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COMMENTS FROM THE MAYOR
By Charles Jessup

Changes Taking Place

In case you haven't heard, you have a new Mayor. At the November Council Meeting, former Mayor Mark McGrath resigned and Council appointed me, Charles Jessup, to finish his term, which ends next May. For those of you don't know me, my family and I have lived in Meadows Place for nearly twenty-two years and I have served on City Council since 2002. I consider it an honor to be named to serve as your Mayor and will miss Mark as much as you.

Mark told us that "increased professional commitments have rendered him increasingly incapable of devoting the time I consider necessary to do my duties as Mayor". He also said "I feel fortunate to have worked with Council on planning and implementing a variety of projects, including our new marketing campaign".

Moving Forward

I was elected to Council at the same time Mark was elected Mayor and it has been a privilege to work side by side with him. He took the helm and helped move Meadows Place forward with professionalism, patience and a pro-active attitude. Just a few of the things we worked on, and that he is proud of, include our beautiful Monument Signs and the installation of lights at the major's field. There was also the beautification on West Airport, a major renovation at the community center and the establishment of a City web site. Working with "a wonderful staff" during his five and half years as Mayor also saw the reconstruction of the jogging track, drainage improvements and the beautiful wrought iron fencing along West Airport. We also saw the construction of a new pavilion and new playground equipment at the park during his tenure. Although he is proud of the Oasis development and the long term benefit for Meadows Place, Mark is especially proud of our new fire station which brings with it "better equipment, increased safety and, as a side benefit, lower fire insurance rates for all of us".

Mark left wishing "nothing but continued success to you, the staff and the City Council of the City of Meadows Place". I realize that I have some big shoes to fill and, with your support, will continue to move us forward with professionalism, patience and a pro-active attitude.

Holiday Trash Schedule

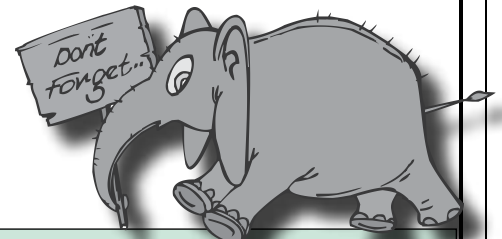
Friday, December 28th only,
no pickup on the 25th
Friday, January 4th only,
no pickup on the 1st



CITY CALENDAR

Dec. 18th	Regular City Council Meeting	7:30 p.m.
	<i>City Hall</i>	
Dec. 24th & 25th	Christmas Holidays	
	<i>City Hall Closed</i>	
	Dec. 26th - Jan. 7th	Christmas Tree Recycling
Jan. 1st	New Year's Day	
	<i>City Hall Closed</i>	
Jan. 22nd	Regular City Council Meeting	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 25th & 26th	Garage Sale Weekend	

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	e-mail: alderman3@cityofmeadowsplace.org	
CITY SECRETARY.....	Elaine Herff	

The City of Meadows Place held the 15th annual golf tournament at Greatwood Golf Club on Friday, November 16th. Alderman Terry Henley enjoyed the great day of golf and Charles Jessup was on hand to help out and also took care of being our "MC" for the evening awards banquet and dinner. Alderman Henley was recognized as being the most dedicated golfer, having attended every year for the 15 year history of the tournament. The weather was picture perfect, cool and not a cloud in the sky.

This year the 1st place team was the Oasis Medical Facilities team, Tim Delgado, Tim Marco, Steve Gibson and Omar Chana with a score of 57. Each player on the first place team was awarded a trophy and a gift certificate. The winner of the Longest Drive was Gary Orsak who won a gift certificate and trophy. Winner for Closest to the pin was Grady Randle. Plenty of door prizes were awarded and just about every golfer that attended the banquet walked away with a great prize. The fajita dinner was voted as being the best food yet to be served at the annual awards banquet.

The tournament was a great day of golf and socializing for all that attended. Volunteers who helped out to make such a great day were Meadows Place residents, Robin Evanich and Francine Hilburn and Corporate sponsor volunteer, Sarah with Claunch and Miller. The Parks and Recreation directors appreciate everyone who entered and attended this fun day.

All proceeds generated from this tournament will be used for park improvements within Meadows Place. Thanks to all our great sponsors. Corporate sponsors were Claunch and Miller, Eco Resources, Center Point Energy, Republic Waste, and Pamela Printing. Hole sponsors were; County Judge Bob Hebert, Cobb, Fendley and Associates, Inc., Randle Law Office LTD. L.L.P., McCall

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Alderman Terry Henley, Eric Brand**



**Volunteers: Meadows place residents,
Francine Hilburn, Robin Evanich**



1st Place Team - Oasis Team

Did You Know?

Did You Know.....that the City of Meadows Place is the safest place in Fort Bend County? Of course we have always known that but the online publication *Fort Bend Now* has published the FBI crime stats, so now everybody else knows it too. Nobody else was even close. But, according to the Chief, it's a team effort and they depend on us to be their eyes and ears in the neighborhood. This means we all need to call in when we see something that may be out of the ordinary. As Capt. Ashton always says, "We would rather come out to nothing than not come to something". So let's look after each other in this holiday season and please, remember not to leave presents, laptops, or purses in your cars. And remember, the kids get out of school on Dec. 21st. You know they are not going to be paying attention so we are going to have to!

Did You Know.....that Meadows Place Police Officer Bill Nix was the Top Gun at a recent firearms training session? He even out shot the instructor! Our police take firearms training and firearms safety very seriously. Seriously enough to participate in Project ChildSafe – a firearms safety program. This means any Meadows Place residents can go by the PD fill out a form and get a free safety kit which includes a free cable gun lock. If you have firearms and children you should really check this out.

Did You Know.....Meadows Place has an author that gives a portion of the proceeds from book sales to select safe animal shelters or animal welfare operations. Her name is Debbi Martin and she both writes and does the illustrations for her books, and they are neat. If you buy one for your child, or for a friend, Debbie will even personalize and dedicate them for you. For more info go to www.merlinmagic.cc

A Holiday Reminder - Our Police Dept. has a "House Watch" program available to us when we go out of town. It is a great service they provide for us when we are traveling. Use it.

Did You Know.....that this is the time of year we all need to say 'Thank You' to our neighbors who have a storm drain in front of their homes and are making the effort to bag the millions of leaves that are falling to help keep the storm drains clear. Their unselfish actions do a couple of things. First, they make sure the drain is clear in case we have one of those rains where the bottom seems to fall out of the bucket. Secondly, and more important to us in the long run, it helps prevent long term blockage of our storm drains by leaves and debris. So, if you see one of our neighbors bagging those leaves by a storm drain, wave, honk or holler 'Thanks' and let 'em know we appreciate their efforts.

Did You Know.....that Pvt. Matthew Sanchez - former Meadows Place resident and Dulles grad - has been awarded the Combat Infantry Badge for actions against Al Quida in southern Bagdad? Matthew and part of his cavalry unit were even on the front page of the November 28th Issue of Stars & Stripes. His folks, Mark and Sue Renfrow, are very proud of him - as they should be. Thank You Matthew! And thank you also to Matthew Lewis, paratrooper with the 82nd Airborne Division for helping to defend our country.

We are proud of all our service men and women and that is the reason we began our Wall of Heroes, which by the way, has a growing number of plaques.

Did You Know.....that Public Works Director Dan McGraw initiated bringing back the Christmas tree recycling program? He plans on using them for mulch which will benefit the City throughout the year. Dan worked with Patty Spade of the Administrative Staff as well as Terry Modeland of the Parks Dept. to devise an acceptable plan that should be beneficial to everyone. If you would, please give us your feedback. Thanks Dan – I love the fact that Meadows Place is going to recycle those trees instead of letting them go to waste.

If you have a question, comment or news we can use – please drop a note by City Hall or E-mail us at: alderman1@cityofmeadowsplace.org Thanks and hope to see you at a City Council meeting real soon.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

From Meadows Place City Hall and Police Department

CITY ORDINANCES / CODE ENFORCEMENT

By Tracey Spiller

Well, I don't know about you but the holidays sure did sneak up on me! As everyone gets busy with the usual craziness I am glad to see folks continuing the work on their homes and landscaping. Here are just a few who are making improvements:

The Millers have not only remodeled inside and out but have also redone the landscaping. The Mundys did a great job on re-siding and repainting. The Felts and the Rendons have recently had foundation repairs. And last but not least the Whitmire family, the Lerche family, and the Hollister family have had driveway repairs or replacements.

Thank you for all the improvements and I wish everyone a very Merry Christmas



HOME & GARDEN CLUB

By Beverly Martin, Publicity

The Home and Garden Club would like to wish all of you a very Happy Holiday Season. We decorated a beautiful Christmas tree in the Community Center. The Club had our annual Bunco Party and on December 11th, everyone enjoyed our Christmas Party and Gift Exchange.

The Home and Garden Club made donations to the "Fort Bend Seniors' Meals on Wheels," Child Protective Services, and Meadows Elementary School.

The winners of each section for "Holiday Lights" will be announced in the next newsletter. Thanks for decorating. We all enjoyed your hard work. Please remember to remove decorations in a timely manner.

Next meeting will be on Tuesday, January 8th. A very important instruction on "The Art of Self Defense" will be given by Lori Lee. You do not have to be a member to attend. Join us at the Community Center at 7:30.

Have a wonderful and safe Holiday Season.



Next time you are taking care of your yard, remember: it's important for all of us to make it a point to keep our storm drains clean and clear. You see, they're meant to carry rain water away and to help water flow easily away from your home during a heavy rainfall. The water that runs into and through the storm drain system is not treated, it goes straight to our waterways, and ultimately to Galveston Bay.

Don't blow it--bag or compost your leaves or grass clippings. And please, don't put anything--garbage, motor oil, paint, doggie doo or what-have-you--down the storm drain. Because it could wind up as "ewww" on you.

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Meadows Community Improvement Association

By Janet Kulhanek

The Meadows Community Improvement Association works with your City leaders on the following issues. All residents should review their situation to see if any of these apply to them and if so take appropriate steps to correct. Let's all take pride in our neighborhood.

- Dirt, mold, and mildew should be cleaned from exterior surfaces
- Approval of all exterior painting; even if repainting the same color-Failure could result in repainting and added expense
- Trash cans "should not" be visible from the street except on specific trash pickup days
- Inoperable gas lanterns-either repair or have removed if no longer working. Many are rusted and bent resulting in an unsightly view from the street
- Basketball goals, free standing or those fixed in ground should be kept maintained with both functioning backboard and net around the hoop.
- Overgrown trees with branches hanging over sidewalks and/or neighbor's driveways-it is important that large heavy branches that may be weak and that could break during strong wind be trimmed so as not to fall/damage your neighbors property or vehicles

Compliance in regard to following issues is also required:

- Approval of roof colors at City Hall
- Approval of all exterior siding colors
- Stumps level with the ground so grass can grow over the area
- Rotten wood and peeling paint should be repaired
- AC units in windows visible from the street are not permitted
- Approval of all exterior changes to a home
- Other areas that could be deemed a "nuisance" to the neighborhood

House numbers should be visible on all homes. This is important if emergency personnel need to come to your home. All residents should make an effort to make sure that their residence has visible numbers on the house or mail box and on the curb.

A comment! Mail boxes should be maintained and kept in good conditions and upright not only for esthetic purposes but also so that the mail person can easily insert the mail.

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**





PARKS & RECREATION

CLASSES

Pre-registration is required and most classes have a minimum/maximum enrollment. **PLEASE REGISTER EARLY!!!**

Call Parks and Recreation for information @ 281-983-2935

or email us: monya@cityofmeadowsplace.org

terry@cityofmeadowsplace.org

Unless otherwise noted, Meadows Place

Community Center /Pool or Annex Building 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 16 years at the Community Center and welcomes new students.

2007-2008 Winter Karate Schedule

When: January 10 - March 27

No class Spring Break week

Where: Community Center

Time: Ages 5-8 6:30 - 7:30pm

Ages 9-12 7:30 - 8:30 pm

Ages 13-up 8:30 - 9:30 pm

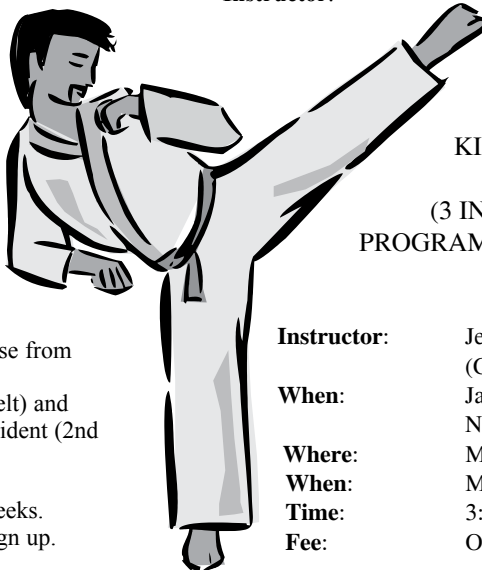
Fee: \$40.00 - 11 weeks

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

Fall 2007 Schedule

When: On Going
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

TAEKWONDO, KICK BOXING (NO CONTACT) AND FUN FITNESS DANCE (3 IN ONE) SPECIALLY DESIGNED PROGRAM FOR GETTING FIT (FOR KIDS 5 AND UP)

Instructor: Jenny Pless (City of Meadows Place resident)
When: January 7 to March 31, 2008 (12 classes). No class March 17, 2008 due to Spring Break
Where: Meadows Place Community Center
When: Monday
Time: 3:15pm - 4:30pm
Fee: Once a week \$55.00

SPRING CLASS SCHEDULE

Instructor: Jenny Pless (City of Meadows Place resident)
When: April 7 - May 19, 2008 (7 classes)
Where: Meadows Place Community Center
When: Monday
Time: 3:15pm - 4:30pm
Fee: Once a week \$35.00

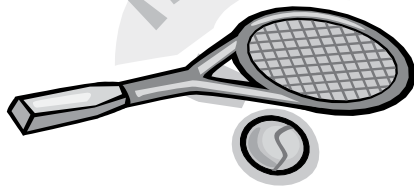
Please call Jenny Pless at 281-788-8564 or call City of Meadows Place Parks and Recreation 281-983-2935. You can also sign up during class.

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CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING

Starting December 26, 2007 you can drop your Christmas tree off at Monticeto and the service drive into the public works center. The Public Works Department will be chipping trees and using the mulch throughout the City Parks and facilities. This location is for City of Meadows Place residents only. Live Christmas trees will be the only items allowed for drop off at this location. Please make sure your tree is cleared of all decorations and any nails or other material which may have been used for stands. We will only accept trees through January 4th, 2008.

TENNIS



ATTENTION TENNIS PLAYERS

Please take a moment to read the tennis rules sign located at the tennis court. All rules will be enforced and violators will be subject to forfeiture of their privileges to use City facilities. The access card reader installed at the entrance gate will read every card and allow or deny access. The memory in the card reader gives the Parks and Recreation Office the information as to what resident's card was swiped at any given time of the day. It has been observed on a regular basis that too many guests or even non-resident use may be going on. Upon observation of such occurrence and notification to the Parks Department, we will research access information. This information will enable the Parks Office to contact the card holder to discuss possible violation of the access card rules.

If you see suspicious use of the tennis courts, or anyone violating the rules, please take note of the time of day and the possible violation and contact the Parks Department. You can call and leave a detailed message 24 hrs a day. Your personal name and information is optional. We will investigate the situation and contact you, if you wish, as well as the prospective violator.

Thank You,

City of Meadows Place Parks and Recreation Directors
281-983-2935

TENNIS CLASSES

Classes ongoing until December 15th, 2007 (4 weeks) /
New classes will resume in January 2008

1:00 – 2:25pm, 1 court, Junior Lessons - \$55.00 per month
2:30 – 3:55pm, 1 court, Adult Lessons - \$55.00 per month

Location: City Tennis Courts

Please contact the Parks Department @ 281-983-2935 if you are interested in joining Tennis Classes.

Fort Bend Tennis Services provides a Tennis Pro for each class for instruction. All classes are held at City of Meadows Place Tennis Courts. You do not have to be a resident to enroll in these classes.

All class registration must go through Meadows Parks and Recreation Department.

Evening: Monday & Thursday

Jr. Beginner & Advanced Beginner:

5:00 – 5:55pm \$55/month

Jr. Intermediate

6:00 – 6:55pm

Saturday mornings:

Adult Beginner & Advanced Beginner

7:45 – 8:55am \$55/month

Jr. Beginner & Advanced Beginner

9:00 – 10:25am \$55/month

Location: City Tennis Courts

NEW Adult Sunday evening class-Ongoing:

Adult Beginner & Advanced Beginner

6:30 – 7:55pm \$55/month

Tuesday Men's Adult League

7:15pm \$55/month

Schedule may be extended if it rains

QUILTING CLASSES

Quilting classes are held in the Meadows Place Community Center ANNEX building located on S. Kirkwood the 2nd 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: 2nd Saturday of the month.

Where: Community Center ANNEX building @ 11803 S. Kirkwood

Time: 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Fee: \$30.00 and up, depending on project

Max. 10 Students

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 3rd Saturday of each month. Contact Margaret Minton 281-933-2927 or 281-948-8823 to join the group.

MEADOWS PLACE LADIES BOWLING LEAGUE

Wednesday Morning League

9:00am, Stafford Lanes

Contact: Terry Modeland, Parks Department

terry@cityofmeadowsplace.org

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@sugarlandtx.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.

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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 hold up to 2 garage sales per year on the designated weekends. A garage sale permit is required. Please note 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 is in October.

2008 Garage Sale Dates

January 25th & 26th

March 28th & 29th

May 30th & 31st

July 25th & 26th

September 26th & 27th

October 24th & 25th

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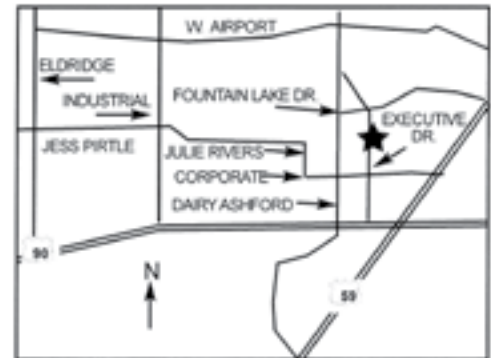
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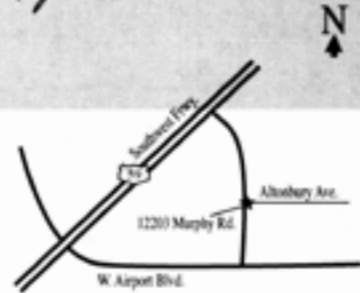
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