

Your Place for Life

City of Meadows PLACE

AUGUST 2009

COMMENTS FROM THE MAYOR By Charles Jessup



Budget Season

*Fear of Spending vs.
Death by Deferred Maintenance*

As the City faces a financial situation it has not been faced with in years, the question quickly becomes "How do we provide an equal level of service with less people and less money?" The follow up to that is "Can that really be done, and if so, for how long?" These,

and questions like these are what your Mayor, Council and Department Heads are wrestling with right now. You see, it is... "Budget Season". This is normally a fun time. An exciting time. A time of dreams and heightened expectations when everyone breaks out their 'wish list' and comes to the table prepared to tell you why theirs is the most important cog in the wheel that makes the city run. This year is a little different. Not nearly as exciting and not nearly as much fun. You see, like most other cities in the country, we are looking at preliminary projections and see indicators that show our revenues will be down. Thankfully just a little bit. But, costs have gone up. So what do you do? You look at the numbers. You sit down, spend hours and hours trying to find ways to whittle down costs without having a negative effect on the quality of life or the financial future of the City and then, you do the best you can. Thankfully we have a great Council and a very smart staff.

There is some good news. Unlike many other cities, we are not in desperate straits. Though we are early in the process it doesn't look like any of the basic City services will have to be cut. The same can be said for staff. We will be able to follow through on the projects we have on the books but may have to lower the budget a bit. Then it gets tough. Deferred maintenance, that is maintenance that is not done for financial reasons, can, and almost always does, end up costing you more. It can even bust your budget. Something will break, it will cost you more to operate or force you to pay emergency rates to fix it. These we want to, and plan to, avoid. As those who attended the Town Meeting on Splash Night know, we have some big maintenance projects that we are looking at and feel MUST be dealt with. And deal with them we will. We are however, looking to replace some community enhancement projects with projects that are not as capital intensive yet will still have a positive impact on our City and enhance the quality of life for us all. All it takes is a strong desire and a little ingenuity.

Yes, we are feeling the pressures of budget instability but we've spent a lot of time dealing with the complexity of revenue estimation, looking at short term cyclical actions as well as long term changes to ensure financial stability for the City of Meadows Place and believe we will complete this budget cycle on very solid ground.

*I scream,
you scream,
we all scream,
for ice cream....
especially when it's free!*



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at the last Bare Foot n' Friday (August 14th)
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*Don't forget...wear your BFF shirt and
get in FREE for this last 2009 BFF.*

CITY CALENDAR

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| August 10 | Last Monday Movie Madness |
| August 12 | Last Wednesday Bingo |
| August 14 | Bare Foot N' Friday |
| August 24-28 | Community Center Key Exchange
Call City Hall |
| August 22, 29 | Pool Open Weekends Only |
| August 25 | Regular City Council meeting
City Hall - 7:30 p.m. |
| September 5-7 | Labor Day Weekend
(Last Weekend Pool is Open) |

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Did You Know?...

Did You Know....that we have had lots of positive comments about this years 4th of July Parade? Seems it was a big hit. Thank You's go out to Congressmen Pete Olson and Charlie Howard of course, but a Special Meadows Place Thank You to pilots Bob Stolting and Scott Nicholas who fly in "our" helicopter every year. Thanks guys.

Did You Know....that next year's parade is already being planned? It presents some special "opportunities" since the 4th falls on Sunday next year. Terry and Monya are looking at three different formats right now so if you have any ideas that would make our parade and 4th of July festivities more fun, drop us a note or send 'em an email. I have been in way too many a 4th of July parade and I think ours is by far the best and YOU make it that way. It is just one more thing that makes Meadows Place - *Your Place For Life!*

Did You Know....that Meadows Place won a FREE Ice Cream Block Party in a contest put on by Dryers Slow Churned Ice Cream? Kristina Hickle, who was working part-time for the Parks Department, submitted an essay about "Community in Meadows Place" that blew them away. So, at the Aug. 14th Barefoot n' Friday we will have a "Party in a Box" for 100 people, plus a bunch of free ice cream and ice cream snacks. It is first come-first serve so if you have a youngster that is Barefoot n' Friday age, get 'em up there and get 'em there early! Both our Thanks and our congratulations go out to Kristina. We are so proud of you!

Did You Know....that you too can be a part of assisting our Hometown Hero's? The Heritage Trails Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution is collecting, coordinating and shipping clothing, school supplies and stuffed animals to the soldiers who are assisting in the rebuilding of schools in Iraq and Afghanistan - it is called OPERATION WAINWRIGHT and MP resident Sharon Kitchen is spearheading the efforts here. You can be a part of this project by dropping those gently used stuffed animals, school supplies and clothing at her home (she said her front porch is fine) @ 12034 Pender Lane (directly across from the school). They are also shipping supplies to our service members deployed in numerous areas as well as those recuperating at Landstuhl Medical Center in Germany.

Please contact Sharon Kitchen at 281-530-9045 with any questions or just drop off your donations. Thanks!

Speaking of Sharon, **Did You Know**....her son Jeremy, who was recently promoted to Sergeant, is going back to Iraq? Jeremy and the Kitchen family are proud and thankful for all the support they get from the folks and friends in Meadows Place and proud to be honored on the Meadows Place Wall of Heroes at City Hall. Please go in and look at it next time you are up there to drop off your water bill, etc.

Did You Know....we have neat new signs around our walking/jogging trail now? After seeing them, your neighbors, Teri and Ray Wathen, "feel like they know more about our wonderful City and the history behind it". Check them out for yourselves. They are very colorful, very informative and some are even distance markers. When you go up to see them, check on your commemorative brick and then walk over to see the latest at the Butterfly Garden. It is beautiful - AND there are butterflies there! A big Thank You to Gino and the Parks Dept. for all their hot weather efforts to not only maintain but improve our parks and parks system!

Did You Know....we must be doing something right? Our Code Enforcement Officer, Kathi Sutton, was talking to a local realtor that fell in love with our City. She saw it would be a great place to raise her family so SHE bought a home here! Well, we are glad to have you - Welcome Neighbor.

Did You Know....Walker B. Lockard was named "Lifeguard of the Year" for the City of Houston's Southwest Region on July 4, 2009 by Mr. James Thompkins, Regional Supervisor? He was also promoted to Pool Supervisor of the Dunlavy Pool on July 9, 2009. Walker's parents (Roy and Lea Ann) and his sister Marion are very proud of his accomplishments. Way to go Walker!

Did You Know....YOU can send news about projects, kids or neighbors to 'Did You Know' at City Hall or e-mail us at : mayor@cityofmeadowsplace.org

Thanks to everyone who was part of the Parade - either in it or on the street.

City Ordinances / Code Enforcement

Tree Maintenance



By Kathi Sutton

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 purpose 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.fsfed.us.



Street Cross Section - Minimum Tree Clearances
16' over streets 10' over sidewalks

COP TALK

By Captain Jack Ashton

Home Safety

- Keep your doors and windows locked. Too often, criminals get into homes through unlocked doors and windows.
- Consider installing solid core entry doors with reinforced door frames and dead bolt locks.
- Identify a "safe room" inside the home where residents can go in an emergency. This room should have reinforced doors, an exit to the outside, and a telephone.
- Always verify by telephone that the person at your door works for the company they say they represent and has been sent for a reason.
- A peephole with a 180 degree viewing angle is excellent for you to see who is on the other side of your door.
- Never open your door to anyone you do not know.
- Exterior lighting provides additional protection from intruders. Remember that criminals may hide in shadows.
- Always acknowledge a caller at your door to determine who they are and what they want.
- Some burglars ring the door bell, and if there is no answer, they break in.

Vehicle Safety

- Park in well lighted areas so you can see your car and the surroundings from as far away as possible.
- Have your car key ready before you approach the car so that you can make your entry into the vehicle as quickly as possible. When you are looking for your keys, you may be distracted from what is going on around you.
- Glance into the back seat and floor board of your vehicle for anyone who may be hiding inside before you enter. This is particularly important if you drive a van or SUV.
- Always lock all doors whether you are in or out of your vehicle. Keep the windows rolled up enough so an arm cannot be inserted through the opening.
- If you think you are being followed, do not go home. Go to a safe place such as a police station, fire station, business, or other populated area.

Meet the Council



Heidi S. Case, Alderman 1, and her family have been residents of Meadows Place for 20 years. Married to her husband, Paul, for 26 years, the Case's have raised 3 children here. CPL Stuart Case is serving in the Marine Corps, Diana is a senior and a business major at Texas A & M, and Mitchell has just graduated from Dulles High School.

Currently a Pre-K teacher at St. Phillip's Day School, Heidi graduated with a B.S. degree from Texas A & M in Agricultural Economics.

She is a past member of the Meadows Place Parks Improvement Committee and recently chaired the 25th Meadows Place Anniversary Celebration.

Heidi has served 3 years on the Meadows PTO Board and has volunteered on the Meadows Place Baseball, Soccer, and Swim teams for many years. She is also an active member of St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church.

Public Works



By Dan McGraw

Hurricane season is now upon us, so to help us prepare in case of disaster, the next several newsletters, my column will give helpful hints and suggestions on how to keep you and your family safe in such times.

Family Disaster Plan Four Steps to Safety

1. Find Out What Could Happen to You

- Contact your local Red Cross chapter or emergency management office *before* a disaster occurs--be prepared to take notes.
- Ask what types of disasters are most likely to happen. Request information on how to prepare for each.
- Learn about your community's warning signals: what they sound like and what you should do when you hear them.
- Ask about animal care after a disaster. Animals are not allowed inside emergency shelters because of health regulations.
- Find out how to help elderly or disabled persons, if needed.
- Find out about the disaster plans at your workplace, your children's school or day care center, and other places where your family spends time.

2. Create a Disaster Plan

- Meet with your family and discuss why you need to prepare for disaster. Explain the dangers of fire, severe weather, and earthquakes to children. Plan to share responsibilities and work together as a team.
- Discuss the types of disasters that are most likely to happen. Explain what to do in each case.
- Pick two places to meet:
 1. Right outside your home in case of a sudden emergency, like a fire.
 2. Outside your neighborhood in case you can't return home. Everyone must know the address and phone number.
- Ask an out-of-state friend to be your "family contact." After a disaster, it's often easier to call long distance. Other family members should call this person and tell them where they are. Everyone must know your contact's phone number.
- Discuss what to do in an evacuation. Plan how to take care of your pets.

3. Complete This Checklist

- Post emergency telephone numbers by phones (fire, police, ambulance, etc.).
- Teach children how and when to call 9-1-1 or your local Emergency Medical Services number for emergency help.
- Show each family member how and when to turn off the utilities (water, gas, and electricity) at the main switches.
- Check if you have adequate insurance coverage.
- Get training from the fire department for each family member on how to use the fire extinguisher (ABC type), and show them where it's kept.
- Install smoke detectors on each level of your home, especially near bedrooms.
- Conduct a home hazard hunt.
- Stock emergency supplies and assemble a Disaster Supplies Kit. (will discuss next month)
- Take a Red Cross first aid and CPR class.
- Determine the best escape routes from your home. Find two ways out of each room.
- Find the safe places in your home for each type of disaster.

4. Practice and Maintain Your Plan

- Quiz your kids every six months or so.
- Conduct fire and emergency evacuations.
- Replace stored water and stored food every six months.
- Test and recharge your fire extinguisher(s) according to manufacturer's instructions.
- Test your smoke detectors monthly and change the batteries at least once a year.

Neighbors Helping Neighbors

Working with neighbors can save lives and property. Meet with your neighbors to plan how the neighborhood could work together after a disaster until help arrives. If you're a member of a neighborhood organization, such as a home association or crime watch group, introduce disaster preparedness as a new activity. Know your neighbors' special skills (e.g., medical, technical) and consider how you could help neighbors who have special needs, such as disabled and elderly persons. Make plans for child care in case parents can't get home.

20 CITY OF MEADOWS PLACE 09 4th of July PARADE

Every 4th of July the City of Meadows Place turns red, white and blue as United States flags of all sizes spring up throughout the City. Celebrating our Nation's birthday is one of the biggest events for Meadows Place residents to look forward to each year.

While Meadows Place is certainly not rural, there is a small town charm that makes our annual 4th of July Parade truly special. Residents lined the streets to watch and cheer as a procession of cars, floats, bicycles, horses and walkers all decorated in patriotic colors made their way through the City. For many people, the parade marked the beginning of a day long 4th of July celebration with friends and family.

The parade route ran along Dorrance from the Southwest Freeway down to Mulholland, over to Brighton and ended at the community park. Meadows Place was proud to present Congressman Pete Olson as our Parade Marshal. Horse drawn classic carriages and wagons carried Congressman Olson as well as Meadows Place Mayor, Charles Jessup, and Councilmen. Representative Charlie Howard also joined in the festivities. Clutch the Rockets Bear, an Uncle Sam Stilt Walker, Independence Drummer Boy, and the Gulf Coast Sound Drum and Bugle Corps added to the excitement of the parade and brought smiles to all those who watched from the sidelines.

Many city residents met at the baseball fields for fun and food at the end of the parade. There were moonwalks for the kids, delicious food sold by the Meadows Place Baseball Club, and awards presented to the winners. Awards were given to the best float in each of the following categories: Youth, Commercial, and Spirit. For the first time this year, the Meadows Place Home and Garden Club gave awards to the three houses with the best patriotic decorations. Mayor Jessup honored Meadows Place Lifeguard and soon to be United States Marine, Michael Dorosk, with a plaque. Pilots Bob Stolting and Scott Nicholas landed an Apache helicopter on the open field for the residents to admire.

All City events are supported by numerous volunteers and City employees, and the parade is no different. Thanks to everyone who helped make this event a success. The City of Meadows Place Parks and Recreation Department would like to thank our volunteer judges for helping with the parade: Elaine and Wayne Herff, Abby Murphy, Ray Wathen, and Pat Altman. Parks and Rec would also like to thank all who took the time to decorate a float and participate in the parade.

Check out our website www.cityofmeadowsplace.org for more pictures from the parade! Hope to see you at the parade next year!

Winners for this year's parade entries are as follows:

Non-motorized entries:

4 & under

- 1st place – Taylor Brown
- 2nd place – Emily and Sarah Spade
- 3rd place – Anna Capps

5 & 6 year olds

- 1st place – Alissa Weatherford
- 2nd place – Melinda Blackmon
- 3rd place – Lillian Gomez

7 & 8 year olds

- 1st place – Deborah Blackmon
- 2nd place – Luis Aparicio
- 3rd place – Ericka Gomez

9 & 10 year olds

- 1st place – Hannah Schmidt
- 2nd place – Celine Tirjerina and Natalie Crissman
- 3rd place – Jassimine Matamoras

11 & 12 year olds

- 1st place – Megan Emmons
- 2nd place – Danielle Work
- 3rd place – Catelynn Yonuger

13 & up

- 1st place – Mark Renfrow
- 2nd place – Jenny Pless
- 3rd place – Michelle Pless

Motorized Entries:

Youth Entries

- 1st Place – Meadows Place Lifeguards

Commercial Entries

- 1st Place – Sweet Tomatoes

Spirit Entries

- 1st Place – Meadows Place Home and Garden Club

Meadows Place Home and Garden Club Home Decoration Contest:

- 1st Place – The McDonalds
- 2nd Place – Connie and Don Houghland
- 3rd Place – Rick and Sue Ella Mueller



Gulf Coast Sound pleasing the crowd with their patriotic tunes.



Jaiden and Alissa Weatherford excited for the bicycle judging.



Congressman Pete Olson and family eagerly awaiting the start of the parade.



Parade Judges (Abby Murphy, Ray Wathen, and Pat Altman) making their final decision on the winners of the float contest.



Taryn Shaw and Shelby Bezner showing their patriotism with their colored hair and decorated outfits.



Meadows Place Lifeguards and 1st Place winners in the Youth Category dress as American icons to show their love of America.

Home & Garden Club

By Beverly Martin, Publicity

The Home and Garden Club may be off for the summer but the Fourth of July Parade was ON! What a great parade.

This year's Garden Club parade theme, "Flags and Flowers" was very colorful and patriotic. The judges thought so and awarded us first place in the Spirit Category. We look forward to next year.

This was the first year for the city to have a Parade Route Patriotic Theme competition. Winners this year :

**1st Place – The McDonald Family
11923 Dorrance**

**2nd Place – Connie and Don Houghland
11515 Dorrance**

**3rd Place – Rick Mueller Family
12026 Dorrance**

Preparations for our September 8th, "Get to Know Us Dinner" are underway. Mark your calendar to join us!

Yard of the Month Winners for July:

**Section I
Ted Zipeli
11622 Dorrance**

**Section IV N
Christy and Alex Crouch
11819 Blairmeadow**

**Section II
Tom and Jennifer Stansbury
11803 Brighton Lane**

**Section IV S
Dan and Kathy Gilmore
12223 Hoggard**

**Section III
George DeShazo and Sharon Foster
11822 Mulholland**

**Section V
Dave and Tricia Wilkins
12322 Meadowglen**

Wall of Heroes

In driving about this city, it is evident that there are many residents who have loved ones serving our country. Please honor these men and women by having a plaque commemorating their service on Meadows Place Wall of Heroes.

The Wall of Heroes is a special place set aside at City of Meadows Place City Hall and is designed to honor the brave men and women of Meadows Place who are serving in the Army, Air Force, Navy, Coast Guard or anyone called to active duty from the reserves or the Army National Guard.

To have a photo placed on our Wall of Heroes the person must be or have been a Meadows Place resident who has a relative currently living in Meadows Place.

To be added to the wall, the service person's family must purchase a City of Meadows Place Wall of Heroes plaque that costs approximately \$26.00 plus tax. This is an 8 x10" Oak veneer plaque with a 5 x7" plexi-glass photo cover and three lines of laser etched print which has the service persons name, branch of service and overseas area of deployment. A 5x7 portrait type photo is required. Uniform preferred. The plaque is purchased from Team Texas, 1300 Murphy Rd., Ste. B1, Stafford, TX. Tel. 281-879-4004.

It is the relative's responsibility to coordinate with the Wall of Heroes liaison, Sharon Kitchen, regarding plaque purchase, placement and removal if or when the service person leaves the service or is removed from active duty. If the soldier is deployed or called back to active duty, the plaque can be updated and placed back on the Wall of Heroes. The plaque is the property of the person who purchased it and may be removed at any time by contacting City Hall.

If you have any questions, please call Sharon Kitchen at 281-530-9045 or jkckck@aol.com

Thank you for participating in the Meadows Place Wall of Heroes program.

New Signs

For the past few years, the City of Meadows Place Parks and Recreation Department has been looking to renovate our track, field, and pool area. We have recently installed 23 new bright and beautiful signs. The signs project is a parks grant project from Texas Parks and Wildlife. The installation of the signs completes phase I, II, and III in our city parks improvements. The signs provide a wide range of information. Some of the signs are mile markers for our frequent joggers to gauge how far they have run. Other signs provide information on the history of Meadows Place, a subdivision timeline, a history of McDonald Park and the development of Mark McGrath Municipal Park, and the way in which the water and drainage system works. We even added a sign on how to stay Healthy and Safe. There is a new memorial area behind the field house. We have also added a few extra incentives for our city nature lovers to come on down to the park. We have recently installed a butterfly garden near the Meadows Elementary Playground area, a birding area near the city field house, and an informative sign and area on hummingbirds next to the baseball fields. Some of our city residents have recently witnessed huge hawks in flight around our parks and numerous butterflies resting in our butterfly garden. We created the signs for you, the citizens of Meadows Place, and we strongly encourage all city residents to come on down to the park and check out the new additions to our park area.



Meadows Place

B A S E B A L L

IT'S TIME TO REGISTER FOR THE FALL BASEBALL SEASON!

MPBB Fall Season is the perfect time for kids to learn how to play baseball and to improve on the skills they already have. The season begins on September 26 and ends on November 14. Once a week practices start the week of September 7th. Register early and receive \$5.00 off your registration fee. There will be a late fee of \$5.00 for Late registration so be sure to register early!

Registration Times, Dates and Locations

EARLY Registration: Aug. 1 at the Meadows Place Annex Building on Kirkwood from 10-2:00

Registration: Aug. 8 at the Meadows Place Community Center and Pool from 10-2:00

Registration: Aug.15 at the Meadows Place Annex Building from 10-2:00

LATE Registration: Aug. 22 at the Meadows Place Annex Building from 10-2:00

For additional information and contact info please visit our web site at:
www.eteamz.com/meadowsplacebaseball.com

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

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

email us: monya@cityofmeadowsplace.org or terry@cityofmeadowsplace.org

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

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

Classes



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

The American Society of Karate is an association designed to teach American Karate to ages 5–70 in a positive ever-changing system. Its goal is not necessarily to be the largest, but to be the best. This class has been on going for 17 years at the Community Center and welcomes new students.

2009 Summer Karate Schedule

Ends: Thursday August 20

\$40--11 weeks

\$30--Uniform (sorry no checks)

Time: 6:30pm - 7:30pm Ages 5-12

7:30pm - 8:30pm Ages 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.

Tennis Schedule

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.

Monday and Wednesday - 5:30 – 6:25pm

Youth Beg/Adv Beg - ages 8 – 14yrs - \$80/month (4 weeks)

Monday and Wednesday - 6:30 – 7:25pm

Youth Intermediate – ages 10 – 16yrs - \$80/month (4 weeks)

Monday and Wednesday - 7:30 – 8:25pm

Adult Beg/Adv Beg – age 18 and up - \$85/month (4 weeks)

Saturday - 8:00 – 9:25am

Adult Beg/Adv Beg – age 18 and up - \$60/month (4 weeks)

Saturday - 9:30 – 10:55am

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Monday Movies

A movie is shown on several Mondays at the Community Center. An Adult or responsible babysitter **MUST** accompany children **NOT** yet 5 years old. Movie titles are posted on the marquee by the front door of the Community Center. Popcorn and drinks will be served.

When: August 3, 10

Where: Community Center

Time: 12:00 noon until the movie ends

Fee: \$1.00

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Bare Foot N' Fridays

August 10	Last Monday Movie Madness
August 12	Last Wednesday Bingo
August 14	Bare Foot N' Friday
August 24-28	Community Center Key Exchange Call City Hall
August 22, 29	Pool Open Weekends Only
September 5-7	Labor Day Weekend (Last Weekend Pool is Open)

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

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.

Bingo Bash (Wednesday)

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

When: August 5, 12
Where: Community Center
Time: 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Fee: \$3.00 (ages 5 and up)

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.

Class every Tuesday AND Wednesday

Where: City of Meadows Place Community Center
Ends: August 12
Time: 5:00-6:15 p.m.
Fee: 9 classes for 50.00, 18 classes for 99.00.
Master: Sho Lin Master Shi Yan Feng
Instructor: Jenny Pless (City of Meadows Place resident)

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:

Yoga	Monday & Thursday	9am
Mah Jong	Monday	10am
Line Dancing	Monday & Wednesday (SL Community Center)	10am & 1pm
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
Pool	Daily	
Coupon Club	Thursday	10am
China Painting	Tuesday	1-3pm
Crochet Class	Wednesday	1-3pm

Trip to Bush Presidential Library & Messina Hof Winery

Wednesday - September 10 - Depart at 8am
 Price is \$75.00 and includes transportation, tours, lunch and wine tasting.

Holocaust Museum

Friday - September 19 - Depart at 8:30am
 Bearing Witness, A Community Remembers Film, Price: \$20.00

Houston Museum of Natural Science

Friday - October 10 - Depart at 8:30 am
 Terra Cotta Warriors of China's First Empire,
 Shi Huangdi, I-Max Movie, Planetarium
 Show, and visit to the Cockrell Butterfly Center.
 Price: \$65.00 includes transportation and tickets.

Health Chat

Friday - September 26 - 12:00 noon
 Randall's will present an informative program on Managing Your Medicines and the importance of immunization. This is one program you won't want to miss. Bring your questions.

Don't miss out on these fun classes!

Crochet

Every Thursday
 1:00-3:00 PM
 Supplies needed: yarn and crochet needles

Computer Buddies

Every Friday
 11:00 AM-12:00 noon
 Hands on help with computers!



Pool Hours

Tuesday-Saturday 11:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Sunday 1:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Monday- Closed except for Holidays
Holidays- 12:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

August 14	Last Bare Foot N' Friday
August 21	Last day pool open during week
August 22, 23, 29, 30	Regular Hours
September 5, 6	Regular Hours
September 7	Holiday Hours



Sugar Grove Fun Run

In Meadows Place
 5K Run & 1M Family Run/Walk
 Saturday Morning,

September 26, 2009

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 Sugar Grove Christian School.
 Meadows Place residents
 are invited to participate.
Volunteers are welcome.

For more information visit www.sgcs.org

**Registration and payment for swim lessons must be made
 at Community Pool by pool staff during pool hours only**

Swim Lessons

What:	Swim lessons
Where:	City of Meadows Place Community Lap Pool
Who:	Classes are for ages 5 and up. Students will be grouped according to age.
Time:	5:15-6:00 (45 minute classes) Tuesday-Friday (Total of 8 classes)
When:	Session 3: July 28- August 7 *Sessions last 2 weeks.
Cost:	\$50 per student

There will be a maximum of 5 students per class. Payment is required at time of registration. Checks can be made payable to City of Meadows Place.

Lap Swim

Who:	Adults ages 16 and up
What:	Swim laps in the pool before regular pool hours
When:	Tuesdays and Thursdays 7:00-8:00 a.m. Ends September 3
Where:	City of Meadows Place Community Lap Pool

Water Aerobics

A sixty minute cardiovascular workout in the pool, which also includes stretching, and muscle toning.

When:	Tuesdays and Thursdays
Where:	City of Meadows Place Community Lap Pool
Time:	7:00-8:00 p.m.
Session 2:	July 21 - August 13 (8 classes)
Fee:	\$30 for 2 weeks class (Session 1) and \$60 for 4 week class (Session 2) Minimum Students 10
Instructor:	Hollye Ferreira

Registration is required. Pick up a form from City Hall Monday-Friday 9 AM- 4 PM.

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
September 25 & 26 • October 30 & 31

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Ages 9-14

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Note: Buy a shirt for \$5.00 and wear it to the last Bare Foot N' Friday, August 14th, 2009

Get in for Free!! We will also be passing out tons of FREE ICE CREAM on the last BAREFOOT n' Friday! Don't miss out on the food and fun!

Requirements to attend

- *Must be 9-14 years old*
- *Enjoy night swimming*
 - *Come barefoot*
 - *Enjoy music and fun*
- *You do not need to be a Meadows resident to attend!*

Mark your calendar with this date and be sure to tell your friends!

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Senior Adults Resource/Health Fair

Friday, July 31, 2009

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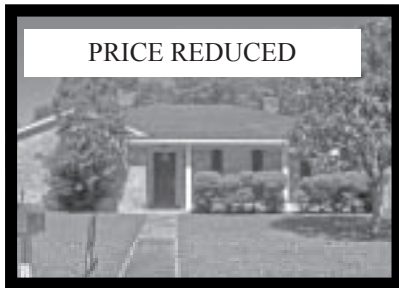
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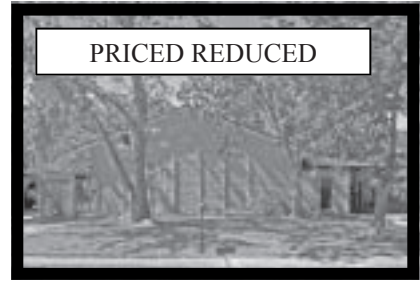
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