

**COMMENTS FROM THE MAYOR**  
By Charles Jessup



***Covid Update - Cats***

Meadows Place is still updating our website several times a week to make sure you have simple, easy access to the numbers from the County's Covid Dashboard. This week we will post a link about Covid in Cats.

I contacted the County Hotline after we got reports that a couple of sick cats had been diagnosed with Covid and wondered if cats with Covid presented a threat to humans. This was a first for them so they had to do some research. While we were waiting for a reply the City got a call about a dead 'feral' cat that a neighbor feeds. (Note, Animal Control will NOT dispose of the carcass.) I reported to the County and the digging for data intensified. In the meantime I contacted a consulting veterinarian who said that even though cats get Covid, maybe even from humans, it is very unlikely that humans will get it from cats. Very unlikely. Dr. Martin did advise that if a cat is sick we not handle it very much and wash our hands after we do. He also said we should not hold the cat near our face and said we should really not let the cat sleep with us while sick or showing symptoms. This was the same information the County later called with. They also sent us three links, one specifically about cats and Covid which will be on the website by the time you get this. I was really impressed with the how quickly and thoroughly the County strived to answer this question. It is nice to have resources so Thanks to all the folks at the County and to Dr. Bill Martin for responding to this unique inquiry from Meadows Place.

***The Possible Move to Home Rule***

After a month of deliberation and investigation, the unanimous decision by City Council to declare Meadows Place of sufficient population was followed by a unanimous decision to select the 15 member Home Rule Charter Commission and an alternate.

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**JOINT PUBLIC HEARING**

**January 5, 2021**  
**6:30 p.m. at City Hall**

Notice is hereby given that the City of Meadows Place City Council and Planning & Zoning Commission will conduct a Joint Public Hearing for the purpose of receiving written and oral comments from any interested person(s) concerning an application for an amendment to Meadows Elementary Specific Use Permit to allow for an electronic sign located at 12037 Pender Ln, Meadows Place, TX 77477. For more information contact the City Secretary at 281-983-2931 or [citysecretary@cityofmeadowsplace.org](mailto:citysecretary@cityofmeadowsplace.org)

*Happy New Year*

Please remember  
**FIREWORKS are illegal!**

**CITY CALENDAR**

**Meadows Place**

- Jan. 1** City Hall Closed
- Jan. 5** JPH - Meadows Elementary - 6:30 p.m.
- Jan. 6** Charter Commission Meeting - 6:30 p.m.
- Jan. 14** EDC Meeting - 6:30 p.m.
- Jan. 26** City Council Meeting - 6:30 p.m.

**Fort Bend ISD**

- Jan. 7** First Day of Second Semester
- Jan. 18** School Holiday
- Jan. 19** Regular Board Meeting - 6:00 p.m.

# Did You Know?...

**Did You Know...** Lynn Hill, a resident for over 32 years, agrees Meadows is “*Your Place for Life*”!! She says it is still a safe, happy and great place to live. We agree.

Lynn sent “kudos to Ms. Courtney Rutherford.. On two or three different occasions I have had need to reach out to her regarding a city issue and she immediately dispatched city services to the scene.”

“I also want to send kudos to our Police Department...absolutely love the visibility throughout the neighborhood and take great joy waving and receiving a wave back on my daily walks. They are on the scene in minutes and drive by for house visits when away for extended times. This is service only Meadows can provide and makes is--*Your Place for Life*.”

**Did You Know...** Social Media plays a role in dispersing information here in Meadows Place. Please follow our official Facebook Page and Instagram postings for City notices, updates and a few fun facts.

**Did You Know...** Courtney Rutherford’s nephew just graduated from the Coast Guard Academy...and she got to watch it live! Very cool. Courtney, offer him both our congratulations...and our Thanks!

**Did You Know...** we have gotten lots of compliments for all the improvements at our Pocket Park at 11975 Brighton. It looks great and from what I have seen, it plays great. Go by and check it out.

**Did You Know...** Colene Cabezas told staff that we had lots of Letters to Santa this year. Having it up at Christmas Memories helped make a lot of children happy.

**Did You Know...** 304 kids signed in to use the Skating Rink! Looks like it was a hit. So were the trains and the new tree. Thanks to Tanner Cabezas and Wade Boatwright who teamed up to run the loading and offloading area for the trains.

They did a great job and kept the trains moving. Most of the time the trains were full and always full of smiles- behind masks of course. Thanks to all the volunteers and young folks who helped make Christmas Memories 2020 such a successful event.

**Did You Know...** Rod Hainey, our Public Works Director, has been very busy. Last month he put up a new guardrail over the bayou on Kirkwood, across from the Fire Station. It really looks nice. He also drilled four 2’ holes in the bridge by the pool to keep people from being splashed. Found out the concrete was 21” thick. Wow. Another wow is the fact that Public Works has completed right at half the sidewalks the city has scheduled for repair this fiscal year. Keep it up Rod!

**Did You Know...** Meadows Place, thanks mostly to Rick Staigle, has been awarded a Parks Trail project as part of the Fort Bend Parks Bond last year. This project includes a new parking lot over in the CenterPoint Right-of-way by our water plant on Airport, a trail connecting our trail to The Fountains, a bridge to the Nature Center, lights, benches, etc. This is a joint project with Stafford and should be done mid 2022. Meadows Place on the move!

**Did You Know...** Free Notary Service is available to all Meadows Place residents. Just come to City Hall between 9 & 4. No appointment necessary. Bring your ID...and it is FREE!

**Did You Know...** we still have some Rainbow Trout being caught in the lake. You can take up to 5 home, or do like one fellow did and cook em up on the grill at the pavilion! Doesn’t get any better than that. Mmmmm

**Did You Know...** is for YOU. Drop us a note or email: [mayor@cityofmeadowsplace.org](mailto:mayor@cityofmeadowsplace.org).

*Thanks, and Happy New Year!!!*

## Did You Know... Addresses

You asked for it, you got it. After having someone call me about not having an address posted in the cul-de-sac at the park and how it hindered 911 response, we got right on it. I asked about it at the next Department Head meeting and a solution was quickly agreed upon. In addition, Chief Stewart said he would make sure to have the address on the 911 GPS system. Thanks to our Public Works Director, we now have the cul-de-sac marked and Thanks to the Chief we are assured 911 will know where the call is from. This led to a discussion on home addresses. A survey was taken about posted addresses in Meadows Place. Chief Stewart prefers reflective curb markings and says Meadows Place can do a lot better to help PD, Fire and EMS more quickly find needed locations. How are yours?



## Comments From The Mayor (Continued from page 1)

The Meadows Place Home Rule Charter Commission was compiled through resident, Council and Mayoral recommendation and only after Council review and modification was the selection of the commission approved. The commission for the first time and have already made some important decisions-like picking the Chairperson - Ben Weber, and Vice-Chairperson - Ken Smith, and, when to hold the Charter Election, May or November. They chose November, 2021 rather than May to ensure they have the time to study, discuss and select the issues to put in the Charter. Remember, this commission is an independent body and answers to no one but themselves. Nick Haby, our City Administrator, Courtney Rutherford, our City Secretary and

Grady Randle, our legal counsel were at this first meeting and worked with the Commission. They will be at future meetings and yes, the legal expense was budgeted for.

After the committee has crafted a charter and Council has reviewed it, they will call for an election on a regular election day. Every registered voter in the city will receive a copy of the charter to review prior to the election. Then, YOU, the voters, will decide. It is an honor to watch this very exciting and important process move forward. We will keep you posted as we strive to make sure Meadows Place stays... **Your Place for Life.**



## COP TALK

By Chief Gary Stewart



The City of Meadows Place Police Department would like to introduce the two newest members of our team. Officer Clayton Foster and Officer Anthony Ybarra. Both have completed all phases of the interview process to include an extensive background check and several interviews with the command staff and a one-on-one interview with Chief of Police Gary Stewart.

Officer Clayton Foster is 25 years of age and graduated from Victoria East High School in Victoria, Texas. After graduation, he entered the hotel customer service industry where he oversaw daily operations to include managing and training of staff. Clayton left the hotel industry and attended

the Law Enforcement Police Academy at Wharton County Junior College where he recently graduated.

Officer Anthony Ybarra is 21 years of age and graduated from Lamar Consolidated High School in Richmond-Rosenberg, Texas. Anthony was active in the Police Explorer Program at his high school where he attained the title of "Chief Explorer." Anthony wasted no time after graduation entering the Law Enforcement Police Academy at Wharton County Junior College where he recently graduated with Officer Clayton Foster.

Both Clayton and Anthony are eager to begin their training program and are excited to be sworn in as Police Officers with the Meadows Place Police Department.

Welcome Officer Foster and Officer Ybarra!!

**The Meadows Place Police Department is available  
24 hours a day, seven days a week  
(281) 983-2900**



Chief Gary Stewart and Officer Clayton Foster



Chief Gary Stewart and Officer Anthony Ybarra



### Code Enforcement

Happy 2021! I wish everyone peace, joy, and health throughout the New Year.

Please remember the easy and simple things we all can do to help keep our City attractive:

- Please ensure all Exterior Walls/Trims clean.
- Please refrain from placing Trash next to curb area on days that are not trash days. (Days that are NOT trash days: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday, and Sunday)
- Please store Trashcans / Rubbish / Recycling Bins behind a fence, or enclosure out of public view.

In the table below are a few items that need to be consistently worked on or maintained. If you have any questions about a Notice of Violation, please let me know before the due date listed. I am always here to help you.

#### The following are the Most Frequent Violations & Cases between November 18, to December 21, 2020.

Cases	
New Cases to Court	8
Overall Total New Cases	80
Overall Cases Closed	80
Frequent Violations	Notices Issued
Exterior Walls/Trims - clean	32
Trashcans / Rubbish / Recycling Bins visible from the street	15
Trash next to curb (not trash day)	15
Rubbish/Trash/Debris	13
Repair / Replace damaged fence boards / garage siding	11

Jennifer Cabello, Code Enforcement Official

Office: 281-983-2938

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During the month of November, the city sent out 141 notices to residents concerning high water consumption. Note: Only 11% of our 1589 accounts utilize this **FREE** Service.

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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.

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- ONYX Landscaping: Residential and Commercial total lawn care. Fertilization, flowerbeds, and mulch. Seasonal flowers, sod, tree trimming, tree removal. New fence installation and repair. New Sprinkler system installation and repair. Pressure washing. Meadows Place resident free estimates. Manuel 281-865-6636.
- AVON! Call me Belle. Resident 281-495-3297.
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## *Home & Garden Club*

By Harriet Weymon, Publicity

**H**appy Anniversary to the Meadows Home & Garden Club. The year 2020 marks 50 years and thanks to all the members, past and present, for making the club a great success. We look forward to many more years to come.

The club is also happy to report that we were able to make two charitable donations this year. Two families in need received a gift card from the club. One family for Thanksgiving and one for Christmas. These donations definitely added some holiday cheer to 2 families.

Yes, Christmas is a time for giving and a special thanks to the Isbell's and Kathy Gilmore for giving of their time and talents. Shirley painted wine bottles with cute Christmas themes and John helped preserve the painted images with a special sealant. Kathy spent time propagating lots of plants from around her home. They gave even more by having a club presence at the Christmas Memories event. Thanks to them and other club members that volunteered at the club booth. Everyone that stopped by our booth were given the opportunity to pick a painted bottle and plant. Shirley reported that it was a great success as there were no bottles or plants left.

The Christmas Yard of the Month winners are posted, with photographs, on our club website. Thanks to all our residents for making Meadows Place a beautiful and great place to live.

The Lunch Bunch will meet on January 20th at Outback Steakhouse. 11am at 12559 SW Freeway. Hope to see you there.

The next general meeting will be on January 12th, 7pm. Details about the meeting will be sent the current member list via email.

Contact us via e-mail at:  
meadowshomegardenclub@gmail.com

*Visit our web site today.*  
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# **GARAGE SALE**

## ***Dates for 2021:***

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*Meadows Place Resident*

## MEADOWS PLACE COMMUNITY GARDEN

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There are many reasons to join a community garden; learn a new skill • teach your kids where food comes from • save money • help the environment • have a reason to get outside regularly and share with others. These reasons - and many more - fuel the people who grow food at the community garden.

Come and have fun...  
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### RAINBOW TROUT FISHING

1,7000 released into Meadows Place Lake  
Limit 5 Trout per person. ONLY keep trout.  
RELEASE all other fish.

Parks and Recreation is implementing standard COVID protocols as set by the Governor, County Judge and City Mayor. We will continue to follow directives and provide programs, ammenities and events as allowed. Thank you for your patience.



Scout Pack 301 invite kids to attend a Fishing Derby at Meadows Place Lake on January 9. Awards will be given in several different categories. Bring your fishing pole if you have one. Cane poles will be provided while supplies last.



### HOW DO I REGISTER? REGISTER

Our programs require pre-registration.

Forms can be found on-line at [cityofmeadowsplace.org](http://cityofmeadowsplace.org) under the department tab / parks and recreation / programs. Make checks payable to City of Meadows Place then mail to, 1 Troyan Dr., Meadows Place, 77477

You may also register in person at City Hall, Monday thru Friday between 9am-4pm. If after hours place form & payment in the night drop box in the City Hall parking lot.

### RENTALS

If you're looking for a location to host a celebration, lock in or family gathering, the Community Center and Garden is a great local option.

We also offer rentals of Covered Park Pavilions, Community Pool, Large BBQ Pit, & Kayaks

Email for pricing and availability  
[parksdirector@cityofmeadowsplace.org](mailto:parksdirector@cityofmeadowsplace.org)

**1/9, 9am – 12 noon, Meadows Place Lake,  
Canned goods accepted for admission**



### LIFEGUARDS, CAMP COUNSELORS, & SWIM INSTRUCTORS WANTED

The City of Meadows Place is accepting applications **Feb.1 - March 21** for Summer '21.

Applications can be picked up and turned in at City of Meadows Place City Hall. You must be 15 years of age to apply. If applying for the lifeguard position, you must pass the prerequisite requirements, and available for **ALL** training dates TBD in April.



American Society of Karate teaches American Karate to ages 5 – 70yr in a positive ever-changing system. Its goal is to not be the largest, but to be the best. Instructors: 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Black Belt, Steve Puma and 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Black Belt, Michael Puma. Students may try the first class for free.

**REGISTER** MUST Pre-Register.

1/7 – 3/25 @ Community Center

Thursday 6:30- 7:30pm (5-12yr) \$50  
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 \$30 Uniform Fee to Instructor.



Strengthen your core muscles as well as improve stability and range of motion. Most exercises are done while sitting in a chair. All genders and ages are welcome.

**REGISTER** MUST Pre-Register. \$25

1/5- 1/28, T/TH, 10AM Community Center



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**REGISTER** MUST Pre-Register

1/11 – 3/17

**Monday:**

5-6pm (4-11 yrs.)

6-7pm (12 years and adult)

**Wednesday:**

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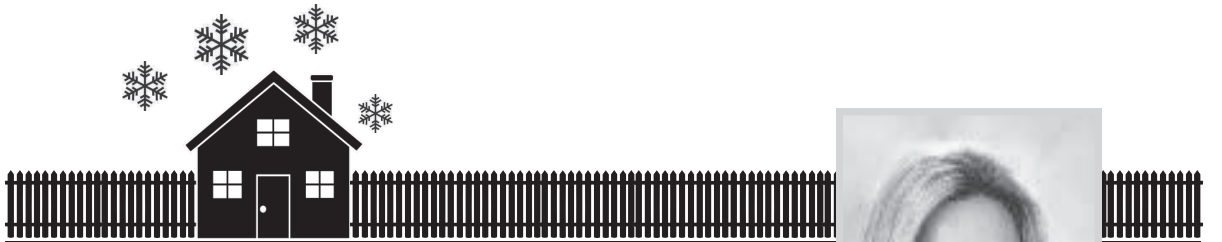
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- EMERGENCY ..... 9-1-1
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To check availability, call (346) 754-5873 or email: [lylanan@cityofmeadowsplace.org](mailto:lylanan@cityofmeadowsplace.org)

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