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**Newsletter for the City of Meadows Place** 

#### Volume 18 - February 2004



Mayor Mark McGrath

COMMENTS FROM THE MAYOR By Mark McGrath

#### Jim McDonald Park

2004 is a special year for the City of Meadows Place. We are celebrating our 20th full year in existence as a City.

In recognition of this milestone, a 20th anniversary celebration is planned for Friday evening, April 30. Free food and drinks will be available to those attending.

Activities begin at 6:00 p.m.. The park dedication will be at 7:00 with food following. While celebrating our 20th anniversary, we will recognize an individual who served us on City Council and as Mayor from the inception of the City until his retirement almost two years ago. Jim McDonald worked tirelessly in service to his passion: establishing a City that not only serves residents today, but one that would be in existence for a long time.

In recognition of Jim's service to the City, a special City Council committee consisting of Joe McCann and David Piwonka recommended that the four acre park at the corner of Dorrance and Pender be renamed in Jim's honor. Council agreed this is a fitting tribute to a man who had given us so much in his many years of service. On April 30, please join me, City Council and City staff in celebrating our 20th anniversary and dedicating Jim McDonald Park.

#### **Commercial Construction**

On January 26th, a ground breaking ceremony was held at the site of Meadows Place Seniors Village. Construction is expected to take about a year. If you know of somebody interested in getting on the waiting list for a unit, contact Rae Fairfield at 713-468-1500. But there is more. Al Fairfield, the developer of Meadows Place Seniors Village, recently purchased the Park Place Assisted Living and Alzheimer's care facility. This is a 14 acre property roughly half of which is in our City and the balance in Stafford City limits. Preliminary plans call for the building of new Alzheimer's and assisted living facilities. The existing facilities will be demolished and office buildings, a hospital and other medical related facilities will be built in their place. Some of these buildings could span up to eight floors. Care is being taken to ensure that Meadows Place gets its fair share of the value of these improvements

Plans for this redevelopment must pass through the review of the City's Planning and Zoning Commission and be approved by City Council. We will do our best to keep you informed of developments. If you have any questions, feel free to e-mail me at mayor@cityofmeadowsplace.org.

#### 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 following information for garage sale dates.

#### Upcoming sale dates are:

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

#### CITY ORDINANCE / CODE ENFORCEMENT

Garbage, including plastic bags of grass clippings, can only be put out for pick up after 1:00 p.m. on Mondays and Thursdays. Any other time, all trash and garbage must be stored so as not to be visible from the street or sidewalk. Heavy trash pickup is every Friday.

#### CITY OF MEADOWS PLACE

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FT. BEND COUNTY SHERIFF	
WATER AND SEWER	
FT. BEND COUNTY COURTHOUSE	
ANIMAL CONTROL	
PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT	(281) 983-2935

#### PARKS AND RECREATION BULLETIN

#### 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.

#### KARATE ON GOING CLASSES

Winter Session January 15 – April 1 (no class spring break)

Spring Session April 8- May 27
Summer Session June 10 – August 19
Fall Session September 9 – December



#### RECREATION FOR SENIORS

Meadows Place Parks and Recreation has joined with the City of Sugar Land Parks and Recreation Department to offer field trips/classes and activities for senior citizens. All field trips/classes and activities will be offered at Sugar Land Community Center unless stated otherwise. Contact Meadows Place Parks and Recreation Department for any questions or how to sign up for an activity. 281-983-2935.

#### COMMUNITY CENTER RENTAL

Building capacity 165

Tables and chairs to accommodate your party

 Food and no alcohol
 \$150.00

 Food and alcohol
 \$250.00

 Non-residents add
 \$50.00

#### COMMUNITY POOL RENTAL

Maximum time allowed is 3 hrs. ..........\$300.00 Available for rental May 22- September 6, 2004

#### COMMUNITY CENTER/POOL COMBO

Meadows Place residents only -

Rent both and receive a discount of \$50.00

## CALL PARKS RECREATION TO SCHEDULE YOUR EVENT

281-983-2935

monya@cityofmeadowsplace.org terry@cityofmeadowsplace.org

#### **GAMES AND ACTIVITIES**

Bridge, Canasta, Shanghai, Mah Jong, Dominoes, Pool Monday – Fridays 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

#### WALKING CLUB

meets at the First Colony Mall Food Court Tuesday and Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

#### LINE DANCING

Mondays - Beginning / Intermediate Thursdays - Intermediate 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

#### ARTS AND CRAFTS

Thursdays, 12:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m

#### TABLE TENNIS

Wednesday and Fridays, 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. \$3.00 per month

#### HOME AND GARDEN CLUB

Five Meadows Place Police Officers joined to members, husbands and guests at the January Home and in Garden Club's Pot Luck Dinner. After dinner an open discussion, and, question and answer session highlighted the meeting. One of the big problems in Meadows Place is burglary of motor vehicles and garages. The officers could not stress strongly enough that that phase of crime could be greatly curtailed by locking cars and keeping garage doors down. Our police force is very active in keeping traffic slowed down on Airport and Kirkwood and

also said that a "fast rolling stop" is NOT a stop at a stop sign. Car safety on the road was another

topic given great input. Again, lock your car doors. It's important. The information we received that our Police Department has a 2 to 5 minute response time is very good news. And, if they respond to a situation that needs further assistance, surrounding area police departments are ready to help.

The February Garden Club meeting will be the Club's annual International Dinner at a local restaurant. Since there will be no regular meeting that night we would like to extend an invitation for residents to attend the following meeting at the Community Center on Tuesday March 9th.

## ??Did You Know??

Dan McGraw is always happy to see folks raking the leaves out of the street so they don't go down the storm drains where they clog up the drains, slow the displacement of water and cost us money. So - Thanks neighbors.

**Did You Know** ... that we thinned the trees up at the fenced in park by the school? Lot more light and space now. Should benefit everyone that uses that wonderful little park.

one of our new Meadows Place neighbors. He's the Chaplain at the Harris County Jail. He then asked me what I did. This made me wonder if anyone ever wondered what the Mayor & Council did when they aren't debating the issues. Well, your Mayor Mark McGrath is a CPA. He is a partner in the firm Null-Lairson, P.C. and his area of expertise is providing accounting, auditing and consulting services for both large and small municipal clients. As for

Council, Terry Henley is a Technical Sales Professional for General Electric. He has been on Council 17 yrs. He is the Past Chairman of HGAC and the current President of the Texas Municipal League. Leen Zellers is a realtor with Heritage Texas Properties and has years of experience and expertise in both residential and commercial real estate. Joe McCann owns McCannix, an automotive repair and body shop. He also owns and operates a manufacturing company and a 32 team soccer league. David Piwonka, who has been on council as long as there has been a council, is the Chief Appraiser for the Waller County Appraisal District and the Tax Assessor

Collector for Katy ISD. The newest Council Member, Charles Jessup, is in the funeral and cemetery business serving as a Family Service Counselor, has a background in business and writes this column. This Administration has a strong and diverse background which it uses to serve and develop programs for everyone in Meadows Place. We are very fortunate to have such a wealth of knowledge and experience.

Baseball is up and running for the 2004 Spring season. What a great league it is. Hope you are signed up. You know, I still remember my very first game "Under the Lights". This year Meadows All Play will be "under the lights" for the very first time! Hope it is a memorable for these kids. Play Ball!!!

Place Police Department does 'Welfare Checks'? That is, they take calls from folks where they are asked to go by the house and 'check' on something or somebody in an emergency – or possible emergency. They do a

couple a month. Great to live in Meadows Place isn't it! Speaking of the PD....they recently caught some bad guys in our city due to a 'something doesn't seem right' type of call. They went and checked it out. Sure enough, the Bad Guys were caught and it all started when one of your neighbors called and reported suspicious activity. Chief Pickett says he will take all those calls he can get, even if there is nothing wrong – this time. So be a good neighbor and let's help the Chief keep the bad guys at bay and out of our city.

Please let me know your questions and for 'Did You Know' and have a very... Happy New Year!

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

Those cans aren't painted red just for the fun of it! Flammable liquids should be stored only in approved safety containers and the containers should be kept outside the house and garage in a separate storage shed. Gas up lawn equipment outside, away from enclosed areas and any source of sparks or heat. Don't fill a hot lawn mower, or other motor; let it cool first.

### FIELD TRIPS

#### KEMAH BOARDWALK and SHOPPING

February 20<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 a.m. Cost: \$10.00 ( lunch is not included)

#### *Austin*

February 27<sup>th</sup> 7:30 a.m.
Cost: \$20.00 (lunch is not included)
Visit the Capitol, the Bob Bullock Museum and the LBJ Library

#### BILOXI

March 9.10 and 11

Activities to include (but not limited to) tours of the Biloxi lighthouse, Stennis Sphere (NASA), the Maritime and Seafood Industry Museum,

Kessler Air Force Base and a sailing cruise. Cost: \$400.00 single

\$350.00 per person for a double

Cost includes: hotel, all tour fees, one breakfast and transportation.

#### **GALVESTON and THE RAIN FOREST CAFE**

March 19<sup>th</sup>, Friday, 9:30 a.m. Cost: \$10.00 (lunch is not included )

#### MASSINA HOF WINERY

April 23, Friday, 8:00 a.m. Cost: \$35.00 ( lunch is included in the cost)



#### MEADOWS COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

#### NEW ROOFS

Roofs are being replaced or repaired as a result of the tornado on November 17<sup>th</sup>. All new roofs require color approval and a permit prior to being installed. Several of the stucco homes with tile roofs were damaged. The board met with a representative of Monier Lifetile and approved the following colors from this manufacturer for tile roof replacement:

Terra Cotta (Pennywise) Canyon Red (Natural Clay) Casa Grande Blend Desert Sage Marbled Terra Cotta Marbled Canyon Red

All approved colors for composition and tile roof are available for review at City Hall. Be sue you and your roofer work with the city in advance of installation.

#### WINDOW AIR CONDITIONERS

Window units that are visible from the street are prohibited! Please assist in keeping our City and our homes aesthetically tasteful.

#### **PAINT APPROVALS**

Another reminder that all exterior painting needs to be approved by a MCIA Board member. This also includes colors for exterior siding. Copies of the paint approval book as well as approval forms are available at City Hall. Painting prior to approval may result in having to repaint.

#### MCIA BOARD MEETINGS

If you have a concern that needs to be brought to the attention of your MCIA Board and would like to be placed on the agenda, please contact one of the board members.

#### 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

## SUMMER ACTIVITIES ARE IN THE PLANNING STAGES NEW IDEAS WELCOME

#### BAREFOOT N FRIDAYS

May 21, June 11, 25, July 9, 23, August 6 8:30 – 11:00 pm \$5.00

#### CHILDREN'S THEME POOL PARTIES AVAILABLE

See back page of Newsletter

#### SPLASH NIGHT

Friday, June 4th 6-9 PM

#### **JULY 4TH PARADE**

Sunday, July 4th 1:00 pm

#### **GOLF TOURNAMENT**

Monday, September 27th Sienna Plantation Golf Club

LIFEGUARD applications being accepted until April 2nd
All applicants must be 16 years of age by training dates in May.
Check out March newsletter for training dates.
For more information call Monya Keenen Parks and Recreation
Department at 281-983-2934
monya@cityofmeadowsplace.org

#### **CITY CALENDAR**

February 24, 2004

City Council City Hall 7:30 p.m.

#### **CLASSIFIED & ADVERTISING**

- ▶ Pet sitting. References available. Grant or Richard (281) 933-3499
- William Sutherland, handyman Appliance repairs, Electrical, Plumbing, Interior-Exterior carpentry work, Painting. Pager, 713-833-9847. Home, 281-530-0706.
- ▶ Cakes for all occasions, Catering, House Sitting, Gift Baskets, and Custom Wreaths. References available. 832-549-9892.
- ▶ I'm looking for a owner financed house in the Meadows Place. 281-530-5109.
- ▶ House cleaning residential, apartments reliable cheap prices. 281-530-5651. Cell 814-0647.
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- Residential cleaning with experience and references. Any days of the week. Angelica 832-264-5887.
- ▶ Help Wanted Part Time Experienced Swimming Pool Technician and/or Cleaner. 281-776-9113.
- ▶ Child care in my Meadows Place home. Registered. Nancy 281-530-6740.

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#### 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 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.

## WATER LEAKS AND SEWER STOPPAGES



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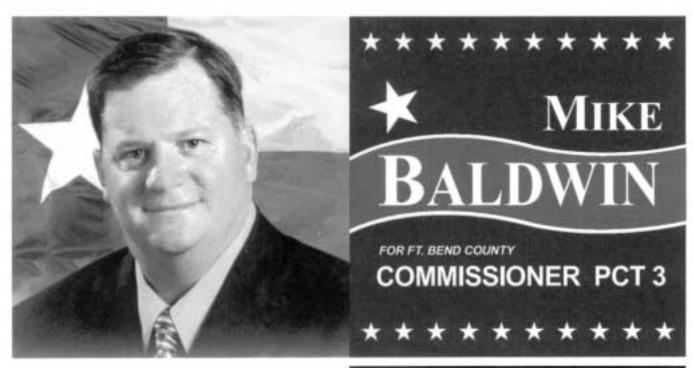
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#### **★ QUALIFICATIONS & EXPERIENCE**

B.S. Civil Engineering, University of Houston, 1987 Licensed Professional Engineer

Over 20 years Civil Engineering & Management experience

President - Provident Engineers, Inc.

Member - Texas Society of Professional Engineers

Member - Greater Houston Building Association

Member - Fort Bend Economic Development Council

#### \* PERSONAL

Married to Julie Baldwin

Three children Sean, Alyson & Trey

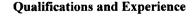
Member - The Epiphany of the Lord Catholic Church

- MIKE BALDWIN, will fight for streamlining of the County Budget and REAL Property Tax Relief.
- MIKE BALDWIN, will work to ensure affordable drinking water for the future of Pct. 3 and Fort Bend County.
- MIKE BALDWIN, will protect our Quality of Life by accelerating mobility projects as well as securing funds for libraries, and other necessary public facilities.

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Dear Neighbors:

I have always valued the friends and memories that I have with the City of Meadows Place. The camaraderie, enthusiasm, spark and commitment of the residents of this great city are second to none. I ask for that support and enthusiasm this coming election, March 9, as I run for re-election. I look forward to serving you for another term. Thanks for your valued support over the years.

Your servant,

Rob

- ♦ Graduate of Texas Tech University
- ♦ Constable of Pct. 3 since 1988
- ♦ Former Meadows Place police officer
- ♦ Graduate of FBI National Academy
- ♦ Master Peace Officer Certification
- ♦ Certified Police Instructor
- ♦ Certified Firearms Instructor
- ♦ Active in law enforcement for 23 years
- Over 4400 hours law enforcement training

#### **Community Service**

- ♦ Resident of Meadows Place -17 years
- ♦ Cubmaster Pack 301-Meadows Place—5 years
- ♦ Tomahawk District CubScouts DayCamp—BB training
- ♦ Coach, Board Member, Meadows Place All-play—6 years
- ♦ Involved with Boy Scouts of America—over 20 years
- Assistant Scout Master Troop 1115-Meadows Place area
- Scholastic scholarship sponsor for area high school
- Lamar Little League—Board of Directors, coach, manager
- ♦ Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo—18 years
- ♦ Fort Bend County Fair and Rodeo 4 years
- Court Appointed Special Advocates-CASA- advisory board
- ♦ Vice-President, Co-founder DreamCatchersUSA.org

#### Personal

- ♦ Native Texan
- ♦ Lifelong Republican
- Married to Peggy Cox Cook
- ♦ Two boys—Cody-14 and Collin -12
- ♦ Member Richmond Plaza Baptist Church

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## ELECT



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Republican Precinct Chair

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#### Personal

- Graduate of Dulles High School
- BS from Sam Houston State University
- Masters from Texas A&M
- Meadows Place Resident20 years
- Married to Donald Bathe
   20 years
- Teacher at Meadows Elementary for 17 years
- Son Cody at Dulles High
- Daughter Brittany at Dulles Middle School
- Member of Missouri City
   Methodist Church
   Community

- Past President of Meadows Elementary PTO
- Planning and Zoning
   Committee for Meadows
   Place
- Fort Bend ARC Committee Chair - 20 years
- Girl Scout Committee Chair
- Mayoral Election Campaign

Early Voting
Feb. 23 - March 4



Republican Primary - March 9 (Meadows Place City Hall)

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Dear Meadows Place Homeowner,

Almost daily I speak with homeowners who are interested in knowing how much equity they've earned with their home. That's why I have provided below a list of homes recently sold in our neighborhood.

Month	Homes Sold	Average Sale Price	Average Days on Market	Price Range of Sold Proper- ties	Average Sales Price vs List Price
7/2003	6	\$141,000	31	\$120,000—\$181,000	97%
8/2003	8	\$132,000	30	\$80,000—\$160,000	98%
9/2003	8	\$144,000	65	\$120,000—\$176,000	98%
10/2003	6	\$117,000	58	\$113,000—\$123,000	99%
11/2003	5	\$138,000	40	\$122,000—\$169,000	99%
12/2003	5	\$115,000	69	\$82,000—\$136,000	99%

Are you considering selling your home in the next 6 months? If so, I'd like to help you put a "SOLD" sign in your front yard. **I specialize in Meadows Place properties.** I provide our neighborhood with the Neighborhood Real Estate Website **www.MeadowsPlaceHomes.com** and I'll show you how to get the highest price the market will bear for your home.

Plus, if you simply call my direct line, I'll also send you a free **"Year End Market Report on Meadows Place"**. This valuable report illustrates (in detail) the real estate market in our neighborhood. This could be a great tool to help you fight your taxes!

By a simple email or call to 281-568-6904 you can find out how to sell YOUR home for the most money. My analysis for you is Free and without obligation, and will tell you accurately what you can expect to receive from the sale of your home.

Due to a number of foreclosed properties of houses in poor condition the above averages are being affected. However, when evaluating your home, those properties are eliminated from the comparable search

So before you put this article aside, and possibly forget about it, give me a call. Throughout the month of February all listings include a seller/buyer home protection plan.

Don't forget to vote Election Day 03/9/04

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Pool admission. " Pizza" (opt)

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Birthday Party at the Pool

Parties can be scheduled Tues-Saturday, 11am-6pm Sundays 1-6pm

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