

COMMENTS FROM THE MAYOR By Charles Jessup



Mobility Bond Project

In case you are not aware, Meadows Place and Stafford were awarded a portion of the Fort Bend County Mobility Bond. Among other things, this means the County picks up some 80% of the cost. Our EDC is picking up part of it as well. What is this project you might ask. Well, the major components include improving, extending and adding to our

trail system, adding a parking lot by our Emergency Operations System, putting in sidewalks over the bayou on Montecito, installing a bridge across the Meadows Place Bayou and putting up a crossing light on West Airport. This is going to have a wonderful impact on Meadows Place. We will keep you posted as we go.

Dorrance Construction Project

Meadows Place City Council approved funding of a small portion of the reconstruction of Dorrance Ln. and accompanying infrastructure like water, storm sewer and sidewalks. This is multiple year, Pay as You Go type project so we are beginning with a very small section between Kirkwood and Oxford Glen. The project is still months off but you need to be aware of this project before we get started. HDR Engineering will oversee the engineering and inspection. The construction will of course be bid out, which could happen in a month or two which means we do not know the start dates. The City is planning a series of informational programs in the near future for you to be watching for. This will include a Public Meeting with all the stakeholders, instructional videos on the website and Facebook, details in the Newsletter and information on the marquee by the pool. Call or e-mail me if you have any questions or better yet, click the Ask A Question button on the website and submit it there. We will get back to you quickly. In the meantime, keep your eyes open for new information on the Dorrance project.

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NOTICE

NOTICE OF DEADLINE TO FILE APPLICATIONS FOR PLACE ON THE BALLOT (AVISO DE FECHA LÍMITE PARA PRESENTAR SOLICITUDES PARA UN LUGAR EN LA BOLETA)

May 7, 2022, City of Meadows Place
General Election

(la Elección General de la Ciudad de
Meadows Place el 7 de mayo, 2022)

Filing Dates and Times: (Fechas y Horario para Entregar Presentaciones)

Start Date: January 19, 2022
(Fecha de Inicio: 19 de enero de 2022)

End Date: February 18, 2022
(Fecha Límite: 18 de febrero de 2022)

Office Hours: Mon.-Fri.: 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
(Horario de la Oficina: Lunes-Viernes: 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.)

See website for more information
(Ver sitio web para más información)
[http://cityofmeadowsplace.org/government/
municipalelectioninformation/](http://cityofmeadowsplace.org/government/municipalelectioninformation/)

CITY CALENDAR

Meadows Place

Feb. 18 Last Day to File for Place
on Ballot - 5:00 p.m.

Feb. 22 City Council Meeting - 6:30 p.m.

Fort Bend ISD

Feb. 14 Regular Board Meeting - 6:00 p.m.

Feb. 18 Student Holiday

Feb. 21 Student Holiday

Did You Know?...

Did You Know...

Meadows Place has a lot going on in the month of March so be on the lookout. One fun thing is the Where In The World water bottle contest.

The winner will win a \$100 gift card from our new Starbucks. It's easy, it's free and it's fun, and remember, you can't win if you don't enter! The other is of course our March Is Mailbox Month program. Refresh or replace your mailbox during March and you can get \$10 deducted from your Utility Bill. Keep an eye out for the rules, and then enter. The more people, the more fun and your participation helps keep Meadows Place - Your Place for Life.

Did You Know... that John Rowell is going to graduate from the Houston Fire Academy soon. Congratulations, John. Big brother Clay is a teacher. Meadows Place is almost as proud as their mother Mary of these two outstanding young men who grew up right here in Meadows Place. Thank you both for making the world a better and safer place.

Did You Know... The City of Meadows Place has our very own Landscape Specialist Jacey Bower. Jacey spoke to our Club 55 group about winterizing their gardens. There was a lot of interest in that but she also discussed which plants to plant this time of year. Again, a lot of interest with Jacey telling those in attendance they could send her photos and they could discuss individual issues. They had a great Q & A session and asked if she could come back. Jacey said Yes, and will return each month on the first Monday to discuss all manner of gardening topics. If you are interested, Please join Jacey at the Discovery center, Mondays from 10-1pm. It's Free.

Did You Know... The City of Meadows Place issued permits for over 80 driveway repairs or replacements last year. Way to go Meadows Place. Reinvesting in your home usually increases not only you property values, but the property values of the homes around you. Some replaced them as

a safety issue to eliminate the tripping hazard and some folks replaced them just because they needed it. Whatever the reason, it is keeping the city looking fresh and looked after. Thank You.

Did You Know... Jennifer Cabello, our Code Enforcement Officer, recently passed a very long certification process and passed the course, and the test with flying colors. All our staff is involved in applicable training programs to make sure we are able to provide the City of Meadows Place with the best service possible. Congratulations Jennifer.

Did You Know... Police Chief Gary Stewart, Public Works Director Rod Hailey, along with Jennifer and Fire Chief DiCamillo are requesting that everyone make sure your Premises Identification, (Address) is plainly legible. See Jennifer's comments on this on page 5.

Did You Know... The City was pleased to see so many of us recycled our Christmas trees this year. Thank You. Our Public Works Department takes those trees down to the Surfside area where they are offloaded to be used to stabilize and rebuild the sand dunes that form a natural barrier for coastal protection. This is a massive project, and we are but a small part, but as you know, every little bit helps. Thank you again, to everyone who participated.

Did You Know... The February City Council Meeting is scheduled for February 22nd. If you didn't know, we have a calendar posted on the website with all important City dates listed. This is where you will find P&Z meetings, etc. It is there for your convenience so check it out if you have any questions. You can also use the 'Ask A Question' button or message the City or the official City of Meadows Place Facebook page. Happy Valentine's Day everyone.

Did You Know... is for YOU! Drop us a note or email: mayor@cityofmeadowsplace.org.

Did You Know... Joint Public Hearing

We held a Joint Public Hearing that included the Planning and Zoning Commission (P&Z) and City Council. The Hearing was called to take comments and get input from the residents of Meadows Place regarding an application for a Special Use Permit for a car wash. It was a good presentation but in the end the P&Z recommended Council reject the request. It was a very civil proceeding with about 15 residents in attendance and 8 more online. We are proud to report that all our Boards, Commissions and EDC are at their required number but there are still openings for Alternates. Thanks to all who attended.



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Viddy Award

The Viddy award is a high-profile recognition piece for the winners of a worldwide competition designed to honor creative excellence in the rapidly evolving digital world of moving pictures. Those in the field of videography know it is a very prestigious award and this year there were over 2,500 entries! At the January City Council meeting The City of Meadows Place presented not one, but TWO Viddy awards to Mr. Josh Merritt of Merritt Media (Viddy stands for Videographer of the Year). Josh was the brains behind the storyboards, the videography and the editing of the two award winning videos. The Gold Award winner was on Saving Elementary and the Platinum Award winner was on the award winning Meadows Place Roundabouts. These two separate projects each covered about an 18 month span and required lots of pre-production planning and multiple trips to multiple locations. The videos also

contain multiple interviews, including those with our residents, which is thrilling to see. Go to the website to see what these beautiful awards look like. While you are there, click on View Our Videos to find these fabulous recordings of Meadows Place History. Thank You Josh for all your hard work and, Congratulations on your awards.

Election

Meadows Place is scheduled to hold an election this year. The next City election will be held on Saturday, May 7, 2022, at City Hall for the purpose of electing the Mayor and Aldermen Places 1, 2, and 3. For more information go to the website and click Election Information where you will find all the details. If you have any questions, call City Hall and ask for Courtney Rutherford, our City Secretary, who oversees all Meadows Place elections. Thank You.



Meadows Police Department



Police Chief
Gary Stewart

IRS Scams

The Meadows Place Police Department would like to remind everyone it is Tax Season again and the Scammers are out there. Here are some tips from the IRS. If you suspect you may have been a victim, please contact the Meadows Place Police Department or IRS (phishing@irs.gov) to report suspicious activity.

The IRS continues to warn consumers to guard against scam phone calls from thieves intent on stealing their money or their identity. Criminals pose as the IRS to trick victims out of their money or personal information.

Here are several tips to help you avoid being a victim of these scams:

- **Scammers make unsolicited calls.** Thieves call taxpayers claiming to be IRS officials. They demand that the victim pay a bogus tax bill. They con the victim into sending cash, usually through a prepaid debit card or wire transfer. They may also leave "urgent" callback requests through phone "robo-calls," or via phishing email.
- **Callers try to scare their victims.** Many phone scams use threats to intimidate and bully a victim into paying. They may even threaten to arrest, deport or revoke the license of their victim if they do not get the money.
- **Scams use caller ID spoofing.** Scammers often alter caller ID to make it look like the IRS or another agency is calling. The callers use IRS titles and fake badge numbers to appear

legitimate. They may use the victim's name, address and other personal information to make the call sound official.

- **Cons try new tricks all the time.** Some schemes provide an actual IRS address where they tell the victim to mail a receipt for the payment they make. Others use emails that contain a fake IRS document with a phone number or an email address for a reply. These scams often use official IRS letterhead in emails or regular mail that they send to their victims. They try these plays to make the ruse look official.

The IRS will not:

- Call you to demand immediate payment. The IRS will not call you if you owe taxes without first sending you a bill in the mail.
- Demand that you pay taxes and not allow you to question or appeal the amount you owe.
- Require that you pay your taxes a certain way. For instance, require that you pay with a prepaid debit card.
- Ask for your credit or debit card numbers over the phone.
- Threaten to bring in police or other agencies to arrest you for not paying. If you don't owe taxes or have no reason to think that you do: Do not give out any information. Hang up immediately.

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

Water is Life



Rod Hainey
Public Works Director

Texas Water Utilities Association has used the above slogan for a few years. Water is also a commodity and a very valuable resource that we rely on and pay for each month. "Eye on Water" is an excellent software program for monitoring your water consumption and it's free to the residents of Meadows Place.

How much water does the average person use daily/ monthly? This number can vary based on several factors. Supply, quality of water, cost per gallon, and location. The national average is close to 100 gallons per day per person or 3000 gallons per month per person. But there are communities that have been known to cut that average in half.

Meadows Place water consumption

The City of Meadows Place utilizes three Gateways to gather the information about water consumption within the city. The Gateway is a radio receiver that communicates with each water meter within the city limits.

Current status of system

99.3 % of meters with an OK status, which amounts to 1582 separate meters that are functioning properly.

- Average daily consumption for the city is between 200,000 and 300,000 gallons per day
- Total amount of water consumed so far this month 4,933,298 gallons.
- There are currently 123 meters that are leaking. 103 small leaks (less than 10 gallons per hour), 17 medium leaks (10-30 gallons per hour) and three large leaks (30-60 gallons per hour).

80% of the residents with a water leak do not have "Eye on Water". 20% of the residents with leaks have the "Eye on Water" software program.

There are only 261 User accounts. That is 261 out of a possible 1582 meters.

The average leak duration: 15 weeks.

There have been 21 new signups for "Eye on Water" within the last six months.

If you feel that your water bill is higher than normal, please check your home for leaks by observing your water meter manually as described below or by logging on the "Eye on Water".

How to determine if you have a leak in your home. Do you suspect a leak? If so, do the following.

1. Turn of all the water inside and outside of your home.
2. Go outside to your meter box and open the cover.
3. Locate the black or red triangular -shaped leak detector on the left side beside the numbers.
4. If the leak detector is not moving, you do not have a leak and no water is passing thru the meter.
5. If the leak detector is moving, you do have a leak. Water leaks on the homeowner's side of the meter are the responsibility to repair.
6. If there is water in the meter box, be sure it is not run-off water from sprinklers or rainfall before calling.
7. If you are certain, it is a leak outside of your home, please call city hall.

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February 14th & 21st 2022



Happy Valentines Day and President's Day! Thank you **ALL** for keeping The Meadows Place, **Your Place for Life**.

I am requesting that everyone make sure your Premises Identification, Address Number, is plainly legible on your home, both sides of your mailbox, or on the curb in front of your home. This coming month of March is the perfect time to install missing or update fading address numbers. Keep in mind in an emergency, when seconds count, plainly legible and visible address numbers help the Fire, EMS, & Police Departments find your home more quickly. See the Ordinance below that states the specifications for your address numbers.

Unreadable/Unapproved/No Premises Identification IPMC[F]304.3:

Buildings shall have approved address numbers placed in a position to be plainly legible and visible from the street or road fronting the property. These numbers shall contrast with their background. Address numbers shall be Arabic numerals or alphabet letters. Numbers shall be a minimum of 4 inches (102 mm) in height with a minimum stroke width of 0.5 inch (12.7 mm).

Resolution - Comply by 10 days:

Install / Display address numbers to the front/street side of the home, both sides of mailbox, both sides of the mailbox post, or by painting on the curb.

March is Mailbox Month!

Submit between March 1 & March 31, 2022, your before and after photos of your remodeled mailbox to code-enforcement@cityofmeadowsplace.org to qualify and receive your \$10 discount on your March water bill.

Below are the top 5 items that needed attention the most between December 24, 2021, and January 19, 2022. During this period there were a total of 75 violations, 100 Notices issued, and 145 Inspections completed. 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.

Cases	
New Cases to Court	5
Overall Total New Cases	56
Overall Cases Closed	69
Frequent Violations	Notices Issued
Bandit Sign - Prohibited Sign (D)	13
Trash next to curb area (not trash day)	13
Trashcans / Rubbish / Recycling Bins visible from the street	7
Rubbish/trash/debris	4
Obstructions/Clearances - Trees	3



Jennifer Cabello, Code Enforcement Official
Office: 281-983-2938
code-enforcement@cityofmeadowsplace.org

Please check out the Code Enforcement Page on the City website to see our revised and important Code Enforcement Violation Flow Chart.
<https://cityofmeadowsplace.org/departments/code-enforcement/>



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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, Roofing. Cell 713-384-2817.
- 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.
- Men's Bible Study: 6:30 a.m. - United Methodist Church - Thursday weekly - Call Mike Schofield 281-217-5799.

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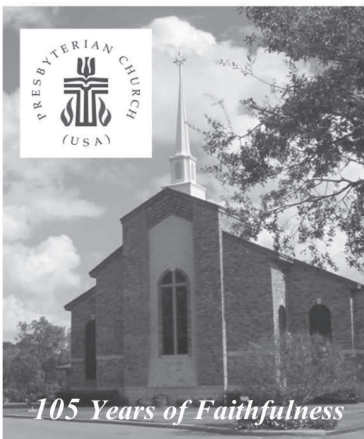
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Home & Garden Club

By Executive Board Officers

Thanks to Karen Hoffman from the Audubon Native Nursery and all who attended our January general meeting. Her presentation on native plants to our area surrounding area was great. What was most interesting was that native plants prefer poor soil and are also drought and flood resistant. These would be great for beautifying our front yards with little maintenance. These natives will die down in the winter but will come back in the spring. Some great ones for sunny spots are Black-eyed Susan, Blue Sage, and Texas Cornflower to mention a few. A few others for shady spots are American Beautyberry, Turkscap, or Mexican Plum.

Judging for yard of the month will begin again in April which is just around the corner. Curb appeal is what keeps our city looking nice, so now is the time to start planning and prepping. Here are a few things we can start now. Let's prune your trees and shrubs. Try ordering some new natives plants or seeds by visiting www.wildflower.org.

The MHGC October craft show, raffle, and bake sale were such a success that we are happy to report that the club will be awarding a scholarship this spring, so spread the word. Application submissions will be opening soon so visit the club website regularly for more information.

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

Visit our web site today.
Meadowshomegardenclub.com

GARAGE SALE

Dates for 2022:

February 11 & 12

May 13 & 14

August 12 a& 13

November 11 & 12

MEADOWS PLACE PARKS

DO YOU KNOW HOW TO **REGISTER**

You may now register for city programs online at cityofmeadowsplace.org. Pick your program / select quantity/ pay by credit card. Now you know.



CAMPOUT IN THE PARK

Come and experience the great outdoors first hand. For those who have never camped and even those who are experienced, this event will be fun for all. We will teach the basics of kayaking, fishing, etc. We will provide dinner and breakfast items. You will provide a tent and sleeping gear. Check in is at 1pm and activities will begin at 2pm. The event ends Sunday morning by 10am. This is a family event, at least one parent or guardian must be registered for youth under 18 to participate. Additional activities include, tandem kayaks, rock wall and nature themed crafts.

REGISTER MUST Pre-Register

**3/12, 1pm @ Meadows Place Lake,
\$40 for family of 4, Additional \$10 pp.
Must pre-register by March 9.**



HELP CATCH CATFISH

McGrath Lake has an overabundance of catfish and we need your help to deplete the numbers. In an effort to create a balanced ecosystem in the lake, it is necessary to reduce the number of catfish. This will allow the bass and perch to thrive. When you catch a catfish please keep it, **DO NOT THROW IT BACK!**

Fish on your own at anytime or join us on 2/4 and 2/18 at 3:30pm for a group catch. Bring a cooler to take your catch home.



BIRTHDAY PARTIES

Birthday Party packages are available at the Discovery and Nature Center to include animal encounters and Exploration Zone.

**Call for pricing and availability. 281-642-7701
recreation@cityofmeadowsplace.org**



COMMUNITY GARDEN REVITALIZATION

Join us as we discuss ways you can become involved with the Community Garden. No experience necessary.

We will meet at the Discovery Center on Saturday, February 5 @ 11am.

- Volunteer Opportunities
- Appoint Leadership
- Identify City Resources / Support
- Brainstorm New Ideas
- Create a Calendar

If you are interested but can't make the meeting please call Parks @ 281-642-7696

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LIFEGUARDS / CAMP COUNSELORS

The City of Meadows Place is accepting applications starting **NOW through March 26** for Summer 2022. Applications can be picked up and turned in at City of Meadows Place City Hall.

You must be 15 years of age to apply.

For additional information, please email lylanan@cityofmeadowsplace.org



Where Active Adults Gather to Socialize – Play - Learn - Move

If you are 55 or older, this group is for you! Our goal is to enhance the lives of active adults through physical, mental, educational and social programs.

Monday – 10am – 1pm

Thursday – 10am – 1pm

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Thursday 2/3

Games and Puzzles

Monday 2/7

Book Club:

The Book of Lost Names

Thursday 2/10

Games and Puzzles

Monday 2/14

Valentines Bash

Thursday 2/17

Games and Puzzles

Monday 2/21

Cajun Cooking

Gardening with JC

Thursday 2/24

Games and Puzzles

Monday 2/28

BINGO

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LEARNING THROUGH GARDENING

GARDENING QUESTIONS?

Our wonderful landscaper JC can answer a variety of questions during our monthly gardening sessions! Feel free to email questions to recreation@cityofmeadowsplace.org with questions and bring pictures of your own garden to class!



BOWLING

Meadows Place Ladies Bowling Team bowls every Wednesday morning, 9:30am @ Emerald Bowl; Join the team, meet new friends and get active!

Call: 281.498.8330

FIT OVER 50



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

REGISTER MUST Pre-Register.

2/1-2/24, T/TH, 9:45AM, Community Center
\$25 Monthly fee



LINE DANCING

Come enjoy music and movement while learning to line dance. Get your heart pumping and toes tapping when you join in the fun.

2/1-2/22, Tues @ 11am, Community Center

No Fee , Register with instructor in class

TENNIS LESSONS



REGISTER MUST Pre-Register

Sessions consist of 4 weeks, \$100
Minimum 4 students per class

Children:

Beginner/ Advanced Beginner

Saturdays, 9:00a-10:00a (6-12yrs)
10:15a-11:15a (9-11yrs)

Open Classes

Offered by appointment on Tuesdays

Contact holdingserve@gmail.com for scheduling information and other questions!

TAE KWONDO



Sharpen your mind, strengthen your body with Master Jenny Pless. She has been teaching in Meadows Place Community Center since 2005 and teaches all skill levels from basic to advanced.

REGISTER See instr. for class end date

Location: Community Center / Jan-Mar

**Mon: 5-6pm (4-11yrs)
6-7pm (12 yrs. thru adult)**

**Wed: 5-6pm (4-11yrs)
6-7pm (12yrs. thru adul)**

**10 classes for \$65.00 & \$30 uniform fee
19 classes for \$99.00 & free uniform.**

No Class: Feb.14 & 21, Mar.14 & 16

KARATE



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: 5th Degree Black Belt, Steve Puma and 3rd Degree Black Belt, Michael Puma. Students may try the first class for free.

REGISTER See instr. for class end date

Location: Community Center/ Jan 6 - March

Thursday 6:30- 7:30pm (5-12yr) \$50

Thursday 7:30- 8:30pm (13-70yr) \$50

\$30 Uniform Fee to Instructor



MEADOWS PLACE

DISCOVERY & NATURE CENTER

Exploration Zone / Musical Flowers / Water & Sand Features / Animal Friends

Visit the Nature Center and enjoy interacting with hands on activities & animal encounters.



This month you can learn fun facts, make crafts, and other activities about swamp animals.

Tuesday - Wednesday., 10am – 3pm

Thursday, 3pm – 5pm Winter Hours

Sat., 10am - 3pm

\$2 child / \$5 adult / Annual \$20 child / \$30 adult
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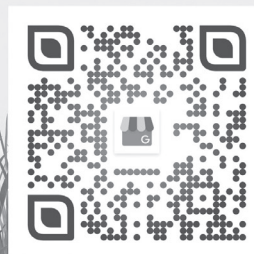
Meadows Place Resident

WHERE IN THE WORLD?

Photo Contest



- 1 Pick up a Meadows Place water bottle at **City Hall** or **the Nature Center!**
- 2 Take a **COOL** picture of your water bottle.
- 3 Scan the **QR Code** below, attach your picture to the email and send.
- 5 The most **'Likes'** **WINS** a **\$100 Starbucks Card**.
- 4 Photos will be posted on **Facebook**
April 7th - 11th.
- 6 All entries must be turned in before
March 31, 2022.



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flock safety

Hello Neighbors,

My name is David Mertins. I serve as Alderman I with the city of Meadows Place. Last month Mayor Jessup added a paragraph to the newsletter, "Did You Know ... FLOCK Cameras" As someone who had not heard about nor was aware of FLOCK before joining the City Council, I wanted to learn more about this new technology and share why the Council made the decision to expand our FLOCK Camera coverage to additional locations around Meadows Place.



The city currently has 8 Flock Cameras (LPR's- License Plate Readers) paid for by grants our city received. In December, the City Council authorized MPPD to add 3 more cameras to strategic locations around the city. Our decision was based on a recommendation from the Chief and the results and benefits that have been shown since installing these cameras last year.

To get information on this topic and to answer some questions about FLOCK, I did some research about the Flock Safety company and then talked to Police Chief Stewart. Here is what I discovered and what I wanted to share with MP residents.

Some basic facts

FLOCK Cameras, better known as License Plate Readers (LPRs), are not traditional cameras. They just take pictures of license plates and vehicles. **This is not Big Brother Surveillance - no one is watching/monitoring you or spying on you!**

What FLOCK Cameras DO

FLOCK LPR cameras and FLOCK's machine learning technology are engineered to capture vehicle characteristics, types, and license plates, which are then checked against state and federal records to ensure accuracy and minimize errors.

The LPR camera's infrared capability captures highly accurate, clear images day or night. They are motion activated by a vehicle and **take still-images** of cars passing through the lens (not video).

What FLOCK Cameras DON'T Do

FLOCK LPRs do not capture images of pedestrians or a passerby. (Although the LPRs are motion sensing they are not triggered by an individual passerby or pedestrians.)

They **do not** follow or track vehicles once they leave the camera's view.

Because license plate readers do not collect information on who is driving or riding in the vehicle, it is not considered Personally Identifiable Information (PII).

Data Safety: Only accessible by Law Enforcement, Flock Safety data will never be shared without permission, sold to third parties, or used for unpaid fines, unauthorized viewing outside of a legitimate crime-related event or kept in a library. The footage is fully encrypted and stored in the cloud.

BENEFITS

- **Hot List Notifications** (MPPD is alerted 3-4 seconds after a "Hit")
 - MPPD receives alerts on stolen vehicles, open warrants
 - Missing Persons, Amber Alerts, and Silver Alerts
 - Alerts on Gang members, Sex offenders, and Restraining orders
- **Ability to Investigate** (Using only partial license plate or vehicle description)
 - Hit & runs, home or vehicle break-ins
 - Burglaries, Robberies, Mail/Package thefts/Porch Pirates
 - Vandalism, illegal dumping, and trespassing.
- **Flock Safety network** (Meadows Place is now part the Flock Safety network)
 - Meadows Police Department is not limited to the cameras we have placed — but allows MPPD to connect and collaborate with adjacent agencies and nearby FLOCK cameras in other cities/neighborhoods that extend our reach and can alert us of potential issues in our area.
- **Extends/Multiplies Functions of MPPD** (Allows Officers the ability to be more productive by providing better tools and information)

FLOCK HIT ARRESTS - The results have been outstanding!!!

Meadows Police Department has had 100's of Hits/Alerts, allowing them to make numerous arrests. At a recent City Council meeting Assistant Chief Ashton shared, "Since adding FLOCK, some months we now have more stolen vehicle arrests in that month than we had in the entire previous year." Stopping stolen vehicles from FLOCK hits often leads to other arrests, including outstanding arrest warrants, parole violations, stolen firearms, and illegal drug possession.

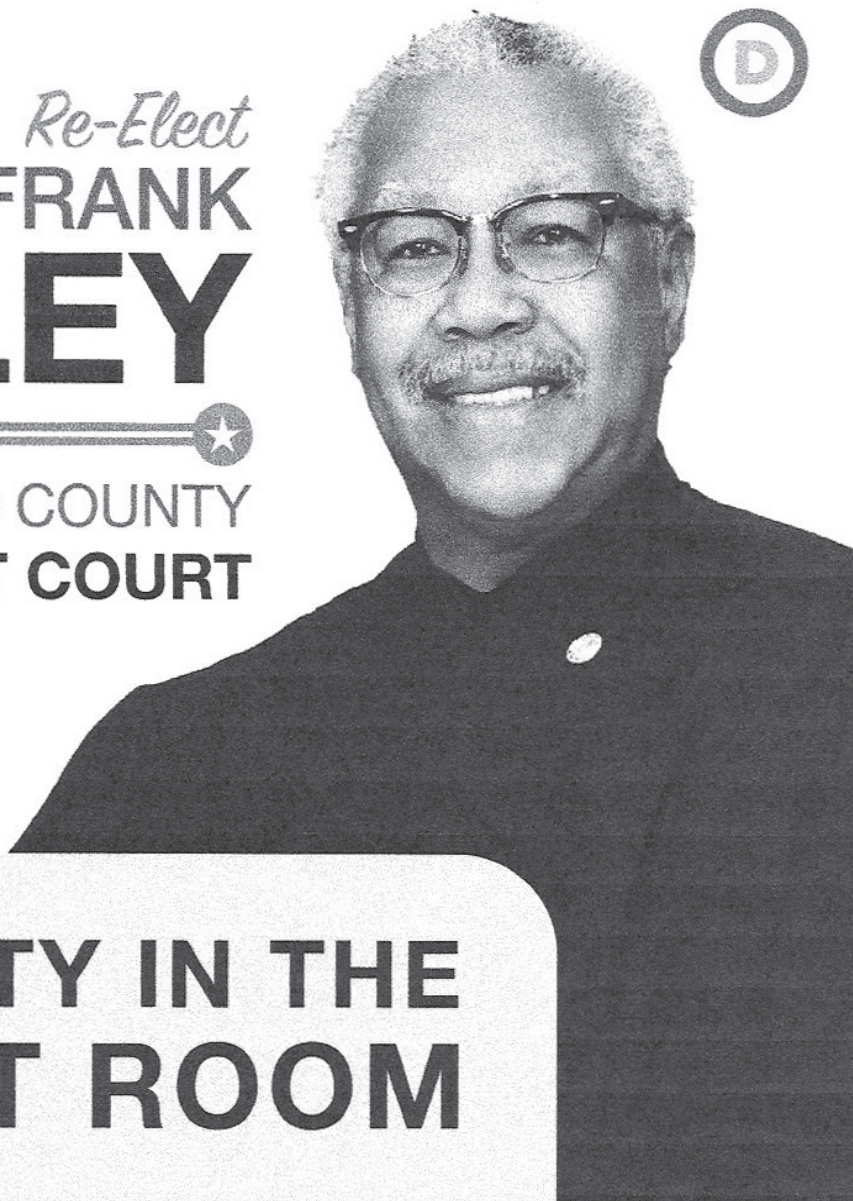
Having this technology has allowed our outstanding Police Department to get even better and is making Meadows Place safer by arresting criminals traveling into or through Meadows Place.



Re-Elect JUDGE FRANK **FRALEY**



FOR FORT BEND COUNTY
240th DISTRICT COURT



EQUALITY IN THE COURT ROOM

- ★ 35-year Resident of Fort Bend County, Texas
- ★ 20-year Resident of Meadows Place, Texas
- ★ 31-year Member of the State Bar of Texas as licensed attorney
- ★ District Judge Board of Directors Judicial Section - State Bar of Texas
- ★ District Judge Representative Fort Bend Bail Bond Board
- ★ Chairperson Fort Bend County Purchasing Board
- ★ Elected District Judge 240th District Court Fort Bend County in 2018
- ★ Married to Deborah Fraley, have three sons and three grandchildren

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POLICE DEPARTMENT / 24 Hours (281) 983-2900
FT. BEND COUNTY SHERIFF (281) 342-6116
WATER AND SEWER (after hours) (832) 756-2143
FT. BEND COUNTY COURTHOUSE (281) 342-3411
ANIMAL CONTROL (281) 342-1512
PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT (281) 983-2935

Community Center Rental

Building Capacity 165

Rental includes tables and chairs to accommodate events
Food/no alcohol.....\$275.00 Food/with alcohol.....\$375.00
(Cash deposit required)

Community Pool Rental.....\$350.00
(after Community Hours, maximum rental time is 3 hours)

Non-Meadows Place residents add \$175.00 to above rates

Resident Community Center/ Pool Combo Rental
Available May - August

Meadows Place residents receive a \$50 discount when renting
the Community Center & Pool for the same event.

For rental reservation information, go to cityofmeadowsplace.org
click on Parks & Recreation, then Community Center

To check availability, call (346) 754-5873 or email:
lylanan@cityofmeadowsplace.org

Street Light Repair

When calling or emailing about a street light outage, you will need to get the pole number. You may request an email notification so Center Point can keep you apprised of the status of the repair request.

1-800-332-7143
www.centerpointenergy.com

For water/sewer issues after hours call:
832-756-2143

(281) 342-8178

M-Th: 8:00-5:00

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Storm Water Hotline

Report dumping in storm water drains.

Only **RAIN WATER** is allowed

281-983-2932 or report online, see website.

For updates on Public Works News visit the website.

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