

COMMENTS FROM THE MAYOR
By Charles Jessup



Water Meter Transition

Meadows Place is nearing the completion of its conversion to the new "Smart" water meters. There were two things that drove this changeover. One, we could no longer get technical support or upgrades for our old DOS driven utility billing system, so it was time to upgrade our software and replace the old dot matrix printer. It was also time to replace our aging water meters. After much discussion and feedback, the decision was made to move to smart meters. This has been an interesting transition. It began with cleaning out and replacing all the water meter boxes in our yards. Then, as the new meters were being installed, three radio receiver/transmitters were being installed at strategic locations in the city. Meanwhile, our new billing software, and printer, have been upgraded and brought online. There were a few adjustments and corrections to bills but, thanks to a lot of hard work by our staff, in surprisingly low numbers. As of the end of this month, the system should go into full automation. One thing we will need to adjust is to change the dates of when our water bills are read. Our current cycle overlaps two months which makes it a bit cumbersome. This change means everyone is going to have one bill with less days on it and one with more to even out the billing cycle. Don't worry, we won't be charged for more water than we used. Once complete, the new billing cycle will be easier for both the homeowner and the city. It will allow the city to more easily generate the reports needed for state reporting and let us track our usage monthly. Once we are satisfied the system is secure, we will begin to migrate to where you, the water user will be able to go online to monitor your water usage, and, eventually, to online billing. We are almost there, so bear with us as we complete this transition. Having seen this from the inside, I see countless benefits for the city, and for me, I am really looking forward to it being completed. If you have any questions or concerns, please, contact me or City Hall.

(See Road Fee on page 3)

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Christmas Memories

FRIDAY
DECEMBER 13th
6:00-9:00 P.M.

MCGRATH MUNICIPAL PARK
12002 BRIGHTON LANE

(See Inside for More Details)

Reminder to avoid a penalty all Burglar Alarm and Health Food permits are due no later than 12-31-2013.

CITY CALENDAR

- Dec. 3** Special City Council Mtg. 6:30 p.m.
- Dec. 13** Christmas Memories 6-9 p.m.
- Dec. 17** Workshop 6:00 p.m.
- Dec. 17** Regular City Council Meeting City Hall 7:30 p.m.

City Hall Closings:

- Dec. 23** at 12:15 p.m.
Employee Christmas Party
- Dec. 24** Christmas Eve
- Dec. 25** Christmas Day
- Dec. 31** at 12 noon - New Year's Eve
- Jan. 1** New Year's Day

Did You Know?...

Did You Know... Meadows Place Public Works Director Dan McGraw was selected to serve on the Solid Waste Management Committee for the Houston-Galveston Area Council? This is an important position and one which Dan takes very seriously. Millions of dollars are at stake and Dan's presence makes sure that the committee remembers there are small cities in their service area as well as large ones. Dan's participation once again shines the light on Meadows Place. Thanks for all the extra hard work Dan, and congratulations for being so well thought of that you were asked to be a part of this prestigious panel.

Did You Know... the Meadows Home and Garden Club had a fantastic turnout for their Craft Fair? It was nice to have it back in the city and according to President Lou Ann Kelley, the transition to it being held in the Sugar Grove Church of Christ went very smoothly. Joe DeBruyn and Beverly Martin were all smiles as Joe Grimes went around taking lots of photos. And the food! You can still almost smell the baked goods Zella Little and Barbara Smith had on their table. Events like this help Meadows Place in so many ways, and remember, funds collected go toward the Garden Club Scholarship Fund which goes ONLY to Meadows Place students. It was lots of fun. Great job everyone... Check out their website to see some of the amazing crafts offered at this year's fair. You can reach it through the LINKS section of the City of Meadows Place website or go to www.meadowshomeandgardenclub.com. It is worth the visit.

Did You Know... Alderman & Mayor Pro Tem. Terry Henley was sworn in as a member of the Texas Commission on State Emergency Communications? This is a commission appointed to oversee all emergency communications in Texas. Congratulations Terry, for both the appointment and for coming in first in your age group in the Sugar Grove 5K Fun Run. We won't say which age group he

is in but it starts with a 7 and ends with a 0. Terry was part of a very fun event which has become part of the fabric of our community. Congrats to all those who participated.

Did You Know... Beverly McMinn was reappointed as associate judge for the City's Municipal Court. Next time you are at City Hall you might want to thank her. She does a great job for us. Congratulations Judge.

Did You Know... all the Department Heads for our city got together and presented the Top 5 things they want to accomplish in FY 2013-2014 to one another? It was quite impressive. It not only provided insight into every department and proved Meadows Place is in good hands, but this gathering also provided a format for everyone to ask questions and in some cases to add to one another's ideas.. Meadows Place is so fortunate to have such a strong group of experts in their fields to participate in meetings like this. We are so blessed to have a staff full of doers who put the city's best interest first. Through your participation and their hard work, we have a fine future for FY 2013-2014 and beyond.

Did You Know... Meadows Place was one of only two cities to be recognized at the Sugar Land Rotary Salute to Veterans Program? Meadows Place takes seriously the commitment our young men and women take on our behalf. If you don't know it, we have a Wall of Heroes in our municipal annex. I am proud to say most people notice and appreciate what it is trying to say. Thanks to all our service men and women. They help keep Meadows Place... *Your Place for Life!*

P.S... **Did You Know** former Meadows Place resident Charles Jessup had a bouncing baby boy last month making his mother Elaine a Grandmother for the first time. Congrats to all.

Did You Know... Is just for YOU - and counts on you for input? Please let us know what is going on and drop a note at City Hall for or email: mayor@cityofmeadowsplace.org. Thank You!

Did You Know... Meadows Place is conducting an online survey this month? The survey will run for two weeks, from December 2nd through December 15th. The main focus of the survey pertains to the feasibility of creating a Community Garden in Meadows Place. Should we? Shouldn't we? Why or why not? Possible and preferred locations and the type or types of gardens there should be. Preliminary indicators point to this as something many of the residents want. This survey is your chance to be heard and give feedback. We have had an increasing number of people respond to the survey, but let's shatter that number this time by taking the survey and telling your friends. Just go to the website and you will see the Survey Section. Thank You and Merry Christmas.

(Comments From The Mayor continued from page 1)

\$5 Road Fee begins this month

Back in January, the Council began to consider attaching a Road Use Fee to our utility bill. The criteria for the fee was simple, put all funds collected into a separate account to be used for one thing and one thing only – road repair within the city and nothing else. Not being co-mingled in the General Fund makes all expenditures very easy to track and account for, which was one thing the residents did ask for when we set this up. After feedback in Council meetings and after the online survey results in which 76% chose a flat fee format, a flat fee of \$5.00 a month was chosen. This fee will be added to our utility bills this month. This fee will generate approximately \$90,000 annually. Not enough to allow us to do major reconstruction on our interior roads but it will provide funding for additional repairs. In time, we will see a difference. After W. Airport and Kirkwood are done, Meadows Place will be able to consider some sort of bond initiative for major reconstruction of our interior streets and water system. This Road Fee can be used to show the bonding companies we already have a funding mechanism in place. A small amount per month but a big step in the right direction for Meadows Place.

Vote...

Once again, Meadows Place voters turned out. In the November election, even though there were no city issues on the ballot, Meadows Place turned out at a rate that was about 50% higher than the rest of Ft. Bend County!! Impressive, and rest assured, I will “remind” our county, state, and national representatives of this. Thanks to all who voted. Being involved at all levels is one thing that makes Meadows Place, ***Your Place for Life.***

Taking Care of Business

Our Business Neighbors are a very important part of the City. This column is dedicated to those businesses.

Meadows Place Economic Development Corporation (EDC) is aggressively striving to attract new businesses to Meadows Place.

A special thanks to Bob Graf, David Lantz, Harry Hamilton, Travis Tanner, Clyde Little, Margaret Sandlin and Terry Henley for their efforts.

***Our businesses
need, and deserve,
our support***



Thank You

COP TALK

By Chief Gary Stewart



Tis the Season *Be Aware and Be Safe*

The holidays are now upon us. This is the time of season where families often gather together, people are out and about shopping for gifts, the malls and grocery stores are packed, and the excitement swells. This is also the time of year when thieves try to take advantage and look for opportunities to strike and make your holidays miserable.

If you are shopping:

- Stay alert and be aware of what's going on around you
- Park in a well-lit space
- Be sure to lock your car, close windows, and hide shopping bags and gifts in the trunk
- Avoid carrying large amounts of cash; pay with a check or credit card whenever possible
- Don't overburden yourself with packages
- Deter pickpockets and purse-snatchers. Carry a purse close to your body in the front. If you are carrying a wallet, place it in an inside coat or front pants pocket
- If shopping with kids, have a plan in case you get separated. Go over the dangers of strangers with them so they know who not to talk to or follow
- Check receipts to see whether your full credit card number appears. If a receipt has your full number on it, take a pen and thoroughly scratch it out
- Double check that you have your credit cards and check book after you pay for your items

By following these tips, you can reduce your stress during the busy holiday season and be safe at the same time. Whatever holiday you celebrate, make it a safe one.

***The Meadows Place Police Department
wishes you a safe and Happy
Holiday Season!***

Winterizing the Outside of Your Home



By Jerry Parker

Even with our mild winters, there are several things that we can, and need to do to help maintain our homes in top winter condition. This will help us save on our energy usage, and in some instances, promote a nicer looking City in the process.

Lawn and Garden: Trim any trees that could come in contact with your house during heavy wind gusts, or that could break off and cause damage. - Fix any cracks or holes in driveways or walkways. These could fill with water and freeze, resulting in more damage. - Put yard and garden furniture inside or cover it with protective tarps.

Prepare the Gutters and Roof: Gutters can become clogged with leaves and debris, resulting in water not draining properly. -Install wire or plastic mesh over your gutters to prevent future clogs from happening. -Check your roof for missing or damaged shingles and replace them if necessary. Check that all metal flashing along the roof is properly sealed and any heating and fireplace vents are free from blockage.

Protect Pipes and Faucets: Water supplies to outside faucets, ponds, waterfalls, etc. should be shut off and drained before the temperature drops to below freezing. Any water pipes that are directly exposed to the cold should be insulated to protect them from freezing with foam rubber sleeves or fiberglass insulation.

The two most common components of your plumbing system that will freeze up will be the components that are exposed to the cold air and wind. Frozen pipes in Meadows Place happen. Some winters have been worse than others

- Pay special attention to metal pipes and plumbing parts that are exposed to the winter elements. They will freeze up real quick!
- Folks who have lawn irrigation systems need to wrap the backflow preventers (PVB). They are made of brass and freeze quickly when the temperature drops below 32. This repair or replacement costs around \$400 so, protecting your plumbing will save you money and headaches.

Clean that fireplace: Now is the perfect time for a professional cleaning - it makes fires cleaner and safer.

FYI: Please be sure that you are not placing items curbside for collection any sooner than the evening prior to pick-up. FOR EXAMPLE: Your grass is mowed Tuesday afternoon; your lawn clippings should not be placed at your curb until Thursday evening.

*Code Enforcement Official • Office: 281-983-2938
E-Mail: code-enforcement@cityofmeadowsplace.org*

Winterizing the Inside of Your Home



By Dan McGraw

If you haven't wrapped your pipes, made plans to protect your loved plants or turned on your furnace you still have a few weeks before our wet cold winter hits us here in Meadows Place.

Heating Systems and Fire Places

You want to be sure that all of your heating and venting systems are in working order and operating as they should. It is recommended that homeowners get an annual chimney inspection. Most homeowners opt to have a Chimney Cleaning done every year as well, especially if they use their fireplace on a regular basis. Never allow more than an 1/8" of soot or creosote to buildup in the chimney.

- TIP - make sure to clean chimney if more than 1/8" of creosote and soot has built up.
- TIP - try not to use Pine wood to burn in fireplaces. Pine deposits Creosote and reduces draw more than any other wood...

Other venting systems connected to furnaces and stoves should also be cleaned on a regular basis to maintain safer operation. Fireplace, stove, furnace and heating appliance systems are important to your home and families safety.

***Wishing all of our Meadows Place Family
a great, safe and Merry Christmas.***



The Spirit of Christmas

Christmas is right around the corner, and it's time to get out Christmas trees, holiday decorations, and hang those stockings! The City of Meadows Place is known for having a beautiful display of lights and yard decorations which brings in many folks from the surrounding area to see the displays. The Parks & Recreation Department is encouraging all residents to spruce up their houses and yards to get in the spirit of Christmas. The holiday season is here! We hope everyone will choose to participate and use this opportunity to promote spirit within our city!



Traffic Alert

Christmas Memories will take place this year on Friday, December 13th. Please be aware that some streets in the area of McGrath Park and Meadows Elementary School may be blocked to through traffic during this City event from approximately 5 pm – 10 pm. Come out and enjoy this fun, annual event and thank you for your cooperation.



Toys for Tots



The City of Meadows Place is once again an official drop off location for the U. S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program and will be highlighting their support for this wonderful organization at Christmas Memories on December 13th. This Christmas, help us bring a smile to a Fort Bend County child; bring a new, unwrapped toy to Christmas Memories. A collection box will be available near Santa's tent and at City Hall until December 16th from 9 am to 4 pm.

Attention: Neighbors!

Christmas lights are decorating...

McDonald Park

McGrath Park / Lake

Community Center

City Hall

*And many of your homes for
Christmas Memories
and the holiday season.*

Please assist the City and all of our neighbors by immediately reporting ANY vandalism to the Meadows Place Police Department
281.983.2900

We all deserve to enjoy the tradition of Christmas lights throughout Meadows Place.

Tree Recycling

Meadows Place Christmas Tree Recycling

Who: Meadows Place Residents

What: Live Christmas Trees - must be cleared of all decorations and any nails or other material which may have been used for stands.

When: December 26th, 2013 through January 6th, 2014

Where: At the power easement on Monticeto between Amblewood and Meadow Trail across from the Meadows Place Waste Water Treatment Plant.

Why: Public Works Department will recycle the trees to be used as mulch.



Christmas

Cristesmæsse, meaning "Christ's Mass" is an annual commemoration of the birth of Jesus Christ and a widely observed holiday, celebrated generally on December 25 by millions of people around the world. A feast central to the Christian liturgical year, it closes the Advent season and initiates the twelve days of Christmastide, which ends after the twelfth night. Christmas is a civil holiday in many of the world's nations, is celebrated by an increasing number of non-Christians, and is an integral part of the Christmas and holiday season.

The celebratory customs associated in various countries with Christmas have a mix of pre-Christian, Christian, and secular themes and origins. Popular modern customs of the holiday include gift giving, Christmas music and caroling, an exchange of Christmas cards, church celebrations, a special meal, and the display of various Christmas decorations, including Christmas trees, Christmas lights, nativity scenes, garlands, wreaths, mistletoe, and holly. In addition, several closely related and often interchangeable figures, known as Santa Claus, Father Christmas, Saint Nicholas, and Christkind, are associated with bringing gifts to children during the Christmas season and have



their own body of traditions and lore. Because gift-giving and many other aspects of the Christmas festival involve heightened economic activity among both Christians and non-Christians, the holiday has become a significant event and a key sales period for retailers and businesses. The economic impact of Christmas is a factor that has grown steadily over the past few centuries in many regions of the world.

Wishing you a wonderful holiday!
From the City of Meadows Place

New Year's Eve

January 1 represents the fresh start of a new year after a period of remembrance of the passing year. This day is traditionally a religious feast, but since the 1900s has also become an occasion to celebrate the night of December 31, called New Year's Eve. There are fireworks at midnight at the moment the new year arrives.

Happy New Year
from the City of Meadows Place!

Fort Bend ISD

As part of the FBISD Strategic Plan for the Future, there will be two community dialogue meetings in December. These are to be held from 7-9 PM on December 3, 2013 at FBISD Administration Annex Auditorium in Sugar Land and December 5, 2013 at Willowridge High School cafeteria in Houston.

These meeting will be held in order for the FBISD Steering Committee to hear input and comments from the public as far as to the future direction of the district. There will also be a community web survey December 4-13, 2013 at www.FortBendISD.com. If you need additional information please contact Beth Martinez at 281-634-0882.

Meadows Place Square

After three tumultuous years of neglect, including two foreclosures and two stints of lender ownership, the Meadows Place Square shopping center, located at the northwest corner of Kirkwood and W Airport, has once again changed hands. TriCoastal Meadows LLC, subsidiary of a fund operated by BHW Capital of Houston, recently acquired the retail property.

BHW expects to improve the center through proactive, professional leasing and management, making it a more vibrant home for its tenants and a more positive contributor to the City of Meadows Place. The Houston-based real estate investment firm is now marketing the property for lease and is also working on plans to develop the center's two vacant pad sites.

Current tenants in the retail center include Thina's Beauty Salon, Teeter Toddler Day Care, DN Nail Salon, The Medicology Clinic (operated by Dr. Cuong Trinh), The Great W'Kana Indian Café (ranked number 26 in The Houston Chronicle food critic Allison Cook's Top 100 Restaurants 2013 list), and Pesto Italian Bistro. Pesto, operated by renowned chef Sunil Srivastava, will soon re-open as a full-service restaurant.

BHW's Nick Howard, the firm's property manager, commented, "We have already begun making improvements to the property and communicating our plans to the tenants, all of which makes them happy. We have met with city officials and are working closely with Bob Graf, Committee Chairman, Commercial Marketing for Meadows Place Economic Development Corporation."

"Meadows Place is excited about the potential of the property and we are glad to have the opportunity to fill the retail center with businesses that will enhance our community," explains Graf.

BHW and the city look forward to a successful repositioning of Meadows Place Square.

City of Meadows Place Parks & Recreation Presents:



Christmas Memories

Friday, December 13 2013 6 - 9 pm
McGrath Park/Lake 12001 Brighton Lane

Visit with Santa from 7 - 8:30 pm



Live Music from the Emotions

Hayrides

Camp Fires & S'mores

Meadows Elementary Choir



Sledding on Munchkin & Memories Snow Mountains

Concessions available from

Meadows Place P.O.N.Y. Baseball &

Meadows Marlins Swim Team

Please Help!



Bring a new, unwrapped toy for Toys for Tots

Bring food donations for the

Sugar Grove Hands of Christ Food Pantry

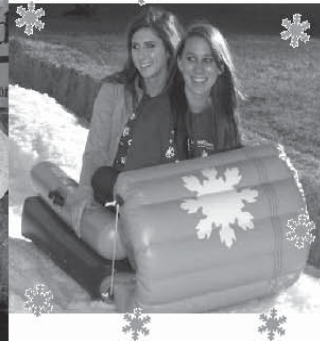
(Drop off area located in Santa's tent)

(Toys can be dropped at City Hall through Dec 16)





City of Meadows Place Parks and Recreation



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: parks3@cityofmeadowsplace.org**

Unless otherwise noted, Meadows Place Community Center/Pool will be the location for all activities.

You can download registration form from the website: www.cityofmeadowsplace.org

Classes

TENNIS ANYONE?!

Description: Beginning Youth Tennis Lessons

Who: Youth 8 - 14 years old

Where: Tennis Courts

When: Wednesdays 6:00 pm / Saturdays 8:00 am

2013 Session 12: December 4 - 21

2014 Session 1: January 4 - 29

Cost: \$75 per session, 4 weeks per session (2 classes per week)
\$40 per session, 4 weeks per session (1 class per week)

Instructor: New Instructor, Jaime Burt

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Turbo Kickboxing Class

Description: Turbo Kick is the revolutionary group exercise program that has changed the direction of kickboxing today. Inspired by dance, Tai Kwon Do, boxing, tai-chi, and funk, this workout creates a party atmosphere!

Who: Ages 13 and up

Where: Community Center, 11975 Dorrance

When: Monday evenings: 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm

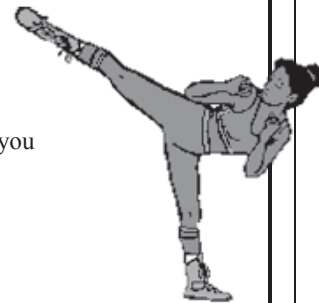
Session 1: January 6 - 27

Session 2: February 3 - 24

Cost: \$40 per session (4 classes)

Additional Info: Wear shorts & a t-shirt you can move in

Instructor: Pamela Sampson, Meadows Place resident, has a degree in exercise and sports science, is a Certified Personal Trainer, as well as a Certified Group Exercise Instructor (since 1996) and CPR/AED Trained (current). Please call for more information at 832-577-2403.



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PARKS & RECREATION

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Toy Drive

BULLETIN BOARD

Merry Christmas!

- Dec.** Santa's Mailbox @ City Hall
Toys for Tots Toy Drive @ City Hall
- Dec.** Tennis - New Sessions
Taekwondo & Karate - Session Ongoing
- Dec. 5** 55+ Club - Movie:
It's a Wonderful Life
9 am Community Center
- Dec. 13** Christmas Memories in the Park!
6 - 9 pm, McGrath Park
- Dec. 26** Christmas Tree Recycling
Power easement on Monticeto
- Jan.** Coming In January - Turbo Kickboxing!

**Contact the Parks Department
about Registration!
281-983-2935**

Meadows Place Parks & Rec.

A New You for the New Year!

Meadows Place Parks & Recreation has many opportunities to get in shape in the New Year! At the Community Center, try the new Turbo Kickboxing Class, Karate or Taekwondo! Classes are available for all ages and activity levels!

If the outdoors is more to your liking, the tennis courts are available, even when it's dark outside. Group lessons are available for kids 8 - 14 years old.

And of course the lake is a great way to get in a good walk while enjoying the wildlife. Check out the 55+ Club's walking schedule and meet some new friends!

There's no excuse - get moving in the New Year towards the New You!

55+ Club

Thanks to all of you that have helped us get this new club going!

- **Dec. 5:** Movie @ 9:00 am
(Community Center)
It's a Wonderful Life,
starring Jimmy Stewart

*I look forward to see all of you at the
Community Center!*



Bridge Club



Do you play Bridge?

We gather the first Tuesday of each month until May at the Community Center to play Bridge. If you are interested in playing please call Delores Parker at 281-495-0193 or Janet Piwonka at 281-498-3336.

Santa's Mailbox

Beginning November 27th through December 24th, Santa's mailbox will be in place at City Hall. Letters to Santa can be mailed in this special mailbox without any postage. Santas' helpers pick up his mail every day and make sure it gets to the North Pole before Christmas Eve. City Secretary Jan Moore's daughter Miranda is getting her letter in early!





Early bird sign up, get a free uniform! (First 10 only)
Come earn a belt!

SHARPEN YOUR MIND, STRENGTHEN YOUR BODY

New Sessions Start in January!

Where: City of Meadows Place Community Center
11975 Dorrance Lane.

Time: Mon. & Wed.: 5:00-6:00pm for children 5-12 years old
Mon. & Wed.: 6:00-7:00pm Adult class (13-up)

2014 Winter Session: Jan. 13 - March 31
(No class January 20, March 10 & 12)

Fee: 10 Classes - \$49 (1 class per week)
20 Classes - \$90 (2 classes per week)

Instructor: Jenny Pless (City of Meadows Place resident, teaching at the Community Center since 2005)



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Catch and release fishing is permitted. Anglers ages 17 and up must have a current fishing license. Discounts are offered to those ages 65+. Grab your pole & bait and head to the lake!

Please do not release any outside fish into the lake or critters into the lake or park.



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 19 years at the Community Center and welcomes new students.

New session starts in January!

When: Thursdays
January 16 - March 27 (no class Spring Break week)

Cost: \$45--12 Week Session
\$30--Uniform (sorry no checks, CASH ONLY)
All Students MUST Register

Time: 6:30pm - 7:30pm Junior Class (Ages 5-12)
7:30pm - 8:30pm Adult Classes (Ages 13 and up)

Where: Community Center

Instructors: Steve Puma, Meadows Place resident (3rd Degree Black Belt), Michael Puma (3rd Degree Black Belt)

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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.

• William Sutherland Handyman Repairs. Appliance, Electrical, Plumbing, Clean out sewer line from 2"-8" pipe. Power washing, interior/exterior, Carpentry work, Painting, Concrete, Tiles. Cell 713-384-2817 / 281-568-0308

• Onyx Landscape. Residential and commercial. Total lawn care. Fertilization, flowerbeds and mulch. Seasonal flowers, sod, tree trimming, tree removal, wood fence installation and repair. Meadows Place resident. Free estimates. Manuel 281-865-6636.

• Pool Cleaning. Full service. Includes cleaning, chemicals, inspecting equipment, emptying baskets. CPO Certified. 281-865-6636 Manuel.

• Sprinklers, new installations, repairs and maintenance. Service all sprinkler systems. Affordable. Licensed/insured. Free estimates. 281-865-6636 #20062

• Yoga for health and well being. M-W-F morning classes for all levels. Beginners and seniors welcome. For further information call Judy Oteno at 281-498-7933.

• Mary Kay Cosmetics. Call for re-orders, complementary skin care session, or glamour look. Call Carol: 281-933-8298.

• Daycare enrolling. Meals included. 20 years experience. Melanie 281-495-7996



Home & Garden Club

By Beverly Martin, Publicity

Our Fall Craft Show on November 2nd was a big success. Thanks to the vendors for participating with their wonderful handcrafted merchandise. Thanks to everyone who purchased raffle tickets and bake sale desserts. Congratulations to the winners of the raffle / silent auction items. All the proceeds go to The Home and Garden Club Scholarship Awards Funds. We appreciate your continued support.

Thanks to Sugar Grove Church of Christ, 11600 W. Airport @ Kirkwood. This new venue for the Craft Show was more than we expected. Special recognition to Darlene Willis and Matt McVey of Sugar Grove Church of Christ for making this year's Fall Craft Show a successful event.

HOME IMPROVEMENTS?? We are looking for Meadows Place residents who have made improvements to their homes. It doesn't matter how small. If you would like to share your improvements with other residents, let us know. Also looking for great back yard /patio ideas. Our April Spring Home Tour will allow other Meadows Place residents see what can be done to the homes in our city. "Don't Move...Improve." Contact Lou Ann 281-568-2989.

The Home and Garden Club gave a Thanksgiving Gift Card to a family at the Meadows Place Elementary School.

December 10th Christmas Party will be celebrated a little different this year. Instead of the traditional gift exchange, each member will be donating \$10 to the Garden Club for a needy family. We will have fun with a \$1.00 gift game, Christmas trivia and great food. 7:00 pm at the Community Center.

The Home and Garden Club will be judging Christmas Yard of the Month on Wednesday, December 11th so the winners can be announced at "Christmas Memories."

Have a Merry Christmas!



Garage Sale Dates

February
14 & 15

May
9 & 10

August
8 & 9

**Garage
Sale Dates
2014**

November
14 & 15

G & D Remodel And Repair Homes

Carpentry, Siding, Fences
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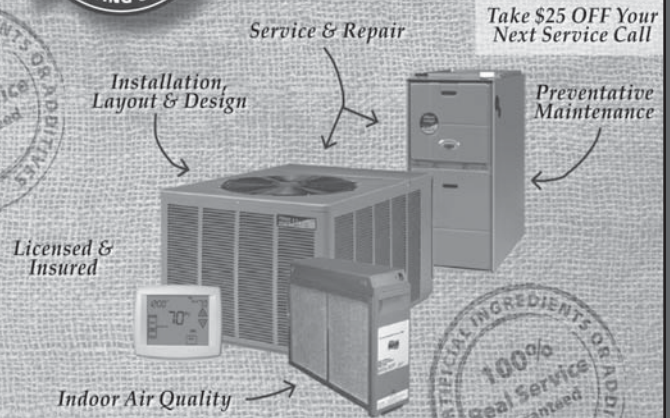


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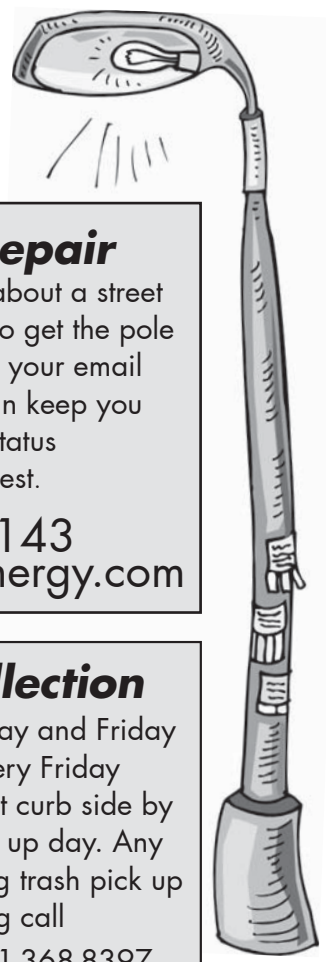
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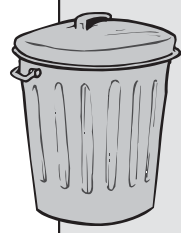
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