

Meadows PLACE

COMMENTS FROM THE MAYOR By Charles Jessup



Elections – Local and Otherwise

By the time you receive this newsletter, I hope we have the "Unofficial" election results- National, State and Local. Our Founding Fathers established an amazing system of government transition that allows "We the people" to peacefully determine who we want to represent and work for us. Oh, sometimes tempers flare and a few folks get a little intense,

but when the dust settles and the votes are counted most of us grin or grimace for a day or two and then it is back to work, back to living out our lives and doing the best we can.

Meadows Place will see one new face on Council. Our School Board will see some changes as will the County, State and US Congressional seat. Regardless of who is sitting there, Meadows Place officials will reach out and work with them respectfully, courteously with the best interest of our City, State and Country at heart. As Mayor, I know the people of the City of Meadows Place will do the same and that makes me especially proud to serve you. Now is the time for all of us to come together, focus on the future and do what we can to make sure Meadows Place stays...*Your* Place for *Life*!

Reporting Speeders

If you feel people are speeding on a city street, the ones we live on, there is a course of action you can take besides just complaining on the 3G Facebook page. It is harder than you might think to tell the speed of a moving vehicle so the best thing to do is call in the professionals...that is the Police. Some streets that are more prone than others to have speeders and our PD pretty much knows which they are. To discourage speeders, PD will rotate throughout the city staking out different areas and streets. That doesn't mean they are always in the right place at the right time so they can definitely use your eyes, ears and input. Please, contact the PD and report any area of concern. The more information you give PD the better.

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repair in the city limits.

CITY CALENDAR

Meadows Place

Nov. 3	Election Day - 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.	
Nov. 14	Town Hall Meeting - 10:00 a.m.	
Nov. 17	City Council Meeting - 6:30 p.m.	
Nov. 26-27 City Hall Closed - Thanksgiving		
Fort Bend ISD		

Nov. 25-27 Student Holiday

Did You Know?...

Did You Know... Meadows Place was recently recognized as a leader in the CARES Act funding recovery program.

Did You Know... James Fields, President of Meadows Place All Play baseball visited City Hall and told the Mayor and Council that they are working hard to overcome the problems caused by Covid and the school construction that temporarily took out their primary field. He was pleased with a recent fundraiser which raised \$5,000 which they will apply to regrading the field and making it playable again. Still a long way to go but with hard work and city support they will get there.

Did You Know... During the Covid Crisis, Parks and Recreation Dept. did a lot of deferred maintenance on our parks, trails, pocket parks and facilities as they took advantage of the fact that these were used less than in a normal year. We did find however that we had a very large uptick in the use of the "Passive" space in our parks as people used them as an enjoyable alternative to staying home.

Did You Know... Stuart and Cindy Barrowman's grandson Taylor is an All American baseball player. Last year he was slugger of the year and MVP. Let's wish him luck at the All American Games this year in Florida. He currently plays for the Fort Bend Texans and Clements High School. Way to go Taylor!!!

Did You Know... we post the phone numbers Texas Pride Disposal, the number to report Storm Drain Dumping and How to Report a Streetlight being out on the back of the newsletter every month. We just added the phone and after-hours phone # for Water & Sewer Issues. Check it out, and remember, the Newsletter is always posted online so you can pull them even if you have not kept your hard copy. Thanks Courtney.

Did You Know... Savannah Cabezas,

our Parks Director's daughter, is studying Marine Biology at the University of Hawaii. She was out enjoying a Hawaiian sunset when bitten by a Scolopendra Subspinipes, one of three types of centipedes they have there...the one that bites. It is mentioned in an article: *Living in Hawaii: How to Survive the Big Centipedes*. Oh, Savannah called her Mom at 2:00 am Meadows Place time – not a great way to wake her Mom up!

Did You Know... after reading about calling the City about problem areas on a sidewalk, Paul, one of our neighbors, called Nick Haby. I just got an email from him that said *"Thank you for fixing the sidewalks so quickly..."* We are dedicated to our infrastructure and have a year's worth of projects laid out. Working on them will help keep Meadows Place...*Your* Place for *Life!*

Did You Know... after worrying about the effects of Covid on the city's Sales Tax revenues, it looks like all that buying on Amazon is more than making up for any in-store drop offs. As Rick Staigle pointed out, the State sees the delivery address as the Point of Sale, so we get any Sales Tax due. So, for all of those buying online - Thank You.

Speaking of Businesses, **Did You Know** many Small Businesses have been hurt by the Pandemic. One such business is *TeeRoo's Private Label Beverages* in Stafford. They do the Meadows Place Butterfly Bottles for us. He sent me a Thank You note that read:

Mayor Jessup,

We delivered your water today. Thank you for the business, especially since we have been so slow due to Covid. Mark Poley. Mark does a good job for us on these beautiful custom Meadows Place water bottles which are funded by our EDC. Thank You Mark, Thank You EDC!

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

Did You Know... New Public Works Director

There will be a new face at the November Meadows Place Department Head meeting. Mr. Rod Hainey will be joining us as the new Director of Public Works. Rod has experience in Water, Sewer, Streets, Sidewalks, Parks, Construction and Project Management.

Well qualified with appropriate water and sewer license, experience running a staff and dealing with TCEQ, City Administrator Nick Haby felt he was quite qualified and would "be a good fit". Rod was invited to meet the staff prior to a job offer being made to confirm that. Staff was impressed. References spoke highly of him so an offer was made. Rod, who recently retired from Cleveland, Texas, said he had not expected to go back to work so soon but when he heard there may be an opportunity in Meadows Place he checked around and jumped at the chance. Welcome aboard, Rod.

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Stakeouts can be boring but can also be productive. Our patrol officers realize their presence is a deterrent and want to be there BEFORE there is a problem. Call the PD, report the area, with an address, and trust in the PD to do their job. If people are speeding, they will get caught and the speeding WILL go away- for a while. If it picks back up, call the PD and let the circle of conviction begin again. The number to call is 281-983-2900; 9am to 5pm.

Considering Move to Home Rule

Meadows Place, a Type A, General Law city is considering

a transition to Home Rule. At the last Council meeting there was a motion to declare Meadows Place to be within the population requirements, name a 15 person Home Rule Charter Committee and begin the process. City Council postponed any action for a month so hopefully the discussion can continue then. If you have any questions about Home Rule, please attend the City Council meeting this month or contact the Mayor, a Council member or Nick Haby, our City Administrator. Thank You.



This Holiday Season: Be Aware and Be Safe

The Meadows Place Police Department reminds everyone: "Bad Guys" are shopping for the holidays too; they are looking for opportunities to strike and take advantage for the Holiday Season. Now more than ever is the time to be conscious of your surroundings and protective of your wares. Whether you are traveling out of town, just out for the evening, or shopping by yourself or with children, below are a few precautions to help make your holidays a safer one.

If you are traveling:

- Put an automatic timer on your lights
- Ask a neighbor to check up on your home
- Don't forget to have your mail and newspaper delivery stopped
- Contact Meadows Place Police Department and request a House Watch

If you are out of the house:

- Turn on lights and music or the TV so it looks as if someone is home
- Be sure that your doors and windows are locked
- Don't display your gifts where they can be seen from the outside
- If you plan to have packages delivered to your home, make sure you are home to accept them. If not, ask

a neighbor or have the package be held at the nearest holding facility

If you are shopping:

- Stay alert and be aware of what's going on around you
- Park in a well-lit space
- Be sure to lock your car, close windows, and hide shopping bags and gifts in the trunk
- Avoid carrying large amounts of cash; pay with a credit card whenever possible
- · Don't overburden yourself with packages
- Deter pickpockets and purse-snatchers. Carry a purse close to your body in the front. If you are carrying a wallet, place it in an inside coat or front pants pocket
- If shopping with kids, have a plan in case you get separated. For the older children, have a central meeting spot designated. For the younger children teach them to go to a store clerk or security guard if you get separated. Be sure they know your name (not just mommy and daddy), cell phone number, and their address. Go over the dangers of strangers with them so they know who not to talk to or follow
- Check receipts to see whether your full credit card number appears. If a receipt has your full number on it, take a pen and thoroughly scratch it out
- Double check that you have your credit cards and check book after you pay for your items

By following these tips, you may reduce your stress during the Holiday Season.

The Meadows Place Police Department wishes all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. (281) 983-2900



Code Enforcment

November is the month, as a country, that we reflect on being thankful for what we have. In a time when some of us have lost more this year than what we could have imagined a year ago...

I am thankful for all the residents of The City of Meadows Place, as you all continue to show me the kindness that makes this place, your place for life.

Let's continue to work together to keep The City of Meadows Place as wonderful as the residents are. We have a few items that we need to work on in the table below. If you have any questions about a Notice of Violation, please let me know before the due date listed. I am always here to help you.

The following are the Most Frequent Violations & Cases between September 9 & October 9, 2020.

Cases	
New Cases to Court	25
Overall Total New Cases	30
Overall Cases Closed	49
Frequent Violations	Notices Issued
Grass and Weeds above 9" and/or in cracks of driveway or sidewalk	14
Trash Bins visible from the street (also trash next to curb not on trash day)	8
Trash/Debris Accumulations	8
Working Without Permit	3
RV, Trailer, Boat, on any street or within the front and/or side yard.	2

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



Cold Weather Safety Tips

We must all be prepared to deal with the possibility of temperatures dropping below the freezing level. In the greater Houston area, the weather changes constantly and we can easily find ourselves unprepared to deal with a sudden freeze. Here are a few precautions we should be ready to deal with and prepared for;

- 1. Bring in pets pets should never be left out in the cold for extended periods of time. Pets can get frostbite on their ear tips, noses, tails and paws. Make sure your pets have a warm place to sleep.
- 2. Wrap your outside pipes and faucets pipes should be wrapped to protect against possible water pipes freezing and cracking. Water pipe failures can lead to high water bills, and expensive plumbing repairs. Be sure to take precautions and warp your pipes!
- 3. Wrap your plants be sure to place a cloth or plastic over your plants to protect them from wind chills and icy weather. Most plants will survive if precautions are taken.
- 4. People if you have to go out in cold and freezing weather be sure to avoid hazardous conditions. Stay off of icy roads and bridges if you have to be on the road. Watch for ice on sidewalks (walk carefully), driveways, and streets. Dress appropriately!

Remember to check on the elderly and those who may have functional needs, or access needs, to make sure that they have sufficient warmth to get them through the cold weather. Also, if you, or someone you know, uses space heaters or a fireplace, make sure there is at least 3 feet of empty space around them while they are being operated.

If you do experience a broken water pipe or need assistance in turning your water off, please call USW at 832-756-2143.



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. 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.
- COMMERCIAL BROKERAGE SERVICES: I can help with an office, retail, or industrial lease. I can help you if you are looking to buy or sell a building or land. Over 30+ years of commercial real estate experience. Resident, Broker. Bob (281) 415-1205
- Retired 30 year mechanic. Will fix cars and cut lawns. Very Reasonable. Maintenance before catastrophe. Call Irishman Noel 281-804-1751.
- AVON! Call me Belle. Resident 281-495-3297.
- Mary Kay Cosmetics Meadows Resident Carol Evans 281-933-8298
- Loving hands compassionate hearts. Elder-care provider. Call for part-time openings. 281-989-4170
- ROOF LEAKING? NEED GUTTERS? Call your local award-winning roofer. Affordable Quality Roof and Gutter Replacements and Repairs. Call or text (713) 464-9398 for a free estimate BBB Award of Distinction Winners 2017 2018 and 2019 "A roofer you can trust."
- Wanted: to buy a bookcase 36" LR 32" H 12" FB. Please call or email 281-217-5799 schofieldem@ windsteam.net.

Home & Garden Club

By Harriet Weymon, Publicity

Great news! The garden club will be getting back to having their monthly meetings. The next general meeting will be on November 10th, 7:00pm, via Zoom. Zoom details will be sent to the current member list in a separate email. November's program will be presented by Colene Cabezas, Meadows Place Parks and Recreation Director. She will be talking about the new prairie gardens under the power lines as well as other upcoming projects she has planned.

The open Back Yard, hosted by Kathy Gilmore, was a great success. Several members came by for ideas, while others sat down to enjoy the views. Kathy's homemade Sangria was a nice surprise. Kathy's backyard is chock-full of plants, including some unusual ones that are quite interesting. A couple worth noting are the Hoya vining plant and the variegated Hydrangea.

The Lunch Bunch will be meeting on October 21st. Please rsvp to Kay Ewing at kmewing@sbcglobal.net. The meetup will be at 11:00am at Live Oak Grill on 12935 Dairy Ashford.

The club is considering another hot chocolate sale event at the Christmas Memories celebration. Volunteers will be needed so if you are interested please send an email to the club email account. Details about the date and time to follow. The club is following the CDC Covid-19 safety protocols at all in-person gatherings.

You might be interested in knowing the 1/2 of the club dues go to the Scholarship fund and the other half goes to the general fund which is used to help families in need during the holidays. If being a garden club member isn't your thing please consider making a donation to one of these worthy causes. Checks can be made out to: Meadows Home & Garden Club, c/o Treasurer, 11922 Cedar Form Ln, Meadows Place, TX, 77477

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

Visit our web site today. Meadowshomegardenclub.com





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



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: 4th Degree Black Belt, Steve Puma and 3rd Degree Black Belt, Michael Puma. Students may try the first class for free.

REGISTER MUST Pre-Register.

10/8 – 12/17@ Community Center

Thursday 6:30- 7:30pm (5-12yr) \$45 Thursday 7:30- 8:30pm (13-70yr) \$45 \$30 Uniform Fee to Instructor.



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

REGISTER MUST Pre-Register. \$25

11/3–11/24, T/TH, 10AM Community Center



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.

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REGISTER MUST Pre-Register

11/2 – 12/16 Monday: 5-6pm (4-11 yrs.) 6-7pm (12 years and adult)

Wednesday: 6-7pm (All Ages, families welcome)

14 classes for \$80 7 classes for \$45 Uniform \$30 (Pay instructor)

November 2020 Parks & Recreation



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

10/19 – 12/28, Mon., Community Center Outside (Will move inside as needed)

7:30pm - 8:30pm, Fee \$55, Walk In \$6



TENNIS

Resident Access Cards are available for purchase at City Hall, Mon – Fri / 9am-4pm.

Cards are \$50 and valid thru May of each year.

You must show proof of residency by presenting your MP water bill and TDL.



Come enjoy music and movement while learning to line dance. Older dances and a few new ones will get your heart pumping and face smiling when you join in the fun.

11/3–11/24,Tues @11am, Community Center No Fee , Register with instructor in class



HOW DO I REGISTER? REGISTER

Our programs require pre-registration.

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.

RENTALS

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

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

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Email for pricing and availability parksdirector@cityofmeadowsplace.org

For program or event questions please email parksdirector@cityofmeadowsplace.org / 281-642-7696











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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: Iylanan@cityofmeadowsplace.org			

For water/sewer issues after hours call: B32-756-2143

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



www.texaspridedisposal.com service@texaspridedisposal.com



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

CHRISTMAS MEMORIES

EXPERIENCE THE SIGHTS AND SOUNDS OF CHRISTMAS DURING THE CITY OF MEADOWS PLACE ANNUAL CHRISTMAS EVENT

DECEMBER 4

6:00 – 9:00pm 12001 BRIGHTON @ MCGRATH PARK NO FEE REQUIRED

SNOW HILL

ICE SKATING

TRAIN RIDES

LEVEL ONE BAND

DELICIOUS FOOD

For more information contact City of Meadows Place 281-983-2950 parksdirector@cityofmeadowsplace.org