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City of
Meadows
PLACE

SEPTEMBER 2008

COMMENTS FROM THE MAYOR

By Charles Jessup



Meadows Place is a unique city. Community is not just a word that is thrown around for feel good purposes, it is who we are. It is what we are. This is what CERT Director Michael Kahlenberg is learning as he leads and trains some 25 CERT volunteers through this eight week course in our recently refurbished Community Center.

CERT is an acronym for Citizens Emergency Response Team and is a very comprehensive training program designed to help us help ourselves and our neighbors in an emergency or catastrophic event. What brought this training session to Meadows Place was a visit to the Office of Emergency Management (OEM) by myself, Chief Baker and Public Works Director Dan McGraw. After seeing how much impact citizen volunteers could have and how much help they could be to our first responders like the Fire Department and the PD, we jumped at the chance to bring CERT to Meadows Place. Though CERT is a county wide program, most of the volunteers in this session are from Meadows Place. Like Wayne Herff and Joanna Jones, they are your neighbors and are taking CERT to "be able to help my neighbors" or "in an effort to give back to my community". At this point Mr. Kahlenberg is very impressed with the enthusiasm of our volunteers, the support of our volunteer Fire Department and PD and wants to have another session here some time in the future. If we do, and I think we will, we will give you plenty of notice so you too can become better prepared to help yourself, your loved ones and your friends and neighbors if needed. CERT. Just another way we are making Meadows PlaceYour Place For Life.

IDEAS FOR IMPROVEMENT

This year's Olympics are proving the old adage "What man can conceive he can achieve". Meadows Place wants to achieve the status of the greatest place to live in all of Texas – and we are close. That's why we asked you to submit some "Ideas for Improvement". We needed to "conceive" some new ideas. To see what was on our minds. Find ways to make us even better as a City. Well, we got some great "Ideas", both for the City and for us as homeowners. For the City, ideas ranged from swales, raised berms and paths to monorail systems. Parks, ponds and water features were among the top vote-getters. For us homeowners there were pleas to paint, clean up, mow and edge. Lots of attention was given to mailboxes, pets running loose and playthings in the streets. You will be seeing more about these ideas as we begin to post them, prioritize them and see if we can begin to implement and promote them. Thanks to everyone who submitted ideas.

TREES

Trees were also mentioned amongst our "Ideas". Trees make a big difference in the City but just like the City, homeowners have to keep their trees 'raised and trimmed'. Makes 'em safer to have in your yard in a storm and lets the grass grow better. Also, we have an ordinance that says trees need to be trimmed to 10' over the sidewalks and 14'-16' above the streets so they don't tear up our Emergency Vehicles so please, do your part.

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Please notify the 25th Anniversary History Committee, Nancy Lewallen, Chair, at (281) 495-6028....If.....

- **Your family is a second (or third) generation family living in Meadows Place!!! Or if you went to Meadows Elementary School and now have a child there! Multi-Generational family photos would be ideal for our display on November 15. All photos will be returned.**
- **If you have any early sports team photos, we'd love to borrow them as well.**
- **Any info or photos on the early "Meadows Tennis Association".**
- **Any photos of early Meadows residents homes, streets, enviroment. Please let us know the year you came to Meadows Place!! I have met many original residents, so if they could please send us any info. Write up something, send photos, etc.**

We appreciate your help and will thoughtfully compile this info in a special display for everyone's enjoyment at the Anniversary celebration on November 15, 2008.

CITY CALENDAR

September 9	1st Public Hearing on budget and tax rate City Hall	7:00 p.m.
September 16	2nd Public Hearing on budget City Hall	7:00 p.m.
September 23	City Council Meeting City Hall	7:30 p.m.
September 26 & 27	Garage Sale Weekend	
October 7	National Night Out in Texas	

Did You Know?...

Did You Know.... that the City is always looking for ways to make it a better, safer place to live? That was the reason we recently asked for "Ideas for Improvement" and is why Mayor, Council and staff are always willing to receive ideas or sit down with groups that want to share their ideas with City leaders. As an example, some of your neighbors, Patricia Altman, Charles Stogner and Mary Lockwood, wanted to get together to discuss ways to help make Meadows Place even more "Environmentally Friendly". Our thanks to Pat and everyone who steps up and gets involved. This is what helps make Meadows Place - Your Place For Life.

Did You Know.... that Public Works Director Dan McGraw has been working with the County on new mosquito control tactics.? He is using some new, environmentally safe, "stuff" and it seems to be working. Mosquito counts are waaaaay down this year. We, as homeowners can also help protect ourselves and our neighbors from these pesky critters (and the West Nile Virus) by making sure we don't have ANY standing water in our yards for them to breed in. Thanks.

Did You Know.... that I sometimes forget about the great job the Fire Department does for us? We have a great relationship with the City of Stafford and the Stafford Fire Department. They house and staff our Fire Station, provide us with Fire and EMS protection and respond to emergency calls of all kinds. Last year - in Meadows Place they responded to 298 events. That's almost one a day! This year they have already been to 205 - many of them EMS calls - and many times it is our neighbors responding. So, to all our brave firefighters - Thank You!

Did You Know.... that our Meadows Marlins Swim Team tied for Division Title this year? No wonder they sent a record 36 members to All Stars. A new All Star record was set in the 100 yard Medley Relay by our 15-Over girls relay team lead by Calleye Baker, Jaylee Ewing, Nicole Nguyen, and Madison Wigley. Two other relay teams took 1st place All Stars, the 6 & Under Boys Freestyle featuring Michael Brockett, Michael Brough, Ethan Chow, and Gavin Gaytos, and the 13/14 Boys Medley relay with Jacob Evanich, Christopher Lipp, Beau McGlasson, and Carlin Nguyen. The

other Marlins that went to All Stars were: Mason Alpha, Blake Cellum, Elsbeth Chow, Vinnie Doina, Cory Ewing, Gabriela Fuentes, Bobby Garcia, Madison Gaytos, Ericka Gomez, Kimberly Heallen, Courtney Hilburn, Shelby Howard, Matt Jones, Michelle Lemerond, Ashley Linhart, Taylor Linhart Casey Luker, Warren Lumberas, Kasin Luu, Billy Olive, Ryan Polhemus, Tyler Smith, Madison Tuller, and Victor Xu. Whew... We have some great talent here in Meadows Place, maybe even some future Olympic champions.

Did You Know.... that Eric Sutton of Meadows Place, won the "Men's Sport age 25-29" category of the USA Cycling Mountain Bike Championships in Mt. Snow, Vermont? Eric had to complete two laps (10 miles) of the cloverleaf course. It is laid out on the ski slopes of Mount Snow and is known as one of the most challenging and grueling in the country. He beat the second place guy by almost three minutes! Congratulations Eric.

Did You Know.... that Channel 2 News came out and interviewed Officer Kelly Davis about our Safe Place program? Seems they heard that we were the first city in Fort Bend County to initiate Safe Place. Read more about it on our website.

Did You Know.... that the City of Meadows Place has a great write-up in the August issue of Fort Bend Lifestyles? If you have not seen it, check it out on page 108 of that issue.

Did You Know.... The Meadows Home and Garden Club does a lot for our community. They are inviting you to find out about the things they are so proud of, from speakers events, field trips, tours, and many community services. Their annual "Get to Know us Picnic Dinner" will be held on Tuesday, September 9th at 7:30 pm at the Meadows Place Community Center. Join them to see what they are all about. Call Margaret 281-933-8034 for information.

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

City Ordinances / Code Enforcement



By Tracey Spiller

There is a change in policy with regards to variances. The City of Meadows Place states no boats, trailers (this includes contractor trailers), campers or motor homes are allowed within the city limits however; variances can be issued on a limited basis. You can request a variance by contacting Code Enforcement at (281) 983-2938. Failure to secure a variance will result in a warning and could result in a citation.

Here is an example of how a variance will be issued. You are planning a camping trip and need to pack your camper. You will be allowed to get a variance 24 hours prior to you leaving and you are given 24 hours upon return to unpack in order to return the camper to storage.

I understand that change can be difficult but this is an effort to continue to improve the appearance of the City of Meadows Place. Your cooperation is appreciated.

As I drove through the City I had to make a stop to check on a job, when from across the street I hear my name being called. I looked over and it was Mr. Wittmann. He inquired when I might mention the fact that he had recently repainted. Well, Wittmann family the house looks great! It really brightened things up with the different color. Thanks for your hard work and the reminder!

The Graebert family and the Koh family have repainted. The Ramirez family has a new A/C and duct work, which should keep things cooler. I would like to thank the folks on the northeast side of Brook Meadows who have had their trees trimmed. It looks wonderful!

Thank you all for your hard work and folks don't be afraid to stop me on the street and let me know what is going on at your house!

How observant are you?

The first person to call us with the correct date when the lights started working on the wrought iron fence along West Airport, wins a 25th Anniversary t-shirt



Attention

25th anniversary t-shirt on sale, come get yours now...for only \$10.00. Monday-Friday 9am-4pm@City Hall

Home & Garden Club

By Beverly Martin, Publicity

Meadows Place residents... Mark your calendar for the Home and Garden Club's "Get to Know Us Picnic Dinner,"

**Tuesday, September 9, 2008
at 7:30 pm at the Community Center.**

**Come join us for a hot dog dinner, meet the members
and learn what the club is all about.**

**If you are interested,
call Margaret (281) 933-8034 by Tuesday, September 2.**

Another important calendar date is Saturday, November 1, 2008. The Home and Garden Club will host the 33rd Annual Craft Show at St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church on 12627 W. Bellfort from 9:00 to 4:00 pm. Anyone interested in securing a booth or for information call Lillian (281) 495-6039.

The Club recently made a donation to the city to help landscape the patio area at the Community Center.

Thanks again for all the beautiful yards in our city. Congratulations to the August winners. The Yard of the Month judging will begin again on the last week end in April for the May winners.

August Yard of the Month Winners

Section I Margie and Khashayar Karami 11307 Scottsdale	Section III Danny and Abby Murphy 12131 Alston Drive
Section II Richard and Patty Spade 11934 Monticeto Lane	Section IV South Tom and Lynette Cranford 12019 Blair Meadow Drive
Section IV North Mr. and Mrs. Philip Bair 12222 Meadowdale Drive	

Garage Sales 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.

We will have a garage sale in October because the November garage sale dates fall on Thanksgiving weekend. The last garage sale date for each year will now be in October.

2008 Garage Sale Dates
September 26th & 27th
October 24th & 25th

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Westbury Area

COP **TALK**

By Chief Mike A. Baker



MPPD OFFICERS ASSIST MEALS ON WHEELS PROGRAM

Fort Bend Seniors administers the Meals on Wheels program throughout the county. Meals are delivered to seniors who are unable to physically attend a senior center and are unable to safely prepare their own meals. Often the participants are homebound with certain health issues. Healthy meals are delivered five days a week. Volunteer drivers can sometimes be hard to find.

On June 30, 2008, the Meadows Place Police Department (MPPD) joined police departments from Richmond, Rosenberg, and Fulshear in volunteering to deliver meals. Currently the MPPD delivers several meals a day to three different locations. So far, several different members of our department have gotten in on the action! When patrol officers are busy, other staff members deliver the meals. Our participation not only fills a need for the Meals on Wheels program, it gives us an opportunity to check up on our senior citizens to be sure everything is okay while continuing to be highly visible in our community.

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.

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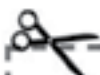
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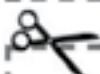
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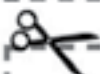
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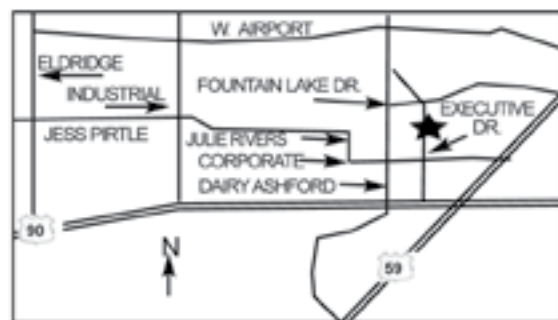
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Pre-registration is required and most classes have a minimum/maximum enrollment. PLEASE REGISTER EARLY!!!

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

Classes



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 17 years at the Community Center and welcomes new students.

2008 Fall Karate Schedule

- Starts:** September 11
Ends: Thursday, December 4 (No Class Nov. 7)
Fee: \$40 - 12 weeks
 \$30 - Uniform (sorry no checks)
 purchase from instructor
Time: 6:30pm - 7:30pm Ages 5-12
 7:30pm - 8:30pm All New Students
 (Ages 13-70)
Where: Community Center
Instructors: Rex Mahy (3rd Degree Black Belt)
 and Meadows Place residents Stephen Puma,
 (3rd Degree Black Belt), Michael Puma (2nd
 Degree Black Belt), and Steve Court (1st 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.



Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Training Sign Up Now

- When:** Ongoing
Where: City of Meadows Place Community Center
 11975 Dorrance St., Meadows Place, TX 77477
Time: 6:30pm to 9:30 pm
Cost: No Cost!! Manual and Starter Backpack Provided
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Classes cover:

- Sept. 10 - Week 5: *Light Search and Rescue*
 Sept. 17 - Week 6: *Team Organization and
 Disaster Psychology*
 Sept. 24 - Week 7: *Terrorism Awareness*
 Oct. 1 - Week 8: *Disaster Simulation Drill*

CERT training is designed to prepare you to help yourself, your family and your neighbors in the event of anticipated disruptions and potential hazards before and following a disaster. Should emergency personnel not be available, you can use this training to save lives and protect property.

To sign up, contact:
Michael Kahlenberg, Fort Bend County CERT Coordinator
 Office phone: 281.342.6185
 Web: www.fortbendcountycert.com
 Email: kahlemic@co.fort-bend.tx.us

PARKS & RECREATION

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.

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

Coastal Prairie Quilt Guild of Texas

An open sew opportunity will follow all regular meetings. Bring your lunch, your machine or just hand work, and join us for lots of fun! For more information call: 832.693.2512

Who: Anyone interested in Quilting
When: 3rd Thursday of Each Month
Where: Meadows Place Community Center

September 18, 2008 / 10am to 12noon

Paula Platter from Oklahoma and a \$100,000 Quilt Challenge finalist in 2007 will offer a workshop. Registration begins August 18th.

Ladies Bowling League

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

**Wednesday Morning League
 9:00am, Stafford Lanes**



PARKS AND RECREATION

BULLETIN BOARD

CERT Training

Labor Day

Every Wed.
In September

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October 1

CERT training ends

Seniors Activities

Meadows Place Parks and Recreation has joined with the Sugar Land Parks and Recreation Department to offer field trips/classes and activities for seniors citizens. All events will be offered at the Sugar Land Community Center unless stated otherwise. A calendar of daily events is available at the Sugar Land Senior Center which can be reached at 281-275-2893 or you can email them at seniors@sugarlandtx.gov

Senior Classes Now Offered:

Softball	Mondays (Imperial Park)	9am
Yoga	Monday & Friday	9am
Computer Class	2nd Monday of each month	10am
Mah Jong	Monday	10am
Line Dancing	Monday & Wednesday	
	SL Comm. Center	1pm & 10am
Jazzercise	Tuesday, Thursday & Friday	9am
Walking Club	Tuesday & Friday	
	First Colony Mall	8:30am
Tai Chi	Wednesday	9am
Table Tennis	Wednesday & Friday	8am - noon
Crafts	Thursday	1pm- 3pm
Horseshoes	Daily (Imperial Park)	
Pool	Daily	
We Have Wii!	Thursday	3pm
Art Class	Monday	1-3pm
China Painting	Tuesday	10am- noon

The Spirit of the 4th of July in Meadows Place

Each year the parade is planned for weeks by the Parks and Recreation Department, but what most people don't know is that it takes the efforts of a lot more than the Parks and Recreation Department to put on the actual parade. The judges were Meadows Place residents Abby Murphy, Denise Horner, Ray Wathen, Francine Hilburn and Beverly Hickie. These are the people that give the parade its competitive edge. We also have many business partners that volunteer their vehicles and contacts to be a part of our celebration. And who can forget the most important volunteers of all, the community! We would be hopeless without the help of all the residents and community groups that put together such fabulous floats, trucks, bicycles, wagons, and trailers that make up what we have been proud to call the Meadows Place 4th of July Parade for years. Another important member of this year's celebration was Meadows Place resident Jack Shaw. He served as photographer of the entire event and did a wonderful job! Be sure to check out his entire collection of 4th of July pictures as well as other community event photos at www.shawphotoworks.com. Thank you to all those involved in the 4th of July parade this year! The Meadows Place 4th of July Parade continues to be the success it is because of this community's support in the true Spirit of the 4th!

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