

**COMMENTS FROM THE MAYOR**  
By Charles Jessup



**ZIP Code Update**  
*- an early Christmas Present*

I am happy. We received our official response from the United States Post Office (USPS) regarding our request for our own Postal ZIP Code. We did not get our own Zip but we have received the next best thing – official recognition in the USPS National Database and their Address Management System program. This is a big deal and was recognized as such by our neighbor John Henderson who received a copy of the letter through Senator Hutchison’s office. After reading it he sent me an, e-mail with the Subject titled “Success. Success”! He was thrilled to see that both these “database have been adjusted so that addresses which fall within the boundaries of the City will appear as “Meadows Place”. What this means is that we now officially ‘share’ the 77477 ZIP Code with Stafford. I checked it and Meadows Place does now appear as an alternative for 77477. Not only is our city accepted, when you enter the ZIP the names of both cities pop up and you are given the option to choose. We never had that option before. As Mr. Peterson noted – “it will take some time until software updates come in to play” but eventually this change will take place as banks, mapping companies, business databases and commercial mailing houses around the country upgrade and update their software to match the latest updates from the Post Office. As they do, self populating software will no longer ‘auto-correct’ Meadows Place to Stafford, but will in fact auto-correct ‘Stafford’ to ‘Meadows’ place as appropriate.

Getting Meadows Place in the Post Office database is something I have been working on for some time. I could not be happier but will keep pushing companies like Google and Yahoo to make sure we get the corrections made as quickly as possible.

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**Christmas Memories**  
**in the Park**



**Friday,**  
**Dec. 9th,**  
**2011**

**6:00-10:00 p.m.**

**12001 Brighton Lane,**  
**cul-de-sac**

**CITY CALENDAR**

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| <b>December 9</b>  | <b>12001 Brighton Lane,</b><br><b>cul-de-sac 6:00-10:00 p.m.</b>  |
| <b>December 20</b> | <b>Regular City Council Meeting</b><br><b>City Hall 7:30 p.m.</b> |
| <b>December 23</b> | <b>Christmas Eve Holiday</b><br><b>City Hall closed</b>           |
| <b>December 26</b> | <b>Christmas Day Holiday</b><br><b>City Hall closed</b>           |
| <b>January 2</b>   | <b>New Year Holiday</b><br><b>City Hall closed</b>                |



# Did You Know?...

**Did You Know...** Council meetings are often visited by Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts working on their merit badges? It is an honor to have them before Council, where they are always met with respect and enthusiasm. They are asked to address Council with a question or comment. Two Meadows Place Scouts working on their Citizenship Badge are Zachery Whitman who asked the Mayor why we started using Chevy Tahoes. (Size; Lower overall cost). Matthew Ogura asked if we expected the crime rates to go up due to road construction.(No. That is why we postponed the W. Airport project). Thanks guys. Great Questions. At another meeting, Isaiah Blair, who is 9th grade Student President, came by as part of his Eagle project. Involvement with Scouting is another example of how the young folks in Meadows Place are learning to be leaders.

**Did You Know...** that over forty (40) cities, MUD's or water districts have visited our waste water reclamation center? This is because Meadows Place has become a leader for small towns that are looking for ways to reclaim and use their wastewater. We should be very proud of Dan McGraw and his two man crew – Dan Denny and Joseph French. They still have some finishing touches to do to complete this project but the system is working flawlessly. Besides saving us money and filling the lake, it puts us in a much better position to shine as Dan works to complete the five month permit renewal process. Thanks guys.

**Did You Know...** Meadows Place resident Thomas LaPointe has joined the Marine Corps? Thomas is going through Boot Camp at Camp Pendleton right now. Thomas, we wish you well, are very proud of you and Thank You for your willingness to serve. Simper Phi.....

**Did You Know...** Tracie Blackburn and the folks over at Meadows Place Senior Village had

a Crazy Hat Contest? It was a blast. Some of the hats were very pretty, some were a bit odd, and some were just plain Crazy! Fun was had by the contestants, judges and onlookers alike. Can't wait until next year.

**Did You Know...** we have just completed a total makeover of our Permits Department? Mimi Boos worked very hard to update and standardize our forms. This was done to help clarify and expedite the permit application process. Take a peek at our website and click the Permits button to see how easy it is to understand and use. If you want to see what you need a permit for, check out page seven. Congratulations Mimi, Great job.

**Did You Know...** our neighbor Lee Noak contacted me about his 'Smart Meter'? He said they have it down to 15 minute intervals and you can check it online any time you want and it has several formats for you to choose from to view your usage history. CenterPoint will notify you before they put a smart meter in but Lee said you can go to [www.smartmeterstexas.com](http://www.smartmeterstexas.com) to register. You can get the meter # off your electric bill - just leave the letter off it when you register. Lee loves his new Smart Meter and encourages us all to check it out.

**Did You Know...** our Police Department recently held a very difficult , very physical training session where they practiced handcuffing resistant 'perps'. They also practiced baton use "by hitting each other. Hard". Don't worry, they had on protective gear. Just another example of our PD trying to make sure Meadows Place stays... *Your Place for Life.*

**Did You Know...** If you have someone YOU are proud of, or something of interest pertaining to Meadows Place, drop a Did You Know note at City Hall or email: [mayor@cityofmeadowsplace.org](mailto:mayor@cityofmeadowsplace.org) Thank You!

**Merry Christmas and  
Happy Hanakua!**  
*from all of your friends at*  
**The City of Meadows Place**



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I have been working with them for a while and am now seeing some big changes. This will have a positive impact on our businesses and real estate values. None of this could have happened without all of the folks here in Meadows Place who contacted the Post Office. Thank You. Thank You so much. I need to thank the Postmasters of the Stafford Post Office for their help and support and I must also thank Tyler Nelson, Robert Quarles and Amanda Harris of Congressman Pete Olson's office for their efforts on our behalf – and of course, Congressman Olson himself, without whom this change would have not have happened. He worked very hard for us but now it is up to us. Part of Mr. Peterson's e-mail message suggested "I urge residents now list their address as Meadows Place even though they may have used Stafford in the past." I could not agree more whole heartedly. I love Stafford, but we are not Stafford. We are Meadows Place... **Your Place for Life.**

### **Car Tarps and Coverings**

As Mayor, the first meeting I had was with then Code Enforcement Officer Tracey Spiller. The subject matter at hand was car tarps. At that time there were three or four throughout the city but Tracey felt that this was an issue we needed to address "before it gets out of hand." I was brand new, had a lot on my plate and didn't think this would ever be an issue. She said I was wrong, that someday it would be an issue. So did Kathi Sutton when she took over from Tracey. I was wrong, they were right. It has become an issue. Kathi mapped out the locations of our ever growing, ever deteriorating car tarp population, especially now that we have begun to see cars covered for reasons other than weather protection. She provided maps, counts, conditions and photographs for a Council workshop where the matter was discussed. Based on that workshop, Council will be reviewing this issue at the December 20 Council meeting. If you wish to comment prior to any action taken, please attend.

### **Taking Care of Business**

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

We recently held a 'Get to Know Us' tour here in Meadows Place. Funded by our Economic Development Corporation (EDC), we had a dozen of the top commercial and residential Fort Bend realtors gather at Kelly's for an information/ Q&A session. Then they took a trolley tour of the city, stopping off at our lake for a drawing for a gift certificate to Tradicao, Brazilian Steakhouse. We got great feedback - they said we "Hit a home run".



**Our businesses need, and deserve, our support**

**Thank You**

# **COP TALK**



By Chief Mike A. Baker



## **Holiday Shopping Tips**

**R**emember the following when you go shopping:

- Keep track of your bags and packages. If you leave something behind, it could get stolen or discarded.
- Report unattended bags or packages to a security guard or store employee. The same applies when riding public transportation - report unattended bags or packages to security / staff.
- Park in well lit parking lots. If you feel uneasy, ask for an escort to your vehicle. When returning to your vehicle, always be aware of your surroundings. Have your keys in your hand so you can unlock your vehicle without delay.
- Be sure not to buy more than you can carry. If your packages are making it hard for you to walk upright or see your surroundings, ask a store employee to help you carry them to your car.
- Check receipts to see whether your full credit card number appears. If a receipt has your full number on it, take a pen and thoroughly mark through the number.
- Check to assure that you have your credit cards and check book after you pay.
- Never leave valuable items or packages in plain view inside your vehicle.
- Remember that putting boxes out for garbage pick up lets the would-be thief know what's inside your home. Tear the boxes down and put them inside a trash can if possible.

If you go shopping with children, keep the following in mind:

- Ensure that any children with you know your cell phone number. Give contact information cards to any who don't.
- Make a plan with children in case you get separated. Have a central meeting place, and review with your children who they can turn to for help if they find themselves alone.
- Educate your children about the dangers of talking to or following strangers.

### **Take a Home Inventory**

Since residential burglaries sometimes increase during the holiday season, now is a great time to create or update your home inventory:

- Take photographs or make videos of valuable items.
- List descriptions and serial numbers.
- Your inventory should include things like TVs, VCRs, DVRs, stereo equipment, electronic games, cameras, camcorders, sports equipment, jewelry, silver, computers, home office equipment, power tools, personal keepsakes, and any other items of value.
- If your home is burglarized, having a detailed inventory can help identify stolen items and make insurance claims easier to file.
- You can create your own inventory list online at <http://reportit.leadsonline.com>

For more helpful information please visit our website at:  
[www.cityofmeadowsplace.org](http://www.cityofmeadowsplace.org)

**The Meadows Place Police Department wishes you a safe and Happy Holiday Season.**





### Code Enforcement

#### Tree stumps



By Kathi Sutton

Over the past month, many residents have been asked to remove tree stumps from their yards. There were several homeowners who removed the stumps within just a few days of receiving the Warning Notice, and that is FANTASTIC to see!

If you were not aware, there is a city ordinance which requires the removal of stumps of ANY height. If you remove a tree, as many folks are right now due to the drought and resulting tree losses, you are to have the stump ground up, or remove the stump to ground level.



While I'm mentioning tree stumps, and tree removal.... Yards and landscaping materials (bushes, trees, plantings) that did not survive the drought will need to be removed & replaced.



### Garage Sale Dates

**February**

10 & 11

**May**

11 & 12

**August**

10 & 11

**November**

9 & 10



### Meet the Council

#### ELAINE HERFF, City of Meadows Place Department Head



Elaine Herff

ELAINE HERFF, City Secretary/Treasurer since the incorporation of our city. Elaine was appointed by our first Mayor, Sue Troyan, and has faithfully served and advised every Mayor, city council member, department manager, and staff employee since 1984. Elaine is the historian of City of Meadows Place, a member of the Texas Municipal Clerks Association, Inc., the Government Treasurers' Organization of Texas, and the Salt Grass Chapter of the Texas Municipal Clerks of which she is a Past President and recipient of the Municipal Clerk-of-the-Year award. She has served on the Sta-Mo Baseball Board as Secretary. She is a member of Saint Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church where she is a Hospitality Minister as well as a member of the Art and Environment Committee. Elaine and Wayne Herff have been happily married since 1964, have been residents of City of Meadows Place since its inception in 1972, and have raised and launched their three children, Lora, Lana, and Scot – who have provided them with four marvelous grandchildren, Troy, Emily, Lorna, and Bret! Elaine graduated Saint Francis Academy and studied at the College of Saint Francis in Joliet, Illinois.



### Meet the Staff

#### MADONNA BOLMANSKI, Dispatcher



Madonna Bolmanski

Madonna has been Dispatcher for the Meadows Place PD since September 2009. Prior to that, she dispatched for the Fort Bend County Sheriff's Office. In addition to her dispatching duties, Madonna performs many other administrative services including preparation of case files, open records request, and records retention. She is the friendly face greeting weekday visitors to the MPPD office.

Madonna is the mother of two teenage sons. She is a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church. In her spare time, Madonna enjoys gardening and tending to her flower beds. She is a graduate of Alief Elsik High School and attended the Shirley Baker School of Court Reporting.

## *The Spirit of Christmas*

It's that time of the year again! Christmas is right around the corner, and it's time to get out Christmas trees, holiday decorations, and set out those stockings! The City of Meadows Place is known for having a beautiful display of lights and yard decorations. Parks and Recreation is encouraging all residents to spruce up their houses and yards to get in the spirit of Christmas. The holiday season is here! We hope everyone will choose to participate and use this opportunity to promote spirit within our city!



## *Traffic Alert*

Friday, December 9th will be the City's Annual Christmas Memories in the park. If you are a resident in this area, you may be aware of the heavy traffic and parking situation in this area during a City event. In an attempt to reduce the traffic congestion, your street section may be blocked to normal traffic flow. City of Meadows Place will secure this area with barricades and staff on site to assure that vehicles will not pass through this area. The streets will be blocked between the hours of 5:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m., Friday, December 9, 2011.



Thank you for your cooperation. If you have any questions, please contact the Parks Department at 291-983-2935.

## *Public Works*



By Dan McGraw

### Protecting water lines

Protecting water lines from the cold weather should be done regardless of the climate you live in. Freezing weather can occur in all parts of the country. Temperatures that approach 32 degrees Fahrenheit can freeze nonmoving water in all types of pipes. In some cases, those pipes can burst and become permanently damaged you don't want your water pipes freezing. It's not bad enough to have your water pipes freeze up, but when they begin to thaw, they often rupture causing aggravation and extra expense. The best way to save a fortune on a plumber and new pipes is to never let it happen in the first place. One sure-fire way to prevent pipes from freezing is to leave your water running on a cold night. When the predicted temperature reaches 32 degrees or below, let each faucet, hot and cold, drop slightly throughout the night. Of course, if temperatures will continue to stay below freezing for some time, you might want to consider other options.

Have you ever seen, in an old movie, a bum on a park bench, covered in newspapers? That's because newspaper makes great insulation. Because of this, you can wrap the pipes in at least a quarter-inch thick set of newspaper sheets, secure with masking tape or duct tape, and your pipes will stay warm - down to about 0 to 10 degrees. Adding foil around the pipes helps keep them even warmer. After wrapping the pipes in newspaper and tape, wrap the pipes once again with foil, then tape again, using duct tape. Don't forget to wrap the pipes under the sink or any that run somewhere that the heat of the house cannot easily reach. The temperature can now drop to below zero and your water shouldn't freeze, particularly if your home stays fairly warm.

If your pipes have frozen, and you want to unthaw them without risking rupture, open the spout on the faucet that belongs to the frozen pipe. As the ice thaws, the pressure can escape through the open valve, usually preventing the bursting of the pipe. To help thaw out pipes that are frozen, get the house warm, wrap and begin using heat tape or pipe sleeves, and use a blow dryer to help thaw out small portions of pipes which are exposed to the weather. During an ice storm that causes power outage, be prepared with a kerosene heater or a portable gas heater to keep the pipes from freezing until your electricity is functional again. Prevention is the key to keeping water running during the winter months, so take precautions to see that your pipes are securely wrapped and warm.

# Halloween Carnival 2011

Held every Halloween night, the City of Meadows Place offers the greatest spooktacular night of the year for all the ghosts and goblins hanging around. Monday, October 31st, 2011 was a great evening of fun, games, and goodies for the hundreds who ventured out in fabulous attire and disguise. Out for the evening handing out glow in the dark necklaces and treats to the first 400 who attended was the Parks & Recreation Department, Mayor Charles Jessup, and City Council Members Dave Wilkens, Terry Henley, Shirley Isbell, husband John Isbell, John Whiteman, and Heidi Case. Back by popular demand was the DJ playing monster mash party tunes for our many neighbors whom came out to enjoy the night's festivities. Members of the Meadows Marlins Swim Team and Meadows Place Baseball, some in costume as well, were out to offer delicious, warm food and cool drinks for everyone! Meadows Home and Garden Club even got into the Halloween spirit and sold fresh popped popcorn. Non-perishable food items were collected for the Sugar Grove Church of Christ Food Pantry as well. A big thanks

to all who donated cans of food!

Meadows Elementary PTO and Meadows Place Baseball crowded the cul-de-sac on Brighton Lane with traditional games and fun for the very popular carnival. The carnival has been a favorite in the City of Meadows Place for residents and guest trick-or-treaters. The costume contest, put on by Meadows Marlins Swim Team, was a huge success and everyone enjoyed seeing the creative costumes that were entered! We appreciate everyone who came out in costume to decorate the festive evening and all the hard workers for the great recreation activities. Plenty of goodies, fun, music, and fellowship are always enjoyed in City of Meadows Place on Halloween night.

Meadows Place Police Department is always out in full force to protect and make sure that the entire community has a fun and safe Halloween night.

Thank you to all of the city dignitaries who came to support and attend this great event! Do not miss out on Halloween 2012, always held on Halloween night, 6:00-8:30 pm.



4 & under winners



Alderman Shirley and John Isbell



5-8 year old winners



9-12 year old winners



13-15 year old winners



16 and over winners

# Permits, Plan Review and Inspections

**One Troyan Drive, Meadows Place, Texas 77477**

Permit Department (281) 983-2932 (9am-4pm M-F) Fax Number (281) 983-2940

Email: [permits@cityofmeadowsplace.org](mailto:permits@cityofmeadowsplace.org)

## **Our Vision**

To protect the safety and well being of the residents and the environment of our City through a professional permit process ensuring Meadows Place will continue to be .... *Your Place for Life*

## **Our Goal**

To provide quick, courteous and professional service while enforcing all applicable statutes and regulations.

## **Permits are needed for the following work:**

- Cement Work
- Driveways
- Sidewalks
- Home Remodels
- Build Out
- Additions
- Patio Covers
- Swimming Pools
- Demolition
- Foundations
- Roofs
- Plumbing Permit
- Water Heaters
- Sewer Lines
- Water Service Lines
- Gas Pressure Test
- Irrigation Systems
- Air Conditioner / Heater Units
- Electrical Services
- Electrical Plugs and Switches
- Fire Permit (Commercial)
- Fire Prevention (Commercial)
- Banner
- Signs
- Burglar Alarm

To obtain a permit you must have or obtain a Contractor Registration, have a master license in your trade, show proof of liability insurance (*faxed to City Hall by the insurance company*) and submit a permit application. For questions or applications, visit City Hall or contact the Permits Department at 281-983-2932.





City of Meadows Place Parks and Recreation Presents:

# CHRISTMAS MEMORIES IN THE PARK



Friday December 9, 2011  
6:00-10:00 PM  
cul-de-sac  
12001 Brighton Lane



**Food Pantry Needs Our Help!**  
Please bring canned goods/  
non-perishable food items to donate  
to our local food pantry:  
**Sugar Grove Church of Christ Food Pantry**  
(Drop-off area in Santa's Tent)

Keep Cozy!  
Cub Scout Pack 301  
will offer fire pit warming  
stations with s'mores!

## Schedule of Events

- 6-9pm Fire pit warming station (Cub Scouts will be selling s'more kits in the fire pit area)
- 6-10pm Live music from "The Emotions"
- 6pm Meadows Elementary School Choir performance
- 6pm Munchkin and Memories Snow Mountains opens for sliding only - All Ages
- 6-9pm Hayrides
- 6-9pm Warm food, snacks and beverages sold by Meadows Place Baseball and Meadows Marlins Swim Team, popcorn sold by Meadows Home and Garden Club
- 7-8:30pm Santa will be on hand to hear all of the wishes from the good boys and girls (Bring your camera!)



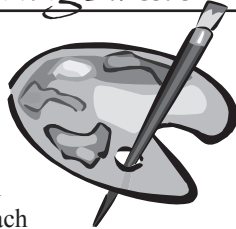
## *Classified & Advertising*

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. Manual 281-865-6636.
- Mary Kay Cosmetics call for re-orders or for a complementary skin care or glamour session for the holidays. Carol Evans 281-933-8298.
- Registered childcare in my Meadows Place home. Experienced, reliable. Excellent references. Call Nancy 281-530-6740.
- Pool Cleaning. Full service. Includes cleaning, chemicals, inspecting equipment, emptying baskets. CPO Certified. 281-865-6636 Manuel.
- Guitar Lessons, my Meadows Place home or yours. Call Mike 713-419-6496.
- Christmas Lights. I hang Christmas lights. Experienced, reliable. Reasonable rates. 832-885-2089.

## *Meadows Place Painting Classes*

**Description:** Learn to paint your own work of art! No prior art experience or training required—even absolute beginners are welcome. Learn to paint with acrylic paints on canvas and paint a different subject each week: we will paint landscapes, seascapes, and still life paintings... whatever you desire.



**Where:** Meadows Place Community Center,  
11975 Dorrance Lane

**When:** Monday evenings, 7:30 - 9:30 p.m.  
**Session 3:** Dec. 5, Dec. 12

**Cost:** \$25/class, \$100/session (4 classes)

**Pre-registration is required to participate in all classes.** 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](http://www.cityofmeadowsplace.org).

**Instructor:** William Kelly Bailey, (a 20 year Meadows Place resident) is a certified Fine Arts instructor for Grumbacher paints. He is a national and international award winning artist who has exhibited in galleries in Houston, other cities in Texas and in many other states. His paintings are in collections in 17 states across the U.S. and in 5 other countries.

## *Home & Garden Club*

By Beverly Martin, Publicity

Thanks to everyone who came out to our 36th Annual Fall Craft Show. This year was one of the biggest fund raisers for the Scholarship Awards in Garden Club history. Thanks so much for your support and congratulations to those individuals who won great raffle gift baskets / certificates. Hope you enjoyed the baked goods from the Bake Sale and you are very happy with your purchases.

This year the Home and Garden Club is participating in the city's "Christmas Memories in the Park" on Friday December 9th so you will have another chance to win more of our raffle gift baskets. For a \$1.00 raffle ticket, you could win a \$1,500.00 gift certificate to American Laser Skincare located in Meadows Place or a Pecan Smoked Turkey 16-18 lbs. donated by Majors Catering or a variety of other "Holiday Spirits" baskets including Baskin and Robbins Ice Creams and Wine Baskets. Proceeds go to our Scholarship Awards Fund. The Garden Club will also be selling popcorn and bottled water for \$1.00 each. "Christmas Memories" is from 6:00 to 10:00 pm. See you there!

Tuesday, December 13th, 7:00 pm at the Community Center, the Home and Garden Club will have our Christmas Social. There will not be a general meeting, just a lot of socializing. We will have a \$10.00 Ornament Exchange and delicious holiday snacks. For more information call Lou Ann at 281-568-2989.

Time to get out the Christmas decorations... Yard of the Month Judging is on Saturday December 10th. Look forward to seeing the holiday season come to life here in Meadows Place. Good Luck!

The Home and Garden Club wishes you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy Holiday. We hope that 2012 will be your best year ever. Happy New Year!

## *Christmas Tree Recycling*

### **Meadows Place Christmas Tree Recycling**

**Who:** Meadows Place Residents **ONLY**

**What:** Live Christmas Trees must be cleared of all decorations and any nails or other material which may have been used for stands

**When:** December 27, 2011  
through January 6th, 2012

**Where:** At the power easement on Monticeto between Ambledwood and Meadow Trail Across from the Meadows Place Waste Water Treatment Plant.

**Why:** The Public Works Department will be chipping trees and using the mulch.)





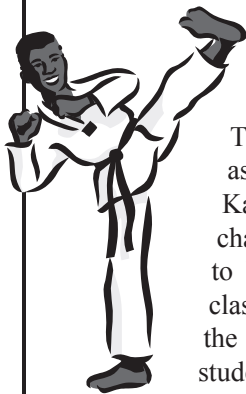
**City of Meadows Place  
Parks and Recreation**



*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](http://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.

### **Meadows Winter Karate**

- Starts:** Thursday, January 19  
(No Class Spring Break)
- Ends:** Thursday, March 29, 2012
- Cost:** \$45--10 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 (2nd Degree Black Belt), and Steve Court (2nd 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.



## **MEADOWS PLACE TENNIS COURT ACCESS SYSTEM**

All tennis access cards are deleted the second weekend of May every year. New tennis court access cards can be purchased for \$50.00 per card (maximum 2 cards per family), and MUST be re-purchased after the second weekend of May each year. A driver's license and/or water bill must be shown to purchase the access card. Cards can be purchased at City Hall, Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

### **TENNIS SCHEDULE**

Please contact Fort Bend Tennis Services at 281-980-4219 if you are interested in joining Tennis Classes. Fort Bend Tennis Services provides a Tennis Pro for each class for instruction. All classes are held at City of Meadows Place Tennis Courts. You do not have to be a resident to enroll in these classes.

Additional classes may be added if there are enough requests.

**Friday - 5:30 - 6:55pm**  
Junior Adv Beg - ages 8-14yrs - \$60/month (4 weeks)

**Saturday - 8:00 - 9:25am**  
Adult Beg/Adv Beg - age 18 and up - \$60/month (4 weeks)

**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](http://fortbendtennis.com)*

# PARKS & RECREATION

## PARKS AND RECREATION

### BULLETIN BOARD

Santa's Mailbox!

X-mas Memories!

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|-------------|--|
| December    | Santa's Mailbox at City Hall   |
| December    | Register for Winter Classes: Karate, Taekwondo, Tennis                     |
| December 9  | Christmas Memories<br>12001 Brighton Lane, cul-de-sac<br>6:00-10:00 p.m.   |
| December 27 | Christmas Tree Recycling<br>Residents ONLY!<br>Power easement on Monticeto |

**Contact Parks Department about Registration!**  
**281-983-2935**



## A.C.E.S.

### The Art of Conscious Evolution Studies

**Description:** This workshop is designed to help people maximize their innate intuition for practical use in their daily lives. We will study sections of the book *The Art of Conscious Evolution* and also do exercises which will help us learn to trust and follow our "gut" feelings.

**Who:** 14 years and older (no max)

**Where:** Meadows Place Community Center

**When:** December 4, 2011

(1st Sunday of the month)

**Time:** 3:00 - 6:00pm      **Cost:** \$35.00 per person

*Pre-registration is required to participate in all classes. 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](http://www.cityofmeadowsplace.org)*

**Additional Info:** No supplies required. Books may be purchased @ \$15.00 but copies will be available for use by attendees at no charge.

**Instructor:** Peggy Sue Skipper is an Intuitive Hand Analyst, motivational speaker, workshop leader and author of three books: *The Art of Conscious Evolution*, *Love Signs and Ancient History From Beyond the Veil*. In her 22-year corporate career, Peggy worked primarily in management and enjoyed finding the right people, putting them in the right jobs and motivating them to be the best they could be. Intuitive Hand Analysis has allowed her to take this passion to a new level—the whole person and their life. She maintains that any "job" is easier to accomplish when you know what the job is and she remains convinced that Intuitive Hand Analysis is one of the best tools to reveal a person's true purpose.

Peggy has also produced and hosted public affairs TV programs for ION Media Networks in: Houston, San Antonio, Dallas, Phoenix, Sacramento, Roanoke, Tampa, Birmingham, and Charleston.



## 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, [parcs3@cityofmeadowsplace.org](mailto:parcs3@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 time of your program)

**Cost:** (How much you plan on charging for your session)

**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](http://www.cityofmeadowsplace.org)**

**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)



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**Where:** City of Meadows Place Community Center  
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**Time:** Mon.: 5:00 - 6:00pm for children 5-12 years old  
Wed.: 6:00 - 7:00pm Adult class (13-up)

**Session 2:** January 9 - March 28, 2012  
(No classes Jan 16, Feb 20, and Spring Break)

**Fee:** 10 classes for \$49, 20 classes for \$99  
(free uniform for 1st 10 new students only)

**Instructor:** Jenny Pless (City of Meadows Place resident, teaching at the community center since 2006)  
Please call Jenny to sign up! 281-788-8564  
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## *Santa's Mailbox*

Beginning November 23rd, through December 24th, Santa's mailbox will be in place at City Hall, One Troyan Drive, Meadows Place, TX, 77477. 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.



*Pictured above is Max Cloninger, carefully placing his letter in Santa's mailbox.*



*Jaxson Scott is putting letter in mailbox. Scottie Ray Modeland and Landri Scott anxiously await their turn.*

## *Fishing at the Lake!*

After much anticipation, it is now time to start fishing at the lake! Catch and release fishing is now permitted. The lake has been stocked with a variety of fish, including bass, copper nose bluegill, hybrid bluegill, and red ear bream! Ages 17 and up must have a current fishing license, and discounts are offered to those ages 65+. Grab your fishing pole and bait and head out to the lake and enjoy a nice day of fishing!

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## *Fishing at the Lake!*

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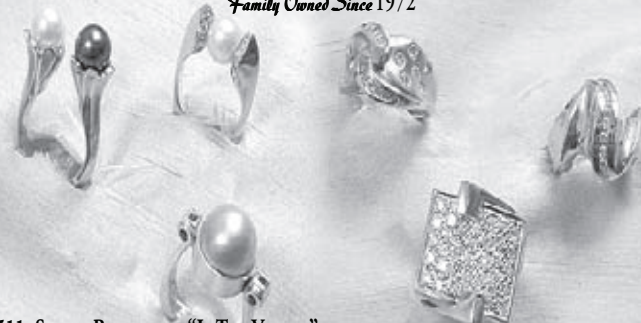
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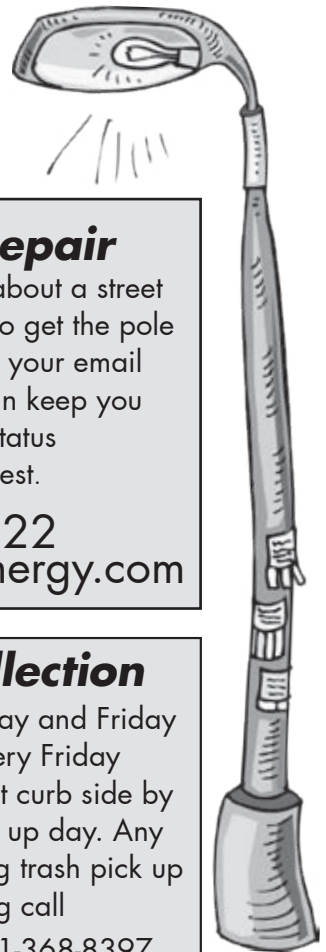
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