Place for Life

Meadows PLACE

DECEMBER 2020

COMMENTS FROM THE MAYOR By Charles Jessup



Meadows Place Election

We have the "Official" election results and the votes have been Canvassed. I would like to say Welcome to our newest City Council Member-Tia Baker. I look forward to working with her and welcome back veterans John Isbell and Rick Staigle. I would also like to thank everyone who voted and say Thank You to those who voted for me. I appreciate

the opportunity to serve you once again and will continue to work hard to keep the city moving forward in the direction that best provides for our health, safety and welfare and protects and promotes strong property values. It is an honor to sit as your Mayor and I truly believe Meadows Place is... *Your Place for Life!*

The Possible Move to Home Rule

Meadows Place has taken the next step toward possibly becoming a Home Rule City. After a month of research and discussion, Council unanimously voted to declare Meadows Place to be within the population requirements and then, in a separate unanimous vote, named a 15 person Home Rule Charter Committee and an alternate. This is legal process which Meadows Place will follow explicitly.

How does a city adopt a home-rule charter? The first step is the selection of a charter commission to draft the proposed charter. The Meadows Place Charter Committee was compiled through Resident, Council and Mayoral recommendation and only after Council review and modification was the selection of the committee approved. They are independent and answer to no one but themselves. Nick Haby, our City Administrator, legal counsel and our City Secretary will participate on behalf of the City for support. After the committee has crafted a charter and Council has reviewed it, they will call for an election and every voter in the city will receive a copy of the charter prior to the election to review. Then, YOU will decide.

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CITY CALENDAR

Meadows Place

Dec. 4 Christmas Memories - 6:00 p.m.

Dec. 15 City Council Meeting - 6:30 p.m.

Dec. 23 City Hall Closing at 11:30 a.m.

Dec. 24-25 City Hall Closed

Jan. 1 City Hall Closed

Fort Bend ISD

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

Dec. 15-18 City Council Meeting - 6:30 p.m.

Dec. 17-18 Early Release

Start of Winter Break Holiday

Jan. 6 First Day of Second Semester

Did You Know?...

Did You Know... Mike Schofield donated a POW – MIA Flag to the city. We fly it on National POW/MIA Recognition Day and several other days of national observances such as Memorial Day, Flag Day, Independence Day and Veterans Day. Thank You very much Mike. Things like this help make Meadows Place... Your Place for Life.

Did You Know... Alderman Kopczynski let Jennifer Cabello, our Code Enforcement Official, bring four of her students from the Architectural Drafting class she teaches at Houston Community College to take a tour the home he is building. Jennifer was able to show the students the difference between planning and building and the importance of clear and concise plans as it translates to the real world. Just another example of Meadows Place helping make the world a better place. Way to go Jennifer.

Did You Know... Meadows Place has received Federal Funds from the County to help offset unexpected and unbudgeted expenses during the ongoing Covid Pandemic. These expenses are awarded to us only after the County approves them. Your City Council, City Administrator and Finance Department have worked very hard to keep accurate records to try to recover any funding due us but did not spend money just to spend money. They put the needs and best interest of the city first and did a good job at it. You might want to say Thanks to Council and staff.

Did You Know... the improvements at our Pocket Park at 11975 Brighton are almost done! You asked for it and you got it, so drive by and check it out. It looks great and the neighbors are all excited. Take a look and let us know what you think of the latest example of Meadows Place raising the standards.

has submitted a request for a Name Proposal to the U.S. Board on Geographic Names regarding the bayou that runs through the city. His request is to officially name the bayou Meadows Place Bayou. Don't know if they will name that short a body of water but they have acknowledged the receipt of the request and are looking into it. Who knew you could do that? I never heard of the U.S. Board on Geographic Names. If anything official happens, we will let you know. Way to go Richard!

Did You Know... the Rosenberg Railroad Museum is a great place to take kids. It has a wonderful model train area plus lots of stuff outside for them to play on and, they can pull the rope ring the bell! Meadows Place is surrounded by all kind of neat things. How great is that!

Did You Know... most moths do not have mouths? They are only alive for a short time and have no need. However there are many that will drink nectar and it seems Moths love a good microbrew. Interested in trying your hand at mothing? Nothing attracts these guys like beer. A tip from our scientists: When the weather heats up, mix a paste of beer, brown sugar, and banana. Paint it on some trees, kick back and relax, then check back in the evening with your flashlight to see the multitude of moths you're sure to attract. Have fun.

Did You Know... Meadows Place has a great Water System Video on our website. Filmmaker Josh Merritt of Merritt Media combined people and enhanced visuals of the water distribution process with graphic animations to make an interesting and informative video of our water system. Check it out on the Meadows Place website.

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

Did You Know... Planning and Zoning Meeting

We had a great planning and zoning meeting last month. Nick Haby, our City Administrator, was there as was the City Secretary, Courtney Rutherford. After the Mayor thanked them for all they had done in the previous (fiscal) year and how much he appreciated their efforts for the future of the city, the Mayor left them to discuss some of the known items The Planning and Zoning Commission would probably be addressing in the future. The next hour was full of questions, discussion and explanations of an individual's role as a Planning and Zoning Commissioner. It was a very energetic and productive meeting. A few potential new members sat in and were thankful for the opportunity to become involved. If you are interested in becoming a member of our P&Z, EDC or Board of Adjustment, please contact Nick or Courtney at City Hall.



What does a home- rule charter do? Basically gives the municipal government the ability to determine the type of government it wants, craft ordinances and make decisions based on local needs, rather than following a one-size-fits-all decided by state legislators. It regulates the power of the Mayor and City Council. It determines how many are on Council, the length and number of terms. The charter assigns Emergency powers, sets election dates, determines the fiscal year, who appoints the city attorney. etc. The list goes on and on and is very important. That is why the Charter Committee is so important. The process is just beginning and the City will keep you posted.

When a Congressman Calls...

On a lighter note and in lieu of the season, Congressman Pete Olson called last month and asked that I meet him at his office one morning at 10:00. He was somewhat vague about the reason but when a Congressman calls, you answer. Anyway, when I walked in I was met by The Grinch who Stole Christmas. Not really, but it was the Congressman all dressed up and wearing a Grinch mask. He had made arrangements with Ms. Dickey to read the book for the students at Meadows Elementary. We did and it was a lot of fun. I just hope the students enjoyed it. Happy Holidays and Merry Christmas everyone.



Laws for Bicyclist in Texas

- ➤ Bicyclists have the rights and duties of other vehicle operators: (551.101)
- ➤ Ride near the curb and go in the same direction as other traffic: (551.103)
- At least one hand on the handlebars (two are safer): (551.102c)
- ➤ Use hand and arm signals: (545.107)
- ➤ One rider per saddle: (551.102a)
- > You may ride two abreast as long as you don't impede traffic: (551.103c) Must have a white light on the front and a red reflector or red light on the rear (for riding at night): (551.104b)
- ➤ Brakes capable of making the braked wheel skid: (551.104a)

Safe Riding Tips

See and be seen. Whether daytime, dawn, dusk, night, or foul weather, you need to be seen by others. Wear bright clothes (neon or fluorescent) when riding day or night. Also wear something reflective such as a light, tape, or markings.

Be predictable. Ride in a straight line, not in and out of cars. Signal your moves to others prior to initiating the maneuver.

Control your bicycle. Always ride with at least one hand on the handlebars. Carry books and other items in a bicycle carrier or backpack.

Stay alert and avoid road hazards. Use your eyes and ears. You need your ears to hear traffic and avoid dangerous situations; don't wear a headset when you ride. Be on the lookout for hazards such as potholes, broken glass, gravel, puddles, and dogs.

Go with the traffic flow. Ride on the right in the same direction as other vehicles. Go with the flow not against it.

Obey all traffic laws. A bicycle is a vehicle and you must obey all traffic signs, signals, and lane markings.

Yield to traffic when appropriate. If there is no stop sign or traffic signal and you are coming out of a driveway, off of a sidewalk, or from a bike path, you must slow down and look to see if the way is clear before proceeding into the roadway.

Don't pass on the right. Motorists may not look a bicycle passing on the right.

Look before turning. When turning left or right, always look behind you for a break in traffic, then signal before making the turn.

Watch for parked cars. Ride far enough out from the curb to avoid the unexpected from parked cars (like doors opening, or cars pulling out).

Avoid riding at night. It is far more dangerous to ride at night; you are to see. Make sure you have a bright headlight on front of your bike and reflectors on the front and rear of your bike, in addition to reflectors on your tires.

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



Saving Water Indoors

Here are some easy ways to reduce the amount of water you may use and save money at the same time. Saving water inside your home is easier than you think. In addition to saving money on your utility bill, water conservation reinforces our community's quality of life by ensuring availability of this precious resource.

- Repair or replace dripping faucets and waterlines that leak.
- Wash vegetables and fruits in a bowl or basin using a vegetable brush instead of letting the water run
- Replace low flow and water saving appliances when replacing washing machines, dishwashers, toilets, and faucets.
- Replace showerheads with a more efficient low flow model. A new shower head can save up to 6 gallons of water per minute.
- Don't use running water to thaw meat or other frozen foods. Defrost food overnight in the refrigerator or use the defrost setting on your microwave
- Check all toilets in the house for leaks twice a year and repair if it is leaking.
- Turn off the water while you brush your teeth and save four gallons a minute. That's 200 gallons a week for a family of four.
- When washing dishes by hand, use a sink full of soapy water. Don't let the water run continuously.
- Run the dishwasher only when fully loaded.

A few small changes in your daily routine can have a big impact on the amount of money left in your pocket after the arrival of your water bill.

Shower 16.8% 26.7% Faucet 15.7% Leaks 13.7% Clothes Washer 21.7% Other 5.3% Source: American Water Works Association Research Foundation, "Residential End Uses of Water." 1999

How Much Water Do We Use?

MEADOWS PLACE COMMUNITY GARDEN

Joining things is FUN!!!

There are many reasons to join a community garden; learn a new skill • teach your kids where food comes from • save money • help the environment • have a reason to get outside regularly and share with others.

These reasons - and many more - fuel the people who grow food at the community garden.





Meadows Place Christmas Tree Recycling

Who: Meadows Place Residents

What: Live Christmas Trees - must be cleared of all decorations and any nails or other material which may have been used for stands or decorating.

When: December 26, 2020 to January 3, 2021

Where: At the power easement on Monticeto between Amblewood and Meadow Trail across from the Meadows Place Waste Water Treatment Plant.

Why: Public Works Department will recycle the trees to

be used as mulch.



Code Enforcment

erry Christmas! I wish you all peace, joy, and **IV** health throughout the New Year 2021!

Please remember the easy and simple things we all can do to help keep our City attractive:

- Please ensure all Exterior Walls/Trims clean.
- · Please maintain yards free of accumulations of Trash/debris
- Please refrain from placing Trash next to curb area on non trash day. (Days that are NOT trash days: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday, and Sunday)
- Please store Trashcans / Rubbish / Recycling Bins behind a fence, or enclosure our of public view.

There are a few items that need to be worked 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** October 9 & November 17, 2020.

Cases	
New Cases to Court	18
Overall Total New Cases	102
Overall Cases Closed	87
Frequent Violations	Notices Issued
Exterior Walls/Trims- clean	40
Trash/Debris Accumulations	23
Trash next to curb (not trash day)	18
Exterior Walls/Trims-Repaired/ Repainted/Repainted	15
Trashcans / Rubbish / Recycling Bins visible from the street	11

Jennifer Cabello, Code Enforcement Official Office: 281-983-2938

Email: code-enforcement@cityofmeadowsplace.org





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Classified & Advertising

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- 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
- AVON! Call me Belle. Resident 281-495-3297.
- Mary Kay Cosmetics Meadows Resident Carol Evans 281-933-8298
- 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."



Home & Garden Club

By Harriet Weymon, Publicity

Halloween 2020 Yard of the Month Winners

The Garden Club judges had a great time searching for the best Halloween decorations and it was a tough decision. Thanks to all the winners for making this Halloween fun & scary and making our city a great place to live.

Section I

Mary & Gary Hiestand 11515 Brook Meadows Ln.

Section II

Ximena Rittman 11934 Brighton Ln.

Section III

Brian & Tiffani Frame 12034 Meadowdale Dr. Section IV North
Tayna Taylor
12247 Monticeto Ln.

Section IV South

Bea Porter 12143 Valencia St.

Section V

No winner

Photos of the yards can be found at: https://www.meadowshomegardenclub.com/yard-of-the-month.html

The next Yard of the Month event will be in December because Christmas is Coming! Let's spread the Holiday Joy, Let's decorate our yards! Let's light our city up like we never have before. Judges will be out and about on December 20th looking for the best decorations.

The November 10th general meeting was a very interesting and informative one. Our guest speaker was Colene Cabazas, our city Parks & Recreation Director. She spoke about the prairie gardens under the power lines and all the small and tiny wildlife that will be making a comeback in our area. She also gave us an update on other upcoming projects. The club will post the video and audio files on our club website for those that were not able to attend the zoom meeting. Colene did an awesome presentation so thank you, Thank You, THANK YOU for sharing so much interesting information.

Our next general meeting will be on January 12th, 7pm. Details to follow.

The Lunch Bunch \sim will not \sim be meeting in December. The next meetup will be January 20, 2021 at Outback Steakhouse, 12559 SW Freeway, Stafford. Please rsvp to kmewing@sbcglobal.net and don't forget to bring a guest.

Although the city is proceeding with Christmas Memories, the garden club will not be selling hot chocolate this year.

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

Visit our web site today.

Meadowshomegardenclub.com

December 2020 Parks & Recreation



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.



NOV. 25 - FOOD AND BLANKET DRIVE 11/15 - 12/16, Drop off @ City Hall

Meadows Elementary students are hosting a food and new blanket drive and Meadows Place City Hall is a host site. Please drop off items at City Hall in the lobby or at Christmas Memories.

NOV. 26 - 27 CITY FACILITIES WILL BE CLOSED





NOV. 25 - SANTA'S MAILBOX

11/25-12/23 @ Community Center

Write a letter to Santa and place it in the North Pole mailbox in front of the Community Center. Santa's box will arrive 11/25 and leave in time for Christmas.

DEC. 4 - CHRISTMAS MEMORIES

6pm @ McGrath Park

Snow, Ice skating, Rides, Music, Food & More

3pm, Ice Skating rink will open to the public.

Admission with a can good or new blanket.

DEC. 7 - RAINBOW TROUT STOCKING

Week of Dec. 7-11 @ McGrath Lake

Limit 5 Trout per person. ONLY keep trout. RELEASE all other fish.

DEC. 23 @ 12noon – DEC. 25



CITY FACILITIES WILL BE CLOSED



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.



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

FIT OVER 50

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

REGISTER MUST Pre-Register. \$25

12/1-12/22, 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.

REGISTER MUST Pre-Register

11/2 - 12/16

Monday:

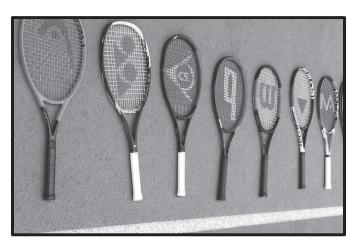
5-6pm (4-11 yrs.)

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)**



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.

12/1–12/15,Tues @11am, Community Center No Fee , Register with instructor in class



HOW DO I 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

Email for pricing and availability parksdirector@cityofmeadowsplace.org



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

TREE LIGHTING

TRAIN RIDES

LEVEL ONE BAND

SMORES

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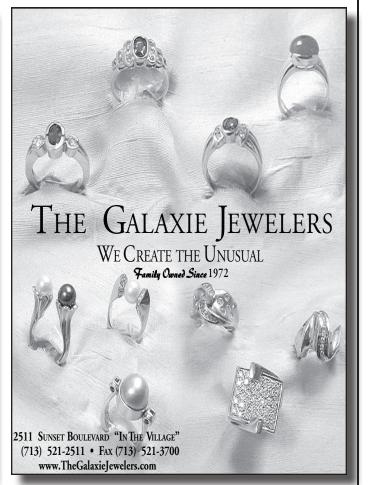
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FT. BEND COUNTY SHERIFF(281) 342-6116	
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PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT(281) 983-2935	

Community Center Rental

Building Capacity 165

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

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

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

Resident Community Center/ Pool Combo Rental

Available May - August

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

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

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



Street Light Repair

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

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

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

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Storm Water Hotline

Report dumping in storm water drains. Only **RAIN WATER** is allowed 281-983-2932 or report online, see website. For updates on Public Works News visit the website.

publicworks@cityofmeadowsplace.org