

Meadows PLACE

COMMENTS FROM THE MAYOR By Charles Jessup



Meadows Place Community Garden The Meadows Place Community Garden organization met and selected their Board of Directors. They are excited about launching this project. To help move it along, the Board is looking for a Pro bono lawyer to review paper work, volunteers with able hands to build more boxes, students needing service hours, and willing gardeners. We all know that

we need to eat fresh fruits and vegetables for a healthy diet; the Meadows Place community garden program can show everyone how we can grow nutritious foods and is designed to give the community a chance to participate in the process.

If you walk the trail by the parking lot, you will see they have placed the first two raised bed garden boxes and will be planting soon. Meadows Elementary has been invited to participate in the garden and Johanna Garcia "volunteered" her husband to create a website, so expect that soon. In the interim, if you or a group you belong to, are interested in helping or being a part of the Meadows Place Community Garden send an email to: Mpcomgarden@gmail.com. A community garden is ranked as one of the top things a community can do to invest in itself. Thank You to Bob Dybala, Shelly Brough and everyone who has worked so hard to get this fabulous project started. Together, we are creating the culture of our future through planning and participation. It's almost time to start planting so Bob and Shelly invite everyone to "come grow with us".

EMS Support for Meadows Place

For the past several months I have been in discussions about the possibility of getting an EMS response vehicle with transportation capability (Ambulance) stationed here in Meadows Place. Multiple conversations with Mayor Scarcella and Chief DiCamillo of Stafford, several members of the Fort Bend County Commissioners Court, Dr. Kendrick, Director of Fort Bend Health and Human Services, Daniel Kosler, Director of Fort Bend EMS and many others have culminated in a formal request to Fort Bend County for an ambulance and crew to be housed here in Meadows Place.

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LIFEGUARDS WANTED!

The City of Meadows Place is accepting lifeguard applications until March 27, 2015 for Summer 2015!

You must be 15 years old to apply, and available for **ALL** training dates. Physical requirements can be found on the website, cityofmeadowsplace.org

TRAINING DATES

CPR Training: Friday, April 17th 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. at the Community Center

Pool Training: Saturday, April 18th and Sunday, April 19th 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Community Pool

Applications can be picked up and turned in at City of Meadows Place City Hall.

CITY CALENDAR

City Meetings

Feb. 24 City Council Workshop 6:00 p.m. Regular Meeting 7:30 p.m.

Fort Bend ISD

Feb. 16 President's Day/Student Holiday

Did You Know?...

Did You Know... we really need your help picking up the leaves along curbs and gutters, especially around this time of year? The leaves impede water flow, and can fill the storm sewers which can cause the water to backup. We are working on a citywide solution and hope to have it in place next year, but until we do, please help us out by bagging them. Thank You.

Did You Know... The road use fee we collect every month, does not go toward the major reconstruction projects like West Airport and Kirkwood? Those fees are to be used only for repairs on our internal streets, like the ones that run in front of our homes. This will take a little time to build up so we can have a good financial foundation, but we could start using them later this year. These will be used in addition to the funds we budget annually for road repairs and will allow us to address more small street issues every year. If you have any questions on these, or any other fees the city collects, check out the website of call the city or give me a call.

Did You Know... that Sammi Ferriera, who now works for the Skeeters, said Meadows Place not only turned out for the Holiday Lights festival at Skeeters field, but really responded by turning in vouchers benefitting Toys for Tots? She was very proud of her hometown and said Meadows Place was "middle of the pack" in the numbers of vouchers turned in. This is great for a one square mile city. Way to go Meadows Place!

Did You Know... if you want to borrow a Live Trap to capture a critter you can, and then you can have Animal Control come haul it off for you? Jerry Parker, our Code Enforcement Official, says a resident can pick up trap from 1210 Blume Rd. in Rosenberg with \$100 Check deposit. They will give instructions on how to use & bait the trap. Spring is coming and the critters will be active, so call Jerry if you have any questions about this program. **Did You Know...** Dan Denny, who works in Parks and Recreation, studied for, took, and passed the Certified Pool Operator (CPO) exam? Being a CPO allows him to expand what he does for us at the pool, which will save us money. Just as important, it makes us even more responsive to the needs of the community. Like Danny, Meadows Place employees are always working to improve themselves allowing them to serve us better. This type of commitment to our community, helps make Meadows Place, *Your* Place for *Life*.

Did You Know... the mailbox up by the Fire Station and TTC on Kirkwood is temporarily shut down? We put a sign up to let folks know that it should be back up and running by April 15th

Did You Know... one of our neighbors on Meadowdale contacted me about a water leak that had been leaking about a month? He was disappointed in the city's response because he said he had reported it earlier. Somehow the report was never recorded so we didn't know about it until he contacted me with his concern. Turns out it was a small leak on a fire hydrant that needed to be repaired. Of course when he called the second time we responded immediately and got the problem taken care of. Water leaks are important to the city and we make it a priority to get them taken care of, so, if you see a leak, please report it. We would rather have a dozen calls on a leak than none at all. Thank You.

Did You Know... Fred Arnold, with Minute Maid/Coca Cola, chose Tradicao in Meadows Place to hold a very interesting meeting with the Mayors of Sugar Land, Missouri City, Rosenberg and....Meadows Place? Thank You Fred for choosing Meadows Place. We appreciate your patronage.

Do YOU have something for **Did You Know?** Drop a note at City Hall for or email: mayor@cityofmeadowsplace.org. Thank You. Meadows Place...*Your* Place for *Life*!

Did You Know... Our EDC has been generating a lot of commercial interest in Meadows Place? These projects may or may not come to fruition, but at least we are having serious conversations. This is good news, and we are glad they are, but you can help too. If you know, or want, a business that wants to expand, suggest they move to Meadows Place- that's how Kelley's got here! Fill out the Contact form on the EDC website page or send an email to Bob Graf at... meadowsplaceedc@yahoo.com

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What caused me to initiate these discussions was a concern over the possibility of increased response times for Meadows Place due to new asset allocations resulting from Sugar Land's new EMS program. This is a big step, and for Meadows Place to get a crew and vehicle stationed here there are several obstacles to overcome, including not having a facility to house the MICU (ambulance), and crew. There is also the problem of a location acceptable to the county, both of which we have made progress on.

I bring this to your attention because I do believe Dr. Kendrick and Commissioners Court will be diligent as they try to deal with our request, but if we are unable to secure an MICU and crew in Meadows Place, we will be partnering with Stafford to explore other options. We are expecting a formal response by the end of February which of course will determine our next course of action. This is an important step for Meadows Place. We will keep you informed. Hopefully this will be one more step in keeping Meadows Place, *Your* Place for *Life*.

Congressman Olson's "Mobile Office"

I would like to thank Congressman Pete Olson and his staff for holding a "Mobile Office" at Meadows Place. This allowed residents a chance to ask questions in a relaxed oneon-one setting trying to sort out Social Security problems, federal disability filings, Veterans issues, Post Office or IRS problems. This was the first Meadows Place Mobile Office, but it will not be the last. In the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact the Congressman's office at any time.



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

James Coney Island, or JCI, has really expanded its menu. From their Steak & Baby Kale salad, using Nolan Ryan All Natural Beef to their classic Coney Island Dog, JCI is a great place to eat.

James Coney Island

Meadows Place has some really great businesses. Be sure to utilize them. They need, and deserve, our support.





ATM Safety

TM's have added a real convenience to our lives but, at the same time, an element of risk has also popped up. Using an ATM safely requires awareness and a little planning. Just because an ATM is open for business and available 24 hours a day doesn't mean it is always safe to use. A little common sense can keep most of us out of trouble, but you should periodically review the safety of the ATM you are going to use.

Before using an ATM:

Pick a Safe Location. ATM's are used 24 hours a day. They are susceptible to misuse, vandalism, robbery, and can jeopardize safety of customers. Therefore, use only an ATM in high visibility, high traffic areas with a defined parking area, adequate lighting, and proper landscaping. Do not use ATMs that are remote or hidden behind buildings, behind pillars, walls, or away from public view. Beware of overgrown shrubbery or trees. They make good hiding places and robbers like to have the element of surprise and no witnesses.

Using the ATM:

Try to Limit Your Use to Daylight Hours. Take someone with you, if you can. Use ATM's You're Familiar With. Be Observant. When you drive up to an ATM location, look around. If you see anyone suspicious standing around or just sitting in a car, drive away. Look Over the Machine Before Inserting Your Card. If you see something unfamiliar on the machine, it could be part of an ATM scam. If it looks funny, go to another ATM. Have Your Card in Your Hand. Be ready to use it right away. You don't want to stand around and take extra time looking for your card in your purse or wallet. Keep Your Car Secured. Lock your car if you have to get out to use the ATM machine.

Memorize your personal PIN number to prevent loss and to expedite the transaction. Shield your transaction. Use your body or hand to shield the ATM keyboard when you enter your PIN. Don't give someone else the opportunity to see the number you are entering. Put your cash away immediately in your pocket, wallet or purse, extract your card and walk away. Do not display your cash or count it at the ATM. Cash can be tempting when it is out in the open. Don't leave your receipt. Be sure to take your receipt or transaction records with you when you leave. Never accept an offer of help or request help from a suspicious person at the ATM machine. Robberies are somewhat more likely to occur at walk-up ATM's than at drivethru ATM's.

The Meadows Place Police Department is concerned about the safety of the community and offers these tips to promote the safety and wellbeing of the community. For further information please contact the Police Department 281 983-2900.

Code Enforcement

Mailbox Month



March is MAILBOX MONTH here in the City of Meadows Place! This March is the 6th anniversary of this event for our City. Mailbox Month is the time we take a look at what is often the first

impression of your home, your mailbox. If it needs to be repaired or replaced, and you do it, this can result in a **\$10 discount** on your water bill!

Mailboxes are typically constructed to last about 10 years, depending on the materials used, and the USPS states that it is the homeowner's responsibility to maintain and replace worn or damaged mailboxes. If it has been quite a while since you have replaced yours, take an objective look at it. It is an easy way to add value.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE: Through the month of March; mail, place in the Utilities Billing Box or e-mail (code-enforcement@cityofmeadowsplace.org) a "before" and "after" photo of your newly rejuvenated or replaced mailbox to City Hall. **Each participating residence will receive a \$10 discount off of their utility bill!**

Some mailboxes only need fresh paint or minor maintenance like rust removal, up-righting the post, etc., while others may need to be replaced altogether. Hardware stores like Lowes, Home Depot, and Court's Hardware sell reasonably priced replacements, and with a modest amount of effort you will have a fresh new look!

CURBSIDE MAILBOX STANDARDS:

- The bottom of the mailbox should be located between 41 45 inches in height from the surface of the curb.
- The name and address on your mailbox should be at least 1 inch letters/numbers.
- The front of your mailbox door should be located 6 8 inches from the front face of the curb.



Please contact our local post office if you are considering moving the location of your mailbox.

I would like to thank you in advance, and I am anxious to see just how many of us take advantage and make our beautiful city just a little brighter!

Top Hits from January:

Violation:	Warn/Cit	Comply:
Grass/weeds	0	0
Trees/Shrubs	3	3
Trailer/Car/Boat	4	4
Trash Cans/Debris	35/1	34
General Nuisance	10	8
Totals	52	49

Please note: If you have a Code Complaint, please go to the City Website, (www.cityofmeadowsplace.org) and fill in the complaint form. 1 violation per complaint please.

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





City Council Positions Up for Election:

- Alderman IV Currently Being Held By Terry J. Henley
- Alderman V Currently Being Held By Kelle K. Mills

Each position is for a two (2) year term. In addition to the Council Workshops and Meetings held on the 4th Tuesday of each month, the City Council also meets for special workshops and meetings throughout the year.

Deadline to File An Application for Place on the Ballot:

End Date: Friday, February 27, 2015 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Candidate Eligibility General Requirements

A candidate must:

(1) be a United States Citizen;

(2) be 18 years of age or older on the first day of the term to be filled at the election;

(3) have resided continuously in the state for 12 months and in the city or in the district or ward, as applicable, for six months immediately preceding the deadline for filing an application for a place on the ballot (for a write-in-candidate, preceding the date of the election) [Election Code §141.001(s)].

(4) must be a registered voter and must have resided within the municipal limits for at least the 12 months preceding the election day.

Over the next several months, more information will be included in this newsletter and posted on the City's website. Should you have any questions, please contact City Secretary Jan Moore at (281) 983-2931 or jmoore@cityofmeadowsplace.org.



Please make sure your current contact information is updated in our water utilities system.

Email information updates to: utilities@cityofmeadowsplace.org



Also, when paying your utility bill please make sure your check includes the following to allow us to provide you with superior service:

- Name, Address and current Phone Number
- Payment made out to "City of Meadows Place"
- Current Date: We cannot accept postdated checks. Postdated payments will be returned
- Written Payment Agrees with the Numerical Box
- Utility Stub
- Account Number
- Signature

Remembering these helpful tips will allow for timely, efficient, and accurate processing and allow us to serve YOU better! Thank you in advance for your cooperation and for questions contact us at:

(281) 983-2950 or utilities@cityofmeadowsplace.org



Classified & Advertising

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

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

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

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

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





www.gdhomerepair.com

Home & Garden Club

By Rose Melancon, Publicity

We are proud to announce the Christmas Yard of the Month winners.

Section I Aileen and Tom Clarke 1141 Dorrance

Section II Clyde and Zella Little 11931 Dorrance Ian Cusi 12310 Brighton Ln.

Section IVS

Section IVN Casey Collins Family 11715 Kenzie Ct.

Section III Paul Russell Griffin 12022 Meadowdale Section V Mehboob and Saira Mithani 12502 Meadowglen

Did you miss seeing these award winning Christmas yards? No worries! Check out our web site, meadowshomegardenclub.com for photos of theses festive lawns.

While you are there, don't forget to have your Meadows Place college bound student apply for our scholarship award. The deadline for entry this year is April 30, 2015. See "Scholarships" for more information.

The Spring Home & Garden Club Tour, whose proceeds benefit the scholarship award, is coming soon on April 25th. Are you proud of your recently remodeled home or landscaped yard? Consider being part of the Home Tour! Contact Meadows Home & Garden Club President, Bob Dybala, at 713-213-6166 or meadowshomegardenclub@ gmail.com.

Just a reminder, the Tour is open only to Meadows Place residents.

Got a question? We'll give you the answer. Visit our Gmail:

meadowshomegardenclub@gmail.com

Visit our web site today.

Meadowshomegardenclub.com

PARKS & REGREATION





City of Meadows Place Parks & Recreation



To participate in any City of Meadows Place program or class, pre-registration is required, and most classes have a minimum/maximum enrollment.

PLEASE REGISTER EARLY!

Registration forms can be picked up at City Hall Monday - Friday, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm or printed off the City website www.cityofmeadowsplace.org. Make checks payable to City of Meadows Place; with payment, mail or turn into the City payments box at City Hall. For more information, call Parks & Recreation @ 281.983.2935 or email: parks3@cityofmeadowsplace.org.

Classes Want to Start a Class or Program?

I finterested in starting a class or program at our Community Center or outdoor facilities in Meadows Place, follow the format below and send to Meadows Place Parks and Recreation Department, One Troyan Drive, Meadows Place, Texas 77477 or email, parks3@cityofmeadowsplace.org.

Must have class and or program information in writing for approval by 1st Friday of the month in order to meet newsletter deadline 2nd Friday of the month.

Description: (Briefly describe your class or activity)

Who: (Age of students to participate)

- *Where:* (The location of where the participants meet every week)
- When: (Include dates and times of your program)
- *Cost:* (How much you plan on charging for your session)
- *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 and contact phone number optional)

Tennis Court Access System

Residents may purchase new Tennis Court access cards at City Hall, Monday through Friday, 9 am to 4 pm.

- Only residents of Meadows Place may purchase a card.
- A driver's license and/or water bill verifying Meadows Place residency must be shown to purchase the access card.
- Access cards are \$50 per card, maximum 2 cards per family.
- Cards are valid through May; old cards will be deactivated at the end of May.
- All tennis players must have access card with them while on the courts.
- A maximum of three (3) guests allowed per card and all guests must be accompanied by a resident.
- Do not prop open the gate at any time or allow access to the courts to anyone without a Tennis Court access card.

Failure to comply with all rules posted at the Tennis Courts and on the Registration Card may result in forfeiture of Access Cards.



When: To Be Determined

Time: 9:30 am - 11:00 am

Where: McGrath Park, along the trail in the shady area.

Instructors: Master Jenny Pless

(teaching at the Community Center since 2005)

Fishing at the Lake! Anglers ages 17 and up must have a current fishing license. Discounts are offered to those ages 65+. Grab your pole & bait and head to the lake! LEAVINGS CONCRETE CO. Please do not release any outside fish into the lake or critters into the lake or park. • Flagstone Patios • Driveways Concrete Pavers Foundations Stamped Concrete Sidewalks Breakout & Removal • Lifetime Warranty on Lattice Patio Covers 713-851-4337 drleavings@peoplepc.com Meadows Place Residents **Stafford Fire** WE DESERVE epartment 。 **A NICE PARK! Please Stop or Report** Vandalism or Misuse of Facilities Police: 281-983-2900 is looking for a few new volunteers from **Meadows Place** Contact info: Larry Di Camillo - Fire Chief, City of Stafford Fire Department ph: 281.208.6950 DON'T MESS www.staffordfirerescue.org WITH TEXAS AND... 10210 Mula Road. DON'T MESS WITH Stafford, Texas 77477 Meadows Place











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Community Center Rental		
Building Capacity 165		
Rental includes tables and chairs to accommodate events		
Food/no alcohol\$200.00 Food/with alcohol\$300.00 (Cash deposit required equal to Rental Fee)		
Community Pool Rental\$350.00 (after Community Hours, maximum rental time is 3.5 hours)		
Non-Meadows Place residents add \$175.00 to above rates		
Resident Community Center/ Pool Combo Rental		
Available May - September Meadows Place residents receive a \$50 discount when renting		
the Community Center & Pool for the same event.		
For rental reservation information, go to cityofmeadowsplace.org		
click on Parks & Recreation, then Community Center		
To check availability, call (281) 983-2935 or email:		

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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.

publicworks@cityofmeadowsplace.org