

COMMENTS FROM THE MAYOR

By Charles Jessup



Kirkwood Revitalization and Beautification Project

City Council is hoping to receive the results of an HGAC funded study evaluating several different design options for the Kirkwood project at the September City Council Meeting. If received as anticipated, this study, which analyzed multiple options and cost just under \$50,000 dollars, will be presented to the

community at a special Public Meeting at City Hall - possibly in early October. Once the city has received the study and set the date, the date and times will be announced on the website, marquee, Facebook, as well as in the newsletter. All Meadows Place residents are invited of course. This is the Kirkwood portion of the Fort Bend Mobility Bond Project that paid for most of the W. Airport reconstruction and will pay almost all of the construction and upgrade costs for Kirkwood.

Council Meeting Date Changed

The September City Council Meeting will be held on September 15th instead of the 23rd as several members of Council will be in San Antonio attending the Texas Municipal League Annual Conference. This is an important meeting as Council will be voting on our budget and tax rate. Hope to see you there. Mark it down- September 15th.

Meadows Place in Top Ten – Again!

A quote from a national research group ONLY IN YOUR STATE had this to say: “Texas is one of the most affordable states to settle down in the entire country, which means people have been moving here by the thousands to take advantage of it. Can you really blame them, though? We’ve gathered up some towns that are not only easy on your wallet, but incredibly safe as well. Using data from areavibes.com, I bring you 10 of the cheapest, greatest places to live in the Lone Star State.” Of all the cities in Texas, Meadows Place ranked # 9 on the list of the cities that are “easy on your wallet, incredibly safe”, and one of the “greatest place to live in (Texas)”. Wow, no wonder it’s called... **Your Place for Life!**

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Join your neighbors at the 32nd ANNUAL



POLICE • COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

on October 6, 2015
from 6:00p.m. to 8:00p.m.

CITY CALENDAR

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| Sept. 3 | Council
7:00 p.m. Public Hearing - Budget
7:15 p.m. Public Hearing - Tax Rate |
| Sept. 7 | Labor Day - City Hall Closed |
| Sept. 8 | Council
7:00 p.m. Public Hearing - Tax Rate |
| Sept. 10 | EDC 7:00 p.m. Regular Meeting |
| Sept. 15 | City Council Workshop 6:00 p.m.
Regular Meeting 7:30 p.m. |
| Sept. 25 | Fort Bend County Fair Day |

Did You Know?...

Did You Know... Fort Bend County now has County Wide elections? That means that Election Day will be just like early voting so you can vote on any Fort Bend election anywhere in the county. Though there were many polling places closed or relocated, Meadows Place was not one of them and will remain at City Hall. Because of our location, I believe we will see more people vote in Meadows Place on election day as they try to get home, or just come back here because "this is where we always vote". Last Election Day we turned almost 10% of the voters away, mostly after 5 o'clock, and I suspect most of those people just went home... Now, they can vote. This is a good thing. Good call Fort Bend County.

Did You Know... long time Meadows Place resident Joe Morales was recently honored by The Fort Bend Hispanic Heritage Forum who recognized five Ft. Bend civic leaders for their leadership and involvement in their communities? It was quite an honor. Mr. Morales, who started in the newspaper business when he came home from the Korean War, began the very successful Spanish newspaper, LAS NOTICIAS De Fort Bend back in 1972. Still going strong at 81, Mr. Morales is another example of Meadows Place people doing great things. Congratulations, Joe Morales.

Did You Know... That Monica Parsons was proud to announce that we had another great group of Life Guards at the pool this year? Keeping us protected is a tough job and everyone did a great job. This summer, Monica promoted two guards, Rylan Mueller and Di Torreros, to Supervisor level. This is a position which has a lot of responsibility attached and their having experience this year bodes well for next year as well. Congratulations to Rylan, Di and ALL our wonderful Life Guard team.

Did You Know... Texas Parks and Wildlife (TPWD) came out to check out Meadows Place Kid Fish Derby this year? They didn't know about our little lake and were really amazed at what we have and how healthy it is. Parks Ranger Alice Best tossed out a cast net and pulled in some 50 small and mid-size bream and bluegill. She was very pleased with what she found and put a few in an aquarium to use as a teaching tool for the kids Throughout the Derby, she and two volunteers from Texas A&M worked their booth, walked the lake, and talked to the kids about the fish, the lake and the importance of a good healthy ecosystem. Council members John Isbell and Steve Bezner did yeoman's work as they help bait hooks, take off and measure fish and took public service to a new level. Another great Meadows Place event, keeping Meadows Place... *Your Place for Life!*

Did You Know... Congratulations are in order for the Meadows Bronco All-Star team? They went deep into the playoffs this year, whipping some mighty good teams along the way. They didn't quite win it all, but went down scrapping to the last out. Congratulations to the Bronco All-Star players, coaches, and parents on a great post-season! Not only did they represent their league so well, they were a great face for Meadows Place. Let's hear it for Jeff Tevis, Ricardo Ayala, Sean Conroy, Kason Hiatt, Rushil and Ishan Mehta, Nicholas Garza, Brayton Cardwell, Canon King, Omar Velasco, Adrian Vargas and Clemente Barrera. Way to go guys, way to go!

Did You Know... the Community Garden is gearing up for fall planting?

If you have a fun event or someone did something special, drop us a note or email: mayor@cityofmeadowsplace.org. Thank You Meadows Place... *Your Place for Life!*

Did You Know... Meadows Place has been awarded a Certificate of Distinction by the GTOT? The Texas Government Treasurers Organization of Texas (GTOT) conducts an Investment Policy Certification Program designed to provide professional guidance to cities developing an investment policy and to recognize outstanding examples of written policies. The certificate is awarded for policies that meet very specific established criteria so it is quite an accomplishment to be one of only 24 entities to receive a Certificate of Distinction this year. Twenty-Four - And we were one of them! A few others include Port of Houston Authority, Wood County, and the cities of Richardson and Farmers Branch. Not bad company for our little one square mile city is it.

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*****Meadows Place Changing Water Operators*****

On September 1, Meadows Place will have a new water / wastewater operator-USW Utility Group. The new 24hr. a day contact number is 832-756-2143. USW will be sending out a letter of introduction and a refrigerator magnet with the number on it, so lookout. Public Works Director Danny Segundo is very pleased with the new arrangement and feels confident that Meadows Place residents will be too.

Meadows Place Community Development Program

On Saturday, August 22nd, the same day as Kid Fish, all three committees responsible for action and oversight of our Meadows Place Community Development Program met at a workshop in City Hall. This is a voluntary program which allows the city to purchase substandard homes that are abandoned or in disrepair, renovate and make improvements, then resell the homes to ensure they are not a blight on the city or a bother to their neighbors. You will be hearing more about the program as these committee members spring into action to get the program rolling before the end of the year. There are three committees: the Selection Committee, the Evaluation Committee, and the Construction Administration and Oversight Committee. In addition to the Mayor, the committee members include EDC members Harry Hamilton and Kurt Kopezynski, Meadows Place residents Lisa Kulhanek and Joe DeBruyn, Code Enforcement Official Jerry Parker, Henry Rivas our City Building Official, Walter Gerlach of Gerlach Inspections and professional appraiser, Ken Meiselman. Once again, Thank You to everyone who is involved in this process which is just one more thing designed to help ensure Meadows Place will always be... **Your Place for Life!**

 **Taking Care of Business**

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

We want to thank and congratulate all our business partners. They have worked hard to overcome the chaos caused by the construction on West Airport Blvd. here in Meadows Place. Every business was affected, but they overcame the problems and have provided Meadows Place with MORE Sales Tax revenue than last year.

Thank You Meadows Place Business Partners



Meadows Place has some really great businesses. Let's all support them. They need, and deserve, our support.

COP TALK
By Chief Gary Stewart

REMINDER!

National Night Out

October 6th, 2015 • 6pm to 8pm



POLICE • COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

The Meadows Place Police Department will be making the rounds in an effort to meet and greet the community.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT is designed to:

- Heighten crime and drug prevention awareness;
- Generate support for, and participation in, local Neighborhood Watch Program;
- Strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships; and
- Send a message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

Along with the traditional barbecues and front yard gatherings, we encourage a variety of events and activities:

- Meet your neighbors and the police officers serving the community
- Join in on one of the many block parties, and cookouts

For more information www.cityofmeadowsplace.org

Contact Ofc. Davis: davis@cityofmeadowsplace.org
or 281 983-2900



By Jerry Parker

Violations

I have been receiving a lot of web mail reports of violations. Thank you for helping!

There has been an unfortunate rise in lost pets. Please do not violate state law by posting signs to street signs or stop signs. Look at our city website and you will find a link to report lost/found pets.

Regarding dogs, I have started receiving a few complaints of residents that either let their dogs loose from their yards to “do their business” elsewhere, or while on leash, they do not pick up after them. Allowing them off leash and off your property is a violation of the leash law and you are subject to an immediate citation, no warning. As for not cleaning up after Fido, that’s just plain rude.

One of our corporate neighbors, Texas Direct Auto, has provided our city with a beautiful dog park where we can allow our pets to run amok and enjoy being outside. This does NOT include our city parks. It does not matter that, as one ticketed resident proclaimed, “I’ve been doing this for years, and my dog is not the problem!” These parks are for our children, and I certainly don’t want to have to clean poop from my son’s shoes, or worse, when he stumbles across a landmine left by your sweet pooch!

Top Hits from August:

Violation:	Warn/Cit	Comply:
Grass/weeds	18/2	16
Trees/Shrubs	40	25
Trailer/Car/Boat	4	2
Trash Cans/Debris	28	26
General Nuisance	12	10
Totals	182/2	79

Please remember, I can’t see everything. If you don’t let me know what is happening and what is important to you, I can’t make it a priority.

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



By Danny Segundo

After a long day at work or at the ball field, there may be a time when you arrive home to find that you have no water or low water pressure. You may even have the experience of having a backed up sewer one day. We all dread these days and days like these can cause a lot of stress for anyone. However, I do recommend the following steps when these types of events do occur. First, verify that the issue is a household issue. If you have low water pressure in your bathroom, check and see if you have low water pressure in the kitchen. The same for a backed up sink or sewer, make sure the issue is throughout your home. Second, if one of these issues should arise during the week you can always call city hall between the hours of 9 AM to 4 PM at 281-983-2950 and a work order will be created and sent to USW Utility Group. If it is after hours or on the weekend, call USW Utility Group at 832-756-2143 (new City service provider). A representative of USW Utility Group will come out and investigate your complaint. It may also be a good idea to have USW Utility Group investigate a possible backed up sewer first before calling a plumber. This will allow USW Utility Group to check the City’s manholes and sewer lines first to verify if there is an issue with the city’s main sewer line. USW Utility Group should provide you with a status update verifying if the issue is private (a resident issue, you may need to call someone out) or if it’s a city issue USW Utility Group will make the necessary repairs to restore service.



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2015 Kid Fish Derby

The sun had barely come up over the houses as the rest of the fishermen and their parents made their way to the Lake at McGrath Park for the 4th Annual Kid Fish Derby. The extra-warm summer has kept many of the fish down low in the cooler waters, but as soon as the worms were on the hooks, the fish were biting!

The City of Meadows Place Parks & Recreation Department along with The PARC (the Perry Abernathy Recreation Center) co-sponsored this event to teach youngsters the sport of fishing. By introducing kids to fishing, the balance of nature and educating them to the concept of stewardship, we hope to create a legacy of protecting our natural resources long into the future. Texas Parks & Wildlife Department were here too, teaching kids how to fish and about our wildlife, displaying their catch from our Lake and with lots of giveaways! What a treat to have TPWD present at our Derby – and they promised to return again next year!

Our 4th Annual Kid Fish Derby brought 40 kids out early to fish, with an overall catch of 103 fish. The Winners are:

6 & Under:	<i>Largest Fish</i> Annabelle 6.5”	<i>Smallest Fish</i> Beckett Huddle 3.5”	<i>Most Caught</i> Jonathan Garcia 7
7, 8 & 9 Year olds:	<i>Largest Fish</i> Isabelle Israelow 6”	<i>Smallest Fish</i> Dylan Gawlik 3.75” & Yifan Wu 10	<i>Most Caught</i> (tie) Jaiden Weatherfor & Yifan Wu 10
10 & Older:	<i>Largest Fish</i> Vivianna Truillo 6.25”	<i>Smallest Fish</i> Rebeka Garcia 3.5”	<i>Most Caught</i> Rebeka Garcia 20

Everyone went home with door prizes and the cane fishing poles used in the tournament!

Thanks also to our sponsors the PARC and our own Parks & Recreation Department for the all of the prizes and equipment; thank you to Sugar Grove Church of Christ for providing SGCC volunteers and water; we could not have done this without them. Thank you to Mayor Jessup, Aldermen Steve Bezner & John Isbell & Cindy Eissler for helping with tips, baiting hooks, measuring, picture taking, and recording the catch. It was a GREAT day!

And a HUGE THANK YOU to the kids and their parents for participating in the Kid Fish Derby; you keep coming and making this event bigger each year!

You can fish at the lake anytime! Fishermen 16 years and younger or 65 years and older don’t need a license, but a license can be purchased at Wal-Mart, Sports Authority or Academy. Our Lake is “Catch & Release Only” fishing and there are a lot of fish to catch! The Lake is stocked with bass, red ear bream, Copper-nose bluegill and hybrid bluegill. The large amount of fish attracts the water fowl that frequent our lake.





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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- HELP WANTED: Thursday and Friday afternoon – physical, outside work – rain or shine – all year. I provide the ride. \$10 - \$12/hr. CASH! - Text Stephen at 281-776-9113

- Water Front homes. Galveston 4 star San Luis Resort. ¼ share condo. 13 weeks ownership. 400 S.F. Bad credit okay. \$3,000.00 down – 281-495-5081



Home & Garden Club

By Rose Melancon, Publicity

Congratulations to August Yard of the Month winners!

Section I

Herb and Linda McCright
11407 Scottsdale

Section IVN

Mr. And Mrs. Housman
11723 Cedar Form Ln.

Section II

Barbara and Chuck Mitchell
11835 Brook Meadow Ln.

Section IVS

Paul Burns
12034 Cedar Form Ln.

Section III

Al and Opal Trimble
11819 Meadow Trail

Section V

Suresh and Nalini Sangani
12214 Meadow Park Ct.

Don't miss these Home and Garden Events!

- First Home and Garden meeting: Tuesday, September 8th, 7pm at the Community Center.

This month's speaker is Texas A& M Master Gardener, Kathy Gilmore. Join us as we learn about container gardening.

- Home and Garden Club's Annual Craft Show: November 7th at Sugar Grove Church of Christ.

If you are a hand craft vendor and interested in securing a booth at the Fall Craft Show, contact Joe DeBruyn at 281-530-2566 (evenings) or e-mail at JD965@sbcglobal.net. Remember all proceeds go to our Scholarship Fund.

Returning members and new members, please send your dues to the Meadows Home & Garden Treasurer:

Yvonne Mooers, 11811 Monticeto Court. Dues are \$25 for an individual membership and \$35 for a family membership.

Make checks payable to: Meadows Home & Garden Club. Getting the membership roster finalized early helps us get our Yearbook completed sooner.

Got a question? We'll give you the answer.

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PARKS & RECREATION



City of Meadows Place
Parks and 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?

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)



Tennis Court Access System

Residents may purchase new Tennis Court access cards for 2015/2016 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.

PARKS & RECREATION



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Karate!

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Animal
Clinic

Sept. 5-6 Pool Open - Regular Hours

Sept. 7 Last Day Pool is Open
Holiday Hours 12 – 7 pm

Sept. Karate & Taekwondo
New Sessions Starting this Month!

Nov. 7 Countryside Animal Clinic
Community Center Parking Lot

**Registration forms can be found
at cityofmeadowsplace.org
or at City Hall.**

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 ongoing for over 20 years at the Community Center and welcomes new students.

Karate Fall Session Starts September 17!

Where: Community Center

When: Fall 2015 Session
Thursdays
September 17 – December 10
(No class November 26th)

Time: 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm (Ages 5-12)
7:30 pm - 8:30 pm (Ages 13-70)

Fee: \$45 (12 Weeks)

Add'l Info: Uniform required; \$30 cash only,
available at first class from Instructor

Instructors: Steve Puma, Meadows Place resident (4th degree Black Belt) & Michael Puma (3rd degree Black Belt). Since 1993.



SHARPEN YOUR MIND, STRENGTHEN YOUR BODY

Taekwondo Fall Session Starts September 2!

Where: Community Center

When: Fall 2015 Session I
Mondays and/or Wednesdays
September 2nd – October 28th (no class Sept. 7th)

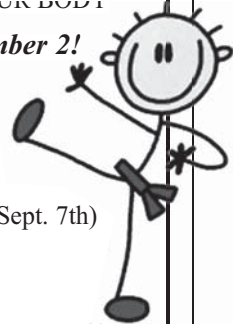
Fall 2015 Session 2
Mondays and/or Wednesdays
November 2nd – December 14 (no class Nov. 25th)

Time: 5 - 6 pm (Children 5 – 12 years old)
6 - 7 pm (Children 13 & up and Adults)

Fee: Session I
8 Classes - \$40 (1 class per week)
16 Classes - \$75 (2 classes per week) + Free uniform!

Session 2
6 Classes - \$30 (1 class per week)
12 Classes - \$55 (2 classes per week)

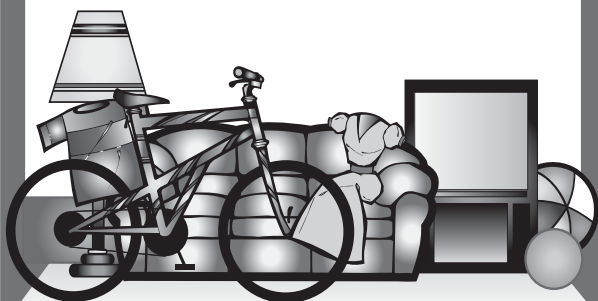
Instructors: Master Jenny Pless
(teaching at the Community Center since 2005)



GARAGE SALE

**Garage Sale Dates
for 2015:**

November
13th & 14th



Attention!!!

New Bowlers Needed! League play begins in September!

Meadows Place Ladies Bowling meets every Wednesday morning at 9 am at Emerald Bowl. Interested? Contact Belle Murray at 281.495.3297 or Betsy Glona at 281.498.8330.



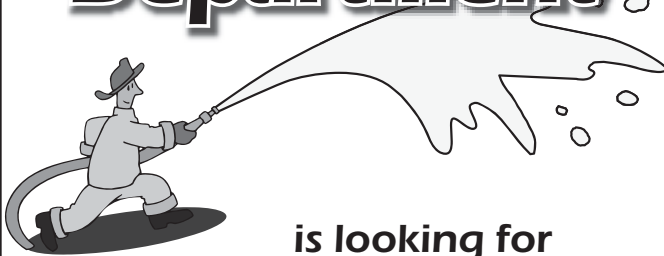
Fishing at the Lake!

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.



Stafford Fire Department



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Meadows Place

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- Fire Chief, City of Stafford Fire Department

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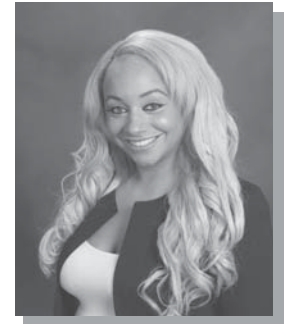
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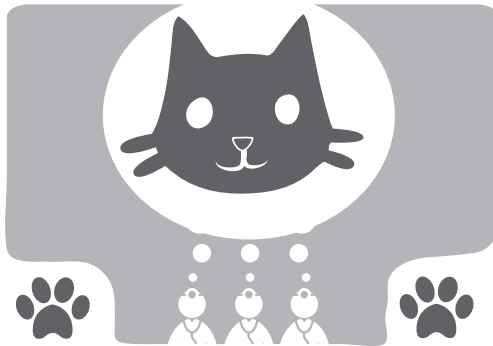
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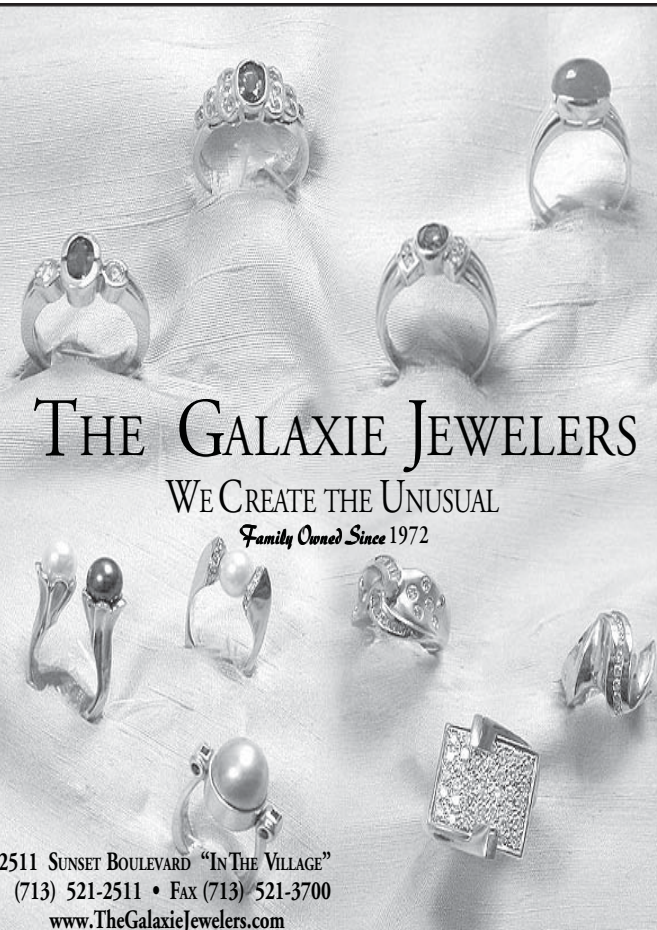


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