

*Your
Place for
Life*

City of
Meadows PLACE 

SEPTEMBER 2013

COMMENTS FROM THE MAYOR

By Charles Jessup



Community Satisfaction Survey

I would like to thank everyone who took part in our recent Community Satisfaction Survey. I have found surveys can be a great tool to initiate regular communication between those responsible for moving the city forward and you, the residents of this great little city. This survey has provided some interesting results of which I am proud to say showed the vast majority of the respondents give our city a big thumbs up. Though still categorizing and reviewing the individual results, let me share some of the results with you. Not surprisingly the survey says there is a strong Sense of Community in Meadows Place with 75% of those responding selected quite strong or extremely strong responses. 72% of us say we feel very or extremely safe here and 65% say they feel the same way even while walking after dark. I would put those numbers up against any community anywhere and part of the reason we feel safe here is that 85% of us say that the police response in Meadows Place is either very quick or extremely quick (Note: the average response time is less than 2 minutes after the officer gets the call.) Another reason we feel safe is because we know our neighbors. This is an important category and Meadows Place stands strong here with 80% saying we know about half, most or all of our neighbors. Let's keep that number strong and get out and visit or meet our neighbors on National Night out Texas next month. A whopping 83% said they were very or extremely satisfied with our parks with quite a few calling for continued concerts in the individual comments section. Looking at these numbers is why all but 11% of us feel the future for Meadows Place is either very or extremely promising. I know I do. The numbers also show we are definitely proud to live here - an overwhelming 73% selected the very proud or extremely proud category. That makes me extremely proud to serve as Mayor of this fantastic little city but also reminds me that this just didn't happen, people worked to make this happen, and with your help, we will continue to work hard to make sure Meadows Place remains the great place to live that it is and will continue to be... *Your Place for Life.*

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www.cityofmeadowsplace.org

Join your neighbors
at the
30th Annual



on October 1, 2013
from 6:00p.m. to 8:00p.m.

CITY CALENDAR

Sept. 2 **Labor Day**
City Hall Closed

Sept. 24 **Regular City Council Meeting**
City Hall 7:30 p.m.

Did You Know?...

Did You Know... we had a GREAT turnout at our Kid Fish Tournament this year? Great weather, wonderful partners, and LOTS of fish caught.

It was amazing. In an hour and a half there were some 450 fish caught, measured and documented by species. A fun, fun day. I talked to a couple who walked up just to see what was going on who said they thought this was a fantastic use of a city facility and would like to volunteer next year - it is just that kind of fun event. Hope you drop by next year, you will enjoy it. Thanks to everyone who made it possible. More on page 5.

Did You Know... some of our new residents think our Police Department is only on duty from 9 to 4 Monday thru Friday? That is NOT the case. Our officers are on duty and active 24 hours a day, 7 days a week 365 days a year. With an average response time of less than two minutes from the time the officer gets the call, Meadows Place residents know they can count on our officers no matter when they call - and please, call them if you have a concern.

Did You Know... Emily Weber is the Chairperson of Old Town Meadows, the fund raising carnival for Meadows Elementary? They have already picked a date for next spring, April 11, 2014 and have already begun preliminary planning for the event - and school just started! It is this type of parental participation that helps make Meadows Elementary one of the best in Texas!

Did You Know... in 1942 a homesick GI who was working on the Alaskan Highway stuck a signpost on a tree outside the town of Watson Lake up in the Yukon Territories? Soon others did the same and it became known as the Sign Post Forrest. Seventy - one years later it has 100,000 signs on it....make that 100,001 since

Joe and Odell Smith nailed up a Meadow Place sign! Thanks Odell and Joe, and thanks to Dan McGraw for helping them out on this project. Check the photo on page 8.

Speaking of Dan McGraw, **Did You Know...** in addition to making a Poster Presentation at the nation's largest water re-use seminar in Denver later this month, Dan has been invited to make a presentation to a national water district convention in January? The story of our lake and the many benefits of our lake project has garnered national and international attention. Congratulations Dan, Monya and everyone who worked so hard to make this project a success.

Did You Know... Our Code Enforcement Official, Jerry Parker, has a very informative article on trash and trash disposal on Page 4? Please check it out and if you have questions, any questions at all, please e-mail Jerry at: code-enforcement@cityofmeadowsplace.org. One tip on paint, if it is latex, all you have to do is pop the top and let it dry out - then you can just toss it in the trash. Anyway, give Jerry a call or email him if you have any questions on Code Enforcement.

Did You Know... Ashley Ratley contacted Did You Know with some good advice for feeding our ducks? Ashley says it is much better for the ducks if we feed them food that is not processed and is more closely aligned with their natural foods, things like oats, cracked corn and commercial duck pellets. Thanks Ashley, this is great advice. If you haven't been up to the lake in a while, the babies are all grown up and moving around on their own, and yes, they WILL come up and eat.

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

Did You Know... that with the closing of the pool this year, Kristina Hickle, Sammi Ferriera & Jacob Bravo will be leaving us as lifeguards? Kristina started in 2007, Sammi & Jacob in 2008; they were all 16 years old when they started lifeguarding. They did a count this week and they estimated that between the 3 of them, they had over 30 saves in the past 7 years. These three took their job very seriously and were dedicated and loyal to the residents of Meadows Place. Between them, they participated in the Splash Night Activities for all of their years, 4th of July Parades and they worked a combined 99 Barefoot N' Fridays! These young leaders are just one more reason why Meadows Place is... *Your Place for Life!*

(Comments From The Mayor continued from page 1)

County Bond Election

There will be a County Bond election this November. If passed, this mobility bond referendum will allow Ft. Bend County to move ahead on 54 vital transportation projects. Some are major additions while some connect sections of roads that have needed to be connected for years. Judge Hebert invited all the Ft. Bend Mayors to a meeting to discuss the process used by the county to establish the amount of bond funding the County could support without a tax increase. He also explained the process used to pare back and prioritize the original "wish list" of some nine-hundred million dollars in projects to the supportable figure of \$184,900,000.

After listening to Judge Hebert and after seeing a detailed presentation by Commissioner James Patterson, I fully support this bond referendum. Your City Council supports it as well. This should be a no brainer as it will mean so much to the continued growth, prosperity and success of Ft. Bend County - without a tax increase! This November, please vote in support of this very important bond referendum, Thank You.

Taking Care of Business

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

Meadows Place is actively seeking businesses that would be good business neighbors. If anyone knows a business, or would like to recommend a business that we should contact, please send your recommendations to:

mayor@cityofmeadowsplace.org

Thank YOU!

Meadows Place has some really great businesses. Let's support them.

*Our businesses
need, and deserve,
our support*



Thank You

COP TALK



By Chief Gary Stewart



There is a new "drive-by" virus on the Internet, and it often carries a fake message - and fine - purportedly from the FBI. These are described as drive-by malware because unlike many viruses - which activate when users open a file or attachment - this one can install itself when users simply click on a compromised website. Once infected, the victim's computer immediately locks, and the monitor displays a screen stating there has been a violation of federal law.

- Do not pay any money or provide any personal information.
- Contact a computer professional to remove "drive-by" malware from your computer.
- Be aware that even if you are able to unfreeze your computer on your own, the malware may still operate in the background. Certain types of malware have been known to capture personal information such as user names, passwords, and credit card numbers through embedded keystroke logging programs.
- File a complaint and look for updates about "drive-by" malware on the IC3 website.

For more information:

The FBI's website:

<http://www.fbi.gov/news/stories/2012/august/new-internet-scam>

Internet Crimes Complaint Center:

<https://www.ic3.gov/default.aspx>



Meet the Department Heads

JAN MOORE, City Secretary



Jan Moore

The City of Meadows place is excited to announce that Jan Moore has joined our family as the new City Secretary.

With over 13 years in municipal government, Jan has extensive experience in records management, elections, contract negotiation, agenda and minutes' preparation, and project management. In the last year, she has been learning about Texas government as the Assistant City Secretary of Hedwig Village.

Jan holds a B.A. in Communications from Florida Atlantic University, Boca Raton, FL. Following her introduction into government, she acquired the Certified Municipal Clerk (CMC) designation and then completed the Master Municipal Clerk (MMC) designation both from the International Institute of Municipal Clerks. She is now pursuing the Texas Municipal Clerk Certification.

Married to David for almost 12 years, they have been blessed with a 6 year old daughter named Miranda. After being in Florida for 28 years, she says "Texas is like coming home. The people are sincere and so friendly." During personal time, Jan loves to bike, entertain, garden and spend time with her family and friends.

Meet the Department Heads



City of Meadows Place
Outgoing City Secretary Yolanda Wilson, pictured with Mayor Charles Jessup, smiles brightly at a brunch held in her honor last Monday. She is adorned with jewelry, some of the many gifts presented to her by the City employees. Mayor Jessup spoke for everyone when he said "We are not celebrating that Yolanda is leaving. We are celebrating the

time we've had her as part of our team." Yolanda responded by saying "I am deeply humbled having worked with such a loyal, dedicated and hard working group of people. The employees and residents of Meadows Place will always have a special place in my heart."

Ms. Wilson is relocating to Dallas with her husband, Deon Wilson and daughter Nasia. Ms. Wilson served an intricate role in streamlining services and technology upgrades that are necessary for the day-to-day operations and helped to bring the City of Meadows Place into the 21st century. City staff will remember Yolanda for her happy disposition and caring attitude.

Code Enforcement

Size Matters

Our Trash Cans and What is in Them



By Jerry Parker

I have noticed several issues within our City both on trash days and just before / after them.

- Trash may not be placed out to the curb more than 18 hours before trash pick-up. That is 1 pm on Monday and Thursday afternoons. This includes LAWN CLIPPINGS. Residents who pay for lawn service are put at risk for getting a warning/citation by putting your lawn clippings out to the curb on a non-trash day.

- After pick-up, your cans must be stored out of sight from the street, not in front of your garage, on your porch or the side of your home.

- Fluorescent Light Bulbs: Yes, they can be placed in your trash, but please, if they are the long bulbs, safely break them up in large paper bags (or similar), so that they do not stick up out of your trash cans.

- Oil: Please recycle by taking it to a business that takes used oil such as most Autozone and Wal-Mart stores.

- Paint: Please recycle accordingly. (Sherwin-Williams) Any paint or oil that spills as a result of being hidden in your trash can, the clean-up of the spill will be charged to you, the resident. (This is a TCEQ / EPA mandate regarding the clean-up of hazardous materials.)

- Please use a "traditional" type trash container. Several residents have used plastic or cardboard boxes in the past and were upset when the crews put the entire box into the truck. Also, if the can you place out is old and torn up and no longer meets Code, please put a note on it saying it is trash as well, as the crews try to not throw away traditional trash cans, no matter how tattered and worn they are.

- Now, back to size: 64 gallons or smaller is the preferred size for trash cans. This is due to the weight of our garbage. A 96 gallon can weighs 42 – 46lb empty, add in the weight of your garbage, and our trash crews definitely get a workout!

- WCA will pick up tree branches that are bundled and tied in 4' lengths, no more than 40lbs each. Limbs may be no more than 4 inches in diameter and less than 40lbs.

- If you have a larger than normal pick-up, like an entire tree, or you are remodeling, please call WCA at 281-368-8397. They will get you a price quote and schedule the pick-up. The average is between \$75 - \$100, depending on type of material and amount/weight.

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

2013 Kid Fish Derby

An unusual cold front in August made way for a cool, calm Saturday morning, perfect conditions for the second annual Kid Fish Derby. As the Sun came up over the houses, the fishermen and their parents made their way to the Lake at McGrath Park. As soon as the worms (and corn) were on the hooks, the fish were biting!

The Parks & Recreation Department has designed the Kid Fish Derby to introduce youngsters to the sport of fishing. By exposing the kids to fishing, the balance of nature and educating them to the concept of stewardship, we hope to create a legacy of protecting our natural resources long into the future.

Our 2nd Kid Fish Derby brought us more fishermen than last year and a larger overall catch of 450 fish. Sponsorship by last year's partners and new sponsors allowed us to place the kids in age categories, awarding 9 Grand Prizes. The Winners are:

5 & Under:

Largest Fish	Smallest Fish	Most Caught
Luke Sherrill 6.75"	David Kerr 3"	David Kerr 18

6 - 9 Year olds:

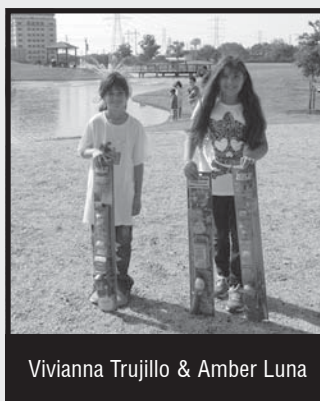
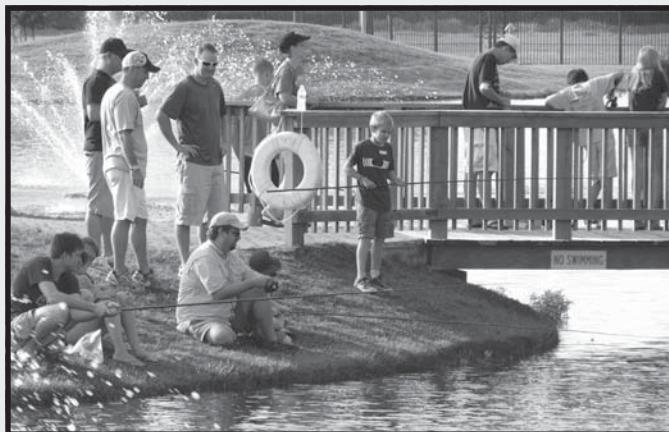
Largest Fish	Smallest Fish	Most Caught
Vivianna Trujillo 7.5"	Amber Luna 1.25"	Amber Luna 58

10 & Older:

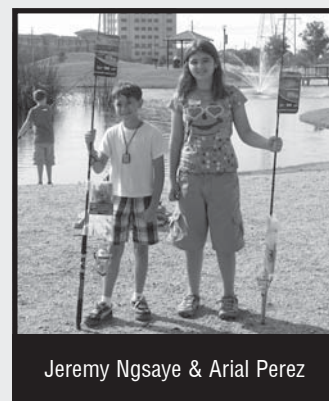
Largest Fish	Smallest Fish	Most Caught
Jeremy Ngsaye 7.25"	Ariel Perez 3.25"	Thomas Kiang 17

Thanks to Ashbrook Simon-Hartley for prizes of rods & reels, flashlights, hats, koozies and other fishing gear; Alderman Kelle Mills for adding rod & reel packages for the younger winners; and The PARC provided Upward Sports Scholarships, cane fishing poles, basketballs & other door prizes. Everyone went home a winner!

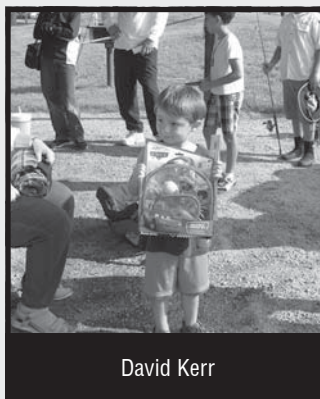
A BIG thank you to Meadows Place resident Jimmy Fenwick for coordinating the Event between The PARC, Sugar Land Methodist Church and the Parks & Recreation Department. Jimmy helped secure the sponsorship of prizes as well as brought a few volunteers and participants. A BIG thank you to Darlene Willis of Sugar Grove Church of Christ who brought us water and volunteers! Thanks Chick-fil-A 59@ West Airport for sending the Cow to keep us entertained and upbeat. Thank you to Joseph French & Dan Denny of the Public Works Department and Mayor Jessup & Councilman John Isbell for helping with baiting, tips, measuring and recording the catch. We appreciate the support of each of you and from everyone that attended. The Kid Fish Derby is a success because of all of you, Thanks!



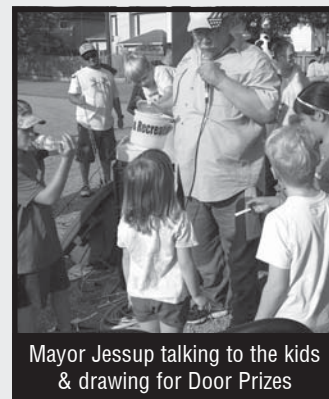
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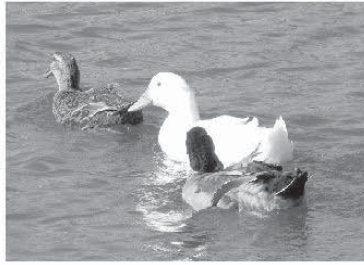


David Kerr



Mayor Jessup talking to the kids & drawing for Door Prizes





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: parks3@cityofmeadowsplace.org

Unless otherwise noted, Meadows Place Community Center/Pool will be the location for all activities.

You can download registration form from the website: www.cityofmeadowsplace.org

Classes

TENNIS ANYONE?!

Description: Beginning Youth Tennis Lessons

Who: Youth 8 - 14 years old

Where: Tennis Courts

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

Session 9: September 4 - 28

Session 10: October 2 - 26 (Wed class will move to 6 pm)

Session 11: October 30 - November 23

Session 12: December 4 - 21

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

\$40 per session, 4 weeks per session (1 class per week)

Instructor: New Instructor, Jaime Burt

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

SHARPEN YOUR MIND, STRENGTHEN YOUR BODY

New Sessions Start in September!

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

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

Session 1: September 9 - October 30

Fee: 8 Classes - \$40 (1 class per week)

16 Classes - \$70 (2 classes per week)

Session 2: November 4 - December 18

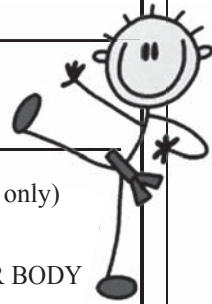
(No class Nov. 25 & 27)

Fee: 6 Classes - \$40 (1 class per week)

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

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

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PARKS & RECREATION

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Karate!!

BULLETIN BOARD

Turbo Kickboxing

- Sept.** Karate, Taekwondo & Tennis
New Sessions Starting this Month!
- Sept. 2** Last Day Pool is Open
Holiday Hours 12 - 7 pm
- Oct. 7** NEW CLASS - Turbo Kickboxing Starts!
- Nov. 2** Countryside Animal Clinic
Community Center Parking Lot
10:30 am - 12:30 pm

**Contact Parks Department
about Registration!**

281-983-2935

Meadows Place Residents

**WE DESERVE
A NICE PARK!**

**Please Stop or Report
Vandalism or Misuse of Facilities**

Police: 281-983-2900



**DON'T MESS
WITH TEXAS**

AND...

**DON'T MESS WITH
Meadows Place**

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)

Turbo Kickboxing Class

Description: Turbo Kick is the revolutionary group exercise program that has changed the direction of kickboxing today. Inspired by dance, Tai Kwon Do, boxing, tai-chi, and funk, this workout creates a party atmosphere!

Who: Ages 13 and up

Where: Community Center, 11975 Dorrance

When: Monday evenings: 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Session 1: October 7 - 28

Session 2: November 4 - 25

Cost: 4 classes - \$40

Additional Info: Wear shorts & a t-shirt you can move in

Instructor: Pamela Sampson, Meadows Place resident, has a degree in exercise and sports science, is a Certified Personal Trainer, as well as a Certified Group Exercise Instructor (since 1996) and CPR/AED Trained (current). Please call for more information at 832-577-2403.

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Attention!!!

New Bowlers Needed! League play begins in September!

Meadows Place Ladies Bowling meets every Wednesday morning at 9 am at Stafford Bowling Lanes. Interested? Contact Belle Murray at 281.495.3297 or Betty Glona at 281.498.8330.



55+ Club

55+ Club September Events:

- **Sept. 5:** Social Gathering, 9 am - 10 am & 6 pm - 7 pm
- **Sept. 12:** Game Day, 9 am

All activities will take place at the Community Center.

*I look forward to see all of you at the
Community Center!*



Meadows Place in Alaska!

Odell and Joe Smith putting a Meadows Place sign in the Sign Post Forest on the Alaskan Highway.



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.



New session starts in September!

When: Thursdays

Starts: September 19

Ends: December 12 (no class November 28th)

Cost: \$45--12 Week Session
\$30--Uniform (sorry no checks, CASH ONLY)
All Students MUST Register

Time: 6:30pm - 7:30pm Junior Class (Ages 5-12)
7:30pm - 8:30pm Adult Classes (Ages 13 and up)

Where: Community Center

Instructors: Steve Puma, Meadows Place resident (3rd Degree Black Belt), Michael Puma (3rd Degree Black Belt)

New students will be accepted the first 3 weeks. You may try the first class **Free** to make sure you wish to sign up.

Children must be 5 years of age.

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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. 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

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

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

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

• Daycare enrolling. Meals included. 20 years experience. Melanie 281-495-7996

• Registered child care in my Meadows Place home for all ages - 281-530-6740.



Fall Craft Show

**Mark your calendar for
Saturday, November 2nd.**

This year the Craft Show will be at Sugar Grove Church of Christ, 11600 W. Airport from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm.

If you have made some additions to your home, remodeled, upgraded... we are looking for Meadows Place homes to show case in our Spring Home Tour. Call Lou Ann at 281.568.2989.



Home & Garden Club

By Beverly Martin, Publicity

Early Summer we announced our 2013 Scholarship Award recipients. The Home and Garden Club says "Thank You" to Meadows Place area donors who helped us provide financial support to more Meadows Place residents this year.

- Anita Miline Beard Realty Group
- Helfman Ford
- Meadows Place Couples Bunco
- Meadows Place Economic Development Council
- President Terry Henley
- Sterling McCall Lexus
- Texas Direct Auto
- Virtue Tattoo

**Congratulations to August Yard of the Month
Winners:**

Section I
Jacky and Kathy Dennison
11507 Dorrance

Section IVS
Hector Pagala
12118 Blair Meadow Dr.

Section II
Barry and Karen Straughan
11734 Brighton Lane

Section IVN
Jeff and Sharon Krebs
11802 Cedar Form

Section III
Larry and June Mahoney
12160 Scottsdale

Section V
Mehboob and Saira Mithani
12502 Meadow Glen



Garage Sale Dates

**November
8 & 9**



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re-al adj \re(-ə)l\
 a : not artificial, fraudulent, or illusory : genuine <real gold>; also : being precisely what the name implies <a real professional>
so-lu-tion noun \sə-'lū-shən\
 a : an action or process of solving a problem
 b : an answer to a problem : explanation; specifically : a set of values of the variables that satisfies an equation
ser-vice noun \sər-'vīs\
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 a : a helpful act <did him a service>

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