# Place for Life

# Meadows PLACE

**JULY 2011** 

## COMMENTS FROM THE MAYOR By Charles Jessup



#### **Budget Season**

Well, it is Budget Season once again. This is without a doubt the toughest budget that I have faced in all my time on Council or as Mayor. If you saw the article in the Chronicle showing the dramatic downturn in home sales and prices then you can understand why. That downward pressure directly affects our tax base meaning this budget year the City of Meadows Place

is going to be forced to deal with flat or declining property and sales tax revenues. This year is going to be hard to manage and there will have to be some tough decisions made. Thankfully there is a light at the end of the tunnel. Unlike many other cities in our situation we have positive activity. People are fixing up and remodeling their homes. Houses are selling. We are getting qualified buyers and see an increased interest in our city. We also have several potential business entities engaged in discussions that will have a positive impact on the future of our city. There is no magic pill. This next year is going to be tough. It is not going to happen overnight but we are moving in the right direction and will come through this a stronger and even more vibrant city than we are now. After all, we are Meadows Place, Texas... Your Place for Life!

#### Smokers - it's up to you

For years I have resisted having a No Smoking policy in our parks. We all know how bad smoking is for you and we have all seen the photos of cancer riddled black lungs, however, it is my belief that you have the right to smoke and do that to yourself if you want to. That said, you do NOT have the right to throw your stinky carcinogen filled cigarette butts on the ground in our parks and leave them there for others to deal with. Besides being nasty, it costs us time and money to pick those butts up, which means we can't be doing the things we want, and need, to be doing. On top of that, they wash down into the storm drains polluting our waterways - which is against the law and bad for us all. Please, "help me help you". Clean up after yourselves and your fellow smokers. You brought those butts up to the park so when you are done with them, please, put back them in your pocket and take them home. If you don't, we will have to look at adopting a No Smoking policy. It's up to you.

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## 4th of July Parade

The City of Meadows Place annual 4th of July Parade will be on MONDAY, JULY 4TH AT 10:00A.M. Make your plans now to be a part of the best hometown parade around. The honorable Charles Jessup, along with City Council members and their families, will be a special part of the annual parade. This year's Parade Marshal is.... Ms. Jennifer Reyna, Traffic Anchor/Reporter from Channel 2 News!

The Parks and Recreation Department will be awarding first place awards to the best youth, spirit, and commercial entries. Awards will be presented at the conclusion of the parade at the cul-de-sac on Brighton. Get your neighbors together and plan your entry, size is not important. Patriotism, simplicity, originality, creativity and community spirit are what the judges are looking for. The judge's table will be set up at the Community Center to view all entries as they pass by. All entries will be categorized and judged accordingly. Call the Parks and Recreation Department for an entry form or download one from the City website: atyofmeadowsplace.org. Please return your entry form as early as possible to help things run smoothly. The parade will assemble in the parking lot on Dorrance near Hwy 59. Judging of the non-motorized entries, according to age groups, will take place at 9:30 a.m. SHARP!

Awards will be given to each category. Non-motorized entries do not need to fill out an entry form. All you have to do is show up for the iudaina! Judaes needed for parade entries

and non-motorized entries. Contact Parks if you are interested 281-983-2935.

The parade travels from the parking lot down Dorrance to Mulholland, left on Mulholland and left on Brighton to Mark McGrath Park where there will an awesome military static display.



#### CITY CALENDAR

July 4 Independence Day City Hall Closed

July 4 Parade 10:00 a.m.

July 26 Regular City Council meeting
City Hall 7:30PM

## Did You Know?...

and Monya Keenen have been having meetings at 7:30 Monday mornings for almost a year to coordinate and plan our new lake and water reclamation project? Lots of long hours and extra work. Please thank them when you get a chance.

The lake is full and we are about ready to enjoy our new recreation area. Well, parts of it anyway. We won't be able to play on the hills until the grass grows in but it sure is going to be pretty. It will take Dan & Monya a while to get the feel of how often to fill it due to evaporation and irrigation, and how often to change the spray heads, clean the BBQ pits, etc. but I know one thing, they WILL learn how to run this lake project and make it a wonderful place for all of us.

Did You Know... we have a new 'Flag Contact' for those flags that Scout Troop 731 puts out? As a special service and troop fundraiser, they put flags in the front of your house on special holidays for a very small fee. Only \$25 a year. They look great - and it's kinda fun to wake up and have a flag in your yard. Feels good too. If you want one - and I hope you do, call Dan at 281-235-8955.

**Did You Know...** our neighbor Mike Rooks sent a note to Did You Know to say that he liked the new facing on the Annex? Thanks Mike. Me too. He also wanted to let us know that long time MP residents Fred & Virginia Kubiak donated bags of Beanie Babies to our Police Department to hand out to young ones who might need comforting. What a nice thing to do. Acts of kindness like this continue to make Meadows Place... Your Place for Life.

**Did You Know...** our new Tennis Access Card program is doing quite well? We have had several people sign up for the new annual access program. According to Pool Manager Kristina Hickle, the new pool access Wristband Program is doing well also. It makes it easy for the parents, the kids and the lifeguards. You even see our wristbands

at places like the movies and the mall.

firm, HDR Claunch & Miller donated funds for Splash Night, helping make it possible to pass out those 400 (delicious, free) hamburgers and 200 hotdogs? Thanks HDR. We appreciate it. They have also been very helpful to us on our lake/water reclamation project.

Thanks also go to the Stafford Fire Department and Meadows Place resident, Fire Captain Bill Baumberger, who brought a big red fire truck to Splash Night. Kids of all ages got to check it out, right up to the point where they hooked up the water and fired a big looping spray of water into the pool! It was great. Hope they come back next year!

Meadows Place resident Denton Poe graduated Cum Laude from Baylor University with his Bachelors of Business Administration in Accounting AND his Masters of Accountancy? He was a member of the National Society of Collegiate Scholars, Beta Gamma Sigma - Business School Honor Society, and Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity! Whew. He has accepted a position with Ernst & Young and is working toward his CPA license His parents, Bud and Cindy Poe, are understandably proud of him – we are too, Denton. Congratulations.

**Did You Know...** that troop 301 run the concessions for Barefootin' Friday? Ms. Patricia Langer heads this up for them and is the liaison with our Parks Department. They have been doing it for several years now and do a great job. They know all the procedures and policies and make sure the area is cleaned up, put away and secure. Another great partnership and a win-win situation.

**Did You Know...** If you have someone YOU are proud of, or something of interest pertaining to Meadows Place, drop a Did You Know note at City Hall or email: mayor@cityofmeadowsplace.org Thank You!

## Did You Know...

that Meadows Place hosted a Veterans benefits meeting last month? This is the second time we have hosted this type of program and it has been hugely successful. The representatives from the VA were quite pleased but I was told by two different attendees what a great program it was, how helpful to them it was and how much they appreciated us hosting this program. Helping our vets is something that the City of Meadows Place can be proud of.

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#### Memorial Opportunities in the Park

Though the details have not been worked out, our Parks Director, Monya Keenen, is considering allowing residents to purchase trees of our specification to put around the lake as a memorial opportunity. She is also looking into selecting certain park items; benches, picnic tables and maybe even light poles to be gifted as well. The trees themselves will stand as the memorial but the other items can be equipped with a brass plaque commemorating the date, the gifter, etc. We would love to know if there is any interest in this type program. Please let us know by e-mailing a note to: parks3@ cityofmeadowsplace.org Keep your eyes open for details, updates and opportunities. Thanks, and hope to see you all up at the Lake.





#### John Whiteman, ALDERMAN 5

John Whiteman was elected to Alderman, Position 5 in May of 2011. Mr. Whiteman was an active participant, along with many other interested citizens, in the original formation of the City of Meadows Place. Mr. Whiteman

continues to serve as Chairman of the Board of Adjustments where he has served for over 10 years. Mr. Whiteman founded Houston Technical Sales in 1972. He was recruited by Daniel Woodhead Co. to serve as President and General Manager of their Briskheat Division, located in Columbus, Ohio, in 1977. Mr. Whiteman is President and General Manager of a small manufacturing and marketing firm, which he and Harry Hamilton founded in 1986. The business is located in Stafford and employs 20 people. Mr. Whiteman graduated from Bellaire High School in Houston in 1962 before attending South Texas College. He also served in the Texas Air National Guard at Ellington Air Force Base from 1964 to 1972. Mr. Whiteman is a businessman and entrepreneur with experience in a wide range of areas including industrial manufacturing, marketing, product development, business management and finance. John and his wife Vivian moved to the Meadows in 1980 where they raised their daughter Lisa.



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

A new upscale Brazilian Steakhouse has moved into Meadows Place. Tradicao Steakhouse moved into the old Pappa's location. Tradicao is pronounced:



**Trad** - like glad **i** - like the i in is **son** - like in Sonia

Anyway you say it - it's great to have them here.

Our businesses need, and deserve, our support







#### IS YOUR VEHICLE SAFE?

Every 2 ½ minutes in Texas, another vehicle is broken into. Anything left inside may be of value to a thief contemplating burglarizing your

vehicle. Burglaries of Motor Vehicles (BMVs) are a continuing threat for us all. High Risk Areas include parking areas at retail establishments, office buildings, apartment / town home complexes, restaurants, parking garages, nightclubs, parks, churches, and exercise facilities. BMVs in these places normally occur during daytime and early evening hours. BMVs occur in residential neighborhoods less frequently, but the threat is still very real. These, more often than not, occur during nighttime hours while families are home.

The most common points of break-in are broken windows, pried or jimmied locks, and unlocked doors. Typical items stolen include laptops, cameras, cell phones, cash / credit cards, briefcases, gym bags, weapons, wallets and purses, money, documents with identifying information, stereos / CDs, garage door openers, and GPS systems.

There are some common sense things we can do to decrease our chances of suffering a BMV:

- Always lock your vehicle.
- Remove any items of value or with identifying information (such as those listed above).
- If you must leave belongings inside the vehicle, make sure they are hidden from sight (the trunk is the best place). Some newer vehicles have a feature that allows you to lock the trunk to prevent someone opening it with the inside lever. Use it.
- Park your vehicle inside your garage (even during the day) and close the garage door.
- Never leave vehicle or house keys inside your vehicle.
- Have a reputable dealer install a vehicle alarm.
- If you see someone in your neighborhood who doesn't belong there, report it to the police.
- If you see someone who appears nervous, is pulling door handles, looking in windows, or bumping into vehicles (checking for alarms), notify the police or the management of the establishment.
- If you see a vehicle slowly riding through (or circling the neighborhood or a parking lot, report it to police or the management.
- As always with suspicious persons and vehicles, try to get the most detailed description and location possible.

If your vehicle is burglarized, always report it to law enforcement. More information on this subject can be found at www. txwatchyourcar.com.

Meadows Place Police Department 281-983-2900 www.cityofmeadowsplace.org

## Code Enforcement

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#### **Tree Maintenance**

One of my duties in Code Enforcement is enforcing the tree ordinance. I have been asking many residents to do some tree maintenance. What I am trying to do is go through the city, street by street and leave

notices for homeowners that have limbs hanging too low. I appreciate all of the hard work that has been taking place within our city! The streets that have already trimmed their trees are looking great! I have had several questions asked of me, so I thought I would share some additional information:

Why do we need to prune trees? Branches that hang low over sidewalks and streets are considered a safety hazard, either to pedestrians or to persons traveling in vehicles. Low overhead vegetation, and limbs not properly maintained can not only fall during storms, or reduce visibility, but can also damage larger vehicles; such as: school buses, delivery trucks and emergency vehicles. For example: The fire truck that participated in the city's 4th of July parade cost 1 million dollars, and as you can imagine repairs to a fire truck can be quite costly for our small city to absorb.

**How much do I need to prune?** The minimum height of overhead vegetation is 10 feet over sidewalks, and the minimum height of limbs over streets is 16 feet.

How do I prune a tree? For the purposes of the ordinance requirements I am asking you to raise the crown of the tree, which means to remove the lower branches of the tree to allow clearance. Large jobs that require the use of a ladder and power tools would probably be best left to a professional. When hiring a tree contractor, make sure they have experience, references, the proper equipment, and are insured.

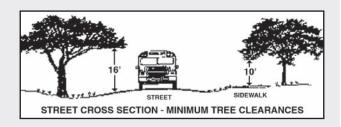
My trees aren't as bad as the neighbor's, why am I being asked to trim? When I am leaving notices for tree trimming, I will be asking all of your neighbors along your street to do the same. Some families will only need to address a few branches, but others have a larger job at hand. We are trying to maintain uniformity in the limb heights, so even though all trees do not grow at the same rate, at least the overgrowth will be more manageable.

**Safety First!** Please remember SAFETY FIRST when you are trimming your trees. Never work near any power line. If you are working in the street be aware of your surroundings, and get someone to assist you with traffic.

Use personal protective equipment such as gloves, safety glasses, hard hats, hearing protection and be sure to read the manufacturer's operating manual for any power equipment used.

**How do I get rid of the cut branches?** Tree debris is collected on your regular trash days. Tree limbs must be tied into 4 foot long bundles, not weighing more than 40 pounds. No tree limb greater than 3" diameter will be collected.

For information on tree care and maintenance check out: www.treesaregood.com; www.arborday.org; www.fs.fed.us;







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As the second Friday of June rolled around, crowds of citizens gathered at the City of Meadows Place pool to celebrate the beloved annual tradition of Splash Night. Each year, this event serves as a time for families all over the city to join together in celebrating both the community of Meadows Place and the start of the summer season. Many citizens also displayed their generosity by bringing food pantry items for the Sugar Grove Church of Christ collection.

Splash Night 2011 featured a wide range of activities for the city youths, including diving for coins, participating in a rubber duck find, and stacking Oreo cookies into towers. Kids also enjoyed playing on the large water slide. Along with running activities and keeping the event safe, the Platinum City of Meadows Place Life Guard staff displayed their talents by making waves in the Life Guard Big Splash Contest. The aquatics director, Scot Herff, announced while city volunteers judged. Throughout the night, DJ's Unlimited provided some family friendly jams for entertainment.

For the first year ever, Stafford Volunteer Fire Department made an appearance at Splash Night. The firefighters parked the vehicle, allowing citizens to explore the inside and look at real fire fighter equipment. As a surprise to all residents, Captain Bill Bomberger (a Meadows Place citizen), sprayed the children with a fire hose. The City of Meadows Place would like to offer a large thank you to the Stafford Volunteer Fire Department for the awesome water show!

Without the help of our volunteers, Splash Night could not be such a huge success. The ever famous hot dogs and hamburgers prepared by John Glona, Stephen Gray, Jim Creassor, and Kari Warkentien once again satisfied the tummies of all the residents. The city would also like to thank the following volunteers for dedicating their time to preparing and helping serve food: Mayor Jessup, City Council Members including Heidi Case, Shirley Isbell and husband John Isbell, Terry Henley, Dave Wilkens and wife Tricia Wilkens, as well as Elaine Herff, Beverly McMinn, Mimi Boos, and Joe Norem. We would also like to thank Chief Baker, Officer Brownlee, and Officer Rodriguez for monitoring the safety for Splash Night 2011.

The City of Meadows Place Parks and Recreation Department would also like to thank our

city's engineering firm, HDR Claunch and Miller, for sponsoring the food for the third year in a row. Without our volunteers, Life Guards, Parks Department, Police Department, and City Hall workers, Splash Night would not be such a huge success. Thanks to all who participated in making this event so special and memorable. Splash Night is always held on the second Friday of June, so mark your calendars and don't miss out on the fun at Splash Night 2012!



Kiddos waiting their turn for the Wild Rapids Inflatable water slide.



Citizens gathered in the pool for some relaxing fun under the sun.



Meadows Place Life Guard Staff awaiting the start of Splash Night 2011.



Splash Night Volunteers preparing the food to be served.



Youngsters splashing around in the baby pool for the Rubber Duck Find!



Two 6 & Unders excitedly stacking their oreo cookies!



Kids gathered around the table for the beloved Oreo Stacking Contest.

# ATTENTION



The City of Meadows Place is proud to announce that an Apache AH-64A Helicopter will be landing in the city park after the city's annual 4th of July Parade!

Join us for fun and food after the parade and be on the look-out for the extraordinary landing!



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## Be a winner in Meadows Place!

Get into the patriotic spirit and show your love of the country by decorating your yard in red, white, and blue. If you do not live along the parade route and want to be judged, you must enter your address at city hall, e-mail it to Monya@cityofmeadowsplace.org, or call Parks Department at 281-983-2935. Judging will take place on July 3rd and winners will be announced after the parade on July 4th!



1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners will win a Home Depot gift card!

Parade: Monday, July 4th, 2011 at 10:00 a.m.

## Message From the Pool Manager

By Kristina Hickle, Pool Manager

There is a new access system starting this year at the pool. Please read the information provided in this newsletter regarding the new policies and procedures on pool access.

Meadows Place lifeguards are the best around, and we train hard to ensure we are ready in the event of an aquatic emergency. As part of our ongoing training, myself and the Assistant Managers conduct V.A.T. (Vigilance Awareness Training) tests weekly on all of the lifeguards. We do this by placing a "shadow doll" in the water, and timing the lifeguard on how long it takes for them to spot the doll, blow their whistle, jump in the



Lifeguard VAT doll

water, and save the doll. To the lifeguard, the doll looks like an unconscious victim on the bottom of the pool. If it looks like the lifeguards are jumping off the stand for nothing, they are probably performing a VAT test! If you see the VAT doll in the water, leave it alone and watch the guard perform a simulated rescue!

I hope everyone is enjoying their summer so far!



What: Swim lessons

Where: Meadows Place Community Pool

Who: Classes are for ages 5 and up. Students will be

grouped according to age.

*Time:* 5:15-6:00 OR 6:15-7:00 (45 minute classes)

Tuesday-Friday (Total of 8 classes)

When: Session 3: July 26 - August 5

\*Sessions last 2 weeks.

Cost: \$50 per student

There will be a maximum of 5 students per class. **Registration is required.** Forms can be picked up at the pool. Payment is required at time of registration. Checks can be made payable to City of Meadows Place.



Who: Adults ages 16 and up

What: Swim laps in the pool before or after regular pool hours

When: Tuesdays and Thursdays 7:00 - 8:00 a.m. AND

Tuesdays and Thursday 8:00-9:00 p.m

Ends August 18

Where: City of Meadows Place Community Lap Pool



Tuesday-Saturday 11:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m. Concessions Sold: Noon-7:00 p.m.

Sunday 1:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m.

Concessions Sold: 2:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

Monday - Closed except for Holidays

Holidays - 12:00 p.m.- 7:00 p.m.

Concessions Sold: 1:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.

July 4 Parade 10:00 a.m.

Pool open 1-7pm

July 15 Bare Foot N' Friday

July 16 Pool Closes 5:00 p.m.

Swim Team Party

August 19 Last Bare Foot N' Friday

August 19 Last Day Pool Open

During Week

August 20, 21, 27, 28 Regular Hours

September 3, 4 Regular Hours

September 5 Holiday Hours,

Last Day Pool Open



# The City of Meadows Place

would like to extend a very happy and safe 4th of July to all of our residents!





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 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

## 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 everchanging 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.

#### **Meadows Summer Karate**

Starts: Ongoing

Ends: Thursday, August 11, 2011

\$45--10 Week Session

\$30--Uniform (sorry no checks, CASH ONLY) All Students MUST Register and pay Class

Fee by Third Week

**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 (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.



#### **TENNIS LESSONS**

Please contact Fort Bend Tennis Services at 281-980-4219 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.

Additional classes may be added if there are enough requests.

**Friday** - 5:30 - 6:55pm Junior Adv Beg - ages 8-14yrs - \$60/month (4 weeks)

**Saturday** - 8:00 - 9:25am Adult Beg/Adv Beg - age 18 and up - \$60/month (4 weeks)

**Saturday** - 10:00 - 11:25am Youth Beg/Adv Beg - ages 8-14yrs - \$60/month (4 weeks)

You can enroll in classes online at fortbendtennis.com

## PARKS & REGREATION

## PARKS AND RECREATION

Parade!

## **BULLETIN BOARD**

Bare Foot N'

July 4	July 4th Parade
	10:00 A.M.

July 4 Pool Open - Holiday Hours

1:00-7:00 P.M.

July 15 Bare Foot N' Friday

8:30 P.M.-11:00 P.M.

July 16 Pool Closes at 5:00 p.m.

for Swim Team Party

Week of 8/15 Last week for adult lap swim

and weekday pool.

August 19 Last Bare Foot N' Friday

8:30-11:00 p.m.

September 5 Last Day Pool is Open

Holiday Hours

12:00 P.M.-7:00 P.M.

Contact Parks Department about Registration!

281-983-2935



Interested in starting a class or activity in Meadows Place? Create a write-up for the newsletter based on the format below, and send to the Parks Department at Monya@cityofmeadowsplace.org!

**Description:** (Briefly describe your class or activity)

**Who:** (Give ages allowed to participate in the class)

Where: (The location of where the participants meet

every week)

When: (Give ages allowed to participate in the class)

*Cost:* (How much you plan on charging for your session, and what the participant needs to do to register)

Pre-registration is required to participate in all classes. Forms can be picked up at City Hall M-F 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. or printed off the City website www.cityofmeadowsplace.org.

Additional Info: (Include any type of specifics that pertain to your class, such as certain attire, supplies needed, etc.)

*Instructor:* (Your name, as well as the names of any additional helpers/assistants, along with a short biography of you)



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

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#### **Summer Schedule**

**Where:** City of Meadows Place Community Center 11975 Dorrance Lane, next to Meadows

Elementary School.

**Time:** Tues.: 4:00 - 5:00pm, 5:00 - 6:00pm (2 class for children 5-12 years old)

Wed.: 5:00 - 6:00pm for children 5-12 years old

Wed.: 6:00 - 7:00pm Adult class (13-up)

**Starts:** July 6, 2011 **Ends:** August 17, 2011

Fee: 22 classes for \$99.00

(free uniform for 1st 10 new students only)

11 classes for \$55.00 (choose your days) 1 free trial

**Instructor:** Jenny Pless (City of Meadows Place resident, teaching at the community center since 2006)

Please call Jenny to sign up! 281-788-8564 or jennypless@gmail.com



Amovie is shown on several Mondays at the Community Center. An adult or responsible babysitter MUST accompany children NOT yet 5 yrs old. Movie titles are posted on the marquee by the front door of the Community Center. Popcorn and drink will be served.

When: July 11, July 18, July 25, August 1, August 8, August 15

Where: Community Center

*Time:* 12:00 p.m. until the movie ends

Fee: \$1.00





## Meadows Place Painting Classes

**Description:** Paint your own work of art in one lesson!

No prior art experience or training required-even absolute beginners are welcome. Learn to paint with acrylic paints on canvas and paint a different subject each week: landscape, seascape, still life and floral.

Who: Class is open to anyone ages 17 and up

*Where:* Meadows Place Community Center, 11975 Dorrance Lane

When: Monday evenings, 7:30 - 9:30

Session 2: Wednesday, July 6, Wednesday, July 13, Monday, July 18, Monday July 25

**Session 3:** August 1, 8, 15, 22 (All Mondays)

Cost: Individual classes \$25/each. Sign up for 4 classes \$20/each.



Minimum of 4 students required for class to make. Maximum of 8 students in a class for lots of individual attention and help, so sign up early!

**Pre-registration is required to participate in all classes.** Forms can be picked up at City Hall M-F 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. or printed off the City website www.cityofmeadowsplace.org.

Additional Info: Class syllabus and supplies list available when you register.

Instructor: William Bailey, 20 year Meadows Place resident. Certified Fine Art Instructor for Grumbacher paints. He is a National and International award winning artist who has exhibited in galleries in Houston, other cities in Texas and in many other states. His paintings are in collections in 17 states across the U.S. and in 5 other countries.



## Group Fitness Program

**J**oin in this summer for Total Fitness Fun with a Group Exercise-Instructor Kenya Raquel @ THE PARK – progress evaluations every 4 weeks.

4 week program includes: 2 hour training session per week, personalized cardiovascular/strength training, nutritional guidance.

#### **H.Y.P.P.E.** (Heart Your Personal & Physical Education)

Ages: 11 and up

Where: Under the Pavilion located by the parking near

Dorrance

When: July 5-27 Session 2 (4 weeks). No class July 4th will start this session, Tuesday, July 5th

Days: Mondays and Wednesdays

*Time:* 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Must have a minimum of 6 students for the class to make. NO refunds/ Make up classes ONLY if inclement weather

*Cost:* \$125.00 /per person/per 4 week session (fee includes a 15% discount of normal charge)

*Items Needed:* 1 exercise mat, 1 set of 3-5 lb. weights, 1 stretching band and 1 Resista-Ball.

**Pre-registration for each session and payment is required before each session to participate.** Forms are available at City Hall, Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. (Sign UP Today!)

If you have any questions or concerns please contact Kenya by voice @ 832.741.6676 or you can e-mail with questions @ k\_mel1983@yahoo.com



## Wednesday Bingo Bash

Join the Parks and Recreation on Wednesday for BINGO.
Prizes and fun for all that attend.

When: July 6, July 13, July 20, July 27, August 3, August 10, August 17

Where: Community Center

*Time:* 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

**Fee:** \$3 (ages 5 and up)





### New Meadows Place Pool and Tennis Court Access System

The City of Meadows Place will be starting a new access system for the pool and tennis court facilities. All pool and tennis access cards have been deleted the second weekend of May 2011.

New tennis court access cards can be purchased for \$50.00 per card (maximum 2 cards per family), and **MUST** be re-purchased the second weekend of May each year. A driver's license and/or water bill must be shown to purchase the access card. Cards can be purchased at City Hall, Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

A wristband system will now be used at the pool. Residents **MUST re-purchase new wristbands starting the second weekend in May each year.** A four pack of wristbands can be purchased for \$10, and additional wristbands can be purchased for \$5 each. Every resident must show their wristband to the concessions staff as they enter the pool gates. Each resident wearing a wristband is allowed to bring one guest. The guests must get a hand stamp upon entering the gates. The wristbands can be purchased at the concession window at the pool during operating hours and at Splash Night, Friday, June 10th, 2011 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. A driver's license and/or water bill **MUST** be shown by residents to purchase wristbands. One day pass wristbands can be purchased for \$5 each.





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## Home & Garden Club

By Beverly Martin, Publicity

The Garden Club would once again like to congratulate the recipients of this year's Scholarship Awards. Kristina Hickle will be attending Wharton Junior College studying Nursing and Kate Cavender will be pursuing an Education degree at Sam Houston State. We wish you both the very best.

Great job! There are a lot of beautiful yards in Meadows Place.

#### YARD OF THE MONTH / JUNE:

Section I Marty and Kenny Howard 11403 Brook Meadow Ln.

> Section II Robin Evanich 11803 Demia Ct.

Section III Roy and Mary Helen Borrego Mehbooh and Saira Mithani 12115 Meadowdale Dr.

Section IVS David and Linda Mertins 12303 Scarcella

Section IVN Steve and Nancy Jones 11703 Blair Meadow

Section V 12502 Meadowglen

The Garden Club is preparing for the Fourth of July parade. This year we will be displaying a variety of bright colors to go along with The Red, White and Blue. We look forward to seeing you on the parade route. Monday, July 4th at 10:00am.

Gardening tip: Flowers for full sun that are heat tolerant -Verbena, Mexican Petunia and Marigold.

## Meadows Place Residents

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## 2010 Annual Drinking

## Water Quality Report

(Consumer Confidence Report)

#### CITY OF MEADOWS PLACE

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## SPECIAL NOTICE

## Required language for ALL community public water supplies:

You may be more vulnerable than the general population to certain microbial contaminants, such as Cryptosporidium, in drinking water.Infants, some elderly or immunocompromised such as those undergoing chemotherapy for cancer; those who have undergone organ transplants; those who are undergoing treatment with steroids; and people with or other immune system disorders can be particulary at risk infections. You should seek advice about drinking water your physician or health care provider. Additional guidelines appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline at (800) 426-4791.

## Public Participation Opportunities

Date: July

Time: 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

**Location: City Hall** 

Phone Number: 281-983-2961

To learn about future public meetings (concerning your drinking water), or to request to schedule one, please call us.

## OUR DRINKING WATER IS REGULATED

This report is a summary of the quality of the water we provide our customers. The analysis was made by using the data from the most recent U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) required tests and is presented in the attached pages. We hope this information helps you become more knowledgeable about what's in your drinking water.

## Source of Drinking Water

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally-occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pickup substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

- Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife.
- Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally-occurring or result from urban storm water runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming.
- Pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban storm water runoff, and residential uses.
- Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban storm water runoff, and septic systems.
- Radioactive contaminants, which can be naturallyoccurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities. En Español

Este informe incluye información importante sobre el agua potable. Si tiene preguntas o comentarios sobre éste informe en español, favor de llamar al tel. (281) 983-2950 -para hablar con una persona bilingüe en español.

## Where do we get our drinking water?

The source of drinking water used by CITY OF MEADOWS PLACE is Ground Water from the Chicot Aquifer A Source Water Susceptibility Assessment for your drinking water sources(s) is currently being updated by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality. This information describes the suceptibility and types of constituents that may come into contact with your drinking water source based on human activities and natural conditions. The information contained in the assessment allows us to focus source water protection strategies. Some of this source water assessment information is available on Texas Drinking Water Watch at http://dww.tceq.state.state.tx.us/DWW/. For more information on source water assessments and protection efforts at our system, please contact us.

### ALL drinking water may contain contaminants

When drinking water meets federal standards there may not be any health benefits to purchasing bottled water or point of use devices. Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (1-800-426-4791).

## **Secondary Constituents**

Many constituents (such as calcium, sodium, or iron) which are often found in drinking water, can cause taste, color, and odor problems. The taste and odor constituents are called secondary constituents and are regulated by the State of Texas, not the EPA. These constituents are not causes for health concern. Therefore, secondaries are not required to be reported in this document but they may greatly affect the appearance and taste of your water.

Required Additional Health Information for Lead

explanation.

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. This water supply is responsible for providing high quality drinking water but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead.

#### **Abbreviations**

- · NTU Nephelometric Turbidity Units
- · MFL million fibers per liter (a measure of asbestos)
- pCi/L picocuries per liter ( a measure of radioactivity)
- ppm parts per million, or milligrams per liter (mg/L)
- · ppb parts per billion, or micrograms per liter
- · ppt parts per trillion, or nanograms per liter
- · ppq parts per quadrillion, or picograms per liter

#### Definitions

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Maximum Contaminant Level Goal or MCLG:	The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.
Maximum Contaminant Level or	The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.
Maximum residual disinfectant level goal or MRDLG:	The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.
Maximum residual disinfectant level or MRDL:	The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.
Avg:	Regulatory compliance with some MCLs are based on running annual average of monthly samples.
ppm:	milligrams per liter or parts per million - or one ounce in 7,350 gallons of water.
ppb:	micrograms per liter or parts per billion - or one ounce in 7,350,000 gallons of water.
na:	not applicable.
	or MRDL: Avg: ppm: ppb:

The following tables contain scientific terms and measures, some of which may require

## 2010 Regulated Contaminants Detected

## Lead and Copper

Definitions:

Action Level Goal (ALG): The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. ALGs allow for a margin of safety.

Action Level: The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.

Lead and Copper	Date Sampled	MCLG	Action Level (AL)	90th Percentile	# Sites Over AL	Units	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
Copper	09/13/2007	1.3	1.3	0.318		ppm	N	Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives; Corrosion of household plumbing systems.
Lead	09/13/2007	0	15	2.2		ppb	N	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits.

Year	Disinfectant	Average Level	Minimum Level	Maximum Level	MRDL	MRDLG	Unit of Measure	Source of Chemical
2010	Chlorine	1.1mglL	.7mglL	1.9mglL	4.0	<4.0	ppm	Disinfectant to control

Total Coliform Detection
None Detected

## Regulated Contaminants

Inorganic Contaminants	Collection Date	Highest Level Detected	Range of Levels Detected		MCL	Units	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
Arsenic	02/20/2008	4.4	3.2 - 4.4	0	10	ppb	И	Erosion of natural deposits; Runoff from orchards; Runoff from glass and electronics production wastes.
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Barium	02/20/2008	0.217	0.192 - 0.217	2	2	ppm		Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits.
Fluoride	02/20/2008	0.2	0.16 - 0.2	4	4.0	ppm		Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories.
Nitrate [measured as Nitrogen]	2010	0.35	0.16 - 0.35	10	10	ppm		Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits.
Selenium	02/20/2008	12.1	4.9 - 12.1	50	50	ppb	] 	Discharge from petroleum and metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits; Discharge from mines.

Collection Date	Highest Level Detected	Range of Levels Detected	MCLG	MCL	Units	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
2010	7.5	7.5 - 7.5	0	4	mrem/yr	И	Decay of natural and man-made deposits.
2010	2	2 - 2	0	5	pCi/L	N	Erosion of natural deposits.
2010	8.6	8.6 - 8.6	0	15	pCi/L		Erosion of natural deposits.
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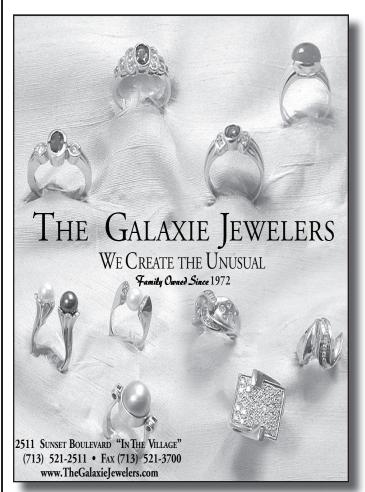
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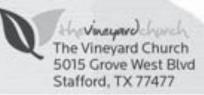
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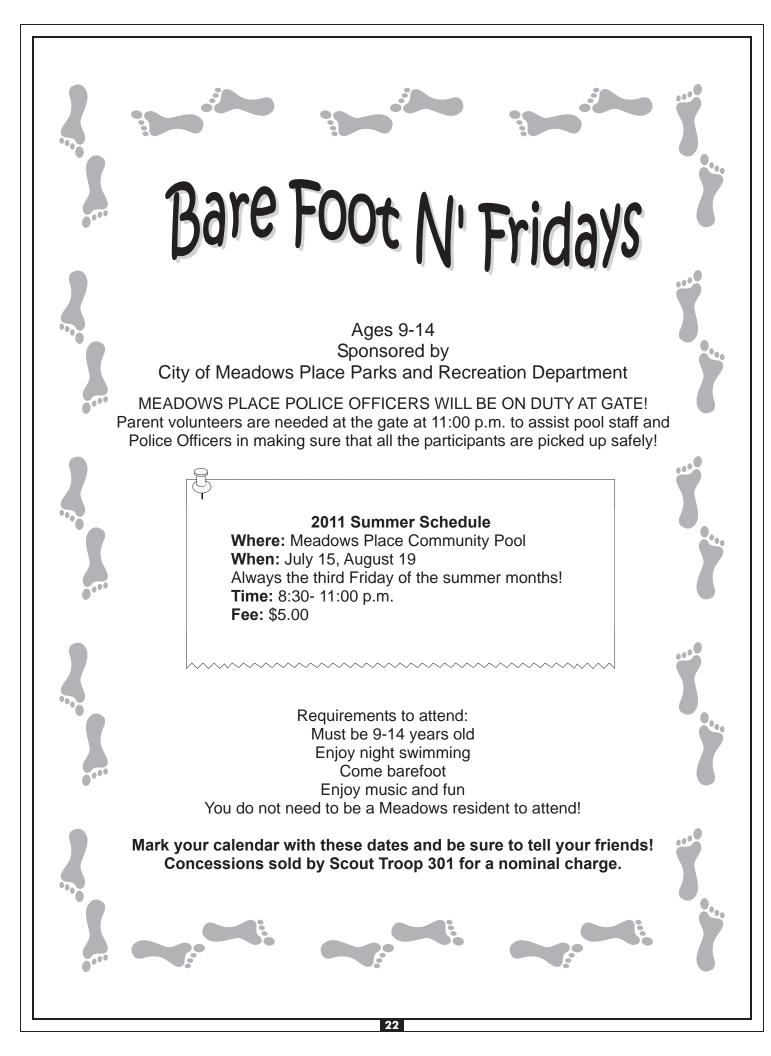


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