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PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT	

## February 2007

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The Parks and Recreation Department along with Fort Bend Independent School District's "Extended Day Program" is excited to show off your Bond Money at work. The new playground equipment you see behind the Elementary School is the result of a partnership initiated by the Parks Department with Fort Bend School District. Because of this joint project, a bond was awarded to the City Of Meadows Place for parks improvements. This play structure was donated to the campus on behalf of "Extended Day, a before and after school program with FBISD". In addition to the play structure, this phase of parks improvements will include an outdoor classroom, butterfly and bird watching educational stations, granite trail expansion, replacement of benches and additional BBQ grills in the park.

In three years, three consecutive grant applications have been submitted and awarded to City of Meadows Place each being a \$100,000 project with \$50,000 awarded from Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. This phase III partnership enabled the City to complete these improvements with only 5% of the total cost of this phase coming from the city budget.

Special Thanks go out to Texas Parks and Wildlife <u>www.tpwd.state.tx.us</u> along with efforts from our Parks and Recreation Department, patience from Meadows Elementary School Students and Staff and the donation from "FBISD Extended Day Program".

#### SUMMER LIFEGUARDS

Lifeguard applications are being accepted at Meadows Place City Hall until March 23, 2007.

Interviews @ the Community Center/Pool are scheduled for Friday, March 30 and Saturday, March 31. All applicants must be 15 years of age by the training dates:

Wednesday, April 11	6:00pm - 9:00pm
Saturday, April 14	9:00 am – 6:00 pm
Sunday, April 15	9:00 am – 6:00pm

Any questions please contact Parks and Recreation Department @ 281-983-2934

## **CITY CALENDAR**

Feb. 13th	Crime Watch Meeting	
	City Hall	7:00 p.m.
Feb. 27th	City Council Meeting	
	City Hall	7:30 p.m.

## Street Light Repair 713-207-2222 or www.centerpointenergy.com

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## DID YOU KNOW??????

**Did You Know...**that Sgt. Larry Eissler was selected "Officer of The Year" for 2006 by the greater Houston 100 Club? This is quite an honor and reflective of his hard work and dedication on our behalf. In Larry's case, he put his life on the line for us. Thank You Sgt. Eissler – and Congratulations!!!

**Did You Know...**that the new playground equipment that just went up at Meadows Elementary was part of a very unique and collaborative effort initiated (and pushed through) by our Parks Department? It was not easy to pull together as it included the State of Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, Fort Bend ISD, Fort Bend ISD Extended Day Program, Meadows Elementary and the City of Meadows Place. We are very proud of our parks department leaders, Monya Keenen and Terry Modeland for the great job they did. We also need to mention the support we got from Fort Bend ISD Extended Day Program Coordinator Michelle Amos and Principle Irma Cobos for their help and support as well. Our kids will enjoy their efforts for years to come and – just as important to Mom and Dad - the cost was shared and didn't all come from the City coffers. Great job ladies! Check out the picture on the front page, it says it all. Speaking of not coming out of City coffers, our Police Department has just received a grant of \$25,000 for mobile video equipment. This equipment will be going on our police cars. We need to thank Jerry Brownlee who has assisted the City in finding and writing this grant request. He does this on a part time basis for the City and has been instrumental in securing previous grants for the Police Department. Thanks a lot Jerry.

**Did You Know...**Meadows Place Baseball has begun? What a great league and great place for our kids to play and neighbors get to know one another. It is wonderful to see moms and dads rooting for kids on the other team because they all know one another, go to school together, etc. Very Hometown. Very nice. Not all of our ballplayers go on to be stars but many do. This year McNeese State is favored in the Southland Conference and one of the keys to their success is third baseman Bryan Cartie. Another former MP baseball player is Kyle Colligan who won awards as a freshman at A&M and is pounding the competition just like he did when he played here in Meadows Place. Both boys played at Dulles. Batter Up!

**Did You Know...**the City offers FREE Home Crime Prevention Inspections? Well, we do. Why? It helps our PD protect us and makes our homes less attractive to the bad guys. You learn a lot of do's & don'ts including things like "Light is a Police Officers friend", how to best use a motion detector, what to do about bushes and everything in between. If you want to take part in this outstanding program, you will need to set an appointment with our Crime Prevention Officer. To schedule your appointment, call the PD between 9 & 4 at 281-983-2900. This is a GREAT deal. If you pass, you might even get "some consideration" from your insurance company. Just another benefit of living in Meadows Place!

**Did You Know...**that our Public Works department has been working with the Mayor & Council to provide them with incredible detailed data regarding traffic on our streets? Public Works Director Dan McGraw runs the studies for us. We are looking at things such as traffic volume, speeds, heaviest traffic times/volumes, gap times and types of vehicles. This information is all computerized and will be stored and analyzed for future use. Fortunately, one of our Councilmen, Rick Staigle, is an expert in this field and can really help the City put this data to good use. Those who attended City Council meeting last month heard all about it. What are YOU missing by not attending? Come on. Join us. Our meetings are fun, informative and there for YOU.

**Did You Know...** is designed to increase communications and is available to all residents of Meadows Place. If you have

E-mail us at: alderman1@cityofmeadowsplace.org Thanks and hope to see you at a City Council meeting real soon.

### HOME & GARDEN CLUB

By Lillian Abbott. Publicity

There was no regular business meeting on February 13th as the Club members enjoyed their annual "Dinner Out" night. The event was held at Gringo's Seafood Restaurant. The next regular meeting will be held Tuesday, March 13 at 7:30 at the Meadows Community Center. The program is "Getting your yard ready for Spring", with Charles Griswell, Landscaper, as speaker. All meetings are open to the public and if you are interested in becoming a member, attend one our meetings and check us out. There are many interesting programs and events scheduled.

. The Club will be traveling to Brookwood Gardens near Brookshire for lunch on Saturday, March 17. Reservations must be made in advance. Should you be interested in joining the Club for lunch, please contact Margaret Sandlin by Wednesday, March 14that 281-933-8034

#### GARDENING TIPS FOR MARCH.

Time to plant tomatoes, too late for seeds. Plant vegetable seeds and plants in garden Plant for Butterflies and Hummingbirds Prune spring-flowering plants after they bloom

#### CITY ORDINANCES / CODE ENFORCEMENT

By Tracey Spiller

There has been an increase of calls concerning vehicles parked in the street. Whenever possible please park vehicles in the garage or in the driveway. Keep in mind that emergency vehicles need to have clear passage and vehicles parked in the street create a driving hazard for other drivers. We also need to remember that our children do not always think before they run between parked cars and into the street to retrieve a ball and that they are more visible on bicycles when the streets are clear.

The City is also receiving a number of calls and complaints of dogs not being restrained on a leash. The City of Meadows Place does have a leash law and failure to comply can result in a citation being issued. Although your dog may seem friendly, it is very scary for someone who is walking to have a dog charge at him or her. Remember, as a pet owner it is your responsibility to keep our community safe by always having you dog on a leash.

#### MEADOWS COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION By Janet Kulhanek

MCIA BOARD MEETINGS: The MCIA Board works diligently to help improve the appearance of our City and its aesthetic appeal to residents as well as those driving through. We meet on the 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.

#### Members:

Steve Court 281-498-4334 • Diann Hamilton 281-495-4038 Sherry Carlson 281-879-1359 • Frank Brown 281-498-0052 Janet Kulhanek 281-498-1807 • Christy Crouch 281-530-1822

#### **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 or Gary Littlejohn 281-498-9855. Order products and brochures by phone or

e-mail (gary-littlejohn@sbcglobal.net) Meadows Place resident.

Daisy's Registered Home Childcare. Infants and up. CPR certified. Meals provided. Call 281-495-7340.

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DOGS & PETS! Obedience classes; Pet sitting; Golden Retriever puppies for sale. Ron Parks 281-568-1510

In your home pet sitting. Call for rates and references. Kathy 281-879-0097

Found female dog. 20 pounds. Long golden hair, very sweet. 281-530-6740

For sale 42x28x31 large dog kennel (metal) \$50.00, boys Schwinn Stingray bike, chopper style, green, barely used \$75.00, large collection of 70's/80's 45rpm records. Call for information 281-988-7222

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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

#### 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 ever-changing 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.

#### Winter 2007 Schedule

When:	Thursdays – Until – 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)
	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.

#### THAN PHONG TAEKWONDO, SELF-DEFENSE

#### Winter /Spring 2007 Schedule

When: February 26-April 24 (No classes Spring Break) / May 1–June 20-2007
Where: Meadows Place Community Center
When: Tuesday & Wednesday
Time: 4:30 pm. – 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

#### QUILTING CLUB

Several Meadows Place residents are experienced quilters and want to share their love of quilting with others. This group is meeting at the Community Center ANNEX building located on S. Kirkwood on the 2nd Saturday of each month. Contact Margaret Minton 281-933-2927 or 281-948-8823 to join the group.

#### **QUILTING CLASSES**

Quilting classes are now available in Meadows Place. Classes will be held at the Community Center ANNEX building located on S. Kirkwood the 3rd Saturday of each month. Different machine stitch patterns will be taught and will range in skill level from beginner to advance. If you have some sewing experience and can sew a straight seam, you can make a beautiful quilt. Please contact Brenda Meadows for details @ 281-498-3484

When: 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month.

Next Class February 17: Making Quilted Purses – Make a purse that you will love. Inside has a pocket all around to keep all of your stuff organized. Magnetic snap at top keeps it together. Fun project to do in a day and then you can make more at home for yourself or as gifts. Fee - \$30.00

March's class will be held the **third Sunday** in March March 18 class: Making a quilted wall hanging – Make a wall hanging of a bunny, just in time for Easter. Fee -\$60.00

Where: Community Center ANNEX building @ 11803 S. Kirkwood Time: 9:00 am -4:00 pm

Fee: \$30.00 - \$60.00 Max. 10 Students

## TENNIS IS BACK AT MEADOWS PLACE! TENNIS CLASSES

We will be offering tennis classes for Adults and Youth on Saturdays.

- Classes will be on a monthly basis, \$55.00/month (4 weeks),
- We need at least 4 students to form a class, with separate classes for Adults and Youth.
- 2007 classes will start early February.
- If you are interested in the lessons, contact the Parks office, 281-983-2935

#### **Adult Doubles Tennis Leagues**

Men, A Level (3.5 and higher) on **Tuesday nights, 7:30pm**. Round robin, rotating partner format, you do not need a partner to register, as you will change partners each week, we need 8 to form the group. You will play 3 sets each week.

• Fee: \$20 for the 8-week season.

Co-Ed Adult Novice Doubles Tennis League, **Wednesday**, **7:15pm**. Round robin, rotating partner format, you do not need a partner to register, as you will change partners each week, we need 8 to form the group. You will play 2 sets each week. One of the Pros will be there the first week or two to help the players who are still learning to play the game. You need to have had some lessons and/or know how to play and keep score. C/D Level (2.5 - 3.0)

• Fee: \$15 for the 4-week season.

If you are interested in the leagues, contact the Parks office, 281-983-2935

## Seniors activities

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.

\*\*A calendar of daily activities is available at Sugar Land Senior Center 281-275-2893 Email seniors@suarlandtx.gov

**\*\*NOTE\*\* ADVENTURE/TRIP POLICIES** 

Fees are due two weeks prior to any one-day adventure. Adventures that do not meet minimum number of participants two weeks prior will be canceled. Overnight adventure fees are due one month prior. Overnight adventures that do not meet minimum number of participants one month prior will be cancelled.

#### **\*\*THIS MONTHS MOVIE, FRIDAY, FEB 9TH, 1PM**

Carl and Molly Peterson (Matt Dillon and Kate Hudson) are just starting their new life together – complete with a cute house, boring neighbors, stable jobs and the routines of newlywed existence. There is just on unfortunate hitch in their perfectly constructed new world...And his name is Dupree (Owen Wilson).

#### \*\*SENIOR SAFETY, TUESDAY, FEB 13TH 10 AM, REMEMBERING WHEN

This is a NATIONAL FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION program designed for seniors to prevent injuries from fires and falls. This informative program is free of charge and will provide a wealth of information.

#### SENIOR AMBASSADORS WANTED

Volunteers needed to assist at the Senior Center. The Parks and Recreation Department is seeking Senior Ambassadors to volunteer at the newly renovated Senior Center. We are looking for enthusiastic people to meet and greet visitors, teach classes, maintain the library and the information center – just to name a few things. Interested seniors can pick up an application at the Senior Center reception desk.

#### SENIOR ID'S

ID cards issued at the Center can be used anywhere in case of an emergency. Senior ID's will be made at the Senior Center on the 3rd Wednesday of each month from

10 am - noon.

## LOOK AHEAD AND SAVE THE DATES...

#### AZALEA ADVENTURE, FRIDAY, MAR. 2 DEPART AT 9 AM.

The 72nd annual Azalea Tour and St. Regis Hotel Afternoon Tea is our destination on this day. Cost is \$81.25. Cost covers Azalea Tour, Afternoon Tea and transportation. Lunch is not included in cost. Registration begins Jan. 29.

#### TEXAS HISTORY ADVENTURE, TUESDAY, MAR. 27 DEPART AT 7:30 AM.

The Texas Declaration of Independence was signed at Washington on the Brazos. Take a step back in time as we explore the rich history of the area and Texas Independence. Cost is \$37.50 and includes lunch, tour fees and transportation. Registration begins Feb 5.

## BASEBALL ADVENTURE, MONDAY, TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23-25

## DEPART AT 7 AM.

Take me out to the Ballpark; take me out to the game...Whataburger and Dell Fields...to see the Corpus Christi Hooks and the Round Rock Express start off the Minor League season... We will also visit the USS Lexington, Texas State Aquarium, Mission Espiritu Santo, Gonzales County Courthouse and so much more. A full itinerary will be available February 1. Cost is \$375 per person for a single room and \$312.50 per person for a double room. A deposit of \$100 is due at registration and full payment is due by March 24. Cost includes one breakfast, one lunch, tour fees, hotel and transportation.

#### AARP NEWS

Bring nonperishable food items for the Fort Bend Meals on Wheels program and local food pantries to the AARP meetings.

#### AARP SUGAR LAND CHAPTER # 4075

Wednesday, Feb 28th 1 p.m.

Our speaker will be from the South Texas Project. The South Texas Project is our Nuclear Electricity supplier. They propose to install, within the next few years, two new reactors to enhance the local supple of electricity. For more information, contact President Leon Anhaiser at 281-494-2046 or

Vice President Pat Shannon at 281-980-0964

#### OLD TOWN SUGAR LAND CHAPTER #5385, INC.

Thursday, Feb. 15 - 7pm

Jennifer Garza from the Fort Bend County of the Texas Cooperative Extension will focus on elder education issues. She is a part of the Family and Consumer Sciences and Better Living for Texans Department. For information, contact Paula Flores at 281-491-5968

#### AARP DRIVER'S SAFETY

CO-SPONSORED by AARP Chapter #4075 and the City of Sugar Land Wed and Thurs, Feb. 21 and 22

Sugar Land Sr. Room 9-1 pm

Cost for the two-day class is \$10

Our instructor will be Curtis Cook. The class is open to anyone with a valid driver's license. The course is NOT certified for ticket dismissal. To reserve, call 281-980-0211



#### 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 note change in garage sale dates. We will have a garage sale in October due to the fact the November garage sale dates fall on Thanksgiving weekend. The last garage sale date for each year will now be in October.







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