



COMMENTS FROM THE MAYOR
By *Mark McGrath*

State of the City

2005 was another busy year in the City of Meadows Place. In January, Council authorized the sale of \$1,295,000 in bonds. The proceeds from the bonds were used for street improvements here in the City. The focus was to fix as many “bird baths” as possible. At this writing, the street repair work is winding down and should be completed soon. Council also approved the re-zoning of the 4 acre tract on the northwest corner of Kirkwood and West Airport as a planned development. This action was taken after extensive discussion and deliberation by our Planning and Zoning Commission. Public input was critical to this process and I was pleased at the interest shown by the residents. As promised by the developer, construction of the improvements to this property will not begin until they have signed up at least 2 major tenants.

After much delay, in December ground was finally broken on the new Alzheimer’s and assisted living facility on West Airport. The initial phase of construction may take up to 18 months to complete. The former Garden Ridge site was sold last summer. The new owner has not approached the City regarding future plans. However, it appears this site is being marketed for retail use. Stay tuned for more details as they become available. This past summer, Council awarded the contract for construction of the Meadows Place Fire Station. The station will be located on Kirkwood next to the Community Center Annex. Please mark your calendars for Saturday, January 28. There will be an open house between 3:00 and 5:00 at the fire station. The public is encouraged to attend and see what a fine facility this will be. We look forward to another busy year in 2006. On behalf of City Council and City employees, I wish you a safe and prosperous New Year. ☺

PUBLIC HEARING – TEEN CURFEW ORDINANCE

At the next City Council meeting scheduled for January 24, I will be asking Council to call a public hearing for February 28, 2006 at 7:00 PM. The purpose of the public hearing will be to hear discussion regarding a proposed teen curfew ordinance which I intend to present to Council at the March 28 meeting.

As envisioned, the ordinance will prohibit individuals 17 and younger from being out on the streets after 11:00 on weeknights and midnight on weekends. This is identical to an ordinance Missouri City passed some years ago.

If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact me or members of City Council. Our telephone numbers and e-mail addresses are in this newsletter. Or better yet, plan on attending the public hearing on February 28. ☺

CITY ORDINANCES / CODE ENFORCEMENT

By Tracey Spiller

The holidays are now behind us and hopefully all decorations have been safely stored away. If you have not removed outdoor decorations and/or lights, please do so by January 31st. Lingering decorations affect the appearance of the whole city, not just your property. Thanks for your cooperation. ☺

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CITY CALENDAR

January 24, 2006	Joint City Council/ Planning Commission Meeting 7:30 p.m. City Hall
January 24, 2006	City Council Meeting 7:30 p.m. City Hall
January 28, 2006	Fire Station Open House 3:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

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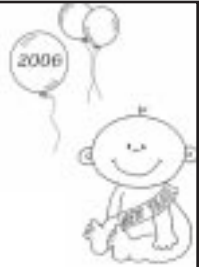
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Meadows Place

BASEBALL

Spring leagues are now forming! Meadows Place Baseball is an all play league located right here in Meadows Place. We offer a program where every child participates equally regardless of their skill level. Our league allows each child to participate and learn the game in an all play environment. We stress fair play and equal participation in a family style atmosphere. Your will child bat, play multiple positions on the field and learn the game of baseball while participating in every aspect of the game. All practices are limited to once a week and games are played at convenient times to give your family more time together on the weekends. We require no mandatory fund raising from our parents but do encourage active participation in the league through volunteering a few hours of your time every season for concession or other duties that directly benefit the league and help keep our costs low.

Register on January 14th, 21st, 22nd, 28th and 29th at the Meadows Community Annex Building, located at 11803 South Kirkwood from 11am to 2pm. If you would like register by mail please go to our website @ www.meadowsallplay.com, download a registration form and follow the mailing directions.

**If you would like more information go to www.meadowsallplay.com
or call our information line at 713-927-2663**

16th Annual MP Christmas Memories

The 16th annual Meadows Place Christmas Memories in the Park took place on Friday, December 9th. This yearly event is a favorite among residents and visitors. Activities included face painting, balloon animals, hayrides, moonwalks and carriage rides. New this year was live music from the Russell Ray Band. The Ridgeway Elementary School Drum Corp. and Drill Team performed again this year, as well as Meadows Elementary School Choir. The big attraction for the children was the snow areas, which were packed with kids of all ages.

The highlight of Christmas Memories is always the arrival of Santa and Mrs. Claus. This year the couple arrived in a horse drawn carriage as the band played here comes Santa Claus.

Councilmen, Terry Henley and Charles Jessup were out giving glow in the dark goodies to all the children with assistance from City Secretary, Elaine Herff, Patty Spade and Laura Shirley.

Warm beverages and plenty of food were available thanks to Meadows All Play Baseball League and Meadows Marlins Swim Team.

Thanks to everyone who participated and helped to make this another great Christmas Memories in the Park. **Happy Holidays to all.**



**The Russell Ray Band
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HOME & GARDEN CLUB

By Sandy Montross

Meadows Place sparkled with lights this year and Garden Club Members enjoyed riding through our City to make their selection of "Holiday Lights" winners for 2005. Their choices were:

Section I	<i>Mary Lauer, Rickey Lauer and Linda Gay</i> 11803 Bloomington
Section II	<i>Vicki and Tom Brown</i> 11810 Brighton
Section III	<i>Giesela King</i> 12022 Meadowdale
Section IVS	<i>Shad and Tiffany Shreve</i> 12227 Hoggard
Section IVN	<i>Ann and Terry Moles and Travis and Cody</i> 12327 Meadow Hollow
Meadowglen III	<i>Rusty and Delores Uhyrek and Family</i> 12410 Meadowglen

The first meeting of the New Year began with a hands-on program of card making presented by Loretta Clem of Stampin' Up.

Instead of a regular meeting at the Community Center in February, members will hold their International Dinner at a local restaurant. ☺

PARKS AND RECREATION BULLETIN

SENIORS PROGRAMS

"Taster's Choice Social"

Where: Meadows Senior Village
When: January 19, 2006
Time: 10:30 AM
Cost: FREE

Get your social calendars out and your thinking hats on, we are starting off the new year with some great fun for seniors. Refreshments will be served and discussions on planning events for 2006 are on the agenda. We will play some games to get the juices flowing on brainstorming for great plans. Weekly game nights are in the planning stages as well as monthly craft projects. We would also like to host a social outing each month. This is a joint effort with the activity directors at Senior Village and the Parks Directors at City of Meadows Place. Some of the activities will be held at Meadows Place Community Center and some will be held at Senior Village. So join us on the 19th and give us some of your great ideas and input on these fun activities for seniors. If you cannot attend and have some great ideas, call Terry at Meadows Place City Hall, 281-983-2935 or email, terry@cityofmeadowsplace.org. ☺

CLASSES

download a registration form www.cityofmeadowsplace.org
click on Parks and Recreation or call Monya @ 281-983-2934

KARATE PROGRAM

When: Thursdays - January 12 - March 30 - No class Spring Break
Where: Community Center
Time: 6:30 - 7:30 (ages 5-12)
7:30 - 8:30 all new students (ages 13-70)
Fee: \$40.00
Uniform: \$30.00 (no checks)
New students will be accepted the first 3 weeks. You may try the first class free to make sure you wish to sign up. Child must be at least 5 years old.
Instructor: Rex Mahy

TAEKWONDO, KOREAN MARTIAL ART

Winter classes January 10th - March 1st 2006
When: Tuesday & Wednesday
Where: Community Center
Time: 3:15 - 4:30 pm
Fee: 1 time a week (8 classes) \$30.00
2 times a week (16 classes) \$55.00
Instructor: Jenny Pless, Meadows Place resident, Black Belt

CARDIO KICKBOXING CLASS

Give those New Years resolutions a KICK start with Cardio Kickboxing. This class is a great pathway to better health and fitness. It is a self-paced course where you learn to challenge yourself for a whole body workout. We use traditional martial art based punches and kicks as well as strength training. The aerobics is geared with beginners starting with low impact techniques and higher

PUBLIC WORKS - ATTENTION STORM DRAINS

It is unlawful to dump household products, paint, automotive wastes, leaves, and yard trimmings into the storm drains under the National Elimination System. (NPDES) These drains are meant to move rain waters from our city streets to the drainage ditches. Dumping or allowing waste products to enter the storm drain system will result in a fine from the city.

If you have a lawn maintenance company performing a lawn service please inform them not to blow the trimmings into the storm drains. It is important to comply with the NPDES and keep the storm drains clear so that flooding due to blocked drains and clogged storm pipes does not occur. It is everyone's responsibility to clean up tree leaves and pine needles that have dropped from their trees. ☺

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 for 2006. ☺

January 27 & 28, 2006
March 24 & 25, 2006
May 26 & 27 2006

July 28 & 29, 2006
September 29 & 30, 2006
November 24 & 25, 2006

levels of impact aimed at the individuals with higher levels of fitness. Don't worry, it is all non-contact. It is lots of fun and highly addictive. The class is approximately 1.25-1.5 hours in duration. It includes warm-up, cardio, cool down and strength training.

ATTEND THESE 2 CLASS NIGHTS

When: Tuesdays and Wednesdays, beginning January 3rd
8 classes per session
Where: Community Center
Time: 6:15 - 7:45 pm
Fee: \$50.00
Instructor: Tina Mueller
Download a registration form from our website
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FUNDAMENTALS OF FAUX FINISHING

When: Jan 21, 2006 Saturday
Where: Community Center
Time: 10:00 am - 3:00 pm
Cost: \$49.00 (all supplies included)
Ages: 15-100+
(Students ages under 18 must be accompanied by a registered student adult)
Instructor: Linda Shores
(Linda is a licensed Interior Designer for 25+ years and a Meadows Place Resident for 20+ years).
Students will learn the basics of faux finishing, sponging, feathering, marble look, ragging and many other techniques. Each student will complete a fun faux finished project to take home. This is a hands-on class. The instructor loves to share her knowledge and gifts of interior design and faux finishing with others. Sign up early to ensure that you do not miss out on this informative and fun experience. (Class space is limited and you must register by January 20th, 2006 so that necessary supplies can be ready).

DID YOU KNOW??????

Did you know..... we send our thanks and congratulations to Debbie Wood who has retired after 20 years service to Meadows Place? She did a great job for us and will be sorely missed by all those who worked with and depended on her. Debbie, we wish you well. Unfortunately City work doesn't stop, so we want to say hello and welcome to Mimi Boos who will now be handling – among (many) other things – issuing the permits for the City. Welcome aboard Mimi !

Did you know....that the Grand Opening of our new Fire Station will be held on January 28? Put that on your calendar and come on by between 3 & 5 to take part in the festivities and take a tour. This is great addition to our City. Hope to see you there.

Did you know.... That this year's Christmas Memories was one of the best ever? Maybe the best. Our Parks Department has done a great job, as usual. This year they spread the festivities down the street, which gave the event more of a promenade feel. Tricia Wilkens loved the snowflake machine, while Nancy Jones enjoyed the live music, drum, and bugle corps. Of course, the kids loved the glow-in-the-dark necklaces and seeing Santa.

Speaking of Christmas **Did you know....** That Debbie Hansen, used to love caroling the neighborhood when she was a girl, thought she should pass those good feelings on? So she took her daughter Brittney and her friends Lauren Weaver and April Harvey door to door spreading joy and cheer as they sang carols to their neighbors. Hope you got a chance to hear them.

Other reminders of the season were the all the gift baskets dropped off for the brave men and women in our Police Department. There was even a large gift basket taken by on Christmas Day for the officers working on Christmas day. Chief Pickett said they were really appreciated and wanted to say Thanks to everyone who thought of them.

Did you know ...Dan McGraw, our Public Works Director wanted to say Thank You to everyone who worked so hard to keep leaves out of the storm drain system? He also wants you to go to Public Works on the City web site. Here you will find some interesting info about his department and some pictures of some of the projects he and his department are involved in to make our City more functional and beautiful. Oh, while you are there, look for the info on the upcoming 'FUNDamentals of Faux Finishing' class being held by Meadows Place resident Linda Shores. This is sponsored by our Parks Dept. Sounds fun and functional. Check it out.

I am sure you have seen all the construction taking place along Airport. This is all part of the retirement / medical complex you have heard about. Much of this is due to the can-do attitude of the Mayor and the folks in City Hall who are working so hard for us.

Did you know.... That some of that work includes work by a committee that was formed to make sure future City signs, logos, uniforms, decals, etc. will all be uniform and carry a similar theme? It is staffed by volunteers and they will very busy this year. Thanks in advance for all your hard work on our behalf.

Did you know.... We need your help to fill the columns of Did You Know?
E-mail alderman1@cityofmeadowsplace.org or drop a note at City Hall. Thanks. ☺

MEADOWS COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

By Steve Court

Reminder: ANY AND ALL EXTERIOR PAINTING MUST BE APPROVED PRIOR TO PAINTING. Copies of the paint approval book, as well as approval forms, are available at City Hall. 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.**

The MCIA Board serves as the architectural committee for the City of Meadows Place. If you are planning an exterior addition or change to your home, you must complete a Plan Approval Form and submit it to the Board prior to any building permits being issued by the City.

Meadows Place City Council recently passed a Tree Stump Ordinance. All trees removed from your property must be cut or ground down to ground level so that the grass can grow over the area where the tree had been.

MCIA BOARD MEETINGS: First Thursday of each month, 7:45 p.m. at City Hall. (Please contact a board member if you would like to be placed on the agenda.) ☺

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