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PLACE

FEBRUARY 2009

COMMENTS FROM THE MAYOR By Charles Jessup



CITY BUSINESS

Thanks to a lot of hard work by city staff, Meadows Place has already closed it's books for fiscal year 2007-2008 and presented the figures to our auditors. This is a process which not only oversees our in house accounting functions and makes sure we are in compliance with accepted accounting standards and principals but also looks for deficiencies that could cause the city problems. In addition, the auditors accumulate detailed information on capital assets, review and confirm depreciation schedules and work with staff to make any adjustments necessary to be able to present government-wide-basis of accounting in the financial statements. As usual, our financial statements are in order and our finances look strong. We are very fortunate to have such qualified financial personnel on staff to work with our auditors and look after our finances on a daily basis.

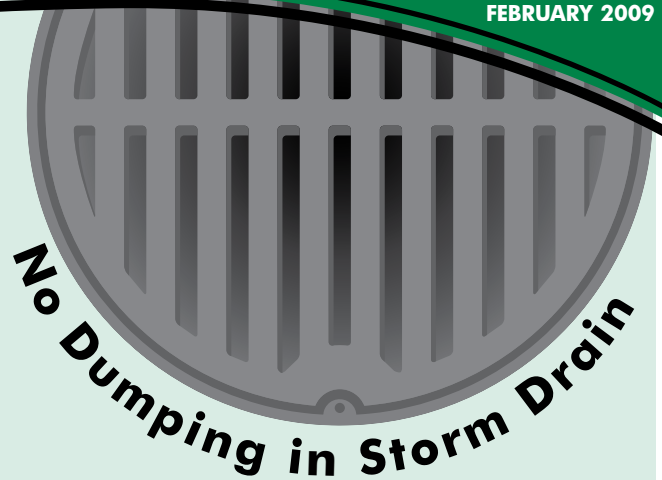
ROAD NEWS

Meadows Place has gone out for bids for improvements on the Dairy Ashford esplanades. This beautification effort is a joint venture with Sugar Land which will help define our boundaries and continue to improve the overall image of Meadows Place. We are also in the very, very early stages of improving the sections of West Airport & Kirkwood that are inside the City. We will keep you posted of any movement in this area.

MAILBOX MONTH

What is.... Mailbox Month? Last summer, Meadows Place took a citizen survey asking what we, as citizens of Meadows Place, can do to help our City be an even better place to live. One of the ideas several folks submitted was to spruce up all the mailboxes in the City. Make them look nice. Clean them up and paint them, straighten them up or even get a new one. A good idea and not too expensive. As you know, first impressions are often the only impression we get to make and our mailboxes are the first, or even the only thing, people see as they drive through Meadows Place. To that end, we are going to make March - "Meadows Place Mailbox Month". Be sure to read the Code Enforcement Column for details on how YOU can benefit from participating in Mailbox Month. I know I am and I will be proud to be doing one more thing to help keep Meadows Place..... *Your Place for Life*.

www.cityofmeadowsplace.org



Due to an increased interest in storm drain pollution listed below are some helpful reminders on keeping our sewer drains clean.

Who: All Meadows Place Residents

What: Storm drain monitoring in Meadows Place
"No Dumping in Storm Drains"

When: Always! Storm drain dumping is **NEVER** allowed!

Where: All the storm drain basins in Meadows Place. Storm drains are located mostly at street corners or on the side of the roadway.

Why: Solid debris takes up space in the storm piping thereby making it less effective in transporting storm water to the ditch. In other words, dumping solid debris and pollutants into the storm sewer allows streets to become flooded after heavy rains. To learn more see storm water hotline on the website.

CITY CALENDAR

January 27th	Regular City Council meeting City Hall	7:30 p.m.
January 30th & 31st	Garage Sale Weekend	

Did You Know?...

Did You Know....that your Parks & Rec Dept. is working hard to earn the City of Meadows Place another matching grant from Texas Parks & Wildlife? The grant application was handed in at the end of January and though we won't know until the end of August whether or not we were successful, Director Terry Modeland feels we have a very good chance to be selected for the grant. Keep your fingers crossed and let's hope that Terry & Monya can work their magic one more time!!!

Did You Know....that Lydia Bottom is playing the lead in the Fort Bend Theatre production of Beau Jest? Lydia is one of several Meadows Place thespians to perform in this award winning theatre troupe. Congratulations Lydia – Break a leg!

Did You Know....that instead of buying three new trucks for Public Works, we had them 'revitalized'. They run great now and look great too. This plan was the brainchild of Public Works Director Dan McGraw. He says we should get several more years of duty out of them. This was a great way to save the City money and upgrade our rolling stock at the same time. Thanks Dan.

Did You Know....that Meadows Place resident Pedro Rojas won a Lone Star Emmy Award? Pedro, who is a reporter and weekend anchor for KXLN Univision 45, was also recognized by the Houston Press as the best Spanish Language Reporter in Houston. Congratulations on this very impressive list of accomplishments.

Did You Know....former Meadows Place firefighter Chris Oltremari is now serving in the US Army. Chris is stationed at Ft. Sill, OK but will be moving overseas, probably Afghanistan, when his next phase of training has been completed. Thank You, Chris. We are all proud of you!

Did You Know....that we have had some very nice feedback on the Lost/Found Pets link on our Website? Please check it out and make it one of those things you check on a regular basis.

Did You Know....Police Chief Baker was recently interviewed regarding his views and philosophy on leadership. What makes this interview unique is that it was conducted by Sgt. First Class Robert Harriss who is stationed in Kabul! The interview was part of a report. Sgt. Harriss, who has put in 21 years in the service, hopes to get his degree in Criminal Justice and go into law enforcement. He and Chief Baker chatted for an hour & a half! The Chief was very proud to be asked. His Mom & Step-Dad, Mary & John Roaten, have lived in Meadows Place since 1995.

Did You Know....that our PD has been very busy (See - Cop Talk). In addition to regular duties and interviews, Meadows Place PD is meeting with FBISD to coordinate an Emergency Response Plan to ensure the quickest & safest ways to protect our kids. In another example of interdepartmental cooperation, Captain Gary Stewart ahs been asked to serve on promotion boards in both Rosenberg & Stafford.

Did You Know....This column is for – and ABOUT - you? Send any news we can use about your projects, kids or neighbors. Drop a note to "Did You Know" at City Hall or e-mail: mayor@cityofmeadowsplace.org

*Thanks - hope to see you at this months
City Council meeting.*



By Chief Mike A. Baker

COP TALK



Times of increased criminal activity in our city result in different strategies by your Meadows Place Police Department. For example, our response to an increase in burglaries normally includes the following:

- 1) An increase in neighborhood patrols with both marked units and unmarked units – this may also include officers working overtime on burglary patrol assignments;
- 2) You may see our units driving more slowly and/or stopped on particular streets for periods of time as a result of heightened vigilance;
- 3) An increase in the number of stops/contacts of both vehicles and pedestrians on our streets;
- 4) Officers stopping at homes where they see open garage doors, open gates, open doors or windows, etc., to make sure the property is secure and the homeowner is aware of the potential consequences.

In addition, we are continually coordinating and working with law enforcement agencies in adjacent jurisdictions where the same types of crimes are usually occurring. Information and resources are shared in an attempt to catch the bad guys. Home security tips are provided on the city website at www.cityofmeadowsplace.org and are available in person at the police department. We also provide pertinent information related to on-going criminal activity to our elected officials and city department heads as another way to disseminate factual information to the public.

Your police department is dedicated to the safety and security of our residents. Never under estimate the importance of citizen involvement in this partnership. We encourage and welcome your collective diligence and participation. Please call us immediately to report anything you see that is suspicious or out-of-the-ordinary. We appreciate your help and support.

Meadows Place Outdoor Classroom

If you have been strolling around Mark McGrath Municipal Park recently, you may have noticed a brand new structure located between the Baseball Park and Meadows Elementary School. It is an outdoor classroom! The classroom is circular in shape, covered by a large shade structure, and has very unique flooring. In commemoration of the City's 25th Anniversary, residents had the opportunity to purchase personalized bricks with their own special messages on them. The bricks were then set down to create a one of a kind floor for the outdoor classroom. The classroom was revealed at the 25th Anniversary Celebration and residents enjoyed viewing their bricks and even spotting their neighbor's, friends, and city dignitary's bricks! We encourage all residents and families to stop by the outdoor classroom and take time to read some of the bricks. This new addition to the city allows bricks to be used for remembrance, honoring a special person, or just leaving your family's mark to forever be seen in the city. If you missed out on the first opportunity, you still have time to be apart of the outdoor classroom! Parks and Recreation is accepting orders for Phase II! The bricks are \$60.00 and can be purchased at City Hall. Thank you to all residents and families who participated in the brick sale. City pride is truly what makes this Meadows Place... *Your Place For Life.*



City Ordinances / Code Enforcement



By Tracey Spiller



MAILBOX MONTH

As we head into spring the City of Meadows Place would like to announce the 1st Annual Mailbox Month! It will be held through the month of March. All you need to do to enter is take a before picture of your mailbox and an after picture once you have repainted or replaced your box then deliver it to City Hall. Everyone who participates will receive \$5.00 off your water bill! We look forward to all the great entries!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Coleman's for the exterior remodeling they have just completed. The house looks great!

Pet owners please be courteous and pick up after your pets.

"Without hard work, nothing grows but weeds"
Gordon Hinckley

Public Works



By Dan McGraw

A friendly reminder that permits are needed for roofs, foundation repairs, water heater repairs/ replacements and many others. Please visit the website and click on the permits link or call the permits department to find out if you need a permit and/or inspection at 281-983-2932.

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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Home & Garden Club

By Beverly Martin, Publicity

The Community Center and the City Park were beautifully decorated this year. The entire city was bright with Holiday lights. Judging the Christmas Yard of the Month was difficult as usual. 2008 Winners:

Section I
Herb and Linda McCright
11407 Scottsdale

Section II
Mike and Regina Shreve
11803 Monticeto Court

Section III
Giesela King and Russell Griffin
12022 Meadowdale Drive

Section IV N
Josef and Noamy Alvaranga
11806 Cedar Form Lane

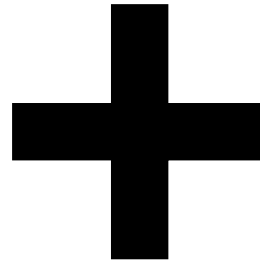
Section IV S
Jim and Lynn Sefcovic
12315 Hoggard Drive

Meadow Glen
Rusty and Delores Uhyrek
12410 Meadow Glen Drive

The Garden Club will have their International Dinner on Tuesday, February 10. Location is to be determined. If interested, please call Margaret at 281-933-8034.

Mark your calendar for Saturday, February 21. The Club will be making another trip to Brookwood in Brookshire, TX.

NOW HIRING



LIFEGUARDS

Lifeguards needed for summer 2009!

Come be apart of our Platinum award winning lifeguard team!

Lifeguard applications are being ACCEPTED at Meadows Place City Hall UNTIL Friday, March 27, 2009. INTERVIEWS are scheduled @ the Community Center/ Pool starting @ 10:00 am, Saturday, April 4 starting @ 3:00 pm, Monday, April 6, 2009.

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

Thursday, April 16

**@ Community Center/Pool
6-9:00 PM**

Saturday, April 18

**@ Community Center/ Pool
9:00 AM- 4:00 PM**

Sunday, April 19

**@Community Center/ Pool
9:00 AM- 4:00 PM**



NEED A JOB???
The Census Bureau is hiring
for the 2010 Census.

**Every Wednesday thru May 2009
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**Meadows Place Community Center
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Meadows Place, TX 77477**

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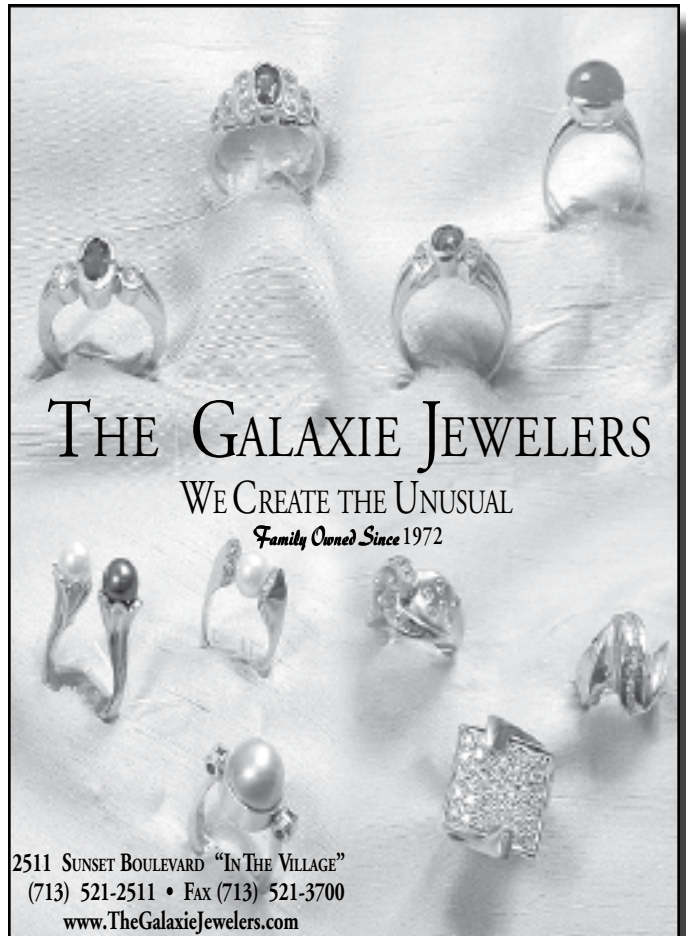
(Meadows Place area, Stafford, Sugar Land, Park Glen, etc)

Delivery Scheduled for 2/28/2009

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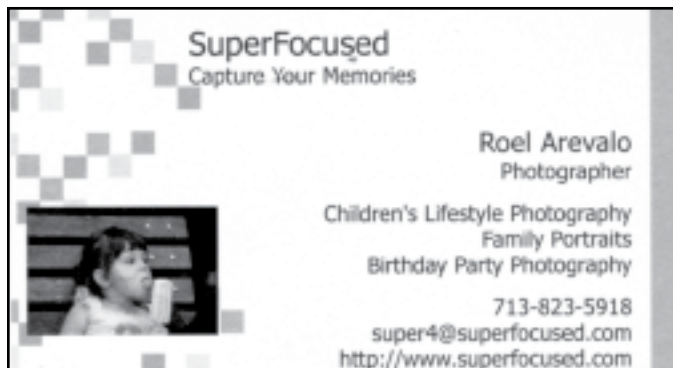
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Call Parks and Recreation for information @ 281-983-2935 or

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.

2009 Spring Karate Schedule

- Starts:** Thursday – January 15
- Ends:** Thursday April 2 (No class Spring Break)
\$40--11weeks
\$30--Uniform (sorry no checks)
- Time:** 6:30pm - 7:30pm Ages 5-12
7:30pm - 8:30pm Teens/Adults
- Where:** Community Center
- Instructors:** Rex Mahy (3rd Degree Black Belt) and Steve Puma, Meadows Place resident (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.



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 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 which 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.

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

New Class

American Shoo Lin Kung Fu

American Shoo Lin Kung Fu Master Shi Yan Feng together with Taekwondo instructor Jenny Pless are teaching Martial Arts at the Community Center.

Where: City of Meadows Place Community Center.

Date: 1st session February 2nd – March 30th (8 classes).
 No Class Spring Break
 2nd session: April 6th – May 25th (8 classes)

Time: Monday, 3:15p.m. – 4:30p.m.

Fee: \$40.00 for (8 classes)

Master: Sho Lin Master Shi Yan Feng

Instructor: Jenny Pless (City of Meadows Place resident)

PARKS AND RECREATION

BULLETIN BOARD

RAD
Women Starts

Lifeguard
Application
Deadline
March 27

February/March	Parks and Recreation accepts
Deadline - Mar. 27	Lifeguard applications
February 5	RAD Women Starts
February 8	RAD Women Ends
April 5	Spring Karate 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

Don't miss out on these fun classes!

Crochet

Every Thursday
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Computer Buddies

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Every day women have to think about their personal safety. By attending this program you will receive the education, physical skills and options to deal with violent situations and the chance to be part of the decision making process to resist or even consider compliance if confronted with any type of violent behavior.

This is a 15 hour class with a training fee. This is the only time you will pay a fee for a RAD for Women course. As a “RADGRAD”, you will receive a lifetime return policy to practice as often as you wish at no cost.

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Sandra Baylor 713/408-9960





RAD TRAINING REGISTRATION

Place: Meadows Place Community Center, 11975 Dorrance Ln., Meadows Place, TX. 77477

Dates: February 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th

Times: 5th 6-9:30pm, 6th 6-9:30pm, 7th 5-9pm, and 8th 2-6pm

RAD FOR WOMEN (ages 12 and older – female only)

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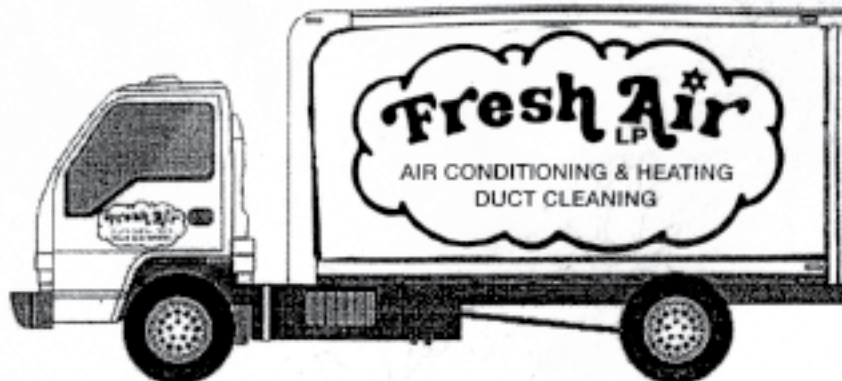
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E-Mail ADDRESS _____

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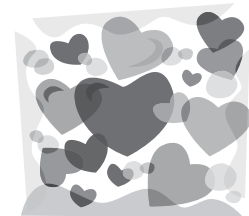
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FT. BEND COUNTY COURTHOUSE.....(281) 342-3411
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PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT.....(281) 983-2935

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Doody Duty

**Pet owners please be
courteous and pick up
after your pets!**

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.

2009 Garage Sale Dates

January 30 & 31 • March 27 & 28

May 29 & 30 • July 24 & 25

September 25 & 26 • October 30 & 31

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