

Meadows **PLACE**

COMMENTS FROM THE MAYOR **By Charles Jessup**



Home Rule Charter

City of Meadows Place should have received a copy of the proposed Home Rule Charter to review. Please read it. For everyone else, we posted a copy of the proposed Charter on our website along with a list of FAQ's and a list of the Home Rule Charter Commission members. They worked very hard work to create the Charter you will be voting on in

November and are making themselves available to you if you have questions. This is NOT a City meeting. Council was not involved in any way except to authorize the Commission to create the proposed Charter.

To discuss the process and any pros and cons of the proposed Charter, the Charter Commission is holding a Town Hall meeting at City Hall on October 12th at 6:30 p.m. Snacks will be served so get there early. Commission members will also be at the Fall Festival and Bazaar on October 16th. This is a big step and YOU will decide whether or not we will be going from General Law to Home Rule. See you at the meeting. Here are the dedicated members who worked so hard:

- Ben Weber
- Ken Smith
- Jimmy Fenwick
- Matt Oltremari David Lantz
- Richard Ramirez
 - Steve Bezner
- Joseph Weymon
- - Nadya Shelton
- Anita Milne

Joe DeBruvn

- Sammy Skemp

Again, check the website for the Proposed Charter and a list of FAQ's. Feel free to ask the Commission, the Mayor, Council, or Staff if you have questions. Thank You.

Community Garden

Our Community Garden was hit by a perfect storm of problems last year. Covid, construction which took out the irrigation and being partially blocked off all contributed to a pretty dismal year.

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Stuart Barrowman

Chris Gawlik

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MEADOWS PLACE SPECIAL ELECTION

COUNT

YOUR

VOTE

OCTOBER 2021

Election Day: November 2, 2021 Early voting starts October 18th

Elección especial de Meadows Place Día de elección: 2 de noviembre de 2021

Comienza la votación el lunes 18 de octubre

CITY CALENDAR

Meadows Place

- Oct. 5 National Night Out
- Oct. 12 Charter Town Hall Meeting - 6:30 p.m.
- Oct. 16 Fall Festival & Bazaar - 10:00 a.m.
- Oct. 18 **Early Voting Begins**
- Oct. 26 **Regular Council Meeting** - 6:30 p.m.

Fort Bend ISD

- Oct. 6 End of the 1st Nine Weeks Oct. 7-8 Student Holiday Oct. 11 **Student Holiday**
- Oct. 25 Regular Board Meeting - 6:00 p.m.

 Tristan Ibarra • Alison Young

Did You Know?...

Did You Know... we have had several Special Meetings and Public Hearings recently? Most of that is due to the fact that we were bringing 'Budget Season' to a close. Your staff and Council did a magnificent job this year. A lot of changes, major repairs and renovations coupled with inflation and rising medical costs made it really tough this year. We passed the budget and set the Tax Rate at last month's meeting. The Tax Rate is set at \$0.832 per hundred- the same as last year. This will bring in an additional 1.66% over last year, or \$ 54,935.00. This is a complex budget with income from our EDC and County Bond funds but those are offset by some pretty big projects. Check the website for budget and tax rate details. Thank you staff for helping manage and maintain our little One Square Mile of Wonderful, and working so hard to keep it - Your Place for Life.

Did You Know... our Utility and Police Departments want to say Thank You to everyone who updated your contact information. They don't need it often, but it is often important when they do. Have You updated your phone number or email? Please call City Hall and let them update your info. 281-983-2950.

Did You Know... long time Meadows Place resident, Morris Waxler, was up at City Hall. During a conversation with the Mayor he mentioned that his 'kids' got him a nice Seiko watch for his 65th birthday...which was THIRTY years ago! The watch still looks and runs good...just like Morris! Stop by anytime Morris.

Did You Know... our Meadows Place Home and Garden Club Craft Show will be part of the 2021 Fall Festival and Bazaar. They are going to hold it out in the park with the rest of the music, food and festivities. Should be fun. Remember, part of the Garden Club proceeds go toward scholarships for OUR kids, so buy something! **Did You Know...** Meadows Place Police Chief Gary Stewart initiated the Fraud Notice bookmark in the Newsletter. We got some great feedback on it. The Chief has some more alerts and notices for our protection which will be coming out this year. Keep your eyes out for them and please keep in mind that the crooks and frauds shop too. They just do it through you. Thank You, Chief.

Did You Know... that Meadows Place resident, Rebecca Smith, recently completed her first marathon run in Huntington Ca. Did it in under 4 hours...Congratulations Rebecca!

Did You Know... Meadows Place was well represented in the Fort Bend County Fair and Rodeo Parade? Not only was the Mayor in the parade with the other Fort Bend Mayors, Chief Stewart put one of our Police Cars- aka 'Rolling Billboards" in the parade. I am glad he did because the thousands and thousands of people watching saw our department represented. One youngster hollered out "Cool car. Meadows has more lights than anybody. They win!" Well, we know both our PD and our cars are winners.

Did You Know... The Meadows Place Nature Center is going to get a fun new mural soon. It is designed to increase awareness and stimulate the imagination of all who visit. This whimsical new mural will add to the mission of our Nature Center which is to provide an education and inspire people to be more aware of nature and our environment... and have fun doing it. One more way we will keep Meadows Place - *Your* Place for *Life*.

Did You Know... Public Works Director Rod Hainey has really stepped up and is leading the way through a major renovation of our Waste Water Treatment Plant. Thanks Rod.

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

Did You Know... Council Meetings Online

Meadows Place has made it easy to watch City Council Meeting online Click **Watch Council Live** from the **'How Do I'** pull down tab at the top of the page. You will see several categories. Access the **Watch Council Live** link under **View**. It is the column all the way to the left. Open it and you will see **Watch Live**. The Live Feed is set up to start five minutes before the meeting. Just click, listen and learn. You can join anytime during the meeting. You will also see **Archived Videos** which gives you access to both City Council Meetings and Special Meetings. The dates and agendas are included. It's easy. Check it out.

Comments From The MAyor (Continued from page 1)

With so many of us vaccinated, the loosening of restrictions and the desire to bring that beautiful garden back to life is the reason for this message. Community Gardens can be a huge asset for a community. A place to see efforts rewarded, gather with friends, share wonderful experiences and knit the fabric of your community together. If you are interested in helping to revitalize our Community Garden, please email your name and contact information to: mayor@cityofmeadowsplace.org by October 15th. Put 'Garden' in the subject line. Thank You.

EDC Holds Small Business Roundtable

Our Economic Development Corporation (EDC) hosted its first Small Business Roundtable last month. It was

Meadows Police Department



Halloween Safety Tips

The Meadows Place Police Department Encourages everyone to have a safe Halloween with these Safety Tips.

Police Chief Gary Stewart

• Instruct your older children to TAKE FRIENDS when "Trick or Treating."

- Make sure a TRUSTED ADULT, accompanies your younger children when "Trick or Treating." Older children should travel in groups.
- Children should not enter homes without your prior permission.
- Only approach homes that are well-lit both inside and outside.
- Teach your children to NEVER approach a vehicle unless they are accompanied by you
- Make sure your children wear reflective clothing and carry a flashlight or glow stick
- Make sure your children are able to see and breathe easily when using facial masks.
- All costumes and masks should be clearly marked as flame resistant.
- Teach your children to always stay in well-lit areas, and never go into isolated areas.
- Teach your children to stay alert for any suspicious incidents and report anything unusual to you and law enforcement.
- Teach your children if anyone tries to grab them to draw attention to themselves and yelling loud as they can: "This person is trying to take me," or "This person is not my father/mother." Teach your children to make every effort to escape by walking, running, or pulling away; yelling; kicking; attracting attention; and otherwise resisting.
- Consider organizing or attending parties at home, in schools, or in community centers as a good alternative to "Trick or Treating."
- Please notify the Meadows Place Police Department immediately of any suspicious or unusual activity (281) 983-2900. If you see something – Say something

well attended and very informative and helpful to those in attendance. I know I learned a lot as did the EDC who got immediate feedback. There will be some changes, like making it a breakfast meeting so as not to disrupt their day. Mary at Pro-Clips suggested we modify the intro's to let attendees to not only introduce themselves but more about business. Great idea. Karim Halani with Star Mobile, the Cricket store, is looking forward to the next one and was pleased to get a chance to meet fellow business owner/operators. Shop local is always a good idea so I used The UPS Store to mail a package of coffee to my son and let Mary cut my hair. Great event EDC and Thank You Meadows Place Small Businesses!





Trees and Bushes in the Street Right of Way

As we drive down most of the streets in the City of Meadows Place, we are fortunate enough to have a beautiful canopy of trees lining our streets. As these trees grow,

Public Works Director

they must be trimmed to meet the current- Ordinance SS130.10 TRIMMING OF TREES< SHRUBS AND OTHER VEGATATIVE MATERIAL.

Starting with the sidewalk the trees and shrubs must be trimmed to a minimum height of 10 feet, this will provide a clearance measured from the ground to the lowest limb, branch, or any part thereof. Pedestrians can now utilize the sidewalk unobstructed.

Street Right of Way is slightly different, point of measurement is the top of the curb. The minimum clearance measured from the ground to tree or lowest branch must be not less than 16 feet over the street.

By keeping these trees trimmed to the appropriate height we will prevent damage to high profile delivery trucks and the tree itself, by not ripping of limbs in a collision with vehicles.

Another issue with trees in the Right of Way involves the streetlights. The tree canopy can block the effective dispersion of the light on to the pavement and sidewalk. This severely impairs the effectiveness of the streetlight about safety on the road and sidewalks.

Residents are strongly encouraged to trim the trees in their yard that effect the clearances on the street and sidewalk within the Right of Way.

Code Enforcement

Columbus & Indigenous Peoples' Day is October 11th And National Pumpkin Day is October 26th



I would like to Thank Mr. & Mrs. Lehr on Mulholland for all the work done to improve their home and for so quickly ensuring the proper 16'-0" tree clearance over the street. Thank you for all you do to keep The Meadows Place, *Your* **Place for** *Life*.

There are 2 ordinances that I am requesting help from you all with: Tree limb clearances and unkempt pools.

1) Please ensure that the tree limbs in your front/side yards over the streets are trimmed up to a minimum clearance of 16'-0" and over the public sidewalks a minimum clearance of 10'-0". This ordinance helps to ensure that our emergency vehicles have the proper clearance to get to a call quickly when seconds count without timely detours because of low hanging limbs.

2) For the coming Fall months please make sure your swimming pools are kept clean and on a maintenance schedule to ensure the health, safety, welfare and well being of the community. Stagnant pools and any standing water are a prime breeding ground for mosquitos and put anyone in the community at risk for being infected with Encephalitis, Dengue Fever, Malaria, Yellow Fever, Zika, and Dog Heartworm.

If anyone knows of a pool that is not being maintained please let me know via phone call, if I don't answer leave a voice mail at 281-983-2938, or send an email to codeenforcement@cityofmeadowsplace.org. Photos of unkempt pools will be extremely helpful to take action quickly especially if it cannot be seen from the street.

Top Violation Ordinance and Resolution: Improper Clearance of tree(s)/shrub(s) 2008-22 section

20-14 It shall be unlawful for anyone to maintain trees, shrubs, or other vegetative material upon a public street right-of-way

other vegetative material upon a public street right-of-way without keeping the same property trimmed so as to provide a minimum clearance from the pavement to the lowest limb, branch or part thereof extending over the sidewalk of not less than ten (10) feet and over the street/pavement of not less



than sixteen (16) feet. It shall further be unlawful not to keep such trees, shrubbery or other brush sufficiently trimmed, pruned, or cut so that the same will not extend into any part of the paved surface, including any part of the curb, from a non-paved area of the public street right-of-way.

Resolution - Please Trim tree(s) or shrubs to meet compliance and Comply-By 21 days from Notice date.

Below are the top **5** items that needed attention the most between August 25, 2021, and September 30, 2021. During this period there were a total of **125** violations. 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	7
Overall Total New Cases	87
Overall Cases Closed	174
Frequent Violations	Notices Issued
Improper clearance of trees/shrubs	17
Dead Landscaping / Tree(s)	16
Bandit Sign	15
Grass/Weeds more than 9 inches.	9
Trash next to curb area (not trash day)	8



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/

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.





Home & Garden Club

By Executive Board Officers

The first general meeting of the season was a great success. Our guest speaker Nancy Cartie shared an inspiring and heartwarming story about Annie, a monarch butterfly. Her children's books, A Time to Fly and A Time to Be Kind can be found on Amazon.

Our next general meeting will be on October 12th, 7pm, at the Discovery Center. If you're interested in helping the pollinators, then come be our guest. A Fort Bend County Master Gardener will speak on Helping Bees Survive.

We will also have a meeting on November 9th, 7pm, at the Discovery Center. Don Clabough, another Meadows resident, will be speaking on how to grow and care for Staghorn ferns. There may even be a door prize!

The Home & Garden club is happy to report that we will be hosting the Craft Fair at the Meadows Fall Bazaar on October 16th. Come check out the hand crafted jewelry, gifts, and more. The Home & Garden club will also be selling homemade baked goods, with all proceeds going to our Scholarship fund.

Interested in being a New Member? It's easy, just download a membership form from our website and mail it in with your check. Membership is open to anyone over 18. The fee for individuals is \$25, family fee is \$35.

October is the deadline for membership renewals. All renewals or new memberships can be mailed to: Meadows Home & Garden Club, C/O 11922 Cedar Form Lane, Meadows Place, TX 77477.

Our next Yard of the Month judging will be for Halloween. Our club goblins will be out on the evening of October 30th for judging. They'll be looking for all those awesome and spooky decorations.

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

Visit our web site today. Meadowshomegardenclub.com





DO YOU KNOW HOW TO REGISTER

There are 3 options to register for city programs.

- You may now register online at cityofmeadowsplace.org. Pick your program / select quantity/ pay by credit card.
- Mail in registration is also available. Forms can be found on-line at 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.



ESSENTIALS OF KAYAKING

Our lessons provide an introduction for the beginner paddler. You will be taught the basics of safety, balance, paddling, turns and recovery. Single and double kayaks are available.

Please wear clothing that can get wet and bring a towel.

REGISTER MUST Pre-Register

10/23, 10AM @ Meadows Place Pool (7yr & Up) \$15

October 2021 Parks & Recreation



10am – 2pm

McGrath Park

12001 Brighton Ln

CRAFT SHOW GERMAN BEER GOOD FOOD PETTING ZOO KIDS RIDES GERMAN BAND STEIN CONTEST FACE PAINTING PIE CONTEST FUN ACTIVITIES

<u>Pie Contest (3) Categories</u> Meringue / Single Crust / Double Crust \$50 Gift Card to 1st Place in each Category Turn Pies in to Judging table by 11am



Call 281-642-7696 for details or to participate as a craft vendor



TENNIS ANYONE?

We have created a tennis program for all levels. Come out and begin or continue your journey gaining the skills in a sport that you will enjoy for a lifetime! Tennis! We are offering the following group sessions below.

Don't see days or times that fit your schedule? Contact Sidney Cooper at: holding.serve@gmail.com

Children

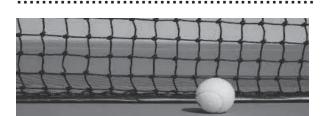
Beginner/ Advanced-beginner (YB) Saturdays, 9:00a-10:00a (6-8yrs) 10:15a-11:15a (9-11yrs)

Advance beginner/intermediate (YA) Thursdays, 4:45 or 7:00pm (12-14yrs)

Adults

Beginner/Advanced beginner (AB) Tuesdays, 9:00a or 10:00a

Sessions consist of 4 weeks (\$100) Minimum 4 students per class Saturdays – 9/11 - 10/2 (YB) Tuesdays – 9/14 – 10/4 (AB) Thursdays – 9/16- 10/6 (YA)



TENNIS

Resident Cards are available for purchase at City Hall, Mon – Fri / 9am-4pm.,\$50 valid thru 5/2022

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 No Class Thanksgiving Week

Location: Community Center / Oct - Dec

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

12 classes for \$80 / 25 classes for \$130 Uniform \$30 (Pay instructor)



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 No Class Thanksgiving Week

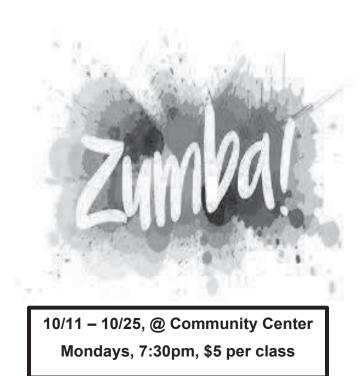
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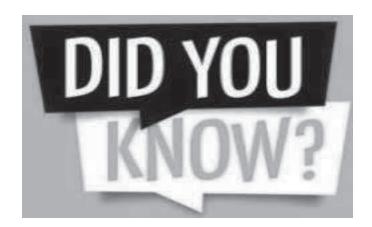
Thursday 6:30- 7:30pm (5-12yr) \$50

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

\$30 Uniform Fee to Instructor

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DID YOU KNOW THERE ARE SEVERAL RENTAL OPTIONS THROUGH THE MEADOWS PLACE PARKS DEPARTMENT?

- PARK PAVILLION
 Outdoor covered pavilions are available
 next to the lake & McDonald Park near the
 playgrounds.
- **BBQ FIRE PIT** At your next family gathering rent the large BBQ pit in the Helfman Playground Area.

• COMMUNITY CENTER

Indoor facility to include table / chairs/ and catering kitchen.

Call for pricing and availability. 281-642-7701

October 2021 Parks & Recreation



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

Come visit the Nature Center and enjoy interacting with hands on activities and animal encounters.

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.

Call 346-754-5897 for more information.



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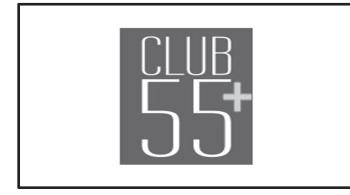
BIRTHDAY PARTIES @ the Nature Center

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







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

11938 Amblewood

Monday 10/4	Socialize / Game Play
	Book Club – Oil & Marble
Thursday 10/7	Painting Stations / Game Day
Monday 10/11	Socialize / Game Play
Thursday 10/14	Field Trip Lunch to
	Gino's Sweets & Eats
Monday 10/18	Socialize / Game Play
Thursday 10/21	Pie Recipe Contest
Mon & Thurs	



Bingo

10/25 & 10/28

Contact Lauren for a schedule of activities recreation@cityofmeadowsplace.org

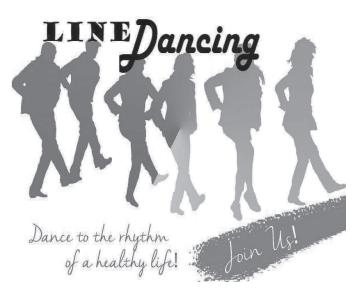




Strengthen your core muscles and improve stability with range of motion. Most exercises are done while seated. All genders and ages are welcome.

REGISTER MUST Pre-Register. \$25

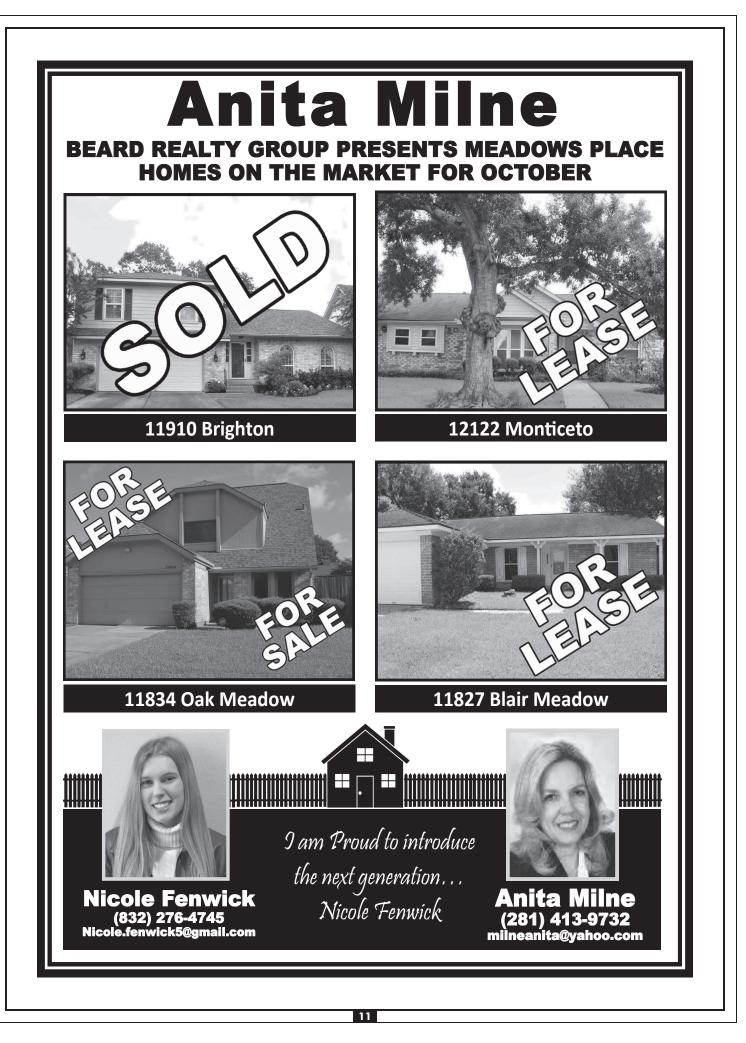
10/5 –10/28 T/TH, 9:45AM Community Center



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

10/5–10/26,Tues @ 11am, Community Center No Fee , Register with instructor in class





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EMERGENCY. 9-1-1 CITY HALL (9:00 a.m 4:00 p.m.) Mon-Fri. (281) 983-2950 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	

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



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