of fellowship, games, swimming, music and great BBQ. This year for the first time Parks and Recreation will host a BBQ Brisket cook off. If you are interested in entering a team and joining in on the fun competitive festivities, contact the Parks Department for the details. There is no fee involved but entries will be limited.

#### RECREATION FOR SENIORS

Meadows Place Parks and Recreation has joined with the City of Sugar Land Parks and Recreation Department to offer field trips/classes and activities for senior citizens. All field trips/classes and activities will be offered at Sugar Land Community Center unless stated otherwise. Contact Meadows Place Parks and Recreation Department for any questions or how to sign up for an activity 281-983-2935. Below is a list of some of the activities offered for seniors:

- 1. Wednesday Bingo
- 2. Bridge, canasta, Shanghai, Mah Jong, Dominoes, Pool M-F, 8 am-5 pm
- 3. Yoga Mondays 9-10 am
- 4. Walking Club meets at First Colony Mall Food Court Tues/Fri 8:30 am
- 5. Line Dancing Monday. Beginners 9 am. Mon. & Thurs. Intermediate 10-11:30
- 6. **Arts and Crafts -** Thursdays 1-3 pm.
- 7. Table Tennis Wednesdays and Fridays 8 am.- noon
- 8. Friday Field Trips

Kemah, March 18th

Houston Museum of Natural Science, April 27th, 9 am.

- 9. Spring Fling 4-7 pm enjoy dancing and fellowship with your friends, meet new friends. Music provided by Johnny Dyson's Big Band. Light refreshments. Pre-sale tickets sold at the Parks and Recreation Office/Sugar Land. \$3.00/\$5 couple, Sugar Land resident; \$3.75/\$6.25 couple non resident. At the door: Residents: \$4.00/\$7.00. Non residents: \$5/\$8.75.
- Eggstravaganza Easter Egg Hunt for the grandchildren. Refreshments and pictures with the Bunny. Good Friday, March 25th.

#### **NEW CLASSES**

Group Exercise, Yoga, Pilates, Water Aerobics, Cardio-kickboxing. Call for information regarding these new offerings. Do you want to get in shape, but need some motivation? Would you like more personal attention than you get in an aerobics class? Would you like a personal trainer, but don't want to pay up to \$80 per hour? 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:** Mondays & Wednesdays.

Class #1: 6:00am-7:00am; Class #2 from 8:30am-9:30am; Class #3 from 4:30pm-5:30pm.

Total of 12 sessions from March 14-April 21.

**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 (minimum 4) in order to give all students adequate personal attention and to effectively train members on proper exercise form and technique.

Meadows All Play Baseball began the season on February 26th with Mayor Mark McGrath throwing out the first pitch.

L to R: Commissioner Richard O'Driscoll, Parks & Recreation Director Monya Keenen, Mayor Mark McGrath, Board Member Carrie DeSmith, Board Member John Jarret.



## Theme Parties

#### MINIMUM OF 8 PEOPLE FOR ALL THEME PARTIES

Tropical or Pirate
Theme Party Prices
(custom theme available on limited basis)

Per Person (includes party favors)

Per Person (includes party favors) \$6.00 per person

> Pizza Party Prices (per person prices) \$7.00 per person

choose from cheese, pepperoni, veggie, or three meat pizzas

General Party Prices
Per Person
(does not include party favors)
\*clown and sports themes
available on a limited basis.
\$5.00 per person

All Parties include balloons, cake (vanilla or chocolate), candles, fruit punch or lemonade, plates, cups, napkins, forks, pool admission, and selected food. Party decorations provided are the property of Meadows Place Parks and Recreation Department. Arm bands are issued based upon the initial number of people paid for, and are required for entry into the pool. Additional bands may be purchased the day of the event.

No refunds will be provided for unused tickets.

NOTE: For all types of parties please be sure to bring a list of your party guests. This will ensure that the aquatic staff knows who is with your party.

Parties can be scheduled during normal business hours of operation.

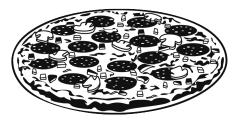
Tues.-Sat. 11:00 am-6:00 pm, Sunday, 1:00 pm-6:00 pm (pool closes at 8 pm)

All parties are limited to 2 hours. The guest are at liberty to swim for the rest of the day.

All clean up will be done by the aquatic staff.

If your party is cancelled due to bad weather, we offer these options:

- May reschedule your party for a different date
- You can pick up the party supplies and receive arm bands for open swim another day
  - You may receive a refund excluding the cost of cake and food



Party add-ons:

- Pinata \$25
- Moonwalk \$85
  - Clown \$75

(limited themes available for these)



The aquatic staff will set up and run the party including singing Happy Birthday to the guest of honor as well as serving the cake, drinks and pizza to the guests.

Contact the Parks Department to book your next party. 281-983-2935
Reservations will be taken upon the receipt of this newsletter.

Dates for bookings are available beginning:
May 21st weekends only. May 31st, Tuesday-Saturday (pool closed on Mondays)

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# 2005 MEADOWS MARLINS SWIM TEAM REGISTRATION

SATURDAY, MARCH 19<sup>th</sup> and SATURDAY, APRIL 2<sup>nd</sup> 12:00 noon - 3:00PM Meadows Place Community Center

> Registration fees: 1<sup>st</sup> swimmer: \$65 2<sup>nd</sup> swimmer: \$55 3<sup>rd</sup> swimmer: \$45 4<sup>th</sup> or more: \$30 t-shirt included

Swimmers ages 5-18, who COMPLETE registration on either of these dates receive our new Meadows Marlins swim bag for free

Meet our wonderful staff and ask questions:
Co-Head Coach Joey Gillespie
Co-Head Coach SueElla Mueller
Assistant Coach Genevieve Lipp
Assistant Coach Dustin Poe
Coach Bernadette Tan

New swimmers and 6 & under practice starts: April 25<sup>th</sup>
All swimmers' practice starts: May 2

2005 SUIT IS "BROKEN ICE" available at Finish Line Sports
Visit our website at: www.meadowsmarlins.com

#### CITY ORDINANCE/CODE ENFORCEMENT

City ordinance does not allow for grass and/or weeds to exceed nine (9) inches in height. Remember to edge the curb line and along driveways when maintaining your property. It gives a better appearance to the entire city.

#### **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.

#### HOME AND GARDEN CLUB

Garden Club will award a \$500 scholarship for the coming school year. Applicants must reside in Meadows Place to be eligible. Applications and information, including deadlines, will be available at City Hall in mid-March.

A very interesting program on the newest trends in Cosmetic Dermatology will be presented by Assistant Professor of Dermatology. Dr. Asri Ali at the Club meeting on Tuesday, April 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm at the Community Center. Please come and join us.

Election of officers will take place at this meeting.

Gardening tip for March – Fertilize roses once every month now until the end of September.

#### COMMUNITY CENTER RENTAL

Building capacity 165

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 \$150.00

 Food and alcohol
 \$250.00

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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

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Pet sitting. References available. Grant or Richard 291-933-3499.

To purchase Avon products contact Linda Littlejohn 281-498-9855 (<u>l.littlejohn@att.net</u>) Meadows Place resident.

Dining Room Set: Marble table with matching cocktail table. Eight (8) chairs. \$700.00, 281-495-6557.

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## From the Parks Department.....



# THEME PARTIES

"Party Add Ons"
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Meadows Place Pool

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)

details and 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 ACTIVITIES ARE IN THE PLANNING STAGES NEW IDEAS WELCOME

Lifeguard applications being accepted until April 1<sup>St</sup>.

All applicants must be 16 years of age by training dates in April.

Training: Thursday, April 28th, 6-9 p.m., Saturday, April 30th, 9-6 p.m., Sunday, May 1st, 9-6 p.m.

For more information call Monya Keenen Parks and Recreation Department at 281-983-2934 monya@cityofmeadowsplace.org

#### CHILDREN'S THEME POOL PARTIES AVAILABLE

See article in Newsletter

#### **SPLASH NIGHT**

Friday, June 3th 6-9 PM

#### JULY 4TH PARADE

Monday, July 4th 10:00 am

#### **GOLF TOURNAMENT**

Monday, September 26th

#### BAREFOOT N FRIDAYS

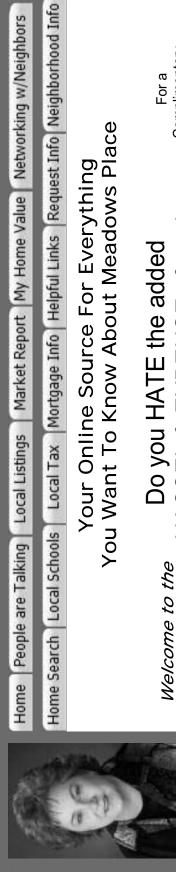
May 20, June 10, 24, July 8, 22, August 5 8:30 – 11:00 pm \$5.00







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Sugar Grove Church of Christ 11600 W. Airport Blvd. Meadows Place, Texas

> Sunday, March 27

# First Service

6:10 - 7:30 a.m.

# Dutch-Treat Breakfast at Golden Corral

7:30 - 9:00 a.m.

10% Discount coupon available at church.

# **Second Service**

9:30 – 10:45 a.m. King's Kids Worship available.

# Easter Egg Hunt

10:50 a.m. Birth – 4<sup>th</sup> grade



#### 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.



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