

Meadows PLACE

#### COMMENTS FROM THE MAYOR By Charles Jessup



### Short Term Rentals Part 2

Short Term Rentals (STR) don't have to be a problem. This is why your City Council passed Ordinance No. 2022-30 repealing Section 150.014 and adding a section stating an annual rental license may be revoked if there are 2 or more citations issued for parking, noise, or nuisance in a rolling 12 month period. However, the complaints must be documented. That is

why you need to report problems to the Police. While it is happening! The police will take your complaint seriously and start an investigation into the issue.

Two years ago Airbnb announced a global ban on all parties and events at Airbnb listings, including a cap on occupancy at 16. They don't want trouble and will help – IF you report it (after you call the PD). Here are a couple of ways to contact Airbnb: https://www.airbnb.com/neighbors or https://www. airbnb.com/neighbors/request-call.

VRBO also has a page for complaints: https://www.vrbo. com/en-sg/help/articles/How-do-I-file-a-property-complaint You absolutely have the right to complain.

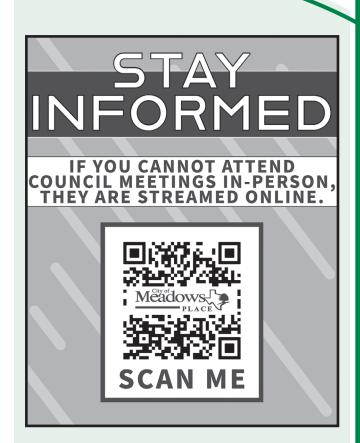
This is the process; if there is a problem, like a noisy party, call PD, report it to the owner if you know them and to Airbnb, VRBO or the leasing agent. This issue is on Council's radar and will be monitored. Remember, it is up to you to make the call, then we will do our part.

### **Regional Training and Response**

We have had questions about the anticipated response by the Meadows Place Police Department if called upon to react to a tragedy such as the one we recently witnessed. Well, no one ever knows until challenged, but Chief Stewart has long assured me that response to an event like this is one of the things our PD trains for. Additionally, Fort Bend Police Chiefs meet on a regular basis where regional alerts, Department cooperation and training is often discussed. I spoke to the Chief after the last Chief's meeting and he confirmed several agencies are currently scheduled to participate in a joint operation.

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**AUGUST 2022** 

### **CITY CALENDAR**

#### **Meadows Place**

Aug. 10	Pool Opened Weekend Hours Only	
Aug. 20	Mobile Pet Vaccines - 10:00 a.m.	
Aug. 23	Tax Rate & Budge Public Hearing - 6:00 p.m.	
Aug. 23	Regular Council Meeting - 6:30 p.m.	
Fort Bend ISD		

Aug. 10 First Day of Classes

### Aug. 22 Regular Board Meeting - 6:00 p.m

Did You Know?...

**Did You Know...** nearby Barrington Elementary is being closed due to mold. Meadows Elementary will be helping them out by taking in grades K, 1, and 2. Some folks are wondering if there will be room. Yes, they have it all figured out thanks to having done school sharing twice already. Others are worried about more traffic. Yes, there will be a little additional traffic but our new school has a much better traffic flow than the old one did. Also, with our Police in the area, newcomers will quickly learn the traffic flow. Our PD is prepared so there are no ongoing problems expected. That said, let's all be careful and watch out for the kiddos.

Did You Know... on July 20th , we had Coffee with a Cop at the Meadows Place Starbucks. Quite a few residents dropped by to enjoy a cup of coffee and meet our awesome officers, as did a large number of Starbucks patrons. Everyone had a good time. There were lots of good questions and a great chance to visit with our neighbors and our PD. Both the Regional and Store Managers interacted with the customers and the cops. Lots of fun, lots of opportunity to visit one on one. Keep your eye out for the next one. Efforts like this help keep Meadows Place... Your Place for Life!

**Did You Know...** we had a great Summer Camp season for the 10 weeks of Summer Camps at the Nature Center. It truly was 10 weeks of Discovery and Adventure with full classes all summer. Meadows Place Recreation Coordinator, Frank Burch said we averaged over 30 kids per class and they were ALL wonderful. The activities ranged from archeology to kayaking. Maybe that's why parents are already asking about next year! Looks like we could be full then too because the parents love it as much as the kids. Thank you Colene, Frank and all the counselors that helped make this such a wonderful summer for our kids.

**Did You Know...** Students from Sugar Grove Church of Christ showed up to deliver care packages to our officers today. What an awesome act of kindness! In case you missed it, there was a post on 7/20 on the City of Meadows Place Facebook page.

**Did You Know...** daily postings have more and more folks beginning to 'Follow' our Facebook page. If you are not, you may have missed our butterfly video on channel 2, our hugely successful (and fun) coffee with a cop at Starbucks, road closures, and more. Communications Director Cameron Miller has really added value to our page. You can access it through our Website too. Check it out.

**Did You Know...** our strategically placed FLOCK cameras are having an impact. These cameras read the plates on a car and within seconds report back if there is a warrant, a stolen car report, a sexual offender and other criminal activities. Our officers are quick to respond when the call comes and have reminded several crooks why they should NEVER come to Meadows Place, Thank Council and the Chief for getting this tool for us.

**Did You Know...** the City had just about used all the funding allotted for road repair when the intersection at Dorrance and Valencia was deemed unsafe. Rod Hainey, our Public Works Director, had two choices, wait until the next budget year or tap the funds in the Road Use Fee reserve. Wisely, this is what he chose which means the intersection, which is home to the school crosswalk, will be finished before school opens-making safer for cars and kids. Way to go Rod. Thank You.

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

# Did You Know... Monarchs on Endangered List

It was just announced that the International Union for Conservation of Nature recently added the migrating Monarch butterfly to its "red list" of threatened species and categorized it as "endangered". For years Meadows Place has been working to promote the plight of the Monarch Migration and worked to enhance feeding and chrysalis hosting opportunities and continue to do so. We recently converted the Community Garden to a Butterfly Garden. Cameron Miller, our Communications Director, had just finished a short video when we saw the article about the Monarch. Cameron reached out to Channel 2 web team to let them know about the story and included his video. We are proud they ran with the story and used our video as the visual. Check it out. Thank You Cameron.

# Comments From The Mayor (Continued from page 1)

This is great experience for all the participating agencies, including ours. Chief Stewart said his officers are trained to respond in a manner as to eliminate any threat as quickly as possible-and is confident they will do so. Let us hope and pray we will never have to see our officers engage in such an event. Thank you.

### Fort Bend Mobility Bond Project

One of the neat projects Meadows Place has happening right now is a Walking Trail / Bikeway that runs from Meadows Place northern border through the city, through Stafford to the Fountains. This is part of Fort Bend Mobility Bond Project No. 20211. The project hit the 50% mark on engineering so there was a big meeting with CenterPoint, the engineers, Stafford and Meadows Place. Sitting in for Meadows Place were our Parks Director, Public Works Director, City Administrator, and me, listening in. CenterPoint put some pretty strict restrictions on us and sent us back to the drawing board. They are working to see if they can make a couple of exceptions. We are looking at some changes and will all get together again in a few weeks. Pretty much par for the course. This will be a great addition to Meadows Place so let's thank Rick Staigle, Nick Haby, Rod Hainey and Colene Cabezas for all their hard work.

### **Dog Park**

I recently found the Dog Park locked up. I didn't know why so I called Richard Coon, the GM of Vroom (the refurb side) and found out they had recently changed Security companies. As we talked, we discovered some "misconceptions and misunderstandings" that we then straightened out – I hope. Anyway, I will keep checking. The next day Richard contacted me and said that even though the hours say to the park closes at 7:30 he has asked the guards to leave it open until 9:30 so people can enjoy it when it is a little cooler. Thank You, Richard.





### Tips for Avoiding Telephone Scams

S cammers can be very convincing. If something seems unusual, check it out.

*Gary Stewart* • You usually cannot win a sweepstakes or a lottery that you did not enter.

- Never "pay to play." Legitimate sweepstakes will not ask for money upfront.
- Be suspicious of any pressure to send funds via wire transfer or a pre-paid reloadable card.
- Pay attention to warnings from your financial institution telling you that a request sounds like a scam. Your banker may have encountered similar scams in the past.
- Scammers often claim an emergency, hoping you will respond quickly without checking out the situation first.
- Before offering your help to someone who claims to be a grandchild (or any other relative/friend), be sure to

telephone your grandchild or his/her parents at a number you know to be valid to find out if the request is legitimate. If a caller claims to be from an established organization such as a hospital, a charity, or a law enforcement agency, look up the number of the organization yourself.

• Consider it a red flag if the caller insists on secrecy. Never allow anyone to discourage you from seeking information, verification, support, and counsel from family members, friends, or trusted advisers before you make a financial transaction.

The Meadows Place Police Department and the Federal Trade Commission offer many resources and information and encourages everyone to report any suspected Scams, Frauds, or Identity Theft to the Police Department (281-983-2900) and the Federal Trade Commission (FTC.GOV) immediately

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



### DO YOU KNOW WHAT A JUNK VEHICLE IS?

A Junked Vehicle as defined by Ordinance 91.065 is: A vehicle that is self-propelled and: (1) Does not have lawfully attached to it both an unexpired license plate, including annual registrations certificate, and a valid motor vehicle inspection certificate issued by the proper authority under the laws of the state;

or (2) Is wrecked, dismantled or partially dismantled or discarded; or has remained inoperable and not moved from the property upon which it has been parked for more than 30 consecutive days. Movement shall not be deemed to have occurred unless the vehicle is operated upon a public street of the city for a distance of at least five miles, displaying a valid license numbered plate, registration certificate and a valid Texas inspection sticker.



**Important:** Vehicles that are project vehicles, Junked, Abandoned, Trailers, RVS, Tractor Trailers, Boats, are over 1 TON Capacity, or have Out of Date Registration ARE NOT ALLOWED to be stored/parked on property or any abutting street.

#### **Ordinances:**

153.074 Special Off-Street Parking Regulation 91.066(A) Junked/Abandoned Vehicle – Nuisance Declared

The most complaints: I received the most complaints last month on Junked Vehicles

Your help is needed: Make sure you keep your vehicles in compliance by:

- Storing prohibited vehicle off premises, or in your garage, out of public view.
- If an RV/Boat is being prepped for a trip or being cleaned from a trip 2-3 days for each way is allowed only if an email is written with the general dates the RV/Boat will be at property and sent to code-enforcement@cityofmeadowsplace.org prior to its arrival.

Help keep Meadows Place Your Place for Life.

During June 28, 2022, thru July 26, 2022, there were a total of **102** violations and **169** inspections completed. The following are the top **5** items that needed the most attention during this period.

Cases	
New Cases to Court	8
Overall Total New Cases	64
Overall Cases Closed	67
Animals Impounded by Fort Bend County Animal Services:	1
Frequent Violations	Notices Issued
Grass/Weeds in excess of 9"	57
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If you have questions about a Notice of Violation, please let me know before the due date listed. *I am here to help you.* 



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

Public Works



Public Works Director

### **HOT Weather**

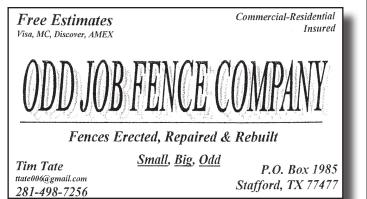
To say that summer is here early might be a bit of an understatement. With the temperatures reaching 100 degrees plus, our water consumption city wide has increased accordingly. The major use of water at this time of the year, is in

general irrigation of our plants and grass. Increase of water production directly effects the volume of chemicals used to provide safe drinking water and costs to the residents consuming the commodity.

To save cost and conserve the supply of water, we encourage adequate watering of the lawns and plants but not excessive watering for hours. Grass will stay green with sufficient water and the tips of the plant will start to turn brown when the lawn dries out. Time to water is suggested not to be in the heat of the day but in the cool of the evening and early morning. If the ground is to dry and hard any excess water will run off and not penetrate the surface. To correct this issue we recommend multiple, shorter periods of watering which will be more effective use of the water. Our supply wells are all operational and our volume that is available is strong, but we still encourage conservation when possible.

There are certain things that the homeowner can do save water and conserve the resource.

- 1. Water lawns in the early morning.
- 2. Fix leaky faucets and hoses they waste water and money.
- 3. Plan water cycles according to each type of plant or grass.
- 4. Watering in the heat of the day can waste up to 65% of the water.
- 5. Water the grass not the streets and sidewalk.



- 6. Set timers to complete the cycle before 4.00 am. This timing will avoid the peak demand for other household uses.
- 7. Use a broom to clear away debris, instead of using the hose.
- 8. Also, the use of the broom will help prevent the stormwater pollution.

Mow only, when necessary, set the mower to the highest setting during the warm season. Longer grass keeps the soil cool, minimizing evaporation and conserving water. Leave clippings on the lawn, will supply organic matter and supply one third of your fertilizer needs. Even as the temperatures rise, watering too frequently can be a big mistake. Water no more than 1 inch per week and only when it is needed. Frequent watering of the lawn will encourage shallow root pattern and the lawns will burn if not continually watered. Irrigation is only needed when rain is scarce. If rain is in the forecast, let mother nature do the job.

### Water is Life.

Every living creature needs it to survive. Water less, save more. Choose to conserve!



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.



# Around the Block

Brought to you by Meadows Home & Garden Club

Our club meetings will resume September 13th, 6pm, at the Discovery Center and we have plenty of room for new members. Join the group, meet your neighbors & others with



the same interest. We'll have member bingo's with prizes, potlucks, and other fun activities. Most importantly, 50% of your membership dollars will fund our scholarship fund. This has been a long standing tradition that awards our communities outstanding students and they are our future. Let's help build a better tomorrow.

Club membership is open to anyone 18 years of age and over. Individual membership fee is \$25 and the Family fee is \$35.

Congratulations to the July Yard of the Month winners. It's been a scorcher of a summer but they did a great job of keeping their yards looking awesome. Visit our club website for photos of their yards. Sections:

> Tony & Stacie Rhodes 11518 Dorrance Ln

2 Claudia & Jose Arguijo 11922 Meadow Crest Dr

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- 3 Hahn Tran 12111 Meadow Hallow Dr
- 4N The Castro Family 11714 Kenzie Ct
- 4S Cristian Martell 12319 Scarcella Ln
- 5 12111 Meadow Lane Ct

The last YOM judging for the summer will take place August 29 - 31 st. Individual membership fee is \$25 and the Family fee is \$35.

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

Visit our web site today. Meadowshomegardenclub.com

### August 2022 Parks & Recreation



Coaching. Connecting. Community.

HOW DO I REGISTER? REGISTER Our programs require pre-registration.



You may now register for city programs online at cityofmeadowsplace.org. OR scan this QR Code.

You can 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.



POOL HOURS August 10<sup>th</sup> thru Sept 5<sup>th</sup>

Monday – Friday	Closed
Saturday	11:00am - 8:00pm
Sunday	1:00pm – 6:00pm
Labor Day	12:00pm – 6:00pm

*Please call <u>281-879-4766</u> for weather related pool closure information.* 



### LOW COST PET CLINIC

Bring your pet dog and cat for Vaccines, Microchipping and Flea & Heart preventative. Animals must be on a leash or in a kennel.

You will wait in line for next available vet. This will be entirely outdoors under popup tents and shade trees.

8/20, McGrath Park, 10am-4pm

### For more info go to Azmobilepetvax.com



### **ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS**

Join Meadows Place Parks Dept. on Saturday September 10 at McGrath Park for some recreation fun. Kickball, cornhole challenge, free drinks, pizza and prizes.

9/10, McGrath Park, 7:00pm – 9pm, No Fee



# 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 & Thursday 10am – 1pm

11938 Amblewood

Monday 8/1	Book Club: The Girls in the
	Stilt House
Thursday 8/4	Games and Puzzles
Monday 8/8	Crafts with Dedictated
	Senior Medical Center
Thursday 8/11	Games and Puzzles
Monday 8/15	Gardening with Jacey
Thursday 8/18	Games and Puzzles
Monday 8/22	Mug Cakes with Norma
Thursday 8/25	Games and Puzzle
Monday 8/29	Bingo!



Coming to 8/22 class? Please bring a microwaveable mug!

September Book Club: *Lessons in Chemistry* by Bonnie Garmus

### August 2022 Parks & Recreation



### GARDENING QUESTIONS?

Our wonderful landscaper JC can answer a variety of questions during our monthly gardening sessions!

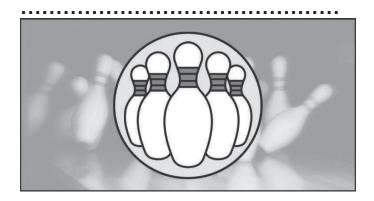
Email <u>recreation@cityofmeadowsplace.org</u> with questions and bring pictures of your own garden to 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday at Club 55.



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.

Beginning Mondays in September \$25.00 Monthly fee, Community Center



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** 



**NEW LINE DANCING CLASSES** 

**Beginner:** Tuesdays @ 9am, Community Center; No experience required!

Advanced: Tuesdays @ 11am, Community Center No Fee, Register with instructor in class



### ZUMBA

Come shake, shimmy, and dance those calories away!!!! A total workout, combining all elements of fitness – cardio, muscle conditioning, balance and flexibility, boosted energy and a serious dose of awesome each time you leave class.

## REGISTER MUST Pre-Register

Monday, 8/ 15 – 10/24 (except 9/26) \$50 fee includes 10 classes Community Center



You can register for parks classes on-line?

### August 2022 Parks & Recreation



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** Must Pre-Register

9/8 – 11/17 @ Community Center

Thursday 6:30- 7:30pm (5-12yr) \$70 session Thursday 7:30- 8:30pm (13-70yr) \$70 session

\$45 Pay uniform Fee to Instructor



### 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** Must Pre-Register

### 9/12 – 10/26, Community Center

Monday and Wednesday 5-6pm (4-11 yrs) 6-7pm (12 yrs. thru adult)

7 Classes for \$45.00 14 Classes for \$75.00

Uniform: \$30.00 paid to instructor



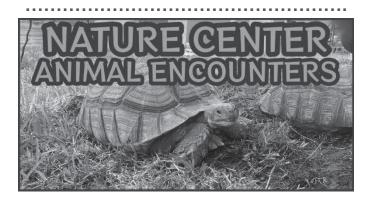


### Exploration Zone / Musical Flowers / Water & Sand Features / Animal Friends

Tuesday - Wednesday., 10am – 3pm Thursday, 3pm – 7pm Sat., 10am - 3pm



\$2 child / \$5 adult / Annual \$20 child / \$30 adult Fee includes access to facility and all activities.



Want to get hands-on with one of our amazing animals? Come and see our critters up close.

### Thursdays, 4:00 pm @ Nature Center

\$2 each admission, Includes entry to facility and activities / Free with membership



If interested in volunteering to lead a story-time at the Nature Center, please call (281)-642-7701 recreation@cityofmeadowsplace.org



The Nature Center will read a book each Wednesday at 11am. Bring your child for a fun story about animals and nature.

Wednesdays / 11am / Nature Center \$2 each admission / Includes entry and activities / Free with membership



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

Call for more info. 281-642-7701 recreation@cityofmeadowsplace.org

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Building Capacity 165			
Rental includes tables and chairs to accommodate events Food/no alcohol\$295.00 Food/with alcohol\$395.00 (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 281-983-2950 or email:			

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