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Place for
Life*

City of
Meadows PLACE

SEPTEMBER 2014

COMMENTS FROM THE MAYOR

By Charles Jessup



Police Department Receives Grant

Meadows Place Police Chief Gary Stewart is pleased to announce the City of Meadows Place was awarded a grant for \$67,850.00 for a new Computer Aided Dispatch/Records Management System. (CAD/RMS) This is such good news; we are currently running on a software system that was outdated seven

(7) years ago and sometimes struggled

to keep data available. The new CAD/RMS system is a powerful real time command and control process that tracks information relating to all the PD's calls and field unit activity. This will not make much difference regarding officer dispatch. We will see the biggest change in the area of records management where everything will be much more integrated and compartmentalized for easier records recovery. This is especially important in a small city like ours with limited staff. This is very exciting news for our city.

Of note - Chief Stewart, Captain Jack Ashton and Jerry Brownlee have been working on this for four years. Four years! Their efforts will bring MPPD into the 21st century and help us keep up with all the new technological demands being put on law enforcement agencies today. This grant came through the Houston-Galveston Area Council (HGAC) via the Texas Homeland Security State Administrative Agency with FY2014 State Homeland Security grant allocations and is part of a VERY competitive process. Installation and training should be completed by the end of October 2014.

City Hall Facelift

Come take a look at your "new" City Hall. Thanks to funding from our Economic Development Corporation (EDC), Meadows Place City Hall has received a fresh new look. We now have a big City of Meadows Place logo and tagline on the front of City Hall as well as new instructional signs to direct our guests and visitors.

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**Join your neighbors
at the
31st ANNUAL**



POLICE-COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

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

CITY CALENDAR

Sept. 1 City Hall Closed Labor Day

Sept. 26 Fort Bend County Fair

For details see: www.fortbendcountyfair.com

Meetings

Sept. 9 City Council - Budget & Proposed Tax Rate Public Hearing - 7:30 p.m.

Sept. 11 EDC - 7:00 p.m.

Sept. 23 City Council - 6:00 p.m. Workshop 7:30 p.m. Regular Meeting and Adoption of Budget and Tax Rate

www.cityofmeadowsplace.org

Did You Know?...

Did You Know... that we should see the first signs of new cement being poured on West Airport by the second or third week of September? Unless you watch the day to day progress, it may seem there is not much going on but there really has been a lot of progress. In addition to the work on the street, pipes and substructure, they have been busy preparing the bases for our new decorative signal lights. These new signal lights will be green and should be a nice upgrade to the intersection.

Did You Know... Jan Moore, our City Secretary, recently attended an intense City Clerk conference? In addition to all the information sessions, Jan also had a test to take. I am pleased to say she passed with ease. Congratulations, Jan!

Did You Know... your City Council worked very hard on our budget this year? So did all the Department Heads. Thank You Dan, Jan, Monya and Chief Stewart - you are all to be commended. Thanks are also due to all the staff who helped in this grueling process. We have posted the proposed 2014-2015 Budget, and hearing dates for on our website. If you have any questions after looking it over, do not hesitate to contact myself or one of your Council members.

Did You Know... that we had two police officers celebrate their "anniversary" with Meadows Place? Patrol Officer Jyron Jackson has been with us eight years and has not missed a day of work in that entire time! Officer Kelly Davis, who heads up our business BAC-Up program, has been looking after us for ten years. Many of you know her as the one protecting our kids by the corner at Meadows Elementary. These two officers are part of our fantastic force that keeps Meadows Place... *Your Place for Life.*

Your Place for Life.

Did You Know... The Meadows Place Kid Fish Tournament was the talk of the town at a

recent water reuse conference? Our Parks Dept. is working to make the event even more fun next year!

Did You Know... There are separate pages for our pet "Lost and Found" making it simpler to use and easier to navigate? If you are trying to help an animal find its way home or locate a lost pet, please do not forget to post on this site. I am amazed at how hard neighbors in Meadows Place will work to help get our pets home. Please use this site, social media and the bulletin board by the parking lot at the park, but please, DO NOT tape anything to our street or stop signs; it is against the law and can get you a ticket. Nobody wants that, we just want our pets to come home.

Did You Know... you will be seeing some activity up at our water well on Kirkwood? The original emergency back-up generator installed in 1967 when Meadows M.U.D. was the only thing out here, finally bit the dust and has to be replaced. Dan McGraw searched and searched to find us the best replacement he could find. He was able to save us (a ton of) money by going with a remanufactured unit instead of a new one. In addition to being back-up just for the water well, the new unit will also provide back-up electricity to the Fire Station and the Tactical Training Center (TTC), which will house emergency operations should the need arise. Thank you, Dan for all the work you put in to make sure we will have water in the event of an emergency and loss of power to the well.

I would also like to say thank you to everyone who attends the Meadows Place Neighborhood Watch!

If 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... Parks Director Monya Keenen already has already reserved the "Snow" for the Christmas Memories Snow Hills? These hills are a very popular part of this great event but as you can see, they take a lot of work and planning to pull together. The same can be said of all the great events in Meadows Place. The city also works with various groups so their seasons and events can be as successful as possible. Next up - Sugar Grove Church of Christ 5K Fun Run.

(Comments From The Mayor continued from page 1)

The entryway looks brand new and the shiny clean sunlight domes let in much more light now, really brightening up the inside of City Hall and making us look even more friendly and inviting. The change in the garden is huge. By thinning out "the jungle" and adding roses we now have a warm, colorful and inviting entry. What we had was good but what we now have is great, proving once again that Meadows Place truly is an enclave city on the move.

Meadows Place Responds

Recently I have received several written requests or e-mails asking me to Thank someone who works here for what they did or how someone went out of their way to help or look after one of our residents. Two of the most recent included an email thanking Dan McGraw for his quick work on a dangerous road issue in front of his neighbor's house, the other was a longtime resident bringing me a hand written note wanting us to thank the two gentlemen who did such a good job fixing her front yard after a water leak. She was very grateful and wanted us to know about it. This is not unusual, nor is getting requests from residents to answer questions about city services, who to contact about what, or any number of other topics.

For every question I get, there must be a hundred asked to the others here at City Hall. I can't answer every question right away and sometimes neither can they, but the one thing I do know, is that we try our best to do the one thing we can do – and that is to respond. To everyone, every time. This week we have responded to calls for Code Enforcement violations, road, water and security issues. We have responded at the pool, at City Hall and in your neighborhoods - and that doesn't include all the calls to our Police Department. They get a truly eclectic array of calls and they too ALWAYS respond as well as the Fire Department. I am proud of how we respond and I hope you are too. Please feel free to let us know how we can better serve you so Meadows Place will continue to be... ***Your Place for Life!***

Notary Services at City Hall

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!

COP TALK



By Chief Gary Stewart



REMINDER!
National Night Out
October 7th, 2014 • 6pm to 8pm

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

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT is designed to:

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

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

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

For more information: www.cityofmeadowsplace.org

Contact Ofc. Davis:

davis@cityofmeadowsplace.org or 281 983-2900

Taking Care of Business

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

There is reinvestment taking place in the Meadows Place business community? Mr. Marvin Marcell of Group 1 Auto was pleased to announce

Sterling McCall Nissan

is going to renovate and remodel their facility. The multi-million dollar changes will not only look beautiful but make it easier for both new and returning customers. Sterling McCall Nissan is yet another Meadows Place business on the move!



Thank You

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



By Jerry Parker

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

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

Please do not leave any standing water on your property. We have been fortunate so far, let's not have a case of West Nile or worse.

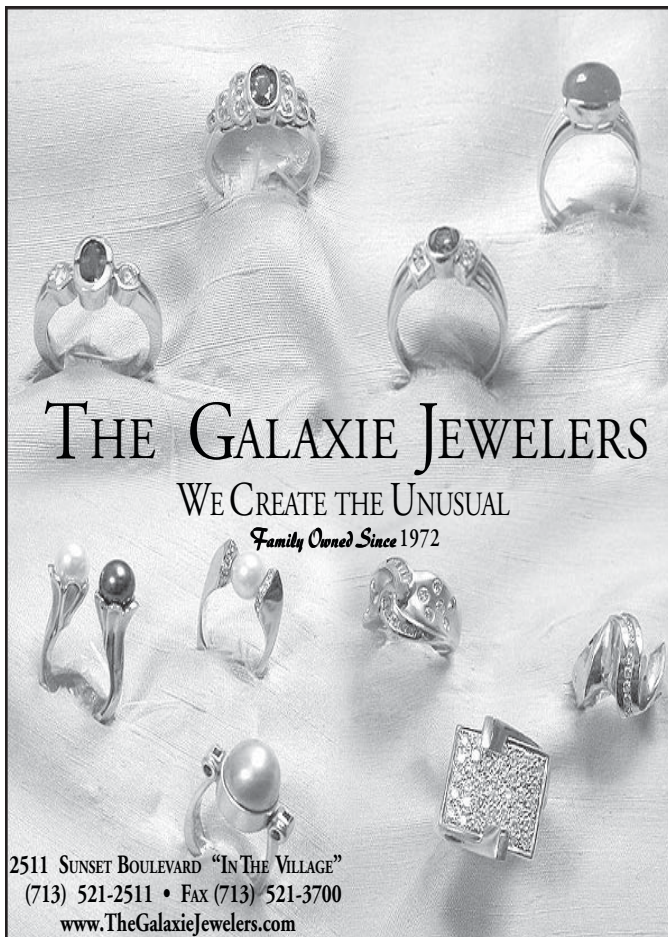
Last but not least, our trees are loving the decent rains we have had this summer; however, they are starting to once again droop over our streets and sidewalks. Please trim trees to 16' over the street and 10' over the sidewalks.

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

Top Hits from August:

Violation:	Warn/Cit	Comply:
Grass/weeds	10/1	9
Trees/Shrubs	5	5
Trailer/Car/Boat	5/1	5
Trash Cans/Debris	20	18
General Nuisance	42/2	36
Totals	82/4	73

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Meet the Department Heads



Amy C. Duncan

AMY C. DUNCAN *Administrative Clerk*

Amy C. Duncan joins the City of Meadows Place as Administrative Clerk with over five years of municipal experience. Originally from Oakdale, Louisiana, Amy has been a Texas resident since 2001 and is a graduate of Duncanville High School. She has worked for the cities of Duncanville, Bellaire, and Sugar Land, respectively, where she has acquired skills and experience in parks & recreation development, revenue management, customer service, administrative support, research & report drafting, financial processing, and program creation & implementation. Amy is currently pursuing her Bachelors of Arts (B.A.) in Communications from the University of Houston-Downtown and is excited to serve the Meadows Place community in this newly established role.

Labor Day

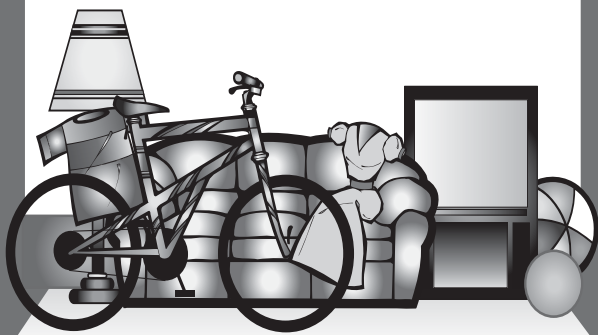
Labor Day in the United States is a holiday celebrated on the first Monday in September. It is a celebration of the American labor movement and is dedicated to the social and economic achievements of workers. It constitutes a yearly national tribute to the contributions workers have made to the strength, prosperity, and well-being of their country. Labor Day was promoted by the Central Labor Union and the Knights of Labor, who organized the first parade in New York City. After the Haymarket Massacre, which occurred in Chicago on May 4, 1886, U.S. President Grover Cleveland feared that commemorating Labor Day on May 1 could become an opportunity to commemorate the affair. Thus, in 1887, it was established as an official holiday in September to support the Labor Day that the Knights favored.



GARAGE SALE

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2014**

November
14th & 15th



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Classified & Advertising

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• 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.

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

• Childcare in my Meadows Place home. Ages 6 weeks thru 3 years. CPR & First Aid certified. 15 plus years experience. Margaret 832-606-9653.



Home & Garden Club

By Rose Melancon, Publicity

Congratulations to August Yard of the Month winners!

Section I

Paco and Rosa Montavan
11414 Brook Meadow

Section IVS

Tuan Doan
12326 Brighton Lane

Section II

Mary Evelyn Billingsley
11942 Brook Meadow

Section IVN

Betty Strickland
11710 Solano Ct.

Section III

Janet Kulhanek
12138 Monticeto

Section V

Ofelia Reyes
12510 Meadow Glen Dr.

Home and Garden Events

September 9th, 7 p.m. at the Community Center

First Home and Garden Meeting

Planning for your financial future can be daunting! Join us as our very own Meadows Place resident, Ever Ramirez a Financial Advisor for Edward Jones presents "Navigating Your Next Adventure: Managing Your Income in Retirement."

November 1st at Sugar Grove Church of Christ

Home and Garden Club's Annual Craft Show

Calling all Meadows Place resident crafters and friends- Craft Show booths are still available for you to sell your homemade items! Contact Joe DeBruyn at 281-530-2566 (evenings)

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2014 Kid Fish Derby

Six year old Logan Hood was very excited about the Kid Fish Derby and got to the lake first, before the sun! The Sun had barely come up over the houses as the rest of the fishermen and their parents made their way to the Lake at McGrath Park for the 3rd Annual Kid Fish Derby. As soon as the worms were on the hooks, the fish were biting!

Alfa Laval Ashbrook Simon-Hartley, The PARC (the Perry Abernathy Recreation Center) and our own Parks & Recreation Department co-sponsored this event to teach youngsters the sport of fishing. By introducing kids to fishing, the balance of nature and educating them to the concept of stewardship, we hope to create a legacy of protecting our natural resources long into the future.

Our 3rd Annual Kid Fish Derby brought out 54 kids to fish, more than last year and a larger overall catch of 490 fish. The Winners are:

6 & Under:

Largest Fish	Smallest Fish	Most Caught
Everett Whiles 5.25"	Beckett Huddle 3.75"	Jonathan Garcia 27

7, 8 & 9 Year olds:

Largest Fish	Smallest Fish	Most Caught
Matthew Smith 7.5"	Isabelle Israelow 3"	Matthew Smith 22

10 & Older:

Largest Fish	Smallest Fish	Most Caught
Ramon Serrano 9.5"	Mya Frame 3"	Thomas Kiang 62

Thomas Kiang was our only repeat winner; last year he won the "Most Caught" with only 17 fish caught (he's been practicing!) Everyone went home with door prizes and the cane fishing poles used in the tournament!

Thanks also to our sponsors, Alfa Laval Ashbrook Simon-Hartley, the PARC and our own Parks & Recreation Department for the all of the prizes and equipment; thank you to Sugar Grove Church of Christ for providing SGCC volunteers and water; we could not have done this without them. Thank you to Mayor Jessup, Aldermen Steve Bezner & John Isbell, Shirley Isbell, Tyler Bezner, Di Torreros-Carter, Rylan Mueller & Aspasia Torreros-Carter for helping with tips, baiting hooks, measuring, picture taking and recording the catch. It was a GREAT day!

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

And you can fish at the lake anytime! Fishermen 17 years and younger or 65 years and older don't need a license, but a license can be purchased at Wal-Mart, Sports Authority or Academy. Our Lake is "Catch & Release Only" fishing and there are a lot of fish to catch! The Lake is stocked with bass, red ear bream, Copper-nose bluegill and hybrid bluegill. The large amount of fish attracts the water fowl that frequent our lake too.



Under 6 Winners:
Everett Whiles, Beckett Huddle,
& Jonathan Garcia
With Beckett's Dad Roy Huddle



7, 8 & 9 Winners:
Isabelle Israelow
& Matthew Smith



10 & Older Winners:
Ramon Serrano, Mya Frame & Thomas Kiang



Fishing during Kid Fish Derby 2014

PARKS & RECREATION



City of Meadows Place
Parks and Recreation



To participate in any City of Meadows Place program or class, pre-registration is required, and most classes have a minimum/maximum enrollment.

PLEASE REGISTER EARLY!

Registration forms can be picked up at City Hall Monday - Friday, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm or printed off the City website www.cityofmeadowsplace.org. Make checks payable to City of Meadows Place; with payment, mail or turn into the City payments box at City Hall. For more information, call Parks & Recreation @ 281.983.2935 or email: parks3@cityofmeadowsplace.org.

Classes

TENNIS

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

Where: Tennis Courts

When: *2014 Session 9:* September 3 - 27
2014 Session 10: October 1 - 25

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

Residents 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 water bill verifying Meadows Place residency must be shown to purchase the access card.
- Access cards are \$50 per card, maximum two (2) cards per family.
- Cards are valid through May; old cards are 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 will result in forfeiture of Access Cards and future access will be denied.

PARKS & RECREATION

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Karate

BULLETIN BOARD

Animal
Clinic

- Sept. 1** Last Day Pool is Open
Holiday Hours 12 – 7 pm
- Sept.** Karate, Taekwondo & Tennis
New Sessions Starting this Month!
- 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 ever-changing 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 belt). Since 1993.



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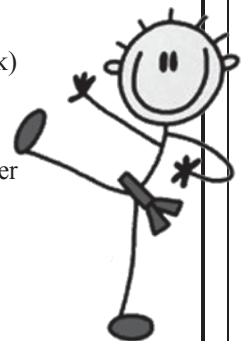
Where: Community Center

When: Mondays and Wednesdays
September 8 - October 29

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

Fee: 8 Classes - \$39 (1 class per week)
16 Classes - \$75 (2 classes per week)

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



PARKS & RECREATION



Attention!!!

New Bowlers Needed!
League play begins in September!

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



Fishing at the Lake!

Catch and release fishing is permitted. Anglers ages 17 and up must have a current fishing license. Discounts are offered to those ages 65+. Grab your pole & bait and head to the lake!

Please do not release any outside fish into the lake or critters into the lake or park.



Meadows Place Residents

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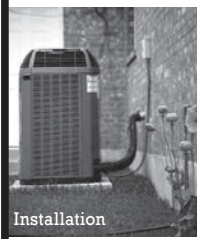
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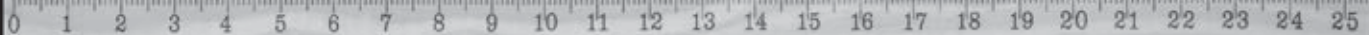
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