



COMMENTS FROM THE MAYOR

By *Mark McGrath*

STATE OF THE CITY

Our City was a busy place in 2004. Lights were installed at the majors baseball field. The money for the lights was obtained from a grant provided by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, City matching funds and donations from Meadows All-Play Baseball. This same \$50,000 grant is providing money, along with City funds, for the current reconstruction of the jogging track and related drainage improvements. Finally, these grant funds will help enable the construction of a pavilion next to Jim McDonald Park.

Mayor Mark McGrath

Speaking of Jim McDonald Park, last April the 4 acre park at the corner of Dorrance and Pender was rededicated in honor of our former Mayor. This rededication coincided with lighting and landscaping improvements to the park.

Finally, last August, the City was awarded a second \$50,000 grant from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. This grant, with City matching funds, will provide for additional improvements to our parks.

City Council, concurrent with the recommendation of the City's Planning and Zoning Commission, approved the re-zoning of the former Park Place Alzheimer's and Assisted Living Facility. This 14 acre site, now known as the Oasis, is planned to include an expanded Alzheimer's and assisted living facility, as well as multi-story office buildings and a small hospital. We look forward to the ground breaking on this project in 2005.

P & Z also recommended the rezoning of the 4 acre tract at the corner of West Bellfort and Dairy Ashford. This action, with Council's approval, enabled the City to sell this property to CVS Pharmacy. At this writing, CVS is constructing its store. We look forward to the grand opening in the first quarter of 2005.

Our City engineers have been busy designing repairs to our streets. A bond issue will be sold in January 2005 to pay for these repairs. Construction will begin as soon as possible after the bonds are sold.

Other items of ongoing emphasis include Council's commitment to proactively maintain our aging infrastructure. In addition, code enforcement remains a major priority. Both of these efforts are designed to assist in maintaining our property values.

And finally, even after all this activity, the City remains in good financial shape. We look forward to the challenges in the New Year.

On behalf of City Council and City employees, I wish you a safe and prosperous 2005.

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GARAGE SALE DATES

Garage sales are limited to the last weekend of odd numbered months (January, March, May, etc.) Weekends are defined as Friday and Saturday. Residents may have up to 2 garage sales per year on the designated weekends. A garage sale permit is required. Please refer to the dates shown below for garage sale dates.

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| January 28 & 29, 2005 | July 29 & 30, 2005 |
| March 25 & 26, 2005 | September 23 & 24, 2005 |
| May 27 & 28, 2005 | November 25 & 26, 2005 |

CITY CALENDAR

January 25, 2004 City Council Meeting - 7:30 p.m

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DID YOU KNOW.....

Did You Know... that Dan McGraw, head of our Public Works Dept. wants to say Thank You – to all those folks who have been keeping the leaves out of the storm sewer system. It helps – a lot.

Did You Know... that Meadows Place has a new Presiding Judge? Well, we do. Gene Frohbieter is now the Presiding Judge while Bret Kisluk is Associate Judge as is Rose Mary Galvan-Schulze. Rose Mary was Presiding Judge for years and has agreed to stay on in her new role. We all appreciate your dedicated service to the City of Meadows Place.

Did You Know... That there are lots of other folks that have agreed to serve us? Many in a volunteer capacity. Bob Graf, Harry Hamilton, Terry Henley, George Peeler and Margaret Sandlin were just appointed to the Meadows Economic Development Council thru 2006. Mayor Pro Tem Terry Henley will head this very important board. Oh, speaking of citizen volunteers, your neighbor Dave Wilkens was just appointed to the Planning and Zoning Commission where he will serve as an Alternate. Again, a big Meadows Place Thank You to these and all the folks who help make our City run so smoothly and effectively.

Speaking of smooth, effective and FUN, how about Christmas Memories in the park this year. This was the 15th year of this event and according to our Parks Directors Monya Keenen and Terry Modeland, this was the best year ever! Santa's new tent location, another great performance by Meadows Elementary Choir and the new snow layout all helped too. Having the ball field lights on gave the kids a great place to play and run around and added to the festive atmosphere. Thanks to all the neighbors who decorated so nicely, much to the enjoyment of the hayriders and those who took the carriage rides. Check out the pictures on our City website. www.cityofmeadowsplace.org.

Oh, speaking of the ball field, some years back there was a kid named Kyle Colligan helping lead the Cardinals to one of their Meadows All Play championships. Kyle will now be trying to lead the Texas Aggies to a championship where he recently signed to play ball. Congratulations Kyle. Congrats to Trevor Dippon as well. Trevor was named to the 20-5A All District football team. Both these guys were in the Dulles Sensational Seniors calendar.

Did You Know... that 2004 was a VERY busy one for the staff at City Hall. All the new building, permits, etc. would have been enough but there was also a new Police Department/Court Department software program to deal with, a tornado and elections. They did it all with a smile. We are fortunate to such have a great administrative crew looking after us.

Oh, more City business news – Council just signed a multi-year agreement with the County for animal control. Let us know if you see other areas we can improve.



<<<<<<How about that Christmas Eve snowfall! Check out the picture that Mark Jessup took of Joe D'Alleboost as they and several others enjoyed the snow while playing at the park.



MEADOWS COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

Meadows Community Improvement Association welcomes the addition of Terry Papetti and Bob Clarkston to the MCIA Board. Terry and Bob are long-time Meadows Place residents and exhibit a great deal of interest and pride in the City.

Fence/Hedge Lines: "No fence, wall or hedge shall be placed or permitted to remain on any of said lots in the area between any street adjoining same and the front building line." (Deed Restrictions; Part A – Residential Covenants #21.)

PAINT APPROVAL FORMS

- *MCIA Board member must approve ALL exterior painting.
- *Brick on homes may not be painted
- *Exterior portions of fences may not be stained or painted
- *Approval forms are always necessary, even if repainting the existing color
- *Painting prior to approval may result in your having to repaint

MCIA BOARD MEETINGS

- *First Thursday of each month.
- *Meetings begin at 7:30 pm at City Hall
- *Visit our website
<http://www.cityofmeadowsplace.org/mcia.html>

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VEHICLE STICKERS

Meadows Place vehicle stickers are available at City Hall for your vehicles at the cost of \$1.00 each. While the stickers are optional, they do identify your vehicle as belonging in Meadows Place and are an aid to the Police Department. Be sure to bring your vehicle identification number and license plate number when applying for a sticker.

HOME AND GARDEN CLUB

Members and guests made individual Memory Books at the January meeting of the Home and Garden Club. The program-project was presented by Phyllis Ducote of Scrapbook Village.

From all the beautifully lit homes in our City, these were the homes chosen for the 2004 Christmas Lighting Awards:

Section I

Mary Lauer, Ricky Lauer and Linda Gay - 11803 Bloomington

Section II

Bob and Silvia Conlan - 11926 Monticeto

Section III

Gale and Jennifer Beardmoor - 12007 Scottsdale

Section IVN

Terry Moles - 12327 Meadow Hollow

Section IVS

Doug and Cathy Jacobson - 12301 Hoggard

Meadowglen III

Delores and Rusty Uhyrek - 12410 Meadowglen Drive

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CHRISTMAS MEMORIES IN THE PARK 2004

The City of Meadows Place annual Christmas celebration was held on Friday evening December 10th at the community park on Brighton. This event has become quite a tradition in Meadows Place, and it never gets old. Held each year in early December, Christmas Memories helps to get the community into the holiday spirit. The forecast for this year's event called for snow, forty-thousand pounds of snow to be exact. Otherwise, conditions for the evening were perfect. The clear, cool weather helped make it feel like the holiday season. The snow play areas are always a big hit with the kids, and it did not matter that the snow was man made. From the beginning of the evening to the end, the snow play areas were filled with children.

Meadows Elementary Choir warmed up the crowd with a variety of traditional Christmas songs. Meadows All Play Baseball and Meadows Marlins Swim Team both sold concessions, and judging from the long lines, the food must have been good. Other activities included moonwalks, face painting, hayrides, and horse-drawn carriage rides. A DJ was playing great music, and balloon animals and glow-in-the-dark necklaces were available for the kids.



Meadows Place resident Candy Gibson and daughter Melissa spent the evening painting festive characters on the faces of children who waited in line for Santa.

The guest of honor was, of course, Santa, and as usual he made a grand entrance. With a Stafford fire engine as their sleigh, Santa and Mrs. Claus arrived in true festive fashion, escorted by the Ridgeway Elementary marching band.

In addition to all the fun, non-perishable food was collected to benefit the Human Needs Ministry in Stafford. Thanks to all who brought food donations.

Thanks to all the volunteers, city council members, city employees, and Meadows Place Police Department for all their work to help make this one of the best Christmas Memories ever.

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