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**Meadows**  
PLACE

MAY 2011

**COMMENTS FROM THE MAYOR**  
By Charles Jessup



**Election Reminder**

We did a great job in turning out for our census a year ago and I am asking you to turn out once again. To vote. On May 14th, the City will be holding an election. I ask you to please do your civic duty and come vote. There are two City Council positions on the ballot. In addition to our City Election there are positions open on the Fort Bend ISD School Board. All of

these are important positions waiting to be filled by people who care and are wanting, and willing, to serve. Let's do our part - and vote.

**Parks Update**

Two years ago, we had a tough decision to make. Do we apply for a fourth Small Communities Grant from Texas Parks & Wildlife or not? We had a lot going on then. The Fort Bend Mobility Bond Project was being approved, we were facing consolidating the Parks Department to one Parks Director, we had decided to rework our Waste Water Treatment Plant and we had major contracts up for review - all this on top of the day to day operation of the City. It would have been easy to put it off, but I just had a feeling tough times might affect the TPWL Grants and was worried that if we delayed, we may not get the opportunity to secure the grant. We knew it would be tough, and we knew we would have to do a lot of the work in-house, but we decided to go for it. And we did. And we became the only city in the State to be awarded four Small Communities Grants by TPWL - and the last for a while. The State has pulled this grant program in the face of tough economic times. But, we made the decision to go for it and I'm glad we did. The result will be, as one resident said, "A park like no other". Though almost everyone at City Hall has pitched in, there are a few that really deserve a special "Thank You". They include Parks Director Monya Keenen, former co-director Terry Modeland, Assistant Finance Director Melody Vaal, Council Members Heidi Case and Rick Staigle and Public Works Director Dan McGraw along with Dan Denny, Joseph French and Geno Sanchez who are doing much of the actual installation themselves! "Weather Permitting" the lake should be filling and the track re-opened about the first of June. The hills and the rest of the park will be closed for a little while until the grass grows in. To see some of the new amenities in the park, check it out on our website, and then plan to go see it yourself.

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**"New"**

**Meadows Place Tennis Court  
and Pool Access System**

The City of Meadows Place will be starting a new access system for the TENNIS courts and POOL facilities. All current tennis and pool access cards will be deleted the THIRD weekend of May 2011.

All residents **MUST** purchase new TENNIS court access cards and POOL wristbands starting the THIRD weekend in May each year. A driver's license and/or water bill as proof of Meadows Place residence **MUST** be shown to purchase the TENNIS court ACCESS CARDS and/ or POOL WRISTBANDS.

New tennis court access cards may be purchased by RESIDENTS ONLY for \$50.00 per card at City Hall, Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. (maximum 2 cards per family).

New pool wristbands system is for RESIDENTS ONLY. Purchase a four (4) pack of wristbands for \$10.00. Any additional wristbands needed per family may be purchased for \$5.00 each. Lost or replacement pool wristbands may purchased for \$5.00 each. One day pass POOL wristbands may be purchased for \$5 each.

POOL wristbands may be purchased at the concession window at the pool during operating hours and Splash Night, Friday, June 10th, from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

All resident **MUST** show their wristband to the concessions staff as they enter the pool gates. Each resident wearing a wristband is allowed to bring ONE GUEST The guests **MUST GET A HAND STAMP** upon entering the pool facility.



**CITY CALENDAR**

- May 2-6 Early Voting, City and School Board elections  
City Hall 8:00AM - 5:00PM
- May 8 HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY
- May 9-10 Early Voting, City and School Board elections  
City Hall 7:00AM - 7:00PM
- May 14 Election Day - City and School Board elections  
City Hall 7:00AM - 7:00PM
- May 21 Armed Forces Day
- May 30 Memorial Day  
City Hall Closed

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# Did You Know?...

**Did You Know...** that after 12 grueling weeks, Matthew Wilkens graduated from the Navy's Officer Candidate School in Newport, RI in March? He was commissioned as an Ensign, reporting to Newport where he will attend school for 6 months. Fortunately, Matt was able to return home for several days before reporting to visit his Mom & Dad, his brothers and his grandfather who was a WWII Naval pilot. Congratulations Matt!

**Did You Know...** that Channel 2 Morning Reporter Jennifer Reyna is going to be our Parade Marshall this year? This was first discussed at the Dulles Middle School Career Day where she and Councilman Rick Staigle were co-presenters. Should be another fun 4th of July for us.

**Did You Know...** that I get calls all the time about how their neighbor "really fixed up their yard" - like the one on the corner of Valencia and Dorrance by the school? I really liked the one that told me I should drive by a house in the 11900 block of Meadowdale to "check out Mother Nature's gorgeous flowers". I am glad I did, they were spectacular. Thanks to all of you who do that little bit extra to make the City look beautiful.

**Did You Know...** the dance team once known as the Meadows Majestics, went to a National Dance Competition in Galveston and were named National Grand Champion in the Petite (K-3rd grade) division? The Preteen (4-6 grade) team, including Meadows Elementary 5th grader, Madalyn Gregg, and Junior (7-9 grade) teams also put up outstanding numbers. Out of 11 routines, the team came back with 7 1st place wins and the Choreography Award. Charisse Kral, who founded the team in 1985 grew up here in Meadows Place. For more info - log on to [www.majestics.net](http://www.majestics.net).

**Did You Know...** that Mayor Charles Jessup and Dan McGraw were interviewed by Community Education TV last month? They wanted to interview us about Storm Water, why it is important, what some of the problems are and what we need to do

about it. Meadows Place was picked because one of our new Meadows Place Storm Water Pamphlets was picked up by the Public Affairs Coordinator for the TV station. This prompted questions and concerns that she felt the community should be aware of. It airs later this month on Channel 14.

**Did You Know...** that we just found out that last years Lifeguards received a Platinum level rating by the group that monitors our lifeguards for ability, performance, preparedness, etc.? Congrats to all the lifeguards and Scot Herff & Kristina Hickle. I know they will work hard again this year. They always do.

**Did You Know...** that we average over 2,000 visitors per month to our website? Amazing isn't it? What is even more interesting is that they wander around the site as proven by the number of "views" recorded. Over 13,000 a month. These visits are often made by potential home owners, realtors and business brokers. When is the last time YOU visited our website and just "wandered around" [www.cityofmeadowsplace.org](http://www.cityofmeadowsplace.org)

**Did You Know...** the Texas Parks & Wildlife Dept. conducted a secret inspection of our parks? This is to check on parks that have received funds from the Small Community Grant Fund. I am thrilled to say we received a wonderful report. Among the notice sent to the city were these comments: "The City is to be commended...for the good job you are doing to maintain these facilities to provide quality outdoor recreation opportunities for your citizens." There are many things at play here including a hard working and dedicated Parks Staff and a City Council that believes in doing everything it can to enhance and improve our quality of life so Meadows Place will always be - *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!

## Did You Know...

that we have some very nice neighbors here in Meadows Place? Just ask Deborah Hansen, who reports: Truman Wolter, 79 years young, has been busy making Brighton Lane between Bloomington and Oxford Glen, BRIGHTER! He and Joe DeBruyn have been a super power-washing team! They have power washed more than 20 houses and driveways, just to beautify the city. They are true angels of Meadows Place!

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### Paint Selection Process Follow-up

Just a reminder that the Paint Color Selection for the City of Meadows Place is now governed by City Ordinance. We chose the BEHR Outdoor Color Chart # 50001540 as our Pre-Approved Color Standard. We did this to simplify the process and make it easier for the homeowner. If you have any questions regarding the selection process, check out the article by Kathi Sutton, our Code Enforcement Officer, on page 5 or give her a call when you're ready to paint. Between the new lake and park improvements, spring cleaning, lawn & garden upgrades throughout the city and the strengthened Code Enforcement, Meadows Place is really looking good, which means it will always be...*Your Place for Life!*

# COP TALK

By Captain Gary Stewart



## Locking Doors Still Best Bet Against Burglaries

Not so long ago, people did not feel the need to lock their doors or windows. But times have changed, and so has the need to use locks for protection. According to the National Crime Prevention Council, most individuals do not have the proper lock security. Only half of Americans have dead-bolt locks on all of the entry doors to their homes and nearly one in five have none at all. The National Crime Prevention Council recommends checking and updating old locks on all doors and windows and replacing them with ones that provide protection from keys being duplicated without your knowledge, such as Medeco Security Locks. In addition, it advises you to make sure your locks have a long enough bolt so that the door cannot be pried open.

Installing quality locks is the first line of defense against home burglaries since they can protect you against physical attack. Other steps can be taken to increase your security, as well. Here are some tips from the National Crime Prevention Council.

- **Use your locks.**  
Even the best locks can't protect you if you don't use them.
- **Do some yard work.**  
Trim hedges and bushes so thieves can't hide out.
- **Know your neighbors.**  
Neighbors who look out for each other are among the best, and least expensive, defenses against neighborhood crime.
- **Secure your spare.**  
Leave your spare key with a trusted neighbor. Never hide it on the property. Burglars have more experience looking for keys than you do hiding them.
- **Let there be light.**  
Make sure all outside entrances front, back and side have good lighting so burglars can't easily hide.
- **Stop mail and paper deliveries.**  
A pile of newspapers in the driveway is a clear sign to a thief that you're away from home.

### Garage Sale Dates

**May 13 & 14**

**August 12 & 13**

**November 11 & 12**



## Jogging Trail Re-Opening Around June 1st.



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For more information on crime prevention topics, visit the National Crime Prevention Council at: [www.ncpc.org](http://www.ncpc.org)



# Re-Elect Rick Staigle

Meadows Place, Alderman, Place 5

### Qualified:

- Understands the City's business – City Council (6 years), Planning and Zoning (3 years), Meadows Place Citizens Police Academy
- Saved the City money through his engineering knowledge on projects such as West Airport Reconstruction. He is the President of Traffic Engineers, Inc.
- Streamlined Budget Process by developing a 5 year spreadsheet and identifying where cuts could be made, reducing the City budget.
- Resident of Meadows Place for 13 years

### Recognized by his peers:

- Texas Municipal League Region 14 – 1st Vice-President (18 counties including and surrounding Harris County). I can only be a part of TML if I remain on City Council. I would move up to the TML State Board of Directors in 2 years.

### Involved (Locally and Regionally):

- Boy Scouts of America - Pack 301 and Troop 731
- Fort Bend Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors
- Greater Houston Partnership
- Institute of Transportation Engineers

### Goals for Meadows Place:

- A Safe Place To Live
- Maintain Fiscal Responsibility
- Improve Infrastructure
- Attract Quality Businesses
- Attract Quality Residents

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**National Day of Prayer Event**

-Thursday May 5th, 10:00 AM

-Meadows Place City Hall Lawn

-One Troyan Drive

*For Information Contact:*

*Tim Shoulders 281-530-9651*



### EXTERIOR PAINT PROCESS SUMMARY



By Kathi Sutton

The color schemes that people tend to find aesthetically pleasing is purely a subjective preference. In order to maintain a cohesive appearance within our city, to maintain the character of the city, and to protect property values, it is necessary to regulate color schemes. Coordinated color combinations that are carried on from property to property add enormously to the appeal of a neighborhood. It is the intent of The City of Meadows Place to maintain property values, as well as the resident's quality of life to keep Meadows Place Your Place for Life.

A new ordinance was passed by city council in February, which regulates exterior paint colors. The approved color book for the City of Meadows Place is the "Behr" paint brand (sold at Home Depot) "Exterior Collection" color book (chart #50001540). Only color combinations contained within this book are considered to be "pre-approved" paint combinations. Paint colors can be "color matched" at other retailers, as long as the paint color shows no discernable difference than the color indicated within the approved color book. Any color matched paint needs to be presented to the Code Enforcement Officer for approval.

Please consider the color of brick facing your home when deciding on paint color scheme.

Each home within our city has been sent a Behr Exterior Collection color chart. If you look inside you will see colors in groups of 3

**Base:** For purposes of Paint Color, "Base" shall be considered the primary exterior surface of a building, including both the Principal Structure, and any Accessory Structures exceeding a gross floor area of 100 feet, and greater than 8 feet in height, located within a lot. "Base" will also include any canopy / awning or siding which covers an area exceeding 15% of the total exterior surface of a building.

**Trim:** For purposes of Paint Color, "Trim" shall be considered fascia boards, garage doors, doors, window casings, mailboxes, decorative columns, awnings / canopies or siding which covers an area less than 15% of the total exterior surface of a building, wrought iron elements, and cornices. Doors may also be colored in standard mfg colors available at major retailers.

**Accent:** If you have chosen to use a 3 color combination, the "Accent" details on the exterior of your home are shutters, moldings, and mounting surfaces (mounting block of doorbell, address numbers, mailbox or light fixture).

If you present a paint color selection to the Code Enforcement Officer, and the paint color is denied for use, then you may appeal the denial to the city Planning and Zoning Commission. The appeal application, along with any fee that may be charged to defray administrated costs, must be given to the City Secretary within 10 business days of the denial. The appeal will be heard by the Planning and Zoning Commission as soon as practical.

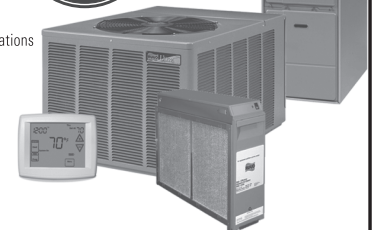
Any violation of the Paint Ordinance is considered a Class "C" misdemeanor, and is subject to fines.

Please contact Code Enforcement directly at 281-983-2938 if you have any questions or are in need of assistance.



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By Dan McGraw

### Hot News

In June 2011 most City of Meadows Place residents (some already have it) will be getting new digital meters known as “Smart Meters,” from Center Point. Listed below is what you can expect from Center Point and their employees.

#### Consumer Benefits of Smart Meters:

When the communication systems are in place and new meters are fully functional, consumers with smart meters will see many benefits:

- Remote Meter Reading
- Smoother Transactions – remote connect/disconnect
- Automatic Outage Notification
- Energy Efficiency and Savings
  - *Monitor electricity usage history at 15-minute intervals at [www.SmartMeterTexas.com](http://www.SmartMeterTexas.com)*
  - *Less usage can save consumers money; less power generation is good for environment*
- New Retail Products and Services (examples)
  - *Pre-paid service*
  - *Time-of-use rates*
  - *Energy analysis and cost comparison tools*
- “Smart Homes”
  - *Remote control of thermostats and appliances in a Home Area Network (HAN)*

#### What to expect:

Before installation

- Pre-installation “sweep” for access
- Door hanger several weeks before
- Leave your meter accessible
- Critical Customer accounts will be scheduled with specific customer appointments

During installation

- About a ten-minute outage
- You need not be present
- Turn off electronic devices if you are home
- Door hanger upon installation

After installation

- Meter acceptance period up to 60 days
- Then no more manual electric meter reads
- Then view your usage history in 15-minute intervals at [www.SmartMeterTexas.com](http://www.SmartMeterTexas.com)
- Additional benefits as in-home displays, Home Area Networks and new products develop

#### Pre-Sweep Activities:

- CenterPoint Energy employees will be conducting a door-to-door review of all meter locations in advance of deployment

- All employees/contractors have picture identification, uniforms and marked vehicles
- Attempts will be made to proactively locate and resolve meter-related problems

#### Issues Preventing Meter Installation:

CenterPoint Energy will contact customers with meter situations such as the following:

- Access problems: e.g. locked gates, dogs in yard, meter inside structure, brick wall built around meter
- Unsafe meter issues that require additional action by customer’s electrician; unattached meter cans or structural issues impacting service, etc.

*\*NOTE: If an unsafe condition is not corrected, the service may be disconnected until repairs have been made.*

#### Customer Communication:

If pre-sweep indicates installation of meter is not possible:

- Door hanger will be left noting issues needing attention regarding the meter loop and/or surroundings
- A CenterPoint Energy point of contact name and contact information will be left for follow-up

If installer is unable to access the meter:

- Door hanger will be left noting cause of inaccessibility (gate locked, dog, other)
- Customer is asked to allow access or to call installation contractor to schedule appointment
- After three failed attempts, installation is returned to the utility (CNP)

Residents are encouraged to visit the Energy InSight website: <http://www.centerpointenergy.com/energyinsight>



## Taking Care of Business

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

There are a lot of things working in the Meadows Place business community. One I can talk about is

### *Kelley’s Country Cookin’*

which is set to open somewhere around the middle of June. Based on all the questions I get about that, there are a lot of people waiting to eat there. Including me! See you there.



*Our businesses need, and deserve, our support*

*Thank You*



## 4th of July Parade



The City of Meadows Place annual 4th of July Parade will be on MONDAY, JULY 4TH AT 10:00A.M. Make your plans now to be a part of the best hometown parade around.

The honorable Charles Jessup along with City Council members and their families will be a special part of the annual parade. This year's parade marshal is.... Ms. Jennifer Reyna, Traffic Anchor/Reporter from Channel 2 News!

The Parks and Recreation Department will be awarding first place awards to the best youth, spirit, and commercial entries. Awards will be presented at the conclusion of the parade at the cul-de-sac on Brighton. Get your neighbors together and plan your entry, size is not important. Patriotism, simplicity, originality, creativity and community spirit are what the judges are looking for. The judge's table will be set up at the Community Center to view all entries as they pass by. All entries will be categorized and judged accordingly. Call the Parks and Recreation Department for an entry form or download one from the City website: cityofmeadowsplace.org. Please return your entry form as early as possible to help things run smoothly. The parade will assemble in the parking lot on Dorrance near Hwy 59. Judging of the non-motorized entries, according to age groups, will take place at 9:30 a.m. SHARP!

Awards will be given to each category. Non-motorized entries do not need to fill out an entry form. All you have to do is show up for the judging!

The parade travels from the parking lot down Dorrance to Mulholland, left on Mulholland and left on Brighton to Mark McGrath Park where there will be an awesome military static display.

## Attention Active Military Citizens!

The City of Meadows Place would like to honor its active military citizens. If you or an active family member will be in town during the 4th of July, we would like for you to be a participant in our 4th of July Parade. Please contact the Parks Department by **Friday, June 24th** so arrangements can be made.

**Parade: Monday, July 4th, 2011 at 10:00 a.m.**

## Win an Award for Your Yard!



Get into the patriotic spirit and show your love of the country by decorating your yard in red white and blue. If you do not live along the parade route and want to be judged, you must enter your address at city hall, email it to monya@cityofmeadowsplace.org, or call Parks Department at (281) 983-2935. Judging will take place on July 3rd and winners will be announced after the parade on July 4th!

**1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners will win a Home Depot gift card!**  
**Monday, July 4th at 10:00 AM.**

**The parade travels down Dorrance, then to Mulholland, and ends at the field house on Brighton.**

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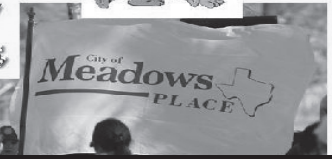
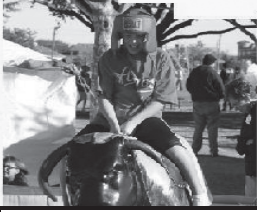
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email us: [monya@cityofmeadowsplace.org](mailto:monya@cityofmeadowsplace.org) or [parcs3@cityofmeadowsplace.org](mailto:parcs3@cityofmeadowsplace.org)

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 17 years at the Community Center and welcomes new students.

#### Meadows Summer Karate

**Starts:** Thursday, June 9, 2011

**Ends:** Thursday, August 11, 2011

\$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 (1st Degree Black Belt)

New students will be accepted the 1st 3 weeks. You may try the 1st class **Free** before you sign up.

Children must be 5 years of age.



### TENNIS LESSONS

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

Additional classes may be added if there are enough requests.

**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

Splash Night!

### BULLETIN BOARD

Pet Tags

May 7	Countryside Animal Clinic Community Center Parking Lot 10:30 A.M.-1:00 P.M.
May 12	Stroke Screening presented by Memorial Hermann 8:00 A.M.-5:00 P.M. Community Center
May 20	First Bare Foot N' Friday 8:30 P.M.-11:00 P.M.
May 21	Pool Opens on Weekends to Public Regular Hours
May 30	Memorial Day-Pool Open Holiday Hours, 12 noon-7:00 P.M.
June 6	First Monday Movie Community Center, 12:00 noon
June 7	Pool Opens during Week to Public Regular Hours
June 8	First Wednesday Bingo Community Center, 11:00 A.M.
June 10	Splash Night at the Pool 6:00-10:00 P.M.
June 17	Bare Foot N' Friday 8:30 P.M.-11:00 P.M.

**Contact Parks Department about Registration!**

## Taekwondo

Early bird sign up, get a free uniform! (First 10 only)  
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### Summer Schedule

Class will be held every Monday and Tuesday

**Where:** City of Meadows Place Community Center  
11975 Dorrance Lane, next to Meadows  
Elementary School.

**Time:** Tues.: 3:00 - 4:00pm, 4:00 - 5:00pm  
(2 class for children 5-12 years old)  
Wed.: 5:00 - 6:00pm for children 5-12 years old  
Wed.: 6:00 - 7:00pm Adult class (13-up)

**Starts:** June 7, 2011

**Ends:** August 17, 2011

**Fee:** 22 classes for \$99.00  
(free uniform for 1st 10 new students only)  
11 classes for \$55.00 (choose your days) 1 free trial

**Instructor:** Jenny Pless (City of Meadows Place resident,  
teaching at the community center since 2006)

Please call Jenny to sign up! 281-788-8564  
or jennypless@gmail.com

## Stroke Screening

**What:** Life Line stroke screening  
presented by Memorial Hermann

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

**When:** Thursday, May 12th 2011, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

**Pre-registration is required. Call 1-800-324-1851  
to register, or register online at  
[www.lifelinescreening.com/community-partners](http://www.lifelinescreening.com/community-partners)**

**Four facts you need to know about stroke prevention:**

- Stroke is a leading cause of death and permanent disability
- 4 out of 5 stroke victims have no apparent warning signs
- 80% of strokes can be prevented
- Painless ultrasound screenings can help you avoid a stroke

## City Of Meadows Place

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## Bingo Bash

This is a summer program every Wednesday during the summer months for \$3.00 per person. Includes 1 ½ hours of bingo prizes for all, held at the community center. At the end of every bingo, we play BLACKOUT where the kids can win Big prizes. Come down to the community center Wednesdays and join in the fun!!

**When:** June 8, June 15, June 22, June 29, July 6, July 13,  
July 20, July 27, August 3, August 10, August 17

**Where:** Community Center

**Time:** 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. **Fee:** \$3 (ages 5 and up)



## Message From the Pool Manager

By Kristina Hickle, Pool Manager

There is a new access system starting this year at the pool. Please read the information provided in this newsletter regarding the new policies and procedures on pool access.

Concessions will now be sold at the pool! Cold beverages, snacks, and of course, freeze pops will be sold out of the community center kitchen window Tuesday thru Saturday from noon until 7:00 p.m., Sunday 2:00 until 7:00 p.m.

Check in the Parks and Recreation section of the newsletter for information about Adult Lap Swim (with new times!), Swim Lessons, Water Aerobics classes, Splash Night and Bare Foot N' Friday!

The pool opens on the weekends only starting Saturday, May 21st at 12:00 noon. Normal weekday operating hours begin Tuesday, June 7th. See a detailed list of pool operating days and hours in the Parks and Recreation section of the newsletter

*I look forward to seeing everyone at the pool this summer!*



## Swim Lessons

**What:** Swim lessons

**Where:** Meadows Place Community Pool

**Who:** Classes are for ages 5 and up. Students will be grouped according to age.

**Time:** 5:15-6:00 OR 6:15-7:00 (45 minute classes)  
Tuesday-Friday (Total of 8 classes)

**When:** Session 1: June 14 - June 24  
Session 2: June 28 - July 8 (No class July 5, make-up class July 12)  
Session 3: July 26 - August 5  
\*Sessions last 2 weeks.

**Cost:** \$50 per student

There will be a maximum of 5 students per class.

**Pre-registration is required.** Forms can be picked up at City Hall during business hours Monday thru Friday from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Payment is required at time of registration. Cash or Checks can be made payable to City of Meadows Place.



## Monday Movie Madness

A movie is shown on several Mondays at the Community Center. An adult or responsible babysitter MUST accompany children NOT yet 5 yrs old. Movie titles are posted on the marquee by the front door of the Community Center. Popcorn and drink will be served.

**When:** June 6, June 13, June 20, June 27, July 11, July 18, July 25, August 1, August 8, August 15

**Where:** Community Center

**Time:** 12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. **Fee:** \$1.00

**Bring Blankets and Pillows!**

Swim Lessons



## Pool Hours

Tuesday-Saturday 11:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.

Sunday 1:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m.

Monday- Closed except for Holidays

Holidays- 12:00 p.m.- 7:00 p.m.

May 13

Bare Foot N' Friday

May 14, 15, 21, 22, 28, 29

Regular Hours

May 30

Holiday Hours

June 10

Pool Closed

June 10

Splash Night 6-10pm

June 17

Bare Foot N' Friday

July 4

Parade 10:00 a.m.

Pool open 1-7p.m.

July 5

Pool Closed

Swim Meet

July 15

Bare Foot N' Friday

July 16

Pool Closes 5:00 p.m.

Swim Team Party

August 19

Last Bare Foot N'

Friday

August 19

Last Day Pool

Open During Week

August 20, 21, 27, 28

Regular Hours

September 3, 4

Regular Hours

September 5

Holiday Hours, Last

Day Pool Open



## Water Aerobics

This is a sixty minute cardiovascular workout in the pool, which utilizes water resistance to improve cardiovascular fitness, muscular endurance, and flexibility. As the participant, you determine your own intensity level by deciding how hard to manipulate the water.

**When:** Tuesdays and Thursdays

**Where:** Meadows Place Lap Pool

**Time:** 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

**Session:** June 7 - June 30 **\*Please note:** 1st week class is Tues (6/7) and Wed (6/8); no class Thurs. (6/9)

**Fee:** \$60 for 4 week session

**Instructor:** Hollye Ferreira

**Pre-registration is required.** Pick up a form from City Hall Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.



## Adult Lap Swim

**Additional Times!**

**Who:** Adults ages 16 and up

**What:** Swim laps in the pool before or after regular pool hours

**When:** Tuesdays and Thursdays 7:00 - 8:00 a.m. AND  
Tuesdays and Thursday 8:00-9:00 p.m.  
Begins June 7 - Ends August 18

**Where:** City of Meadows Place Community Lap Pool



## *Congratulations!!!*

The Meadows Place Lifeguard staff received the Platinum International Aquatic Safety Award from Jeff Ellis and Associates for the summer 2010 season! This award is only given to the top 10% of the best pools registered with Jeff Ellis. Congratulations to lifeguards: Kristina Hickle (Pool Manager), Tyler Smith (Asst. Manager), Sammi Ferriera (Asst. Manager), Justin Gonzalez (Supervisor), Christian Kelly (Supervisor), Vinnie Doina, Jacob Bravo, Mark Jessup, Darren Hymel, Connor Shaw, Jennifer Sterner, and Francis Tan, and of course Scot Herff, the Aquatics Director who trains the lifeguards!



*Meadows Place Lifeguards train hard at in-service to keep their CPR and rescue skills sharp!*



## *Home & Garden Club*

*By Beverly Martin, Publicity*

The Meadows Place Home and Garden Club participated in the big Behr Paint Crawfish Boil Event on March 26th. We had a lot of people interested in joining the club. Our meetings resume in September with a "Get to Know Us Dinner." Please follow up; we would love to have you join. Congratulations to the winner of our \$1.00 raffle for a beautiful Hydrangea and a \$50 Gift Card to the Houston Garden Center.

May is a busy month for electing new officers to serve on the board. Tuesday, May 3 is our "In and Out Dinner" where the presiding officers welcome the new. Tuesday, May 10th the new officers are installed at the "Installation Dinner." We look forward to another very productive year.

Yard of the Month judging is from May to August on or near the last Sunday of the month. We all should be proud of the nice yards around the neighborhood. Thanks to everyone for all your hard work.



## *Classified & Advertising*

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

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- 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.

- Hatha Yoga./ Relaxation 281-498-7933. Judy Otero BS,RT,RNMT teaching all levels since 1991. Member of the Houston Yoga Association. Morning classes 8:30-9:45. All Saints Lutheran Church., Meadows Place area. Welcome seniors, beginners, and those with health issues.

- Registered home daycare enrolling. Meals and snacks included. 281-495-7996. Melanie

- Suzuki Violin teacher with more than 30 years experience offering lessons in my home this Summer. I am also starting a baby music class for babies 6 weeks to age 3. The baby class is based on Suzuki philosophy and a parent is required to attend. For more information please call 281 933 -1088.

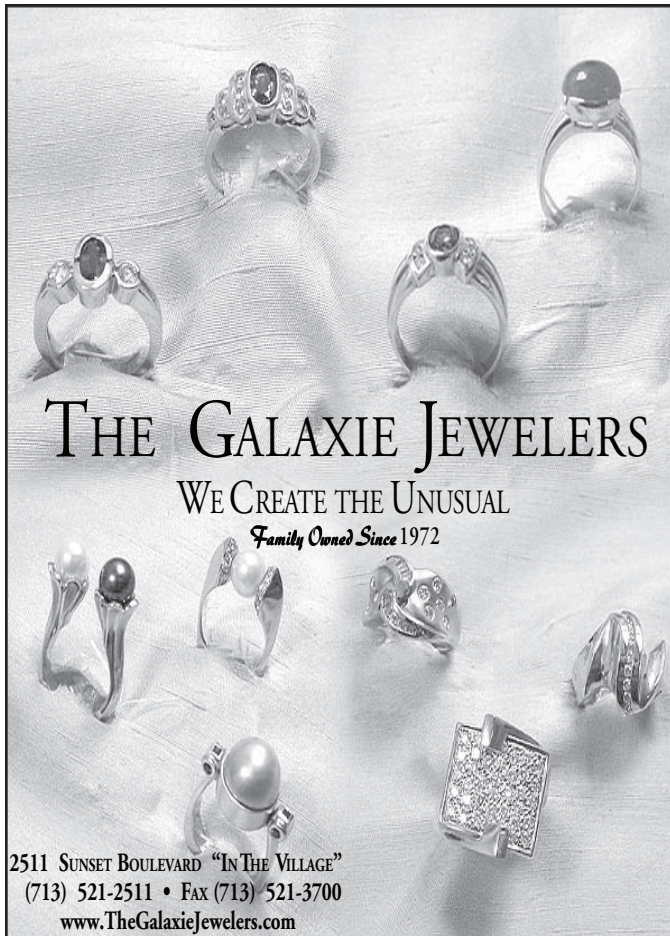
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## \*TaekwonDo\*

Instructor Jenny Pless, serving City of Meadows Place community center since 2006

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**Where: City of Meadows Place Community Center, 11975  
Dorrance, Meadows Place, TX 77477.  
[www.cityofmeadowsplace.org](http://www.cityofmeadowsplace.org)**

**Date: June 7<sup>th</sup> – August 17<sup>th</sup> , 2011 (whole summer)**

**Time: Tuesday (3-4pm, 4-5pm) 2 class for children 5-12 years old**

**Time: Wednesday (5-6pm) for children 5-12 years old**

**Time: Wednesday (6-7pm) Adult class (13-up)**

**Fee: 22 classes for 99.00 only (free uniform for 1<sup>st</sup> 10 new students only)**

**11 classes for 55.00 only (choose your days) 1 free trial**

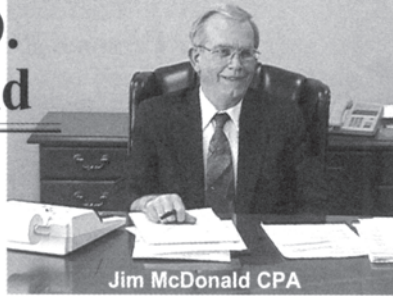
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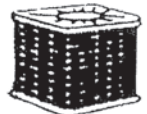
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