

COMMENTS FROM THE MAYOR
By Charles Jessup



Vote...

This is a Presidential election year, and your votes count. Not only does your vote matter to the national candidates, it matters to the local candidates and office holders. They check to see where the votes come from, and trust me, it matters. Please vote.

Budget Year 2011-2012

We have the final figures for fiscal year 2011-2012. I am very pleased to tell you that our department heads and staff did a great job again this year. We managed to get an amazing amount done in all areas, had major personnel changes and still managed to stay within budget. This is not an accident. It is a result of a day to day effort by the people who always try to do the more with less. I see how hard this group of good folks work for us and am always amazed at how much pride each and every one takes in serving this city. We are truly blessed by their efforts and I am honored to work with them. If all goes well, as I expect it will, the auditors will present the official annual audit to Council before the end of the year. We will be proud to receive it and I hope you will be proud too.

Councilman Pete Olson to make Flag Presentation & You are Invited

About a month ago, I asked Congressman Olson's office if it would be possible for Meadows Place to get a flag that had flown over the Capital Building. The answer was yes, but when the Congressman found out that we wanted to put it in City Hall to honor our veterans, he and his staff became fully engaged and pulled out all the stops to make this happen for us as soon as possible. The Congressman, himself a veteran, believes this is a great way for us to thank these great Americans for their military contributions that keep us free.

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**Christmas
Memories
in the
Park**



**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7TH, 2012
6:00-10:00 P.M.**

**MARK MCGRATH
MUNICIPAL PARK
12001 BRIGHTON LANE.**

(See Insert for More Details)

CITY CALENDAR

- Nov. 4 Change clocks back one hour
- Nov. 6 Presidential Election
- Nov. 9-10 Last Garage Sale for the year
- Nov. 22-23 City Hall closed in observance of Thanksgiving
- Nov. 27 Regular City Council Meeting
City Hall 7:30 p.m.

Did You Know?...

Did You Know... that Dan McGraw, your Mayor and Councilmen John Isbell and John Whiteman recently took part in an Elected Officials Presentation in a region wide meeting being hosted by the Houston-Area Galveston Council? This meeting was to educate regional elected officials of the findings of the Ft. Bend County Regional Planning Initiative. I want to thank Public Works Director McGraw who was on the fact finding panel, the two Councilmen who put in the time to go and all the folks that answered the online survey. Meadows Place was VERY well represented.

Did You Know... that we are getting lots of compliments on the new Welcome sign at Dorrance and Dairy Ashford, including one from Tiffany McFadden who works with Commissioner Patterson and whose Grandparents, Jean and Kermit McCarver live in Meadows Place. These new signs were purchased for the city by our Economic Development Corporation. Dan McGraw and our Public Works Dept. is putting them in (saving us money). There will be three more going up soon. Thanks to all who work so hard to help make sure Meadows Place is... **Your Place for Life!**

Did You Know... we have some great contract vendors? We meet with them to make sure they have a very clear understanding of our expectations, but they exceed those expectations on a regular basis. For instance Christi Wolfe called me and told me how a WCA truck drove by while she and her family were in the middle of a big tree trimming project. Before they even had a chance to finish stacking and bundling, a WCA truck came back and the crew and driver all pitched in to load the brush up. I hear these type of tales all the time. And it's great. Did you ever wonder why you don't see a lot of chewed up paper after Texas Lawn Works mows the parks, esplanades and other city

properties? It's because they send a crew out the day before to pick up trash and go to great lengths to keep our city trash free. Thanks to both these great vendors for serving our city so well.

Did You Know... Meadows Elementary has a beautiful new Earth Day wall hanging? The Coastal Prairie Quilters Guild, which was founded right here in Meadows Place, recently presented this magnificent piece to Principal Michele Riggs. You can take a peek on page 4.

Did You Know... the Dulles High School Band and Dulles Dolls got all 1's at the UIL Contest last month? This is a big deal and not easy to do. Congratulations to all – especially those from Meadows Place. (We think they were the best!) Meadows Place also had a great showing at Dulles Homecoming with four of our kids being nominated. Lindsay Grace was nominated for Dulles Sweetheart; Karly Wilkens, Mariah Shaw and Cody Kitchen were nominated for the Homecoming Court. Cody was crowned Homecoming King for 2012!! Meadows Place kids are always doing good things.

Did You Know... we are always modifying our city website? If you haven't looked at it in a while, check it out at: www.cityofmeadowsplace.org. Let us know what you think. Thank You.

Did You Know... Tradicao (pronounced Trad - e - son) was recently praised for donating \$7,440 to the Houston Food Bank during Restaurant Week? Not that we are bragging, but the Meadows Place location raised almost 30% more than the Clear Lake location! This is a good example of a great restaurant doing great things - right here in Meadows Place.

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

Did You Know...

The that the city has been spreading wildflower seeds up at the lake again? Since they are wildflowers, we can't guarantee how they will look, or if they will even come up, but, if they are as pretty as last year I think we will all be thrilled. The lake flowers were a favorite of folks young and old. We use a special Texas Wildflower Mix from a commercial flower growing operation near Eagle Lake. It is designed to keep us in fresh blooms for months - if the weather cooperates. In any event, these seed are spread with love and a special hands-on Shake and Rake technique developed by our Public Works Department. Thanks to Monya, Dan, Danny, Joseph and Gino for taking this task on so Meadows Place will blossom on our behalf.

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So, on Monday, November 12, Congressman Pete Olson will present the City of Meadows Place with a flag that has flown over the United States Capitol which will forever represent all these veterans fought for and honor our veterans past, present and future. If you would like to be part of this historic event, please join us at City Hall on Monday, November, 12th at 1:45. We especially want to see all Meadows Place veterans and their families at City Hall.

Wall of Heroes

Just a reminder to families of active veterans, if your veteran is not being honored on the Meadows Place Wall of Heroes, please contact myself or Monya Keenen and learn how to get a plaque put on display at City Hall. Meadows Place is both proud and grateful for all our veterans do.

Taking Care of Business

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

The Hampton at Meadows Place

On November 15th, the Oasis Medical Complex on W. Airport is having a Grand Re-Opening, and you are invited! Come tour between 4 and 7 pm. They are expecting a big crowd but Executive Director Benjamin Tragethon has issued a personal invitation for all Meadows Place residents. Try to make it by.



Thank You

Our businesses need, and deserve, our support

Garage Sale Dates

February
8 & 9

May
10 & 11

August
9 & 10

*Garage
Sale Dates
2013*

November
8 & 9



Neighborhood Watch

Our community is built on the strength of our citizens. With this in mind, every day the Meadows Place Police Department calls on the citizens of our community to be an extension of Law Enforcement to be a second set of eyes and ears, to observe and report, to help ensure the safety and wellbeing of our community.

Neighborhood Watch, It is a community driven purpose guided by the police department compiled of many attributes. One key element is “neighbor”, getting to know those in your area. This is an opportunity to draw the community closer together; to promote a sense of safety and security, the one that allows us to prop our feet up and relax. This is the Neighborhood Watch Program.

The Meadows Place Police Department recently hosted the first official Neighborhood Watch meeting at the new Tactical Training Center (TTC) (11803 S. Kirkwood Road). We were delighted to see over 60 caring and concerned citizen from the community in attendance. Our program agenda consisted of topics including “Suspicious Activity, how to report activity, and criminal investigation techniques. The idea is to educate the community how to best assist the police, make use of those “eyes and ears” as an extension of law enforcement. We will strive to continue the education process and working with the community – please join us for the next meeting, October 17th, 7pm at the TTC as we discuss getting to know your neighbor and protecting your home.

The police department has created a webpage (www.cityofmeadowsplace.org) under the Police tab labeled “Neighborhood Watch.” This page includes the next meeting date and time and additional information about the program (including how you can help). There are pamphlets available that cover topics such as the TLC Program, vacation watch, property registration, and how to secure your home. Please take advantage of this information or, if you need more, email us at nw@cityofmeadowsplace.org.

Please report all suspicious activity to the police:
281 983-2900



Code Enforcement

Pet Waste in the Neighborhood



By Kathi Sutton

I know that I recently wrote an article on this matter, but as this is an ongoing topic, we should go through it one more time...

It stinks, it's easy to step in, and you really don't want to pick it up, but you need to.

Why is this a big deal??? Besides being nasty and offensive, it pollutes our environment.

Your dog poops on the grass. The poop contains bacteria that pose a health risk to people. When it rains or storms the poop gets washed down the storm drains and contaminates the waterways so please, pick up after your pets. Thank you.

We will be giving 50 FREE containers of pet waste bags (that attach to your leash) at Meadows Place Christmas Memories...so come early! (Supplies are limited and one roller per family).

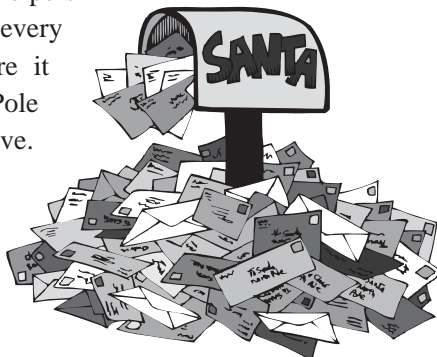
The neighbors who removed or restored their damaged Gas Yard Lanterns get a BIG Thank You! What a huge difference we are seeing. I have been informed of several cases where gas line leaks were discovered which is the primary reason we implemented Zero Tolerance on non-functioning Gas Lamps. Plus our city is prettier now. Thanks again.

You can still pick up a FREE pack of Gas Lantern Mantles at City Hall.



Santa's Mailbox

Beginning November 21st through December 24th, Santa's mailbox will be in place at City Hall. Letters to Santa can be mailed in this special mailbox without any postage. Santa's helpers pick up his mail every day and make sure it gets to the North Pole before Christmas Eve.



Public Works

Safety Tips for Winter Heating



By Dan McGraw

It's that time of year to start heating our homes again! Below are some safety tips you may want to consider before you start running your gas operating mechanical systems and appliances.

- Some of our homes still have the original gas valves that are spring loaded and outdated. These valves will eventually leak after time and should be pressure tested or even better, replace with a valve that is up to today's safety standards. Plumbers pull permits to replace these failing valves at a rate of twenty to thirty per year. You may want to consider replacing all of your valves!
- Clean and inspect your chimney for cracks, openings and make sure that the flue is in operating condition and is open before you start a fire. If you burn real wood in your fireplace you should clean your chimney at least once a year. Creosote can build up and ignite!
- Test your smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors.

Make your home safe for the fall season by following the tips above.



Coastal Prairie Quilters Guild

Coastal Prairie Quilters Guild presented Meadows Elementary Principal Michele Riggs with an Earth Day wall hanging for the school. Members of the guild made quilt blocks for Earth Day and then assembled and quilted the blocks for a beautiful wall hanging to be displayed at the school.



Pictured with the wall hanging are Barbara Young and Michele Riggs.



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

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

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

- Home Daycare now enrolling. Meals and snacks included. In business since 1994. 281-495-7996

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

- Infant Care in my Meadows Place home. 17 years experience. CPR & First Aid Certified. References available upon request. Margaret - 832-606-9653

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

- Want to make an impression this holiday season? Start by giving your family, friends and coworkers beautifully wrapped presents! Gift wrapping services start at \$2.00. Call 832-457-2778 or email thirdhandwrappers@yahoo.com

- Pet sitting / Dog walkers: Need someone to walk your dog or feed your cat while you're on vacation? If you are going out of town or if you have a furry, scaly or feathered family member who needs some exercise, TLC or training please call 832-457-2778. Experienced Animal Care Professional



Home & Garden Club

By Beverly Martin, Publicity

HOME AND GARDEN CLUB 37TH ANNUAL CRAFT SHOW... only a few more days until Saturday, November 10th at St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church, 12627 W. Bellfort from 9:00 to 4:00. Please come shop with us and ask your friends to join you. This is our biggest Scholarship Award Fund Raiser. The event includes our Bake Sale and Raffle. Boy Scouts will be selling Bar-B-Q. No admission Charge.

Thanks to Chief Gary Stewart for his presentation at our October meeting. It was reassuring to hear how much he has Meadows Place residents' safety and security at heart.

Our next meeting is on Tuesday, November 13th. We will hear from Bob Patterson from Southwest Lawn and Fertilizer about "Winter Lawn Care." 7:00 pm at the Meadows Place Community Center. You do not need to be a member to attend. Call Lou Ann at 281-568-2989 for more information.

Gardening Tip from Master Gardener Kathy Gilmore:

Now is the time to build beds and plant perennials and shrubs. Also put in your flower seeds such as snap dragons around them to be ready for the spring.



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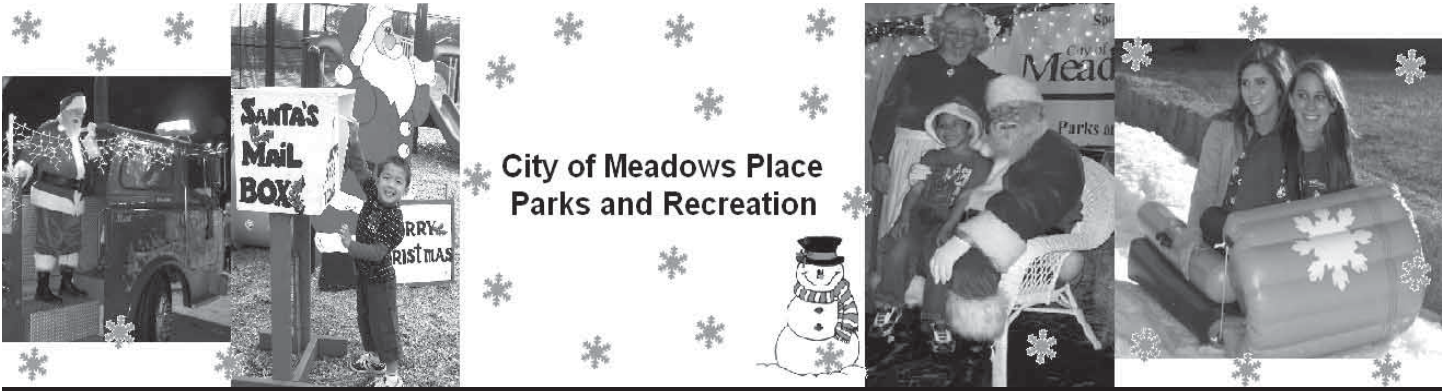


Saturday, November 3rd, 2012
10:30 AM - 12:30 PM
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11975 Dorrance

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**City of Meadows Place
Parks and Recreation**

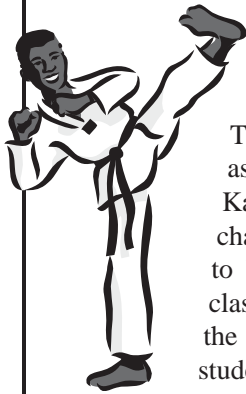


Pre-registration is required and most classes have a minimum/maximum enrollment. PLEASE REGISTER EARLY!!!

**Call Parks and Recreation for information @ 281-983-2935 or
email us: 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 ever-changing system. Its goal is not necessarily to be the largest, but to be the best. This class has been on going for 19 years at the Community Center and welcomes new students.

Starts: Ongoing

Ends: Thursday, December 6, 2012
(No class Thanksgiving November 22)

Cost: \$45--12 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 (3rd Degree Black Belt)

New students will be accepted the first 3 weeks. You may try the first class **Free** to make sure you wish to sign up.
Children must be 5 years of age.

PRE-REGISTRATION ONE WEEK prior to class or program start dates is required to participate in all classes or programs. 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

TENNIS ANYONE?!

Description: Beginning Youth Tennis Lessons

Who: Youth 8 - 14 years old

Where: Tennis Courts

When: Wednesdays 7:00 pm / Saturdays 8:00 am

Fall Session 3: November 3 - December 1

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

Instructor: Gabriella Diano

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MEADOWS PLACE TENNIS COURT ACCESS SYSTEM

Purchase your City of Meadows Place Tennis Court access cards for \$50.00 per card (maximum 2 cards per family). Only residents of Meadows Place may purchase a card; a driver's license must be shown to purchase the access card. Access Cards are valid through May 2013. Cards can be purchased at City Hall, Monday through Friday, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm.

PARKS & RECREATION

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BULLETIN BOARD

Ladies Night!!

Santa!

- Nov.** Gymnastics, Taekwondo & Tennis
New sessions starting now!
- Nov. 3** Countryside Animal Clinic, Community
Center Parking Lot, 10:30 am - 12:30 pm
- Nov. 10** Ladies Night, Community Center
7:30 pm Social Hour, 8:30 Movie
- Nov. 23** Santa's Mailbox at City Hall
- Dec. 7** Christmas Memories, Mark McGrath
Municipal Park, 6:00 - 10:00 pm

Contact Parks Department about Registration!
281-983-2935



Class or Program Title

If interested 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)



Ladies Night!

Oh yes its Ladies Night! Join us for good conversation and a movie.

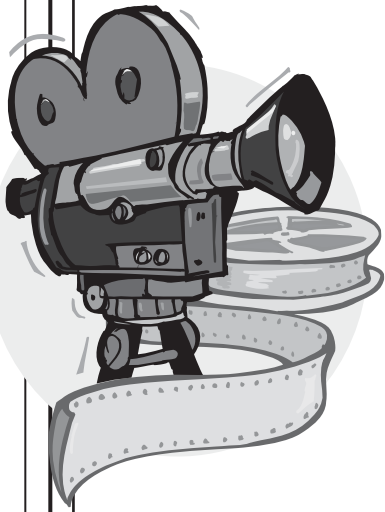
When: Saturday, November 10th

Where: Meadows Place Community Center

Time: 7:30 pm Social Hour / 8:30 pm Movie begins

Fee: \$5.00

Featured movie will be posted on the Marquee. Bring your friends, snacks, beverages/coolers, and a lounge chair and enjoy good company and a movie. Please email movie suggestions to parks3@cityofmeadowsplace.org.



Taekwondo

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

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New Sessions Starting Now!

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

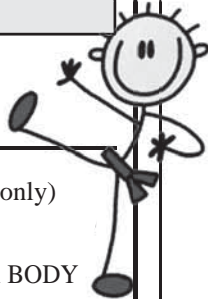
Time: Mon. & Wed.: 5:00 - 6:00pm for children 5-12 years old
Mon. & Wed.: 6:00 - 7:00pm Adult class (13-up)

When: *Session 2:* Nov. 5 - Dec. 19 (No class Nov. 21)

Fee: *Session 2:* 7 classes for \$35 (1 class/week) or 13 classes for \$60 (2 classes/week)

Instructor: Jenny Pless (City of Meadows Place resident, teaching at the Community Center since 2006)

PRE-REGISTRATION ONE WEEK prior to class or program start dates is required to participate in all classes or programs. 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





Fishing at the Lake!

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

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



2 year old, Clayton Littljohn



Gymtrix Gymnastics

Description: Beginning Gymnastics

Who: Toddlers 18 months - 4 years old / Children 5 - 12 years old

Where: Community Center

When: Toddlers: Tuesdays & Thursdays 3:00 - 4:00 pm
Children: Tuesdays & Thursdays 4:00 - 5:00 pm

Session 6: October 30 - November 29
(no class Nov 20 & 22)

Session 7: December 4 - 20
(Mini session - \$55 2x/week; \$35 1x/week)

Cost: \$75 per session, 4 weeks per session (2 classes per week)
\$55 per session, 4 weeks per session (1 class per week)

Pre-Registration (One Week) prior of classes or programs start dates is required to participate in all classes or programs. 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: Wear shorts & a t-shirt you can move in.

Instructor: Coach Chester Smithart

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Meadows Place
Home and Garden Club's

37th Annual Fall Craft Show

Saturday, November 10th, 9:00 - 4:00
St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church, 12627 W. Bellfort

The Craft Show is the big fundraiser for our Scholarship Award. 40+ vendors will be selling handcrafted items such as florals, wooden art, spices, candles, homemade gourmet popcorn, jewelry, wearables, home and holiday décor and much more. The Boy Scouts will be selling Bar-B-Q. The Garden Club also has a great Bake Sale and Raffle. Please come out and start your holiday shopping with us.

We appreciate your support.

————— No admission charge —————



Check out the new Swing Set installation under construction in McDonald Park!



New Swing Set in McDonald Park is now complete!

Happy Thanksgiving



*from
City of Meadows Place*

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for right. Build a strong & happy community.

City of Meadows Place Community Center
11975 Dorrance, 281-983-2935

Date: Nov. 5th – Dec. 19th, 2012
Time: Mon. & Wed. (or choose a day)
5–6pm (children 5–12 yrs. old)
6–7pm (13 – Adult)

www.cityofmeadowsplace.org

Sugar Land Imperial Park & Rec. Center
234 Matilage Way, 281-275-2885

Date: Ongoing Classes for Adults:
Times: Tues. & Thurs.
8–9pm

Eldridge Park Community Center
2511 Eldridge Rd., 281-275-2885

Date: Ongoing Classes for Adults and Children:
Times: Tues., Thurs. & Fri.
5–6pm & 6–7pm

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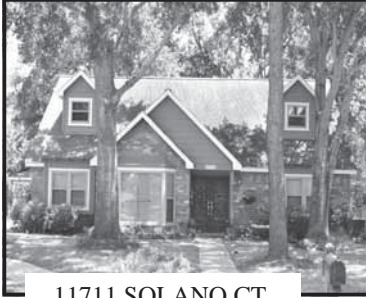
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