



Mayor Mark McGrath

COMMENTS FROM THE MAYOR

By *Mark McGrath*

TORNADO DAMAGE

On November 17th around noon, a tornado swept through our City. After doing damage in Sugar Land, the tornado entered the City near the corner of Dairy Ashford and West Airport. From there, it proceeded roughly on a line and exited the City near the intersection of Ambleswood and Monticeto. From there, it proceeded on to the City of Houston, doing significant damage to apartment complexes at the corner of South Kirkwood and West Bellfort.

Besides the damaged roofs, broken limbs and downed fences suffered by many residents and Meadows Elementary School, City facilities were also impacted. Remnants of a roof blown off a house on Monticeto landed on the City's sewage treatment plant. A power line snapped as a result and the plant was shut down for several hours. Fortunately, public health was not threatened during this time.

However, the control structure next to the plant suffered roof damage as did the electrical panel inside. The fence around the plant was also damaged as was some of the mechanical equipment inside. City reserve funds will pay for the cost of fixing these items. Insurance proceeds and other sources will be pursued to minimize the impact of the storm on the City's budget.

Public safety personnel were deployed immediately after the touchdown. Your Public Works Department cleared storm drains and other areas of debris in the ensuing downpour and coordinated the effort to remove debris from the streets and right-of-way. Your Police Department was present throughout the afternoon and into the evening, checking on the welfare of residents and property as well as directing traffic around the affected areas. The Stafford Volunteer Fire Department was present to assist in helping individuals and securing property. The Stafford Police Department provided officers to assist ours. The County Road and Bridge Department provided crews and equipment on a moment's notice to remove debris, both that afternoon, and also in the following days. The Fort Bend ISD police were present at Meadows Elementary School to help direct traffic in the wake of concerned parents coming to the school to check on the welfare of their children.

As you can see, this was a professional, collaborative effort to respond to an emergency situation. I think we can be pleased with the level of effort demonstrated and the quick response. If this situation should occur again in the future, and I hope it doesn't, it is good to know we have professionals such as these available to respond.

CITY HALL OFFICE HOURS
9:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.

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PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT(281) 983-2935

ALARM PERMITS

All alarm permits expire December 31st. Alarm permits are renewable for \$5.00. Any permit that is not renewed by December 31st, 2003 will be deemed cancelled.

Cancelled permits shall not be renewable and must be reapplied for at the initial fee of \$15.00. Alarm permits are required by City Ordinance. Failure to comply may result in the issuance of a citation by Meadows Place Police Department. When renewing your permit by mail, your cancelled check will be your receipt.

GARAGE SALE DATES

Garage sales are limited to the last weekend of odd numbered months (January, March, May, etc.) Weekends are defined as Friday and Saturday. Residents may have up to 2 garage sales per year on the designated weekends. A garage sale permit is required. Please refer to the dates show below for garage sale dates.

Upcoming sale dates are:

- January 30 & 31, 2004
- July 30 & 31, 2004
- May 28 & 29, 2004
- September 24 & 25, 2004
- March 26 & 27, 2004



WINDOW AIR CONDITIONERS

Window air conditioning units visible from the street are prohibited! Effective January 1, 2004 this will be enforced. Please assist in keeping our homes aesthetically attractive. Your compliance enhances the quality and value of our city.

PAINT APPROVALS

Another reminder that all exterior painting needs to be approved by a MCIA Board member. Copies of the paint approval book as well as approval forms are available at City Hall. Printing prior to approval may result in you having to repaint. Please remember it may take several days for your request to be approved; allow yourself up to a week from the time you submit your paint request to the beginning of your paint job.

The MCIA Board will not meet during December. The Board wishes you and your family a blessed and safe holiday season.

Members:

Mike Schofield 281-575-7471 Cathy Jacobson 281-933-8333
Steve Court 281-498-4334 Diann Hamilton 281-495-4038
Sherry Carlson 281-879-1359

HOME AND GARDEN CLUB

The recent Craft Sale was a big success and the Garden Club appreciates the great turnout by our neighbors and friends. We would like to express our special thanks to Boy Scout Troop 301 for their help in assisting vendors and clean up of the gymnasium after the sale, and, to Boy Scout Troop 1115 for giving up a Sunday to deliver announcement fliers to over 1500 homes in Meadows Place. A job well done by all of you!

The Christmas Party and gift exchange for club members was at the meeting on December 9th and on December 12th husbands and guests joined in for the annual bunco party and Christmas celebration at the Community Center.

Club members judged the Holiday Lights on the weekend of December 13th and 14th, and the winners in each section will be announced in the January newsletter.

Several residents have asked to be notified of the next Garden Club meeting. We would like to extend an invitation to them and to all residents interested in the Club to visit with us at the next meeting on Tuesday, January 13th, 7:30 pm at the Community Center.

From all of us to all of you - Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

WATER LEAKS AND SEWER STOPPAGES

If you experience a water leak or sewer stoppage at your residence, call ECO Resources at 281-240-1300 ***BEFORE*** calling a plumber, unless you are absolutely positive the leak or stoppage is your responsibility. An operator from ECO will come to your home, diagnose the problem and notify you whether or not you will need a plumber to correct the problem. If the problem is occurring in the City owned main or house line tap on the main, it will be rectified. If you call a plumber first and the problem turns out to be the responsibility of the City, you will not be reimbursed for the cost of the plumber.

DID YOU KNOW...?

Did You Know that the November City Council Meeting was both informative and productive. Beside the department reports, we had good audience comments and then Mayor McGrath talked about "The Storm". He covered the immediate response by Chief Pickett and Dan McGraw, head of Public Works Dept. Both did a fantastic job and we are fortunate to have them here. As he helped coordinate the cleanup effort, Dan said that one thing he noticed is that "here in Meadows Place, people look after themselves and took care of a lot of it themselves and neighbors pitched in to help each other". Nice to hear isn't it?

Speaking of serving and helping...

Did You Know that your neighbors Douglas Shroeder and Ken Blankenship are now serving on the Board of Adjustment? Also, Bob Graf who works as the Director of Economic Development for Mo. City, is on our EDC board. This too is neighbors serving neighbors. Thanks.

Did You Know that Sgt. G.W. Holub of Fort Bend ISD Police Dept. says that the Meadows Place PD is very cooperative and works with and supports them whenever they need it. He also said the presence of our officers around the school as well as their participation in school programs is a great asset to the City and the kids.

Did You Know that Meadows Place is two square miles in size and has a population of about 5,000 people? You would know this and other

interesting tidbits about our City if you check our Website. Please do. The address is:

www.cityofmeadowsplace.org

Did You Know ...that there has been some activity and interest in some of the undeveloped land here in Meadows Place. Could be real good news for the City. Keep you fingers crossed and check future Newsletters for details. Speaking of good news, our business neighbors said their business did not drop to the extent of those in neighboring cities. This is proved out by tax revenues. Let's remember to "shop at home" whenever we can.

Did You Know ...that here in Meadows Place you can find fruit trees of all kinds. As you drive through you can see oranges, tangerines and grapefruit along with a few that I don't know. They look to be ripening right now!!

Did You Know ...that in a recent survey one of the biggest draws to Meadows Place was 'Safety' and people like the fact that MP is about a safe a neighborhood as there is. They also liked the "feel" of MP and the fact that it feels neighborly. That's nice to hear, isn't it?

Speaking of neighbors, Steve and Cindy Puma are "busy with the kids" and looking forward to the Holidays. I think we all are. Hope yours are happy and safe.

Happy Holidays!

Send YOUR news, and ideas to:
alderman1@cityofmeadowsplace.org

VEHICLE STICKERS

Meadows Place vehicle stickers are available at City Hall for your vehicles at the cost of \$1.00 each. While the stickers are optional, they do identify your vehicle as belonging in Meadows Place and are an aid to the Police Department. Be sure to bring your vehicle identification number and license plate number when applying for a sticker.

TIPS FROM THE FIRE MARSHAL

Holiday tip: After a party, search upholstery for smoldering cigarette butts. They kill more people yearly than cigarettes dropped in bedding! Keep your Christmas tree fresh - water properly as needed.

CITY CALENDAR

December 16, 2003	City Council City Hall 7:30 p.m.
December 24 & 25, 2003	City Hall Closed Christmas Holiday
January 1, 2004	City Hall Closed New Years Holiday

PARKS AND RECREATION DEPT. 281-983-2935

COMMUNITY CENTER RENTAL

Food and no alcohol	\$150.00
Food and alcohol	\$250.00
Nonresidents add \$50.00	

POOL/TENNIS ACCESS CARDS

If your card has not been renewed since April 1, 2003, you must purchase a new card. Cards are available at City Hall.

CITY ORDINANCE / CODE ENFORCEMENT

Meadows Place does require a permit for reroofing your residence. Permit applications requesting a color of shingle that has not previously been approved by the MCIA will require approval from a MCIA Board member before a permit can be issued. Be sure to allow time for all necessary paper work before you begin your roofing project.

Although you do not need a permit to paint your residence, the MCIA does require approval of paint colors. Forms for paint approval are available at City Hall.

SANTA S MAILBOX

Beginning November 26th through December 24th, Santa s special mailbox will be in place at City Hall. Letters to Santa can be mailed in his special mailbox without any postage! Santa s helpers pick up his mail everyday and make sure it gets to the North Pole before Christmas Eve.

ADVERTISING IN THE NEWSLETTER

Anyone wishing to place an ad in the newsletter can contact City Hall for information. All ads are due by the last day of each month. By changing the due date to the end of the month, we will be able to bring residents up to date on the latest activity from City Council meetings sooner. We wish to thank the advertisers who have helped to make this newsletter possible. The appearance of paid advertising is not an endorsement by the City. However, if you choose to use these advertisers, please let them know that you saw their ad in our newsletter.

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AVERAGE DAYS ON THE MARKET IS 47.

AVERAGE SQ.FT. PER DOLLAR IS 61.35.

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