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APRIL 2010

COMMENTS FROM THE MAYOR By Charles Jessup



Progress at the WWTP

Good New - Bad News. First the bad news. This very wet winter has delayed the revitalization of our Waste Water Treatment Plant. We were hoping the project would be complete by now, replacing all 330 diffusers, the sludge box, separator screens, etc. To date, we have only been able to revamp two of the eight tanks. Now, the good news. The tanks

we have completed were the most difficult to work on and we have already enjoyed positive results. Notably, we have already cut in half the number of blowers needed to make the plant function. This alone will save us thousands of dollars annually on our electricity costs. Major savings were also realized because Dan McGraw manufactured much of the replacement apparatus in house. Due to location, weather should not affect access to the remaining tanks so we should progress quickly. When complete, we will be able to proceed to the next phase of the project.

On The Ballot - EDC Reminder

Travis Tanner and Bob Graf have been working on an information piece for us regarding the May 8th proposal to convert our Economic Development Corporation (EDC) from a type 4A to a type 4B. Hopefully, this will explain the reasons why the EDC Board and your City Council feel this proposal is worthy of your consideration. Due to legislative changes, the 4B option is now more small town friendly and allows broader use of the funds for our city's economic development. To learn more about our EDC, go to the City's website, look under Public Information and you will see a bullet for Economic Development. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us.

On The Ballot - Council Position

Council Members Heidi Case and Dave Wilkens will be running unopposed in the May Elections, as will the Mayor. There will be a contest for the seat being vacated by Charles Kulhanek. We have had two people file to seek that seat, Shirley Isbell and Scott Holland. Both care deeply for our City and are eager to serve. These two stepped up, now it is your turn. Make your decision and Vote in the May election.

Census

I can't stress strongly enough the importance of filling in and returning the 2010 Census Form. It is Council's belief that we need to have an accurate count to ensure we are in as strong a position as we can be when it comes to things like redistricting. If you haven't sent yours back yet, please do it now. Thank You, working together we can make sure Meadows Place will always be... Your Place for Life.

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Garage Sale Updates

Starting May 2010, Garage Sale permits will no longer be needed. Residents may have up to 4 garage sales a year, during designated months only. The months & dates designated for the next 12 months are:

- May 14 & 15, 2010
- November 12 & 13, 2010
- August 13 & 14, 2010
 February 11 & 12, 2011

CITY CALENDAR

April 2 Good Friday/Easter Holiday

City Hall Closed

April 2 - May1 Early voting:

City and School Board

8:00am - 5:00pm - City Hall

April 27 Regular City Council Meeting

7:30pm - City Hall

May 3 - 4 **Early voting:**

City and School Board

7:00am - 7:00pm - City Hall

Did You Know?...

Did You Know....Lee Marshall contacted me to make sure that our I was aware of the effort that took place on behalf of a cute little kitten that had recently fallen into a flooded storm drain in front of his house? Mr. Marshall made a call to the PD who immediately contacted our Public Works Department who sprung into action. His letter detailed the heroics of Public Works employee Dan Denny, who, with the help of Joseph French, rescued the helpless little kitten as the storm waters continued to rise. He asked that I give both Dan & Joseph a pat on the back and "a job well done". He then said this is "just another reason that we picked Meadows Place to live". So, Well Done Dan and Joe, and Well Done Lee for helping to make Meadows Place "Your Place for Life". Oh, since no one claimed the kitten, Dan gave it a home

Meadows Elementary raised \$3000 for the Pennies for Patients fundraiser which benefits the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society? The monies they collect helps support patients and families coping with blood cancers. Meadows Elementary has participated in this fundraiser for years but this was the most they ever raised. It takes a lot of pennies, nickels, dimes and quarters to add up to \$3000! Two fifth graders, Fisher Galvin who donated \$141 and Deni Levin who donated \$74 were among those who gave personal funds to make it a success. Kudos to Fisher, Deni and all the students and families of Meadows Elementary who participated.

and named it 'Gutter'.

Did You Know....that Marion Lockard is now 'Miss Kingsville 2010' and has just participated in the Miss Texas Pageant in San Antonio? The contest is the end of

March but we had to go to print before the results came out. Keep your fingers crossed for her. We know she has a shot at it because if you remember, we told you she was crowned Miss Texas A&M Kingsville back in May. Don't you know her Daddy Roy Lockard is proud of her? Congratulations, and good luck Marion!

Did You Know....that the Sugar Grove Christian School is holding their annual fundraiser auction and dinner on April 30th? Doors open for dinner and silent auction around 6:00 pm and the Live Auction starts at 7:00. For more information or to make a donation, call the school at 281-575-6598.

Did You Know....Patty Spade, your neighbor and person in charge of our utilities billing, recently took a trip to New York City? Patty said this is something she has wanted to do almost all her adult life and is grateful she was able to go. Seems Carrie Gregg told her about a fantastic package she had found and invited Patty to join her, her Mom and daughter on the trip. Poof, instant jetsetters! Patty said New York was everything she hoped it would be. She said the most fun she had was standing in the crowd of the Today Show holding up 'Meadows Place, Texas' signs and going to see Mary Poppins on Broadway. She and Carrie were sitting right up by the stage and right under where Mary Poppins flies off over the crowd! Sounds like fun to me - but - we're glad you came back!

Did You Know....that if you have something you want to share with us, please contact Did You Know – by dropping us a note at City Hall or just send us an e-mail at: mayor@cityofmeadowsplace.org







This edition of our city newsletter includes a copy of our *Meadows Place Police Department Organizational Values*. We often hear the terms "ethics" and "values" associated with law enforcement agencies and their personnel. Law enforcement leaders write organizational values as a way

of telling both the public and their police officers just where the "bar" is set when it comes to the performance and conduct of the men and women of the agency.

Our value system consists of standards, beliefs, and principles upon which we base our life and professional choices. It is the foundation for the way we respond to most of the incidents and challenges we face throughout our lives. Values motivate individuals and help form our judgment. Our problems may become larger when our value system is weak. The means to face and solve those same challenges may come from a strong value system.

The statement of *Organizational Values* is the means we use to gauge our performance. It does not take the place of policy and procedure; rather, it is the foundation upon which they are based. It is a statement about the type of people we want working for the Meadows Place Police Department – and the way we will treat those we serve.

Meadows Place Police Department Organizational Values

Values consist of standards, beliefs and principals upon which we base our life and professional choices. They are held so strongly that they noticeably affect the way we think and act. Values motivate us and help us make judgments.

We accept our employment with the Meadows Place Police Department as a symbol of public trust. Our fundamental duty is to serve and protect the members of our community to the very best of our abilities. We dedicate ourselves before God to constantly strive to achieve the following objectives:

- · We will treat everyone with respect, dignity and fairness without prejudice, oppression or intimidation.
- We will maintain the highest standards of honesty and integrity in both our professional and personal lives.
- We will vigorously enforce the law and protect the constitutional rights of all.
- · We will be courteous and friendly toward every person we serve.
- · We will always strive to find the best solution to every problem presented us.
- We will not intentionally say or do anything to embarrass or offend ourselves or others.
- · We are accountable to a higher authority and the community which we serve, and will always be mindful of that.



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Meet the Council



Meadows Place Alderman re-elected to H-GAC Board

erry Henley, the City of Meadows Place Alderman and Mayor Pro Tem, has been re-elected to the Houston-Galveston Area Council (HGAC) Board of Directors,

representing General Law Cities. He has served as General Law representative since 1992. The General Law Cities Caucus meets annually to elect two representatives to the H-GAC Board.

Henley also represents H-GAC on the Texas Association of Regional Councils (TARC) and was recently elected TARC President. H-GAC, the largest regional council in the country, is comprised of 133 local governments in the 13-county Texas Gulf Coast Planning Area. Henley chairs H-GAC Energy Purchasing Corporation, which contracts with more than 100 local governmental agencies for retail electric service.

He has been a member of the Meadows Place City Council for 22 years and Mayor Pro-Tem since 1993. In addition to serving as President of the Meadows Place Economic Development Corporation, Henley has held every leadership position in the H-GAC organization, most recently chairing H-GAC's Legislative Committee. Long active in the Texas Municipal League (TML), he has been President of the local TML Region 14, TML Board member and TML President.



Our Business Neighbors are a very important part of the City. Many do more for us than we ever know. This column is dedicated to those businesses.



om Russo, Vice President of Wallis State ■ Bank, dropped by City Hall to make sure that we knew that, based on volume, the Meadows Place branch is now the largest branch in their

system. He also wanted to Thank all the folks in Meadows Place that helped make that happen – businesses too. When asked about the reasons for the success, he said he felt it was due in part to the banks professional business practices but felt that the culture of friendly service and high standards set by Branch President Teri Alvarez played a big part as well. Of note, Wallis State Bank is now offering mortgage loans too.



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Spring Cleaning Time Or pring is in bloom, and by the look of our



By Kathi Sutton

Spring is in bloom, and by the look of our yards (mine included) the weeds really thrived this winter! If you are facing a weed dilemma in your yard, check with your local nursery. I was told that a healthy lawn will discourage invading weeds. Sun, good drainage and lawn aeration will encourage your grass to develop strong roots.

Apply a thin blanket of compost over the lawn in the spring. Apply a slow-release or organic fertilizer after the lawn has greened and begun to grow. Water as needed, early in the day so that the grass blades dry quickly. Mow your grass at 3 inches, and leave the clippings as they will break down naturally and replenish the soils nutrients. Be sure that when you mow you are mindful to remove all of the clippings from the sidewalk and street.

Spring also traditionally means "Spring Cleaning". Now is a great time to get to some projects before the summer heat sets in. Pressure wash, fix broken fence pickets, clean up the flowerbeds, and perform general maintenance (wash windows, treat active rust spots, and replace basketball nets...).

Pick up and put away any items that have been left out on the driveway, porch and yard. Touch up paint the outside of your home. Install 4" address numbers on the exterior of your home. Remove old lamp posts that no longer function (after having gas line capped off by a licensed plumber).

Thank you for all your hard work and for further Code Enforcement topics be sure to check us out on the city's website: www.cityofmeadowsplace.org



Message from the Pool Manager

By Kristina Hickle, Pool Manager

The picture below is the new pool rules sign that was added to the pool area last summer. I hope you will all take a minute to read over the rules and explain to your children what is and is not allowed in the pool. Knowing the rules before heading to the pool is a great way to ensure that everyone has a fun time!

Don't forget to check out the exciting summer and pool activities in the Parks and Recreation section of the newsletter. If you have any further questions, please contact Parks and Recreation at 281-983-2935. Thanks, and I hope everyone stops by the pool this summer to cool off!





Training Dates:

Thursday, April 22, 2010 6:00-9:00 p.m. Community Center

Saturday, May 1 and Sunday May 2, 2010 9:00a.m-6:00 p.m. Pool

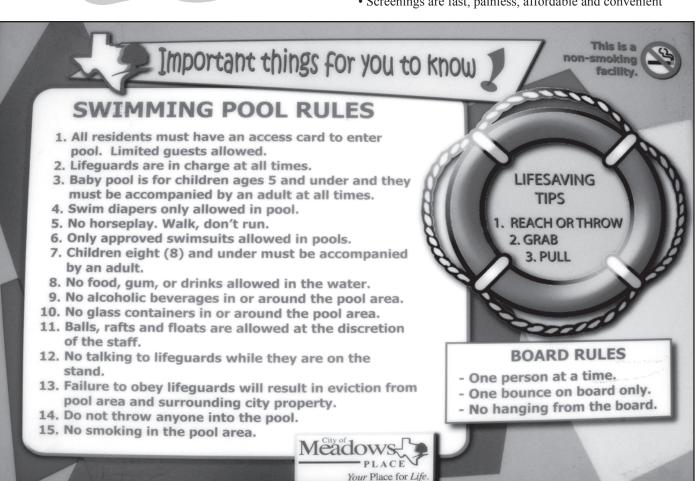


A Stroke Screening Is Coming To Your Neighborhood

Where: Meadows Place Community Center Presented By: Memorial Hermann When: Wednesday, May 12, 2010

Pre-registration is required. Call: 1-800-324-1851

- 80% of stroke victims had no apparent warning signs
- Ultrasound screenings can help you avoid a stroke
- Stroke is a leading cause of death and permanent disability
- Screenings are fast, painless, affordable and convenient





Be a part of the City of Meadows Place Junior Lifeguard Team!

Who? All kids ages 9-14

Where? Meadows Place Pool

Cost? \$25 per person

When? Session 1:June 22-July 2 Session 2: July 20–July 30

Week one of each session will consist of training Tuesday-Friday 11-12 pm

Week two of each session is when each Junior Guard gets on stand! Tuesday—Friday 1-4 pm

Sign up? Registration Forms can be picked up at Meadows Place Pool.

Hours: Tuesday-Saturday 11:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m. and Sunday 1:00-8:00 p.m.

All registration must be picked up and turned in at the pool. Please make checks out to City of Meadows Place.

Each session will have a special in-service where all parents are invited to come and watch what the kids have learned! Each Junior Lifeguard will get a certificate of completion! Session 1 in-service: Saturday, July 3, 10:00 a.m.

Session 2 in-service: Saturday, July 31, 10:00 a.m.

What should the Junior Lifeguards expect?

All Junior Guards will be trained the first week on proper scanning, hand signals, whistle blows, and even rescues! Week two of the session is when all Junior Lifeguards actually get on the lifeguard stand and complete rotations!

For more information, please call Parks at 281-983-2935

Don't miss out on this great program!



An AARP Driving Class is coming to the Community Center on April 15th!



This course will reduce the price of your auto insurance for one year! Please call Curtis for more information: 713-264-2087



By Beverly Martin, Publicity

Reminder

Applications for the Home and Garden Club Scholarship Award can be picked up at the Dulles High School Counselor's office or on the Meadows Place web site. Applications need to be returned by the end of April.

Tuesday, April 13th the Garden Club meeting program will be presented by the "Hibiscus Society - Lone Star Chapter." Election of new officers will follow. Meeting starts at 7:00pm in the Community Center. You do not have to be a member to attend. Please join us.

Lunch Bunch will dine on Thursday, April 22nd, 11:00am at Panda Garden. Call Kay for more information at 281-933-0729.

Spring is here and the Garden Club will soon be judging Yard of the Month. Judging takes place the last weekend of the month. Guidelines for selection are:

- Overall landscaping as seen from the street. Variety and symmetry.
- 2. Lawns: condition and manicure.
- 3. Shrubs: condition, quality, suitability.
- 4. Trees: condition, quality, trim.
- Annuals and accessory: seasonal, color, harmony. (No artificial plants or flowers.)

As always, we look forward to everyone contributing to make Meadows Place a beautiful place. Gardening is fun and rewarding.

Classified & Advertising

Anyone wishing to place an ad in the newsletter can contact City Hall for information. All ads are due by the second Friday of each month. The appearance of paid advertising is not an endorsement by the City.

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Saturday, April 10th

Saturday, April 17th

12:00 pm - 3:00 pmMeadows Community Center

For swimmers ages 5 – 18

Practices begin as follows:

Monday, April 26, 2010

For new swimmers, all 6 and unders, & all 11-12 yr olds (flip turn practice)

Monday, May 3, 2010

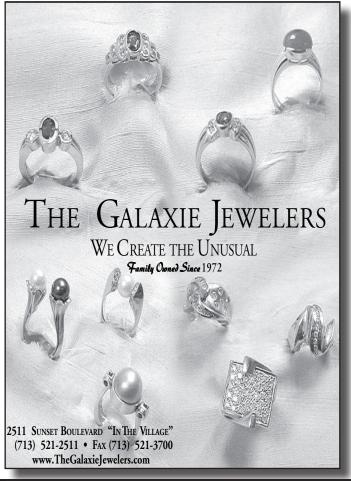
ALL swimmers

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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.



Meadows Spring Karate

Starts: Thursday, April 8, 2010

Ends: Thursday, May 27, 2010

\$45--8 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: Rex May (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 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.

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

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Lifeguards Needed!

BULLETIN BOARD

Driving Lessons

April 10	Lifeguard Interviews
April 15	AARP Driving Class Call Curtis 713-264-2087
April 22	Lifeguard Training 6:00 p.m 9:00 p.m.

May 1	Countryside Animal Clinic
	11:00 a.m 2:00 p.m.

May 1 & 2	Lifeguard Training 9:00 a.m 4:00 p.m.
	Poolside

May 12	Lifeline Screening 8:00 a.m 11:00 a.m
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May 14	First Bare Foot N' Fr	iday!

May 15 & 16 Pool Open-Weekends Only

May 22 & 23 Pool Open-Weekends Only

May 29 & 30 Pool Open-Weekends Only

May 31 Pool Open Holiday Hours 12:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.



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 Margaret Minton 281-933-2827 or 281-948-8823 to join the group.

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



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 281-933-2827 or 281-948-8823 to join the group.



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Where: Community Center

When: Session I – June 2 - July 7

Session II – July 7- August 11

Days: Monday and Wednesday evenings

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Minimum of 10 participants

Contact Alonzo Brown at 281-961-1409 or alonzoagb@yahoo.com



Early bird sign up, get a free uniform!

(first 10 only) come earn a belt

Class will be held every Monday and Tuesday.

Where: City of Meadows Place Community Center

Time: 3:15pm - 4:30 pm, drop off as early as

3:00 p.m., pick up no later than 4:30 p.m.

Session 2 Starts: April 6
Session 2 Ends: May 25

Fee: 16 classes for \$79.00, 8 classes for \$50.00

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ANIMAL CONTROL(281) 342-1512	
PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT(281) 983-2935	

Community Center Rental	
Building Capacity 165	
Dullding Capacity 105	

Tables and chairs to accommodate your party.

Food / no alcohol	\$150.00
Food and alcohol	\$250.00
Non-residents add	\$100.00
Community Pool Rental	\$300.00
(Maximum time allowed is 3.5 hours	

Community Center / Pool Combo

Available for rental May - September Rent both and receive a discount of \$50.00

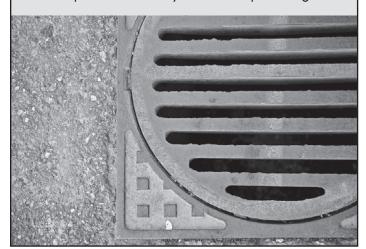
CALL PARKS AND RECREATION TO SCHEDULE YOUR EVENT 281-983-2935

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Storm Water Hotline

Report dumping in storm water drains. Only **RAIN WATER** is allowed 281-983-2932 or report online, see website. For updates on Public Works News visit the website.

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Street Light Repair

When calling or emailing about a street light outage, you will need to get the pole number, and if you add your email address Center Point can keep you apprised of the status of the repair request.

713-207-2222 www.centerpointenergy.com