Place for Life

Meadows PLACE

OCTOBER 2014

COMMENTS FROM THE MAYOR By Charles Jessup



National Night Out

Meadows Place Police Chief Gary Stewart is encouraging all of us to participate in NATIONAL NIGHT OUT on Tuesday, October 7th. National Night Out helps heighten crime awareness and generates support for, and participation in, the Meadows Place Neighborhood Watch Program. Citizen participation in these programs have not only helped

prevent crime, they have actually helped our PD catch bad guys and get them off the streets! Additional benefits show National Night Out strengthens neighborhood spirit, builds police-community partnerships and sends a message to criminals that Meadows Place is fighting back. Participating only takes a few minutes and it's fun, especially if you join in the many traditional barbecues, block parties and front yard gatherings located throughout the city. If you are not sure where they are, call the PD for a list of locations, or better yet, start your own. October 7th the PD and City Council will be driving the city to say hi and be there for you. Hope to see YOU at National Night Out this year.

Community Garden

Developing a Community Garden was an idea that came out of a survey which clearly stated Meadows Place should continue to do things that make the city a great place to live. Thanks to the efforts of Bob Dybala, Shelley Brough, Heidi Case, Jack Shaw and many others, it looks like Meadows Place will soon have a Community Garden. These folks have formed a Community Garden Association that has been working closely with Parks & Recreation Director Monya Keenen and Public Works Director Dan McGraw on site selection, ease of access, water for irrigation, etc. One big item for the Community Garden Association has been a desire to make it easy for the students at Meadows Elementary to participate. So, In the next month or two you should see the first of a series of raised beds go up along the walking path near the covered pavilion by the parking lot.

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Join your neighbors at the



POLICE-COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

on October 7, 2014 from 6:00p.m. to 8:00p.m.

CITY CALENDAR

Early Voting for November 4th General Election

Oct. 20th - Oct. 31st in the lobby of City Hall

Fort Bend ISD

Oct. 22 Early Release

Meetings

Oct. 28 City Council - 6:00 p.m. Workshop 7:30 p.m. Regular Meeting

Did You Know?...

be open for Early Voting from Oct. 20th through Oct. 31st? Meadows Place has really stepped up and become known for high voter turnout rates. This has captured the attention of county, state and national candidates. This means even though we're small, office holders listen to us because voting shows we are involved and we care. This means a lot. Please vote.

Did You Know... Jack Shaw told me Meadows Place has historically had many players in the Dulles volleyball program - at all levels. This year, Kali Shaw #2 and Alexis Applewhite #7 are varsity starters. Wow. This is a tough, demanding, competitive sport that sees some great teams come out of Fort Bend - especially from Dulles. Congratulations Kali and Alexis!

Did You Know... another area that has great participation from Meadows Place is the Dulles Future Farmers of America, (FFA). Dulles has one of the largest teams in the county and quite of few of these hardworking students, like Christie Mendolia, are from Meadows Place. I have the privilege of meeting many of these students at the annual gathering to support the FFA programs. These kids work hard, are up early to feed, clean and groom their animals, clean pens, etc. I love going out there to see and meet them. After all, if you eat, you are involved in farming!

Did You Know... that Meadows Place was selected to participate in a special Windshield Survey conducted by nursing students in the RN to BSN program at the University of Houston Victoria in Sugar Land? Joyce Griffin, Zachary (Zack) Heer, Amita Karedia, Alejandra (Alex) Minjares, and Iesha Monroe stopped by to "interview the Mayor". This was a very comprehensive survey. The topics included most aspects of the physical, economic, medical demands, population breakdown and services that make up our city. Meadows Place received high marks from the students and the

university. Before the two hour interview took place, they had taken a tour of Meadows Place and quickly understood why we say Meadows Place is... *Your Place for Life*. Thanks U of H!

Did You Know... Meadows Place played a role in recent events regarding the Fort Bend Subsidence District? For some communities, the future of their water – and the cost that of wateris very uncertain. Thanks to moves and partnerships made some years ago, our water future is guaranteed for years and years to come.

Meadows Place High School senior win a \$1000.00 scholarship? This is thanks to a program sponsored by the Central Fort Bend Chamber Alliance who asked students to write an essay answering the question "What is unique about your city and what challenges do you see for the future". Several students from Meadows Place responded and are waiting to see which one was chosen. The winning essay will be selected this month. Keep checking Did You Know for the results.

has installed its new (to us) emergency generator at our water well on Kirkwood? The old original emergency back-up generator failed and Dan McGraw found us a self-contained unit in great shape with *extremely* low hours. His efforts on our behalf not only ensured our well will have power in the event of a power failure, he saved the city a lot of money. I am excited that in addition to being back-up for the water well, the new unit will also provide back-up electricity to the Fire Station and the TTC. This is typical of Meadows Place... moving on, moving up, and finding ways to do a better job for the residents of Meadows Place. Thanks again, Dan.

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

Did You Know... that October is Lifeguard Appreciation Month in Meadows Place? For years our young men and women have been serving the residents of Meadows Place in this very important capacity. This year they participated in eight (8) rescues, and that is not unusual. High scores from blind audits have repeatedly proven the training is paying off but in addition to their lifeguard duties, they are responsible for the water meeting state standards, including those set by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality. Being a lifeguard is a serious matter and our lifeguards take it seriously. Thank You- to all our lifeguards, past, present and future.

(Comments From The Mayor continued from page 1)

Though not a city project per se, I am sure this will be a very successful endeavor and a great addition to our city. For more information on the Meadows Place Community Garden, contact Bob Dybala or Shelley Brough. This is just one more step to make sure Meadows Place will continue to be... Your Place for Life!

Garage Sales

Recently there have been some questions about garage sales in Meadows Place. They range from "Why do we allow them at all?" to "Why can't we have them any time we want?" Those questions were previously answered by Council, but another question we have is about the dates and could we change weekends, etc. On October 15th, there will be a survey posted on Survey Monkey with a few questions about garage sales and section for you to put in your comments. The survey will be posted for 10 days and a link will be posted on the website. Thank you in advance for your participation as we always get great feedback from these surveys.

Finally

They were finally able to pour concrete on the W. Airport reconstruction project. Public Works Director Dan McGraw recently gave a progress report to Council. He was pleased with the concrete inspection process and how quickly the inspectors reject any load of concrete that doesn't pass the "slump" test. This, he explained, ensures the integrity of the roadway making the end product much stronger and durable. Councilman Bezner had questions about the completion date and the construction process for the intersection of Kirkwood and West Airport. Dan stated the project is about three weeks behind due to rain but, weather permitting, we should be driving on all four lanes by March, 2015. As for the intersection, Councilman Rick Staigle explained it will take at least a month just for that and "will be a complete mess." For construction updates and other Meadows Place news, check our city website: www.cityof meadowsplace. org. While you're there, check the rain chart under Public Works.



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

We are fortunate to have so many great take-out restaurants. This month we are featuring a mainstay of takeout in Meadows Place..

Pizza Hut

They, along with our other businesses and restaurants are working harder than ever to serve us despite the construction on W. Airport.

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







Halloween Safety Tips

Here are a few helpful tips for parents and children participating in the upcoming Halloween festivities:

- Make sure a TRUSTED ADULT, accompanies your younger children when trick-or-treating.
- Older children should travel in groups. Instruction your older children to TAKE FRIENDS when trick-or-treating.
- Children should not enter homes without your prior permission.
- Only approach homes that are well-lit both inside and outside.
- Teach your children to NEVER approach a vehicle unless they are accompanied by you
- Make sure your children wear reflective clothing and carry a flashlight or glow stick
- Make sure your children are able to see and breathe easily when using facial masks.
- All costumes and masks should be clearly marked as flame resistant.
- Teach your children to always stay in well-lit areas, and never go into isolated areas.
- Teach your children to stay alert for any suspicious incidents and report anything unusual to you and law enforcement.
- Teach your children if anyone tries to grab them to draw attention to themselves and yelling loud as they can: "This person is trying to take me!" or "This person is not my father/mother!" Teach your children to make every effort to escape by walking, running, or pulling away; yelling; kicking; attracting attention; and otherwise resisting.
- Consider organizing or attending parties at home, in schools, or in community centers as a good alternative to trick-or-treating.
- Please notify the Meadows Place Police Department immediately of any suspicious or unusual activity



Residents: FREE Non-Residents: \$6.00



City Hall Hours:

9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday - Friday

Another reason to LOVE Meadows Place!





Great News! We actually received a fair amount of rain in the month of September!

Not so great news....our lawns and trees have now become out of control!

By Jerry Parker

One of the unfortunate side effects of good, (well deserved), rain amounts, is that our

recently trimmed trees have swelled up, drooped down and now need to be trimmed again. If your trees are below 16' over the road or 10' over the sidewalks, our Code requires that they be trimmed. With National Night Out and Halloween coming up, make sure that your sidewalks are not blocked by your trees and bushes.

The rains have also disrupted our lawn maintenance. Please be diligent and keep your yard mowed and edged.

ALERT! For those us that insist on storing your trash cans in public view....our City Ordinance states that your cans may not be stored in public view. (That does not mean that you hide them in front of your cars in the driveway.) Please either place them behind your fence or in your garage. Citations will be issued this month.

Top Hits from August:

Violation:	Warn/Cit	Comply:
Grass/weeds	12	11
Trees/Shrubs	9	6
Trailer/Car/Boat	4	4
Trash Cans/Debris	30	25
General Nuisance	35	33
Totals	90	79

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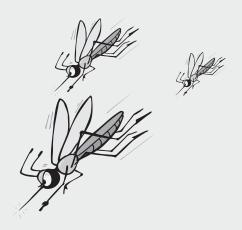


Mosquito Management in Meadows Place

Our goal with mosquito management in Meadows Place is to reduce the breeding grounds on city property as well as educating our homeowners (Private Property Owners)

on how to maintain their property to help reduce the breeding of mosquitos on their private property.

Please keep in mind that the City of Meadows Place cannot treat for mosquitos on private property. We can only educate you on the best practices to prevent or reduce breeding grounds for mosquitos. It is up to each private property owner to do their part in the seasonal fight against mosquitos.



Always remember to protect yourself from mosquitoes when you are outside in the early morning and the evening. Use spray that contains "Deet", wear long sleeves and long pants if you want to avoid being bitten. You also have an option of not going outside if you feel the mosquitos are present in heavy numbers.

For more information go to our city website: www.cityofmeadowsplace.org. Click on Public Works



Fort Bend County Early Voting Schedule November 4, 2014 • General Election

Meadows Place City Hall: One Troyan Dr., Meadows Place, TX

Day	Date	Hours
Monday - Friday	October 20 - 24, 2014	8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Saturday	October 25, 2014	7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Sunday	October 26, 2014	12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Monday - Friday	October 27 - 31, 2014	7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.



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HALLOWEEN - FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31ST

By Janice M. Moore, MMC, City Secretary

Halloween, also known as All Hallows' Eve, or All Saints' Eve, is a yearly celebration observed in a number of countries on 31 October, the eve of the Western Christian feast of All Hallows' Day. It initiates the triduum of Hallowtide, the time in the liturgical year dedicated to remembering the dead, including saints (hallows), martyrs, and all the faithful departed believers.

Typical festive Halloween activities include trick-or-treating (or the related "guising"), attending costume parties, decorating, carving pumpkins into jack-o'-lanterns, lighting bonfires, apple bobbing, visiting haunted house attractions, playing pranks, telling scary stories, and watching horror films. In many parts of the world, the Christian religious observances of All Hallows' Eve, including attending church services and lighting candles on the graves of the dead, remain popular, although in other locations, these solemn customs are less pronounced in favor of a more secularized celebration. Because many Western Christian denominations encourage, although no longer require, abstinence from meat on All Hallows' Eve, the tradition of eating certain vegetarian foods for this vigil day developed, including the consumption of apples, colcannon, cider, potato pancakes, and soul cakes.





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

- William Sutherland Handyman Repairs. Appliance, Electrical, Plumbing, Clean out sewer line from 2"-8" pipe. Power washing, interior/exterior, Carpentry work, Painting, Concrete, Tiles. Cell 713-384-2817 / 281-568-0308
- Onyx Landscape. Residential and commercial. Total lawn care. Fertilization, flowerbeds and mulch. Seasonal flowers, sod, tree trimming, tree removal, wood fence installation and repair. Meadows Place resident. Free estimates. Manuel 281-865-6636.
- Pool Cleaning. Full service. Includes cleaning, chemicals, inspecting equipment, emptying baskets. CPO Certified. 281-865-6636 Manuel.
- Sprinklers, new installations, repairs and maintenance. Service all sprinkler systems. Affordable. Licensed/insured. Free estimates. 281-865-6636 #20062
- Mary Kay Cosmetics. Call for re-orders, complementary skin care session, or glamour look. Call Carol: 281-933-8298.



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.



By Rose Melancon, Publicity

We would like to thank Ever Ramirez, a Financial Advisor for Edward Jones, who presented a very informative program on managing your income for retirement.

The next meeting is on Tuesday, October 14th, 7pm at the Community Center. Our October speaker will be Jerry Parker, the Meadows Place Code Enforcement Official. Come hear what the City is doing to keep Meadows Place in compliance.

Save the Date!

The Meadows Home & Garden Club's Annual Craft Show is on Saturday, November 1, 2014.

Please see the newsletter advertisement for more information.

Beginning October 1st, the Meadows Home & Garden Club members will be selling Craft Show raffle tickets. Tickets are only one dollar and all the raffle money benefits the Scholarship Fund. Items for raffle include vendor donated merchandise as well as the Garden Club baskets. As in the past, drop your ticket(s) into the basket(s) of the item(s) you hope to win. Need not be present to win. Contact Bob Dybala (713-213-6166) or Lou Ann Kelly (713-249-8981) or any of our members to purchase tickets prior to the show. Tickets will be available at the Show as well. Join us and bring your friends!

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PARKS & REGREATION



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

TENNIS

Description: Beginning Tennis Lessons for Youth 8 - 14 years old

Where: Tennis Courts

When: 2014 Session 10: October 1 - 25

2014 Session 11: October 29 - November 22

2014 Session 12: December 3 - 20

Time: Wednesdays @ 6 pm and/or Saturdays @ 8 am

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



Tennis Court Access System

 ${f R}^{
m esidents}$ may purchase new Tennis Court access cards at City Hall, Monday through Friday, 9 am to 4 pm.

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

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

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Karate

BULLETIN BOARD

Animal Clinic

October Karate & Taekwondo

Sessions Ongoing

Oct. 1 Tennis - Classes 6 pm Wed &/or 8 am Sat

Nov. 1 Countryside Animal Clinic

Community Center Parking Lot

10:30 am - 12:30 pm

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

Class or Program Title

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

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

Description: (Briefly describe your class or activity)

Who: (Age of students to participate)

Where: (The location of where the participants meet

every week)

When: (Include dates and times of your program)

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

Additional Info: (Include any type of specifics that pertain to your class, such as certain attire, supplies needed, etc.)

Instructor: (Your name, as well as the names of any additional helpers/assistants, along with a short biography of you and contact phone number optional)

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 everchanging system. Its goal is not necessarily to be the largest, but to be the best. This class has been on going for over 20 years at the Community Center and welcomes new students.

Where: Community Center

When: Thursdays

September 11 - December 4 (no class November 27)

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

7:30 pm - 8:30 pm (Ages 13 and up)

Fee: \$45 (13 Weeks)

\$30 Uniform (cash only, no checks)

Instructors: Steve Puma, Meadows Place resident (3rd degree

black belt) & Michael Puma (3rd degree black

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Where: Community Center

When: Mondays and Wednesdays

November 3 - December 17

Time: 5 - 6 pm (Children 5 - 12 years old)

6 - 7 pm (Children 13 & up and Adults)

Fee: 6 Classes - \$30 (1 class per week)

12 Classes - \$55 (2 classes per week)

Instructors: Jenny Pless

(teaching at the Community Center

since 2005)











- -Would you like what you wear to be totally unimportant?
- -Would you like to be with people who support and encourage each other?
- -Would you like to be with people who have a passion to be led by God?
- -Would you like the opportunity to have someone pray with you?

If any of these describe you then consider participating in the Community Worship Service on Sunday October 12. This contemporary worship service is an opportunity for the Meadows Place community to share in a Christ centered worship together. You are invited...

Community Worship Service Sunday October 12 10:15 AM Meadows Place Community Center Corner of Dorrance & Amblewood

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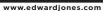
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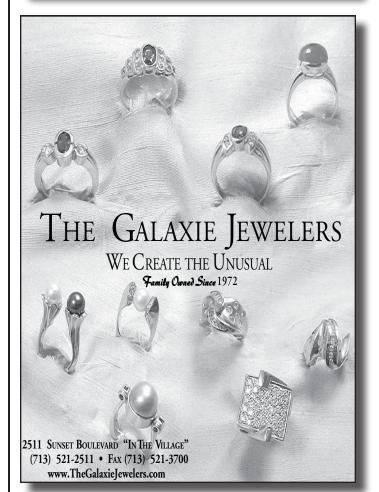
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Community Center Rental

Building Capacity 165

Rental includes tables and chairs to accommodate events

Food/no alcohol.....\$200.00 Food/with alcohol.....\$300.00 (Cash deposit required equal to Rental Fee)

Community Pool Rental.....\$350.00 (after Community Hours, maximum rental time is 3.5 hours)

Non-Meadows Place residents add \$175.00 to above rates

Resident Community Center/ Pool Combo Rental

Available May - September

Meadows Place residents receive a \$50 discount when renting the Community Center & Pool for the same event.

For rental reservation information, go to cityofmeadowsplace.org click on Parks & Recreation, then Community Center

To check availability, call (281) 983-2935 or email: parks3@cityofmeadowsplace.org or monya@cityofmeadowsplace.org



Street Light Repair

When calling or emailing about a street light outage, you will need to get the pole number, and if you add your email address Center Point can keep you apprised of the status of the repair request.

1-800-332-7143 www.centerpointenergy.com

WCA Trash Collection

Trash pick up is every Tuesday and Friday

/ Recycling every Friday

Please have trash at curb side by

7:00am each pick up day. Any
questions concerning trash pick up
or recycling call

WCA direct at 281-368-8397.



Storm Water Hotline

Report dumping in storm water drains.
Only **RAIN WATER** is allowed
281-983-2932 or report online, see website.
For updates on Public Works News visit the website.

publicworks@cityofmeadowsplace.org