



COMMENTS FROM THE MAYOR By Charles Jessup



Resident Input Requested

In 2022, your Council implemented a strategy that would help fund our multiyear Utility Capital Improvement Plan by spreading a needed increase in water and sewer rates over a five-year period. This plan is in effect now.

As a part of this plan, City Council is also considering adding an additional

fee to the utility bill. This fee would be called the Utility Infrastructure Fee and would be an additional monthly amount on your utility bill with the proceeds being restricted to much needed water and sewer infrastructure projects. The amount has yet to be determined but preliminary discussions include a range somewhere between \$5.00 and \$20.00 dollars a month. Before continuing with the Utility Infrastructure Fee, Council would like your input. This is a chance to help shape the future of our City. To learn more and provide feedback, please join us at the Special Council Meeting on Tuesday, August 15th at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall. Thank You.

Information Updates

If you are new to the City, or haven't updated your phone or email address in a while, now is the time to do it. To leave your information just come by City Hall, call 281-983- 2950 or e-mail utilities@cityofmeadowsplace.org. This may not seem important unless we need to contact you in case of an emergency like a fire, frozen pipes, a water leak, a dog out or any myriad of reasons residents call. Then being able to contact you is very important. It is simple, free and potentially a big deal. Update today.

Police Update

In Chief Stewart's last report to Council we learned Meadows Place Police Department fares much better than many agencies across the State, or even the county regarding percent of police officers on staff. The Chief reported that as of right now, we have filled all our slots and after the newest recruits have finished their training, we will be at full staff out on the streets.

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AUGUST 2023

CITY CALENDAR

Meadows Place

Aug. 7	Pool Open Weekend Hours Only
Aug. 15	Budget Public Hearing - 6:30 p.m.
Aug. 22	Tax Rate Public Hearing - 6:30 p.m.
Aug. 22	Regular Council Meeting - 6:30 p.m.
	Fort Bend ISD

- Aug. 9 First Day of Classes
- Aug. 21 Regular Board Meeting 6:00 p.m.

Did You Know?...

Did You Know... At last month's Council Meeting, Councilman Kurt Kopczynski proudly announced the Meadows Marlins 10 & Under Boys and Girls teams are the 2023 Division III Champions!! Congratulations to Pres. Emily Merkley, Coach Sean Ulrey and all the hardworking Marlins swimmers. We are all very proud of you and want you to know, Champions like you help keep Meadows Place... Your Place for Life!

Did You Know... Council member Tia Baker left the July EDC meeting and instead of going out to her car, Tia stepped onto a scooter and zoomed away into the night. She looked so cool. It was incredible. Then, the next morning as I was taking my garbage out I hear "Hello Mayor" but heard no car sound. That's because there wasn't one - it was Cameron Miller zooming by on his scooter, looking just as cool. I didn't know either one of them rode scooters. Pretty economical transportation and fun as well.

Did You Know... that even though we have written about Meadows Place authors in the past, we have never written about anyone who does book reviews. I just discovered we have at least one person, Kay Ewing, who does book reviews. Kay receives transcripts and books, and is asked to write reviews for them and submit a personal evaluation of a book. She provides a summary of the content, assesses the value of the book, and recommends it (or not) to other potential readers and the author. Congratulations to Kay Ewing for using her literary talents to help others.

Did You Know... Meadows Place received a Thank You from Archna Bhasin of the Fort Bend League of Women Voters. She said: "Thank you for inviting us to the Meadows Place 4th of July fest and for providing the table, chairs, and canopy. We had a great time". They registered one voter and gave out mail-in forms and ballot information. Voting is so important, and we thank the League of Women Voters for taking part in our 4th of July Festival.

Did You Know... Meadows Place Pony Baseball starts in September. The league provides so many benefits for our kids and is a big part of our community. To register go to www. mppony.org.

Did You Know... One of your neighbors was unsure how to report it when a street light goes out. Fortunately, it is pretty simple. As it states on the back of our newsletter "When calling or emailing about a street light outage, you will need to get the pole number. You may request an email notification so CenterPoint can keep you apprised of the status of the repair request. 1-800-332-7143 or www.centerpointenergy.com " The six numbers you need are fairly large, vertical, easy to see and the process is simple... even the Mayor could do it.

Did You Know... Fence issues come up from time to time. A resident recently called me about her fence, wondering, who determines whether or not the fence needs to be replaced, when and who pays. There were photos showing the fence in disrepair which, according to City Code, means it needs to be addressed. However, it does not mean the fence needs to be replaced. In fact, there is no ordinance stating that you are required to have a fence in Meadows Place - unless you have a pool, hot tub or spa over 24" deep. (Ord. 302.2) Then there are very specific guidelines which you must adhere to for safety's sake. Note, fence replacement is a civil matter between neighbors not a City matter so I urge you to peacefully work it out amongst yourselves.

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

Did You Know... Jiffy Lube

The Jiffy Lube in Meadows Place is part of the Shell training system. There is a second floor above the office space that is full of digital screens and training equipment. This makes the Meadows Place Jiffy Lube special - and one more reason to be proud of our little city.

Jiffy Lube, the nation's leading fast lube company, has been recognized for its Jiffy Lube University (JLU) training program and outstanding commitment to employee training and development. Already the only quick-lube training program to earn distinction as an Automotive Service Excellence (ASE) Training Provider, Jiffy Lube has now received recognition from both the American Council on Education (ACE) and the American Society for Training & Development (ASTD) and it is right here in Meadows Place!!!

Comments From The Mayor (Continued from page 1)

This is due to a concerted recruiting effort by the Chief, Assistant Chief Ashton and several of our officers. Many who apply fail to meet our standards and are rejected but those who are invited to join are trained up to be proficient at protecting us, our city and to become shining examples of a community police department in action. This isn't always easy. You will see what I mean if you look at the video we posted of our latest recruit, Kaitlyn Chan, going thru her taser training. Try not to laugh...and Welcome Kaitlyn!

Volunteers Help Shape the City...

Assuming you are not ready to run for office, The City of Meadows Place provides many opportunities for our residents to be involved with their municipal government, to help improve the community and ultimately help shape the future of our City for years to come.

You can volunteer at Meadows Elementary, Volunteer for Youth Sports Programs, Gardening Projects around the City, volunteer to help with the animals at the Nature Center or get involved with one or more of our Boards, Commissions or Committees. One area of emphasis right now is the Meadows Place Economic Development Corporation, or EDC. The EDC is a very important part of our City and has played an important role for years. EDC has helped fund water wells, obtained land for rightof-way, paid for the sound walls, portions of many major street and parks projects. The EDC is limited by State Legislature as to what they can and cannot spend funds on. EDC funds basically come from sales tax, most of which does not come from Meadows Place residents nor our General Fund tax base. Meadows Place has a very strong EDC but is in need of two or three people to serve on the Advisory Committee and with time, become a director if you so desire. Joining an Economic Development Corporation (EDC) in a small city like ours can be a game-changer. You get to know a lot more about what is going on, how some things are getting funded, and gain municipal experience without Council obligations. EDCs strive to attract new businesses, can help retain existing ones, and promote entrepreneurship. Don't miss out. Visit the next EDC meeting if you want to help shape and secure the future of Meadows Place.



Meadows Police Department

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Danger: Kids Left in Hot Cars Every summer, heartbreaking and preventable deaths happen when children are left alone in hot cars. More than 600 U.S. children have died that way since 1990, according to the

Police Chief Gary Stewart

These cases happen when kids are left unattended in a hot car -- sometimes because the driver forgot the child was there -- or when kids get into unlocked cars without any adult knowing it happened. Within minutes, they can be in danger.

nonprofit safety group Kids and Cars.

Kids in Hot Cars

- Never leave kids alone in a hot car, even briefly.
- Always check the front and back seats of the car before you lock it and leave.
- If you see a kid alone in a hot car call 911 immediately. Get them out ASAP if they are in distress.
- Put your purse, briefcase, or something else you need by the car seat so you don't forget to check.
- Always lock your car when it's empty so kids can't get in without you knowing.

SOURCE: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

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



Public Works



Public Works Director

What is "ok" to put down the DRAIN? NOT F.O.G.'s

On a daily basis household across our community put a whole range of things down their drains, which then make their way to the collection system. What's extremely important for all of us is being able to

distinguish myth from fact and affirm what is suitable to put down the drain. Knowledge is power when it comes to the proper way to dispose of items that might clog our drain / sewer system.

The #1 Thing to Never Put Down the Drain: Flushable wipes. There is no such thing! The flushable wipes don't degrade the same as toilet tissue. And they should not go down the drain.

Are Fats, Oils and Grease of to wash down the sink? (FOG'S): Another common problem for our system stems from fats, oils and grease being washed down the sink. Soap breaks down the grease and the dishes are clean; it's only releasing the grease from the pan and allowing the grease into the household system first and from there into the city system. This grease will create what is called a 'fatberg', which is a rock-hard cluster of fats, oils and grease that are non-biodegradable. If you have ever paid a plumber to clear a drain these 'fatbergs' are the main cause of the blockage. The city spends your tax dollars clearing the main lines within the collection system and unfortunately the pipes can be damaged and broken during the cleaning process, which in turn increases the overall cost of the repairs. FOG's are difficult to handle within the Wastewater Treatment Plant since they are non-biodegradable.

Hazardous Liquid Items such as Paint: Any kind of liquid items that are potentially hazardous should not go down the drain, even when diluted with water. Wastewater Treatment Plants are not designed to treat hazardous waste in any form. When you dispose of this type of waste down the drain it can severely affect the efficiency of how the wastewater system works and improper discharge into the receiving stream which in turn flows to the Bay.

Proper Ways to Dispose of Those Materials: As an easy fix, wet wipes can be disposed of in the trash can, which landfills are accepting. Paint cans can be opened outside and left to dry. What's left will solidify into an inert material that can be taken to a hazardous waste disposal facility.

Fats, oils, and grease from cooking, can be put into a can or jar, after the grease has cooled off. Let it solidify before placing in the trash can.





130.09(A) - Refuse Prohibited At Or Near Streets and Curbs (not trash day)



It shall be unlawful and in violation of this code and punishable to the maximum extent permitted by law for any resident, citizen or inhabitant of the city to keep, store or to maintain rubbish of any type upon or adjacent to public streets or public street rights-of-way in the city except for the purpose of depositing for a normal and customary trash pickup, which shall only be permissible not more than 18 hours before a scheduled trash pickup.

Responsibility

Occupant or Owner at home is responsible for ensuring that trash/recycle bins, bags, yard waste, or discarded items are not placed at curb on any day that is not a trash day.

Trash Days

Trash is picked up on Tuesday and Friday only.

Placing bins, bags, or discarded items on the public sidewalk is not allowed. It blocks the path for children, elders, disabled individuals and/or anyone using the public sidewalk as intended.

Large quantity of Trash

In the event of a remodel, eviction, spring or fall cleaning; substantial amounts of trash must be scheduled to be picked up. You may call Texas Pride Disposal at 281-342-8178 to schedule and find out fee assessed for large quantity pick up. You also may hire a trash removal service of your choice.

Normal trash pickup can be up to 8 bags with each bag or bin not more than 50 lbs.

Storing Properly

Trash/Recycle bins, or bags may be stored BEHIND your fence line or IN your garage (out of view of public walking or driving by.)

Communicate with your lawn crews to place yard waste at curb only on trash days, and on days not trash days place behind your fence or take it with them.

Per Ordinance 130.09(A), trash/recycle may be placed at curb only from NOON on MONDAY through TUESDAY

evening, and NOON on THURSDAY through FRIDAY evening.

At the end of each trash day pull back all bins or trash left and place out on next trash day.

Ensure that trash is NOT placed or left at curb on the weekend nor on Wednesday.

During June 12, 2023, through July 17, 2023, there were a total of 117 Violations, 187 Notices issued, and 241 inspections completed. The following are the top 5 items that needed the most attention during this period.

Cases	
Citations Issued	16
Overall Total New Cases	69
Overall Cases Closed	99
Reported Animals Impounded by Fort Bend County Animal Services:	4
Top 5 Violations	Notices Issued
	NULIGGS 1350GU
Grass/Weeds in excess of 9 inches.	22
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Grass/Weeds in excess of 9 inches. Trash next to curb area (not trash day)	22 16

If you are having trouble meeting the comply-by date for a violation let me know at least *3 business days before that date* listed. I am here to help you.



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



Scan this to find helpful Code Enforcement links on:

 Trash and Recycling Services *Texas Pride Disposal* Ordinances

This same QR Code is also at the bottom of every yellow door notice.

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

*** OPEN HOUSE *** OPEN HOUSE ***

The Meadows Home & Garden Club will be hosting an open house on September 12th, 7pm at the Nature and Discovery Center. We will have snacks, beverages and door prizes to share with our



neighbors. Please come by to meet our club members. You could go home with a prize!

Our club was out at the 4th of July park event handing out flags and plants. We WON the Best Club Spirit Booth. Thanks to Bob Dybala, Linda Stiegler and Kay Ewing for donating their time and efforts that lead to our big win and thanks to all the neighbors that came by for a visit.

Want a view of our Yard of the Month winners for July. Easy Peasy, visit our club website. You can also visit our calendar that will list our programs for the 2023-2024 season.



CALLING ALL MIDS Create a picture of what you love about Meadows Place. We need your artwork to make a calendar celebrating 40 years as a city.

Be sure it is orientated landscape, sized 8.5x11 in. Use vibrant colors Deadine: Friday, August 11th, 2023. 18 years of age or younger only please.

Drop-off at City Hall during business hours or email to communications@cityofmeadowsplace.org Once submitted, pictures will be selected to be included in the calendar.

Some ideas: parks/playgrounds, baseball fields, playing baseball, the splash pad, the community pool, Meadows Marlins, Meadows Pony League, Meadows Elementary, bike rides, family walks, picnics in the park, our police officers, city events like Christmas Memories, Fourth of July or Concerts in the Park, the lake, fishing at the lake, ducks at the lake, Scouts, little libraries, Summer Camp, life guards, the Discovery and Nature Center or a particular event or animal at the center. **MEADOWS PLACE**



HOW DO I REGISTER?



REGISTER

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 8:30am–4:30pm. If after hours place form & payment in the night drop box in the City Hall parking lot.



LOW-COST PET CLINIC

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

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

7/30, McGrath Park, 11am – 4 pm For more info go to Azmobilepetvax.com

August 2023 Parks & Recreation



POOL HOURS August 7 thru September 4

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



Buy online or at the pool during operating hours Tuesday - Sunday

- Annual seasonal access to the City of Meadows Place Pool is available <u>ONLY</u> to Meadows Place residents.
- A Driver's License along with a city water bill <u>MUST</u> be shown in order to purchase access wristbands.
- Each family member is required to have a wristband for entry.

Fee is \$10 each for all summer access

For program or event questions please call City of Meadows Place / 281-983-2950





AQUA FIT

A 45 minute workout in the Lap pool that utilizes the water to improve cardiovascular health, flexibility, & muscular endurance. You determine your own intensity level by how hard you manipulate the water. A pool noodle will be used in many of the exercises, so please bring your own. The larger the more resistance. Open to ages 18 and over.

REGISTER MUST Pre-Register

8/1 – 8/3 @ 6:30pm, T/TH. \$10 / 2 classes



Classes will be offered for three different levels, beginner, intermediate, and advanced. Each session is 2 weeks, Tuesday – Thursday (see schedule below) for a total of 6 classes. Each daily lesson is 30 minutes long.

Session 4, Tuesday – Thursday, 7/25- 8/4 \$80 / student / session Classes begin at 11:15am or 5pm



You can register for parks classes on-line?



We are adding 2 permanent pickleball courts along with resurfacing all tennis courts. We have already completed the replacement of the lights with new modern LED fixtures. The court restoration and stripping has begun and will continue throughout the month. We hope to complete this project and open in mid-August.

Resident Cards are available for purchase at City Hall, Mon. – Fri., 8:30am-4:30pm,\$50 fee valid August 2023 thru August 2024



'Weeding and Waterplay' will be **8/2 at 9:30**. It will also be our last craft day for the summer.

'Weekly Weeding' will begin **8/9 at 3:45pm**. Pack a bathing suit and towels if you'd like to cool off at the splash pad afterwards! Meet us at the Meadows Place Community Garden in McGrath Park.

Join us for an adult only planning meeting at the Discovery and Nature Center on **8/13 from 2-3:30pm.** We will discuss fall planting and plans for our 2nd annual Pumpkin Patch fundraiser.





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 Pay uniform fee to Instructor

Thursdays, September 14 – December 7 at the Community Center 6:30-7:30pm (5-12yr) \$70 per student 7:30-8:30pm (13-70yr) \$70 per student No class the week of Thanksgiving



BOWLING

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

Call: 281.498.8330

August 2023 Parks & Recreation



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

10 Classes for \$69 (1 class per week) or 20 Classes for \$109 (2 classes per week)

June 12–August 23 (Mondays and Wednesdays)

5-6PM (4-11 year olds)

6-7PM (12 year old and adult)

Fall session 1:

6 classes for \$40.00 (1 class per week) or 12 classes for \$69.00 (2 classes per week)

September 4th – Oct 11th, 2023

5-6PM (4-11 year olds)

6-7PM (12 year old and adult)



August 2023 Parks & Recreation



LINE DANCING

Beginner: Tuesdays at 9am, Community Center No experience required!

Advanced: Tuesdays at 10am, Community Center No Fee, Register with instructor in class



ZUMBA

A total workout, combining elements of fitness – cardio, muscle conditioning, balance and boosted energy with a serious dose of awesome each time you leave class.

REGISTER

MUST Pre-Register / No Walk Ins

<u>Session 2</u> 8/7 – 8/28 Mondays, 7:30PM, Community Center, \$25 fee includes 4 classes

<u>Session 3</u> 9/4 – 10/2 Mondays, 7:30PM, Community Center, \$25 fee includes 4 classes (No class 9/18)



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 7/31	Games Day
Thursday 8/3	Games Day
Monday 8/7	Book Club and Games Day
	The Nature of Fragile Things by Susan Meissner
Thursday 8/10	Games Day / Mahjong
Monday 8/14	Finger Food Fun Potluck Games Day
Thursday 8/17	Games Day
Monday 8/21	Lunch Bunch- Avalon Diner / Games Day
Thursday 8/24	Games Day
Monday 8/28	Bingo & Pizza
Thursday 8/31	Games Day





September Book Club:

Clock Dance By Ann Taylor



Exploration Zone / Musical Flowers Tree House / Animal Friends

Tuesday/ Wednesday/ Saturday 10am - 3pm Thursdays 5:00 – 7:00pm Come visit our local Nature Center! This month we're learning all about Ocean Life.



Daily Fee \$2 child / \$5 adult Annual Membership \$20 child / \$30 adult Fee includes facility access and activities. 11938 Amblewood, Meadows Place



Want to get hands-on with one of our amazing animals? Come and see our critters up close. **Thursdays, 5pm at the Nature Center**



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. 281-983-2950 recreation@cityofmeadowsplace.org



The Nature Center will read a book each Saturday at 10am. Bring your child for a fun story about animals and nature.

Saturdays / 10am at the Nature Center

If interested in volunteering to lead a story-time at the Nature Center, please call (281)-983-2950 recreation@cityofmeadowsplace.org





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12039 Scottsdale Dr \$299,900



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11915 Scottsdale Dr \$314,900



12002 Monticeto Ln \$345,000



11923 Meadow Crest Dr \$325,000



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Community Center Rental		
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:		

utilities@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 CenterPoint 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 F: 8:00-4:00 TEXAS PRIDE DISPOSAL www.texaspridedisposal.com service@texaspridedisposal.com 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.

publicworks@cityofmeadowsplace.org