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ANIMAL CONTROL	
PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT	(281) 983-2935

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COMMENTS FROM THE MAYORBy Mark McGrath

SURVEY RESULTS SECURITY ISSUES

As promised last month, this is the first in a series of newsletter articles discussing the results of the recently completed survey of City residents. There

were 382 responses. Thanks again to those who took the time to participate.

Many residents said what they liked most about our City was the presence of our local police department. They appreciated the visibility and feeling of safety provided by our PD. Indeed, almost 89% of the respondents rated our PD services as either excellent or good and about 4% rated these same serves as below average or poor.

In terms of what respondents like the least, and possible challenges in the future, many indicated concerns with what is occurring in neighboring cities, particularly the City of Houston directly to our north. These concerns included not only the crime in Houston moving in our direction, but also the condition of the neighborhoods in Houston adjacent to us.

Although the City cannot control what happens in Houston, we can protect our residents from any impact as best as possible. The primary means of doing this is to maintain an adequately funded, staffed, and equipped police department. Your City Council has historically supported this effort. Over the last few years, the pay for our officers has been increased. This has enabled us to compete more effectively with surrounding agencies for scarce officer talent. In addition, we now attract better candidates when we do have openings in the force. Because of these efforts, crime rates in our City are well below those of Houston, Stafford and Sugar Land. I will promote the continuation of our efforts to maintain a viable police department.

Regarding the appearance of the adjoining neighborhoods in Houston, we cannot control that either. However, as private citizens, we are free to contact elected officials in Houston about what is going on in their City. In this newsletter, you will see a list of Houston elected officials and the means to contact them. If you see things on West Bellfort you do not like, and think this is a City of Houston issue, I urge you contact them.

Update – Morningstar Christian Church Specific Use Permit Application

There is really nothing to report. The City asked the Church for a bunch of information which was to be received in advance of moving forward in the process. At this writing, the information has not been received. I will report any change in the status of the application in future newsletters. \mathfrak{O}

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September 12, 2006	Public Hearing on Budget & Tax 7:00 p.m City Hall
September 12, 2006	Crime Watch Meeting 7:00 p.m City Hall
September 19, 2006	2nd Public Hearing on Tax Rate 7:00 p.m City Hall
September 26, 2006	Regular City Council Meeting 7:30 p.m. City Hall
September 29 & 30, 2006	Garage Sale Weekend
October 24, 2006	Regular City Council Meeting 7:30 p.m. City Hall

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

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.

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

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DID YOU KNOW??????

DID YOU KNOW... that Mayor McGrath and Public Works Director Dan McGraw sprung to action after learning we needed to address the possibility of infected mosquitoes in Meadows Place? They contacted both County and State experts then decided on the best plan to protect us and implemented it immediately. Among other things, the City placed and secured an anti-larval tablet in every one of our (270) storm drains, quadrupled our spray rate and made sure there was no standing water on City property for mosquitoes to breed in. As residents, we need to do the same thing by checking for anything and everything that mosquitoes could breed in, so look around your yard and make sure it is clear. For more information and tips to clear your yard, check out the City website at www.cityofmeadowsplace.org While you are there, check out all the info and the links that City Webmaster and Council Member Charles Kulhanek has put there for you.

Speaking of looking around, have you looked at the changes at the main entrances to Meadows Place? This is something we can all be proud of. Margaret Sandlin, president of the Meadows Place Garden Club, worked hard on these changes with our Public Works Department. We have had many thumbs up, especially for the flagpoles at 59 & Airport. If you have not seen them, you might want to take a look. They look great night or day. Good job folks!

DID YOU KNOW... that Nancy Jones was talking with her neighbors about some of the Meadows Place young folks and what they are doing? While some go to work, some go into the military; most are going off to college. Right off the top of her head, she came up with a few and felt we need to recognize their efforts as it may inspire others to do the same. Seems A & M is the most popular choice with Jonathan Hernandez, Jared Isbell, Eric Jones, Diana Case and Charles and James Jessup attending there. Scott Gibbs is going to Wharton Jr. College while Kelly Palash and Denton Poe are going to Baylor. Dentons brother Dustin Poe chose UT Arlington and Geneve Lipp picked Duke. The future looks as bright for these young leaders as it does for Meadows Place. Success breeds success I guess.

Along those lines, congrats to ninth- grader Meredith Smith who was accepted to the Medical Academy at Hightower. Quite an accomplishment and yet another wonderful opportunity for a Meadows Place resident.

DID YOU KNOW... that Bryan Horner has almost completed his Eagle Scout project at McDonald Park?

He is staining all the park benches and tables at McDonald Park and all long the jogging trail. He and his parents have worked 5 straight Saturdays on this project and as of this writing only had 5 benches left to do. Thanks a lot Bryan, you are saving the City money and your efforts will benefit our community for years to come.

In other scouting news, Troop 301 put a cement floor under the shelter at our pocket park at the corner of Meadow Crest and Meadow Valley. Really added a lot to it and all the folks who use it – and it gets used a lot – will really

enjoy it. Folks, Meadows Place is a champion of community partnerships like this. We work with groups like the Scouts, Garden Club, Meadows Elementary, the county, etc. If YOU have an idea or project for us to consider, please let us know.

DID YOU KNOW... Stephen Schaffner, who has lived in Meadows Place for 15 years, walks the track several times a week. He was wondering how far it is around the track and using his GPS system found one lap was just under a half a mile. That means that five laps is right at 2 & ? miles. For those of us without a GPS system, our Parks Department is working on a parks improvement program that includes a series of educational and informational signs that will not only tell you how far you are walking or jogging but will provide you with interesting tidbits about our parks and our City. Thanks for the tip Stephen and thanks for e-mailing Did You Know.

DID YOU KNOW... another of your neighbors, Alex Wood, contacted the Mayor and City Council to let his feelings be known about the future developments at the old Garden Ridge property? This is great input. If you want to be heard, attend the Public Hearings and Council meetings so you too will know what is being considered and then let your City leaders know how you feel on the subject. Your input is invaluable.

Summer is over, but

DID YOU KNOW... that some of our Meadows Place youngsters, Aaron Wagner, Matthew McGee, and Mike Jones went to the USSSA World Series in Kansas City and placed 9th out of over 70 of the nation's top ranked select teams? Doug McGee, also a MP resident, was their coach. A tip of the cap to all of you!

If you have news for *Did You Know please* E-mail us at: alderman1@cityofmeadowsplace.org Thanks.

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.

Avon products, contact Linda Littlejohn 281-498-9855. 10% discount on all orders over \$20.00. Order brochure or products by e-mail (gary-littlejohn@sbcglobal.net) Meadows Place resident.

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Piano for sale: Kohler & Campbell SKV108 Concerto Console – beautiful ebony finish-new condition-perfect for serious student or performance. \$1,695.00-Call Steve @ 281-879-9343

Need a lady for temporary computer typing-editing in my Meadows Place home. \$15.00 per hour. 281-561-0608

City of Meadows Place Animal Wellness Clinic - Countryside Mobil Vet



FREE EXAMS!

Rabies Vaccinations \$8.00 City of Meadows Place pet tags (\$1.00)

ALL other vaccinations for dogs and cats available at discounted prices as well as heartworm testing, heartworm prevention and flea control products.

Tuesday, November 7th
4pm - 6:30pm
Community Center Parking Area
11924 Amblewood

We offer all vaccinations, heartworm testing and prevention!

Call For More Information (713) 492-8045

CITY ORDIANCES / CODE ENFORCEMENT

By Tracey Spiller

I decided to deviate from the normal Code Enforcement issues this month and give some help to those who are concerned with the areas that surround us. Hopefully the list of names, phone numbers and email addresses will assist you in this effort.

First, to register a complaint with the City of Houston's Neighborhood Protection Corp, the equivalent of our Code Enforcement Department, you can contact 3-1-1 and speak to a dispatcher. The complaint is then sent to the Neighborhood Protection Corp to investigate. The Neighborhood Protection Corp handles issues such as weeded lots, junked vehicles, open and dangerous buildings, and graffiti.

A second suggestion is to contact local politicians and inform them of your concerns. I have compiled a list of individuals starting with the area representative for District F and then the At-Large positions.

Council Member M.J. Khan (713) 247-2002 districtf@cityofhouston.net

Peter Brown At-Large position 1 (713) 247-2014 atlarge1@cityofhouston.net

Sue Lovell At-Large position 2 (713) 247-2013 atlargeposition 2 @cityofhouston.net

Shelly Sekula-Gibbs (713) 247-2005

 $\underline{at large position 3@city of houston.net}$

Ronald Green (713) 247-2012

atlargeposition4@cityofhouston.net

Michael Berry (713) 247-2006

atlargeposition5@cityofhouston.net

I hope the information provided will be helpful and I appreciate everyone's continued efforts to not only keep up appearances in the City of Meadows Place but also have a vested interest in the neighboring areas.

Fort Bend County has notified the City of Meadows Place of an increase in the mosquito population. Make sure you are spraying your yards, emptying planters or other items that collect water. If you have a swimming pool, it is your responsibility to maintain the pool in a clean and sanitary manner. A swimming pool that is not maintained properly is in violation of the *International Property Maintenance Code* and is a nuisance not only to you but those who live around you.













HURRAY, TENNIS COURTS ARE NOW OPEN!!!!!
NEW ACCESS CARDS AVAILABLE NOW AT CITY HALL
MONDAY-FRIDAY 9:00AM-4:00PM

You must have a current card to use the City tennis courts and pool. You must show proof that you are 18 years of age or older, a Meadows Place resident and have a picture ID to purchase cards. Each card is \$10.00 with a limit of 2 cards per household. For more information Contact Parks and Recreation Department 281-983-2935.



Has anyone seen this sign?

Missing fron West Airport and Kirkwood since August 4, 2006. Please contact Meadows Place Parks and Recreation Department if you know where this sign is !!!!

MEADOWS COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

By Diann Hamilton

Your MCIA Board is working diligently to encourage neighbors to place their **TRASH CANS** in an area of the property where it is not visible from the street (behind the fence, in the garage, etc.). This is becoming an increasingly bigger problem. Neighbors should only see your trash or the containers on Tuesdays and Fridays. As you drive the area, you will notice trashcans and see how unsightly this is for our neighborhood; please assist by ensuring your cans are out of sight.

Other areas in which the Meadows Community Improvement Association works with your City leaders are:

- Approval of all exterior painting; even if repainting the same color
- · Approval of roof colors at City Hall
- · Approval of all exterior siding
- Stump level with the ground so the grass can grow over the area
- Rotten wood and peeling paint
- Tape on the windows (left over from the hurricane)
- · AC units in windows visible from the street
- Approval of all exterior changes to a home
- Other areas that could be deemed a "nuisance" to the neighborhood

MCIA BOARD MEETINGS: First Thursday of each month, 7:45 pm, Meadows Place City Hall. Please contact a board member if you would like to be placed on the agenda.



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CLASSES

Meadows Place Community Center / Pool will be the location for all activities. You can download registration form from the website.www.cityofmeadowsplace.org

THAN PHONG TAEKWONDO, SELF-DEFENSE

Fall 2006 Schedule

When: August 15 – October 4 October 10 - December 13 January 2 - February 21

Where: Meadows Place Community Center

When: Tuesday -Wednesday Time: 4:30 – 6:00 pm.

Fee: 1 time a week (8 classes) \$45.00 2 times a week (16 classes) \$80.00

> Instructor: Dan Phan, Black Belt

> NOVEMBER 17, 2006 12:30 PM SHOTGUN START



Check out the newsletter or website for the registration forms to sign up for a fun day of golf.

AMERICAN SOCIETY OF KARATE (A.S.K.)

The American Society of Karate is an association designed to teach America Karate to ages 5–70 in a positive everchanging system. Its goal is not necessarily to be the largest, but to be the best.

This class has been on going for 15 years at the Community Center and welcomes new students.

Fall 2006 Schedule

When: Thursdays – September 14 – November

30 (No class 11-23-06 -Thanksgiving)

Where: Community Center

Time: 6:30 - 7:30 pm (ages 5-12)

7:30 - 8:30 pm All new students

(ages 13-70)

Fee: \$40.00 (11 weeks)

Uniforms: \$30.00 (sorry no checks)

purchase from instructor

Instructors: Rex Mahy (3rd Degree Black Belt) and

Steve Puma, Meadows Place resident

(2nd Degree Black Belt)

New students will be accepted the 1st 3 weeks. You may try the 1st class free before you sign up.

Children must be 5 years of age.

Winter 2007 Schedule

When: Thursdays – January 11 – March 29

(No class Spring Break)

Where: Community Center

Time: 6:30 - 7:30 pm (ages 5-12)

7:30 - 8:30 pm All new students

(ages 13-70)

Fee: \$40.00 (11 weeks)

Uniforms: \$30.00 (sorry no checks)

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SENIORS ACTIVITIES

Field Trips, Classes, Weekly Exercise And More.....

The City of Meadows Place Parks and Recreation has joined with the City of Sugar Land Parks and Recreation Department to offer recreation for all seniors who live in Meadows Place. Our Parks Department has a list of activities for seniors to enjoy. If you are interested in these programs, please contact us at 281-983-2935. If we are away, please leave us a detailed message so that the person in charge of these programs can contact you. We have a monthly updated list of all these activities. Please contact the Parks department to receive a copy of this activity guide.

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. Below is a list of some of the activities offered for seniors:

Day & Date	Time	Activity		
Monday thru Friday	8:00 am - 5:00 pm	Canasta, Shanghai, Dominoes, Pool		
Mondays	9:00 am	Beginners Line Dancing		
Mondays	9:00 - 10:00 am	Yoga		
Mondays & Thursdays	10:00 - 11:00 am	Intermediate Line Dancing	***Note***	
Monday thru Wednesday	1:00 - 5:00 pm	Mah Jongg	Adventure/trip Policies	
Tuesdays	8:00am - 2:00 pm	Bridge	Fees are due two weeks prior to any	
Fridays	8:00am - 11:00 am	Duplicate Bridge	one-day adventure.	
Tuesdays & Fridays	8:30 am	Walking Club	Adventures that do not meet	
		Meets at First Colony	minimum number of participants	
		Mall Food Court	two weeks prior will be canceled	
Wednesdays	2:00 pm	Bingo	Overnight adventure fees are due	
		Bring canned food	one month prior.	
Wednesdays & Fridays	8:00 am-12:00 pm	Table Tennis	1	
Thursdays	1:00 pm	Arts and Crafts		
Thursdays	1:30 pm	Scrabble		
Tuesday	9-10 am	Senior Jazzercise		
Thursday	8:30 - 9:30 am	Senior Jazzercise		
Wednesday, September 13	11:30 am - 1:00 pm	Fire Safety, Sugar Land Fire Administ	rative Offices 10405 Corporate Drive.	
	-	Smoke alarms, change your clock batt	eries. We will learn to care and main	
		tain smoke alarms. We will also discu		
		when and how to change the batteries	-	
Friday, September 15	11:00 am	Dog Races San Jacinto:		
		Go to the dog races at Gulf Grey hour	nd Park! Cost is \$37.50- includes	
		entrance fee, buffet lunch, betting bud		
Wednesday, September 20	10:00 am	Sugar Land's past. Did you know that Fort Bend County got its name because the fort was located on the bend of the Brazos River? Join us as we		
		take a walk into Sugar Land's past with Betty Anhaiser as our guide and		
		learn so much more about this area an		
Friday, September 22	2:00 pm	Bingo		
	•	Bring canned food		
Friday, September 29	9:00 am depart	Visit the newly renovated San Jacinto	Monument. Cost \$18.75	
Friday, October 6	8:00 am depart	Delta Downs –Try your luck at the slots as we venture into Louisiana to		
•	•	Delta Downs. Cost is \$31.25 includes		
		tion. Lunch is not included.		
Wednesday, October 18	8:30 am depart	Ghosts of Galveston, Pirates, slaves, c	rime, romance and tragedy. Are the	
•	•	spirits of Galveston as many as the living residents? Join us as we explore		
		the "Ghosts of Galveston." Cost is \$3		
Friday, October 27	9:00 am depart	Ghost Tour. Downtown Houston. Join		
	•	in downtown Houston. Cost is \$31.25	. Lunch is not included.	
Saturday, October 28	5:00 - 9:00 pm	Sugar Land Community Center - Grab		
• ,	•	up in their scariest and most creative of		
		prizes at this year's Haunted Pirate Sh		
		and tickets are \$.25 ea. The little ones		
		behind the Community Center.	3 3 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	
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DANCING UNDER THE STARS 7 PM

(PRESENTED BY HOUSTONIAN LITE
HEALTH CLUB - TEXAS TWO STEP)

MOVIES UNDER THE MOON 8:45 PM

SNOW AND SHOPPING 10 AM - 2 PM

SEP 15

SEP 16

SEP 23

HOME & GARDEN CLUB

By Sandy Montross. Publicity

Last year's "Get To Know Us Dinner" was such a success that the Garden Club repeated the event on September 12th to begin its 36th year. Members are now looking forward to another great year that will include the former members, old friends, and new neighbors who shared the evening with us. Anyone who was not able to attend the dinner and is interested in knowing more about the Garden Club, please plan to come to one of our future meetings. We meet at the Community Center on Dorrance, the 2nd Tuesday of every month at 7:30 pm.

Teresa Bryant, Program Chairman, has lined up some informative guest speakers and some very interesting programs for the year. In addition, there will be some monthly fun outings and social events planned by President, Margaret Sandlin.

Our very special yearly event is the Garden Club's 31st Annual Craft Show on Saturday, November 11th from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm at St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church 12627 West Bellfort, Sugar Land (between Diary Ashford and Eldridge Roads). There will be over 45 vendors participating with a variety of handcrafted items for sale, plus our famous bake sale and raffle. So mark your calendars and plan to be there November 11th. If you would like more information on booth rental, please call Lillian at 281-495-6039.

August Yard of the Month Winners: Section I **Ken and Marty Howard** 11403 Brook Meadows **Section II Chuck and Barbara Mitcheli** 11835 Brook Meadows Section III **Benet and Gina Gaytos** 12123 Monticito Section IVN **Harold and Pat Byers** 11911 Blair Meadow **Section IVS** Dan and Kathy Gilmore 12223 Hoggard Meadowglen III Luis A. and Angelos M. Sanchez 12302 Meadowglen

August was the last month of this season for Yard Of The Month judging. Christmas Yard Of The Month judging will take place the last weekend in November.



Sugar Grove Church of Christ 11600 W. Airport Blvd. Meadows Place, Texas 77477

Saturday, October 7, 2006 10:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.

Representatives from the Social Security Office, Fort Bend Seniors, WIC, Volunteer Fort Bend, Spaulding for Children, Bates Pregnancy and Family Counseling Center, Pregnancy Resource Center, CENIKOR, and others will be present.

Come and see what local services have to offer.

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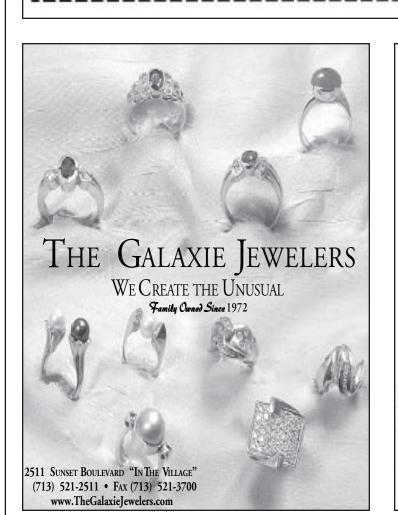
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Door Prizes



Mad Scientists

Free screenings

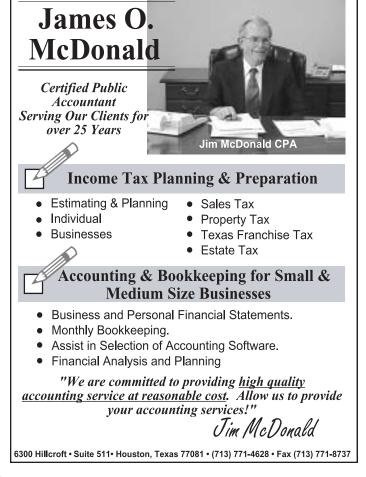












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City of Meadows Place 14th Annual Golf Tournament

Friday, November 17th, 2006 Willowisp Country Club 12:30 PM SHOTGUN START

Tournament Features

Team Prizes
Door Prizes
Putting Contest
Longest Drive Competition
Closest to the Pin Competition

Dinner at the Club House is included Awards & Dinner immediately following the tournament

Additional Dinner Guest
Cost is \$20.00

Tournament Schedule

Registration / Check-In - 10:30 a.m.
Shotgun Start - 12:30 p.m.
Four Man Scramble
Cost Per Player
\$100 or \$400 per team



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

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



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