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March 21, 2008

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PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT .....

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COMMENTS FROM THE MAYOR By Charles Jessup

#### NEW DEVELOPMENT

For those that haven't heard, there is a new owner of the old Garden Ridge property and theatre and boy, does he have grand plans

for them. Upon completion, this center will be one of the most unique destination sites in the Greater Houston area. It could prove to have a huge impact on the City of Meadows Place and might bring thousands of people weekly to the complex to shop and go to the movies. The mall portion of the complex is going to house a series of shops, a food court, and restaurants and possibly an ethnically focused grocery and specialty store. The theatre will be unique as well. It is going to be completely remodeled and will feature films from Bollywood, complete with the occasional premier with the actors being flown over from India to 'Open' the films in America. It will all take place right here in Meadows Place! There won't be anything like it in this part of the country. What will it mean to Meadows Place? Well, it will mean no more vacant and abandoned property. It will mean increase property values and sales tax revenues from several new sources that will add economic stability to our City. All this housed in a location that will allow the City to keep its peaceful demeanor, quiet ways and continue to be a safe harbor for us all. I assure you that the City will make sure this new development meets all city codes, understands and adheres to our standards and will work with us to be a good corporate neighbor. I anticipate no problems in this area because they, like us, understand the benefit of 'living' in Meadows Place.

#### LOOKING INSIDE

**Cop Talk**. Look inside your Newsletter and you will find a new column called **Cop Talk**. **Cop Talk** is a small informative column provided by your Police Department. It is intended to inform, educate and enhance communications between us and the PD. It will appear monthly and include information that will let us know what we can do to help them look after us better. It will answer frequently asked questions and explain laws that affect us on a day to day basis. Look for - **Cop Talk**. Another change is the addition of the '**Meet Your Council**' column which will feature a different elected or appointed city official so you can get to know who is representing and serving you. Again, it is designed to break down barriers and open lines of communication. Hopefully it will even encourage you to come to City Council meetings. These are small and subtle changes to make life even better in the City of Meadows Place, *Your* Place for *Life*!

March 25, 2008	City Council Meeting City Hall	7:30 p.m.
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Check out the and Recreat section of this r newsletter for informatior	tion months more	MIL THESE

**CITY CALENDAR** 

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Easter Holiday

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Did You Know?

Did You Know.....that both the Mayor and the Police Chief were on TV? The Mayor was on Channel 2 as part of their Meet the Mayor series on Sunday mornings. He was invited because they wanted to confirm that the FBI stats proved that Meadows Place and NOT one of our neighbors was indeed the safest city in Ft. Bend. Meadows Place came out looking good. Later that week, Chief Baker was interviewed by Channel 13 as part of an investigative piece trying to find out how smaller Police Departments like ours manage to compete with larger departments for officers. They also interviewed Chiefs from Rosenberg and Clear Lake Shores. All represented their cities well and came across as the professionals they are, but I think Meadows Place looked the best! Thanks Chief. Great job. Oh, Channel 2 invited the Mayor to come back so maybe Meadows Place will make the news again.

Did You Know....that our Parks Directors, Monya Keenan and Terry Modeland sat down with PTO President Lisa Kulhanek and incoming President Jennifer Townsell about adding some additional track area to the soon to begin Phase III of our Parks Development Project? This joint venture will allow the PTO to contribute funds for this new addition. Adding this additional track area will provide a secure space for our children to walk and run in order to meet the new exercise requirements. Meadows Elementary Principal Irma Cobos and PE Teacher Dob Young were instrumental in this project as well. Just another example of Meadows Place focusing on the future and making it happen. Good job everyone.

On to other things, **Did You Know....** Tim Horner wrote to say that Meadows Place has come through again. Four of our residents have made the Sophomore baseball team at Dulles High School? They are Vinny Doina, Chris Horner, James Nava and Connor Shaw. Congratulations guys! That is a tough team to make. Speaking of baseball, Meadows Place baseball is about to start its Spring season. Come on out and watch a game or two. It is a fun way to spend the day and a chance to visit with your friends and neighbors. Play Ball !!!

**Did You Know....** that Girl Scout Troop #578 under the leadership of Margaret Minton stuffed 200-300 stockings for Christmas Memories? They started this back in 1997 and did it year in and year out through 2007. Thanks to Margaret and ALL the Girl Scouts who helped make this part of Christmas Memories a special event. Thank You.

Did You Know.....there is a new newspaper being thrown in Meadows Place? It is called *Independent*. Seems like a good publication but that gives us two free papers a week being thrown in Meadows Place. This lends itself to littering and trash problems. Councilman Dave Wilkens, the Mayor and Code-Enforcement Officer Tracey Spiller are monitoring the situation. The Mayor has contacted both papers and asked them to please throw the papers into the yard and keep them out of the street. Michael Fredrickson, General Manager of *The Fort Bend/Southwest Star* was most gracious, talked to his distributor, showed great improvement and according to Tracey, he sent a follow up car to check the situation and even pick them up out of the street. The *Independent* said they will try to do better as well. These publications are an asset so please help us keep these papers from being a problem. Thank You.

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.

#### **CITY ORDINANCES / CODE ENFORCEMENT**

#### By Tracey Spiller

A nyone else at a loss as to what to wear these days? One day it is warm and sunny the next we have rain and it is 40 degrees! As the weather warms, remember it is time to get the lawn mowers and weed eaters out. City Ordinance requires that grass and weeds not exceed 9 inches in height. This includes weeds growing along the curb, in the driveway expansion joints, in flower beds, and along walkways.

While you are out and about take a look at following improvements:

- The Rome family, the Santiago family and the Chiu family have a new coat of paint on their homes.
- The Musa family had added beautiful new landscaping. What a way to welcome spring!
- Finally, the biggest change is the Cabezas family. They changed the elevation of their home and added windows. The house used to have a flat roof and now it is peaked and has windows added. It truly is a wonderful changed!

#### A MESSAGE FROM THE POLICE CHIEF

By Mike Baker



A s dedicated members of the police department, our employees work hard to maintain a level of service to our citizens that is second to none. Each of us takes great pride in going an extra step to provide the type of committed service residents of Meadows Place have come to enjoy. Our goal is to do our jobs in

such a way that our community can feel as safe and secure as possible as they go about their daily routines. We are especially committed to the welfare of our children. The programs and services we offer allow us to partner with our community in making Meadows Place the great place it is.

The police department enjoys a high level of support and cooperation from our mayor, city council, and citizens. We believe that we are all part of the same team. The solid working relationships we have with other area law enforcement agencies allow us to work together to keep the people in this part of Fort Bend County safe. After seeing what Meadows Place has to offer, we trust that visitors and locals alike will understand what we mean when we say Meadows Place is *Your* Place for *Life*.

#### MEET YOUR COUNCIL

#### DAVID A. WILKENS, CCIM, ALDERMAN, POSITION III



David Wilkens is an account manager with Cushman & Wakefield (C&W) and has 26 years experience in the marketing and management of commercial office, industrial, land and residential properties. His responsibilities include asset analysis, taxes, inspections,

appraisals, environmental reviews, site remediation, sales, acquisitions, dispositions and leasing for profit and non-profit organizations.

Currently David is responsible for sales, negotiation and transaction management for the Service Corporation International ("SCI"). He has facilitated and advised on sales in excess of \$50M over the past 7 years.

Prior to C&W, David was Director of Administration for Mars Hill Productions, a Christian film production company, where he was responsible for the coordination of monthly financials, payables, payroll and HR. He has also served as Vice President for Chase Bank in its real estate management department where he gained valuable experience in internal



#### NUMBERS

What's in a number? We see them everywhere. Or do we? Meadows Place Police Officers do our best to be familiar with all residents and their homes. In an emergency, your address (house number) plays a significant role in our providing service. If this is not visible from the street, either on the home, mailbox or curb, it could delay our response time. Our commitment to the citizens and community is priority number one. Please help by insuring we all live and play by the numbers!

Cop Talk is a new addition to our newsletter from the Meadows Place Police Department. We look forward to bring articles of value to the community. If you have an area of interest please let us know.

audits and governmental regulatory compliance, all of which come into play as a City Council member for Meadows Place.

David has a Bachelor of Commerce degree from Rice (1976) and completed post baccalaureate studies in accounting from UT at Austin (1977). He is a licensed Texas Real Estate Broker and carries the Certified Commercial Investment Member (CCIM) designation. He is set to receive his Masters of Corporate Real Estate (MCR) in March 2008.

The Wilkens family has actively served the community for many years. Beside serving on Council and coaching for years, David has served as deacon for his church, and has been an active volunteer serving on the Special Children's Committee of the Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo where he has attained the status of Lifetime Committeeman for his 24 years of service. David and his high school sweetheart, Patricia (Trish) Tribble Wilkens, were married in 1979 and have been blessed with three sons, Matthew and Luke who attend Baylor University and Andrew who is a senior at Dulles High School. The City of Meadows Place is fortunate to have someone with Dave's experience and desire to give back to his community on its City Council. Thank You David.

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#### 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 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 that the November garage sale dates fall on Thanksgiving weekend. The last garage sale date for each year is in October.

> 2008 Garage Sale Dates March 28th & 29th May 30th & 31st July 25th & 26th September 26th & 27th October 24th & 25th

#### HOME & GARDEN CLUB

By Beverly Martin, Publicity

This year the Garden Club looks forward to providing our Scholarship Award to a deserving applicant, who is a 2008 graduating senior, or a current post- secondary education student, planning to enroll in a course of study at an accredited US college or university. Applicant must be a resident of Meadow Place and have a US Citizenship or have permanent resident status. Applications may be picked up at the Dulles High School Counselor's office and/or at Meadows Place City Hall. Applications need to be submitted by the end of April. The award will be presented at the May Meadows Place City Council Meeting.

The Garden Club has two great programs set for this Spring. The first, Tuesday, March 11, "Spring Lawn Care," presented by Southwest Fertilizer and the second, Tuesday, April 8, "Attracting Beneficial Insects and Butterflies," presented by Diana Liga, Horticultural Instructor, Urban Harvest. Both programs are at the Community Center at 7:30pm. Please join us!

Lunch Bunch: Thursday, March 20th, lunch at the Live Oak Grill followed by a tour of the Museum of Southern History. Thursday, April 17th, "Sack or Salad Lunch," place to be announced. Call Margaret 281-933-8034

• Prune roses no shorter than 18". Do not prune climbing roses.

#### **CLASSIFIED & ADVERTISING**

Anyone wishing to place an ad in the newsletter can contact City Hall for information. All ads are due by the second Friday of each month. The appearance of paid advertising is not an endorsement by the City.

Avon products shop online http://www.youravon.com/lindalittlejohn order brochure or products by email garylittlejohn@sbcglobal.net or 281-498-9855.

Red Cross Certified Babysitter, 15 years old. 3 years old and up. Allison # 281-564-8238 cell 713-264-2027

Superb housecleaning call Elizabeth at 713-480-8814 (Recommendation call 281-498-4016 Barbra Sellers)

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Soturday, April 5th Saturday, April 19th 12:00 Noon - 3:00 PM Meadows Community Center

> Registration fees: 1 st Swimmer: \$70 2nd Swimmer: \$60 3rd Swimmer: \$50

Ask about our Kuni Martins & Swim Lesson options for non-swimmers or beginning swimmers

Swimmers age 5-18 T-shirt Included and Available at Registration

New Swimmers, 6 & Unders & 11-12 Flip-Turns practice starts: May 5th ALL Swimmer practice starts: May 12th

> This year's NEW suits will be available for purchase at registration. Girl's Tyr blue/green "Torch" Boy's Tyr green "Elixir" Swimsuits also available at Finish Line Sports.

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# PARKS & REGREATION

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 or 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

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#### **TENNIS CLASSES**

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.

#### Saturday Classes (\$55 - 4 sessions) On Going

7:45-9:00	Adult - Advanced Beginner
9:00-10:30	Youth - Beginner / Advanced Beginner
10:30-12:00	Youth - Intermediate / Advanced Intermediate /
	Competitors
12:00-12:45	Toddlers - Ages 2-4
	(class size - 3 or less - must register)

Monday / Weds. Classes (\$75 - 8 sessions) On Going 5:30-6:30 Youth - Intermediate / Advanced Intermediate

Monday Only Class (\$75 - 8 sessions) On Going 6:30-7:30 Youth - Beginner / Advanced Beginner

<u>Tuesday Only Class</u> (\$75 - 8 sessions) On Going 5:30-6:30 Youth - Beginner / Advanced Beginner

Location: City Tennis Courts \*\*Schedule may be extended if it rains\*\*



#### **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 for to use of 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 nonresident 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



### PARKS & REGREATION



#### THAN PHONG TAEKWONDO, SELF-DEFENSE

#### Winter 2008 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 1)

Specially designed program for getting fit (For kids 5 and u

Instructor:	Jenny Pless
	(City of Meadows Place resident)
When:	On going.
	No class March 17, 2008 due to Sring 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.

## Strengthen your body & sharpen your mind

PARKS AND RECREATION BULLETIN BOARD

March 21	City Holiday - Good Friday	Closed
April 4	Lifeguard Applications Due	All Day
April 12	Lifeguard Interviews	10 am
April 14	Lifeguard Interviews	3 pm
April 24	Lifeguard Training	6-9 pm
April 26	Lifeguard Training	9-4 pm
April 27	Lifeguard Training	9-4 pm
May 3	Animal Clinic	11-2 pm
May 9	Ladies Night Out	7:30 pm
May 10	First Weekend	
	Theme Parties Available	
May 16	Barefoot Friday	8:30 pm
May 17	Pool opens on weekend	11am - 8pm
June 13	Splash Night	6-10 pm
June 16	Monday Movie	12 pm
June 18	Wednesday Bingo	11 am

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

The American Society of Karate is an association designed to teach American 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.

#### 2008 Spring Karate Schedule

April 10 - May29

When: Where: Time: Fee: Uniforms:

No class Spring Break week Community Center Ages 5-8 6:30 – 7:30pm Ages 9-12 7:30 – 8:30 pm Ages 13-up 8:30 - 9:30 pm \$40.00 – 11 weeks \$30.00 (sorry no checks) purchase from instructor

Rex Mahy (3rd Degree Black Belt)

Instructors:

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.

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### PARKS & REGREATION

### Ladies Bowling League

Contact: Parks Department - 281.983.2935 or terry@cityofmeadowsplace.org

> Wednesday Morning League 9:00am, Stafford Lanes

#### SUMMER LIFEGUARDS

ifeguard applications are being accepted at Meadows Place City Hall until Friday, April 4th 2008. Interviews are scheduled @ the Community Center/Pool starting @ 10:00am, Saturday, April 12 and Starting@ 3:00pm, Monday, April 14th.

> All applicants must be 15 years of age by the following training dates:

Thursday, April 24 @ Annex Building 6-9:00 pm

Saturday, April 26

@ Community Center /Pool 9:00am-4:00pm

#### Sunday, April 27

@ Community Center /Pool 9:00am-4:00pm



### **ATTENTION RESIDENTS!**

We are currently collecting old pictures of our events and activities that have occurred over the past 25 years. We will display them in a slideshow at our celebration in November. To make sure your photos are included in this tribute, stop by city hall and let us scan your photos into our database. We won't need a hard copy so you can take the photo with you when you leave. With your help, this will be a great tribute to our history as a close knit community over the past 25 years!

#### QUILTING CLUB

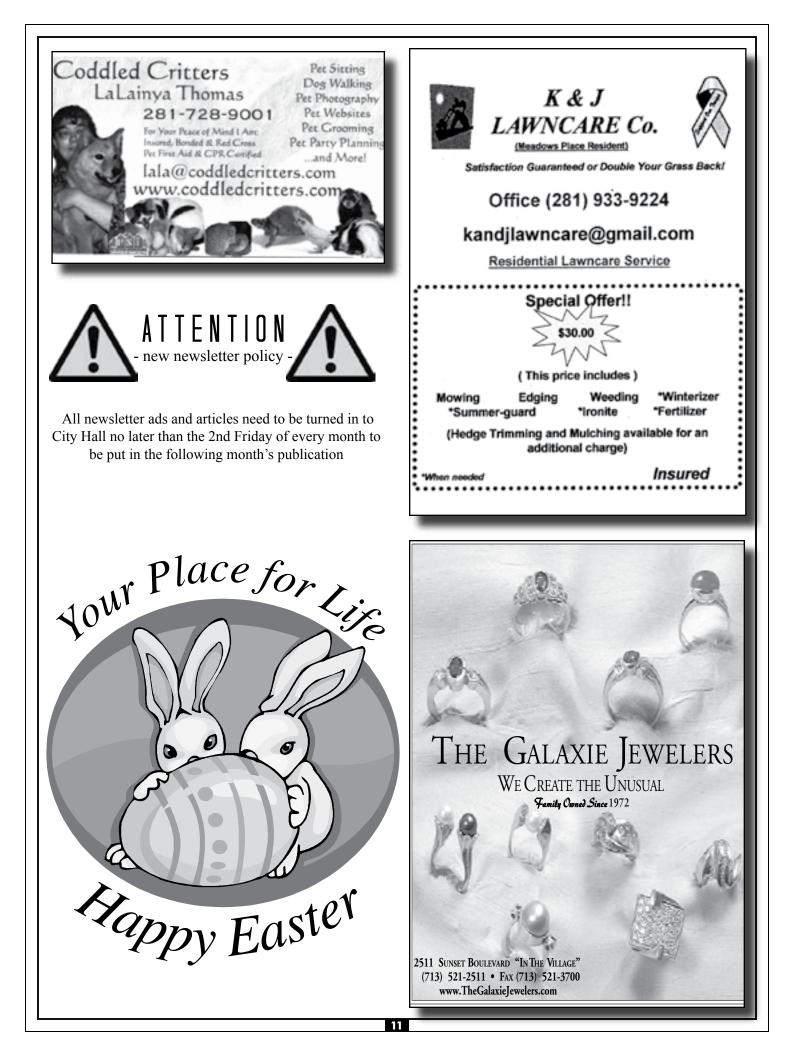
S everal Meadows Place residents are experienced quilters and want to share their love of quilting with others. This group is meeting at the Community Center ANNEX building located on S. Kirkwood on the 3rd Saturday of each month. Contact Margaret Minton 281-933-2927 or 281-948-8823 to join the group.

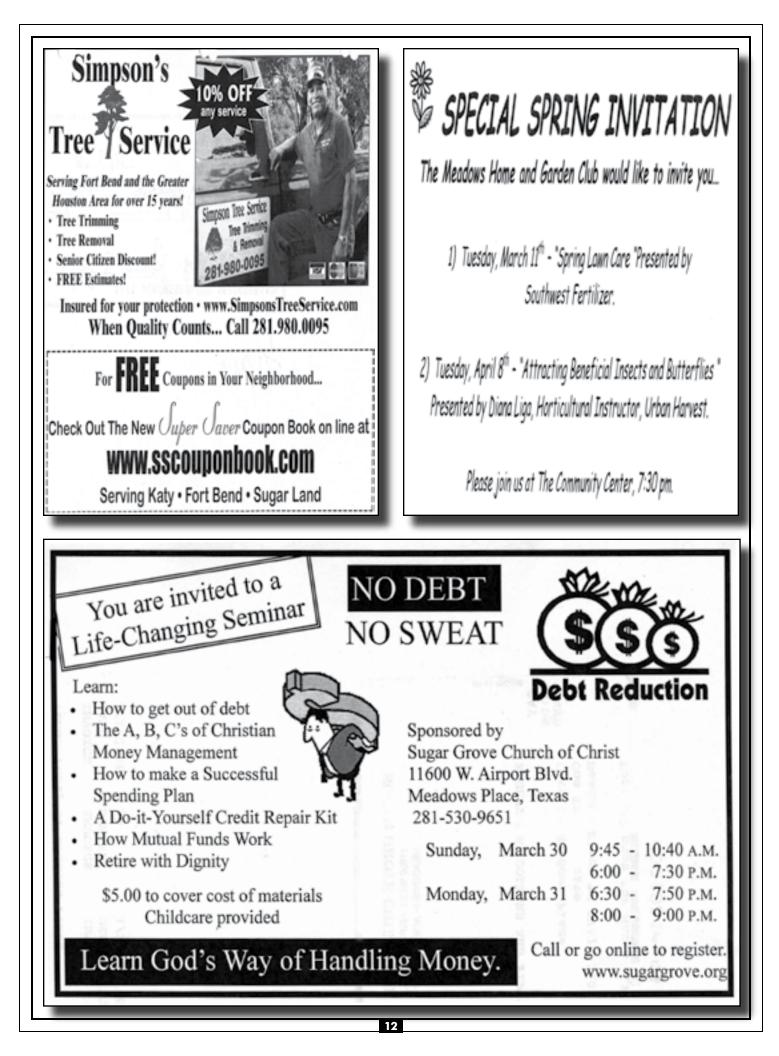


#### QUILTING CLASSES

uilting 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:	9am - 4pm	
Fee:	\$30.00 and up, depending on project	
Max:	10 students	









Sugar Grove Church of Christ Saturday Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, March 22 10:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M.

11600 West Airport Meadows Place, Texas 281-530-9651

Ages: 2—10 years old





Come and have fun! We will have a field of eggs, snow cones, soft drinks and moonwalks. Games for everyone: relays, eggs toss, and face painting.



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Community Pool Rental.....\$300.00 (Maximum time allowed is 3.5 hours)

COMMUNITY CENTER / POOL COMBO Available for rental May 17 – September 1 2008 Rent both and receive a discount of \$50.00

#### CALL PARKS AND RECREATION TO SCHEDULE YOUR EVENT 281-983-2935

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