



STATE OF THE CITY
By Mark McGrath

City Ordinances and Deed Restrictions

Now that spring has arrived, many homeowners are improving the appearance of their properties. I applaud those who choose to maintain their homes on a regular basis. For those who are not quite as prompt in the regular upkeep of their properties, there are two groups that function as enforcers: the City and Meadows Community Improvement Association (MCIA).

Although their rules often overlap, the City and MCIA share responsibility in enforcing standards for the proper maintenance of properties. The MCIA operates in accordance with, and enforces, deed restrictions. The MCIA was reconstituted several years ago and the organization was confirmed by City ordinance. The City supports their endeavors. The MCIA's primary areas of interest are:

House colors • Roof colors and composition • Architectural control over additions and improvements to property

Approval from the MCIA is required prior to repainting your house, putting on a new roof or adding to or radically changing the appearance of your property. Failure to obtain these approvals could result in repainting, re-roofing or tearing down improvements. Obviously, this would cost the homeowner a lot of money. When in doubt, contact an MCIA board member either via e-mail (see the City's website) or phone call. The phone numbers are listed each month in the news letter.

The City's code enforcement officer enforces city ordinances related to property maintenance. A significant amount of the code enforcement officer's time is spent enforcing the International Property Maintenance Code, which City Council has adopted. A sample of violations routinely dealt with by the code enforcement officer include:

- Properties with high grass and weeds
- Structures with peeling paint and rotting wood
- Junked vehicles
- Window air conditioning units visible from the street
- Illegal signs, including contractor signs in the front yard of homes
- Illegal trailers, campers and RVs parked on residential property

The code officer will write citations for violations. The citations provide for fines up to \$500. For those that refuse to comply, the City has filed suit to obtain an injunction to force compliance.

Both the MCIA and the City are interested in compliance, not legal paperwork. They will work with those who make an earnest attempt to bring their properties up to standard in a reasonable amount of time. For those that don't want to work with these groups, all legal remedies for the enforcement of compliance will be pursued.

The City and the MCIA, although separate entities, are interested in the same thing: the promotion of property values within our City. Your input into how better to obtain this goal would be appreciated. In the meantime, let's continue our spring cleaning and improve the appearance of our properties.

Street Light Repair
713-207-2222 or www.centerpoint.com

CITY CALENDAR

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| April 19, 2005 | Neighborhood on Watch
7:30 PM City Hall
"Crimes of Opportunity" |
| April 26, 2005 | City Council meeting
7:30 PM City Hall |

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ANNUAL HEAVY TRASH COLLECTION

It's that time of year again for our Annual Heavy Trash Collection and our collection company, Republic Waste, is ready to assist us in this effort on Saturday, May 14th. Please see the guidelines listed below:

The following items **WILL NOT** be collected:

- No tires, batteries, or automotive parts.
- No hazardous chemicals. If you have old paint cans they will need to be boxed and labeled "PAINT" so they are not mixed with the regular trash. The problem with paints lies in the liquid solvents within. Paint that has dried is no problem and can be taken with the trash. You may accomplish this by leaving the lid off until solidification, or by using cat litter or oil absorbent.
- No concrete or bricks.
- No tree stumps or tree trunks bigger than 6" in diameter.

DID YOU KNOW??????

Did You Know that if you need to replace your red Meadows Place recycling bin all you have to do is take the broken one – and \$ 7.50 to City Hall for a replacement. Yes, if you lost it, the same thing applies.

Did You Know most of our Corporate neighbors are doing very well and appreciate all the support they get from the folks here in Meadows Place – and remember – every Meadows Place business you buy from pays taxes here so Support Your Local Business and Buy Meadows Place whenever possible.

Did You KnowWe have had so many projects going on that a lot of us have forgotten that we had a major renovation on the Community Center recently. Fortunately not everyone has. The new layout and amenities make it a nice place for many types of gatherings – including the upcoming Dulles HS Junior/Senior Band Dinner and Social later this month. Thanks to the Dulles Band for thinking of us. We are proud to have you here. Contact the Parks Department to book your party / activity.

Speaking of activities at Dulles HS and things to be proud of, **Did You Know** that 4 out of the 5 Dulles HS Dance/Drill Team Officers elected for next year are from Meadows Place? They are Christine Deci, Katie Blatzer, Katie Madsen and Haley Dippon. Congratulations ladies!!!

Another Meadows Place neighbor who is learning to be a leader is Troop 301's newest Eagle Scout, Reid Grobe. Reid earned 27 Merit Badges on his way to Eagle and plans to stay on as a Junior Assistant Scoutmaster. His Eagle project was the planting of Oleanders in front of the water tower on Dorrance and Dairy Ashford. A real bonus for us here in Meadows Place.

On the girls side – Courtney Kitchen received her Ten-Year pin with the Girl Scouts! Way to go Courtney! That's real staying power. If anyone else from Meadows Place has received their 10 yr. pin, please let us know.

Did You Know Allyn & Mim Pratt e-mailed a list of questions and comments to Did You Know? Well, they did, and in one of those comments they mentioned they would like to see even more about residents, their children and interesting activities they are participating in. The only way that can happen is if you- YOU – contact Did You Know and let them know any interesting tidbits in your life. Please do – that's how we get the info for these little articles.

An example of this would be that we learned that the 7th grade Dulles Middle School Girls Basketball B Team had an undefeated season and ended up District Champs!! Meadows Place resident Samantha Ferriera was on this hard working team! Congratulations to all the girls and coaches that made this year so memorable.

Did You Knowthat if you have a lawn service it would be nice if you could ask them to bag the leaves and clippings rather than let them blow them in the street or down our storm drains. It will help keep them open for when we need them and hold down maintenance costs. Besides that, it is illegal. Thanks.

Did You Know Mayor McGrath along with Councilmen Piwonka and Henley have been meeting with their counterparts from Stafford to devise a plan for a new Fire Station for Meadows Place? Last week they met with the architect and the rest of Council to review those plans. The basic design was approved and will be going out for bid. This will be great for all Meadows Place residents as it will have space for both a Fire Truck and a Rescue Truck. It'll be a while, but watch for the grand opening.

Did You Know Did You Know depends on you for input? Let us hear from YOU either by e-mail at alderman1@cityofmeadowsplace.org or drop a note at City Hall. Thanks.



MEADOWS COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

Reminder: A MCIA BOARD MEMBER MUST APPROVE ALL EXTERIOR PAINTING. Copies of the paint approval book, as well as approval forms, are available at City Hall. Please attach a swatch of the requested paint with your request and allow a week for your request to be processed.
PAINTING PRIOR TO APPROVAL MAY RESULT IN YOUR HAVING TO REPAINT.

SPRING IS HERE! Time to clean up around your home, de-weed the flower beds, prune trees and shrubs, power wash siding, driveways & sidewalks. Let's show pride in our homes by putting away old empty pots (or plant with new spring flowers) and move trash cans, barbeque pits, etc. out of our neighbor's site. Mike Schofield, MCIA President, submitted his resignation from the Board. The Board wants to express their appreciation for all Mike did to lead our Board and improve our City. Mike contributed countless hours towards the betterment of Meadows Place and his leadership will be sorely missed.

MCIA BOARD MEETINGS: First Thursday of every month, 7:30 p.m. at City Hall. (Call a board member if you wish to be placed on the agenda.)

Members:

Steve Court 281-498-4334
Bob Clarkston 281-879-5332
Diann Hamilton 281-495-4038
Sherry Carlson 281-879-1359
Terry Papetti 281-983-0844

NEWS FROM YOUR PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

POOL/TENNIS ACCESS CARDS

If your access card was up to date last year, it will be current again this year. If you need a card, it can be purchased at City Hall, Monday-Friday 9:00 am-4:00 pm. You must have a current card to use the City pool and tennis courts. You must be 21 years of age, a Meadows Place resident and have picture ID to purchase cards. (\$5) **Cards can be purchased Memorial Weekend ONLY at the City pool during regular pool hours.**

SPLASH NIGHT NEWS - JUNE 3, 2005

HERE COMES the traditional celebration opening the summer activities held in Meadows Place. Neighbors, come out and enjoy a fun evening of fellowship, games, swimming, music and great BBQ. This year for the first time Parks and Recreation will host a BBQ Brisket cook off. If you are interested in entering a team and joining in on the fun competitive festivities, contact the Parks and Recreation Department for the details. There is no fee involved but entries will be limited.

RECREATION FOR SENIORS

Meadows Place Parks and Recreation has joined with the City of Sugar Land Parks and Recreation Department to offer field trips/classes and activities for senior citizens. All field trips/classes and activities will be offered at Sugar Land Community Center unless stated otherwise. Contact Meadows Place Parks and Recreation Department for any questions or how to sign up for an activity 281-983-2935. Below is a list of some of the activities offered for seniors:

1. Wednesday **Bingo**
2. **Bridge, canasta, Shanghai, Mah Jong, Dominoes, Pool** - M-F, 8 am-5 pm
3. **Yoga** - Mondays 9-10 am
4. **Walking Club** - meets at First Colony Mall Food Court Tues/Fri 8:30 am
5. **Line Dancing** - Monday. Beginners 9 am. Mon. & Thurs. Intermediate 10-11:30
6. **Arts and Crafts** - Thursdays 1-3 pm.
7. **Table Tennis** - Wednesdays and Fridays 8 am.- noon
8. **Friday Field Trips**
Houston Museum of Natural Science, April 27th, 9 am.
9. **Spring Fling** - April 21st 4-7 pm enjoy dancing and fellowship with your friends, meet new friends. Music provided by Johnny Dyson's Big Band. Light refreshments. Pre-sale tickets sold at the Parks and Recreation Office/Sugar Land. \$3.00/\$5 couple, Sugar Land resident; \$3.75/\$6.25 couple non resident. At the door: Residents: \$4.00/\$7.00. Non residents: \$5/\$8.75.

NOT JUST FOR SENIORS

"Groovin' On a Sunday Afternoon"
Concert Series

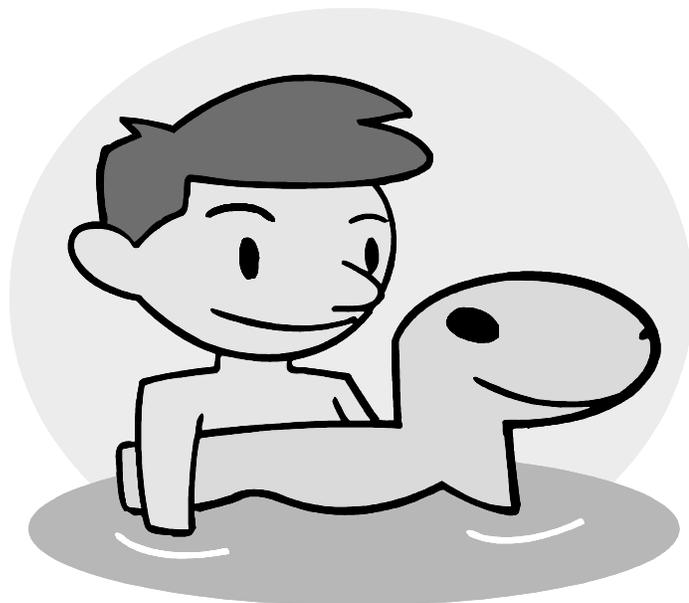
Grab the picnic basket, blankets and your friends and join us at Oyster Creek Park on Sunday at 5:00 p.m. for an afternoon of music.

April 17	Acoustic Show	Django Walker, Dub Miller, Tracie Lynn & Susan Gibson
April 24	Country	Sheila Marshall Band
May 1	Rock	Eli Young Band
May 8	Bluegrass/Lonestar	Bluegrass Band
May 15	Tejano	Marcos Orozco
May 22	Rockabilly	Two Tons of Steel
May 29	Latin	Latin Fire
June 5	Country	Eleven Hundred Springs

POOL HOURS

Monday – CLOSED
Tuesday – Saturday 11:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Sunday – 1:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Holidays – 12:00 noon-7:00 p.m.

May 21, 22, 28, 29 *weekend regular hours*
May 30 *holiday hours*
May 31, June 1 & 2 – *weekday regular hours*
June 3 *closed during day, opens 6:00 Splash Night*
July 4 12:00 noon – 7:00 p.m. *Parade Day*
July 5 *Closed*
July 14 *opens at 12:00 noon*
August 10 *last day pool open regular hours*
August 13, 14, 20, 21, 27, 28 *weekends only*
September 3 & 4 *weekends only*
September 5 *holiday hours*



Theme Parties

MINIMUM OF 8 PEOPLE FOR ALL THEME PARTIES

Tropical or Pirate
Theme Party Prices
(custom theme available on limited
basis)
Per Person (includes party favors)
\$6.00 per person

Pizza Party Prices
(per person prices)
\$7.00 per person
choose from cheese, pepperoni, veggie, or three meat pizzas

General Party Prices
Per Person
(does not include party favors)
*clown and sports themes
available on a limited basis.
\$5.00 per person

All Parties include balloons, cake (vanilla or chocolate), candles, fruit punch or lemonade, plates, cups, napkins, forks, pool admission, and selected food. Party decorations provided are the property of Meadows Place Parks and Recreation Department. Arm bands are issued based upon the initial number of people paid for, and are required for entry into the pool. Additional bands may be purchased the day of the event.

No refunds will be provided for unused tickets.

NOTE: For all types of parties please be sure to bring a list of your party guests. This will ensure that the aquatic staff knows who is with your party.

Parties can be scheduled during normal business hours of operation.

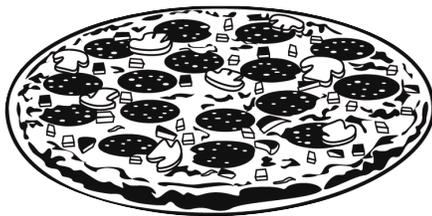
Tues.-Sat. 11:00 am-6:00 pm, Sunday, 1:00 pm-6:00 pm (pool closes at 8 pm)

All parties are limited to 2 hours. The guest are at liberty to swim for the rest of the day.

All clean up will be done by the aquatic staff.

If your party is cancelled due to bad weather, we offer these options:

- May reschedule your party for a different date.
- You can pick up the party supplies and receive arm bands for open swim another day.
- You may receive a refund excluding the cost of cake and food.



Party add-ons:

- Pinata \$25
- Moonwalk \$85
- Clown \$75

(limited themes available for these)



The aquatic staff will set up and run the party including singing Happy Birthday to the guest of honor as well as serving the cake, drinks and pizza to the guests.

Contact the Parks Department to book your next party. 281-983-2935

Reservations will be taken upon the receipt of this newsletter.

Dates for bookings are available beginning May 21st.



**St. Theresa Catholic Church
36th Annual Bazaar**

Saturday, April 30 • 6:00 pm – 11:00 pm
Sunday, May 1 • 11:00 am – 7:00 pm

115 Seventh Street • Sugar Land

Garage Sale • Saturday • 9:00 am – 3:00 pm
Sunday 9:00 am – 1:00 pm
Silent Auction (Sat. Only) 6 – 8:30 pm
BBQ Dinner • Sunday • 11:00 am – 2:00 pm
Live Auction • Sunday • 2:00 pm

All activities on church grounds.
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Moon Walk • Petting Zoo • Face Painting
Karaoke Club • Games • Plants • Books
Obstacle Course • Baked Goods • Rock Wall
Caterpillar Crawl • Dunking Booth • Food

For details, 713-689-2191 (Bob)
www.sttheresasugarland.org

CITY ORDINANCE/CODE ENFORCEMENT

Spring is here and everything is growing! Remember when trimming trees and shrubs they must be cut and tied in 4 foot bundles, no more than 40 pounds in order to be picked up. The height limitation on grass and weeds is 9 inches; this includes edging and don't forget to weed the flower beds..

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.

COMMUNITY CENTER RENTAL

Building capacity 165
Tables and chairs to accommodate your party

Food and no alcohol\$150.00
Food and alcohol.....\$250.00
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COMMUNITY POOL RENTAL

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HOME AND GARDEN CLUB

Spring is here and it is time again to think about "Yard of the Month." This year, yards will be chosen for the months of May, June, July and August. As a reminder to residents, each section is judged by Garden Club Members on the last weekend of the month prior to those months. Each month teams rotate the sections they are to judge and they may not judge the section they reside in. This helps create a larger variety of landscaping effects.

The guidelines for selecting a yard:

Overall landscaping as seen from the street: variety and symmetry

Lawns: condition and manicure

Shrubs: condition/quality and consistence/suitability

Trees: condition/quality/trim

Annuals and accessory: seasonal/color/harmony

Each of the above categories receives up to a 20 percent rating together with the general eye appeal of the yard. From that, each team decides which yard receives the award for the month and the decision is at their discretion. This is a voluntary project worked on by our club members whose object is the same as all garden clubs – "City Beautification."

At the April 12th meeting, Dr. Asri Ali, Assistant Professor of Dermatology will speak on "The newest trends in Cosmetic Dermatology." All residents are welcome to join us at the Community Center at 7:30. Election of officers for the following year will take place during the regular business meeting that evening.

Garden tip: Prune azaleas after flowering. Plant container gardens for patios.



COMMUNITY CENTER/POOL COMBO
Rent both and receive a discount of \$50.00

CALL PARKS RECREATION TO SCHEDULE YOUR EVENT
281-983-2935

monya@cityofmeadowsplace.org
terry@cityofmeadowsplace.org



From the Parks Department.....



THEME PARTIES

*"Party Add Ons"
Clowns, Moonwalk,
Balloons, Ice
Cream, Custom
Themes*

Meadows Place Pool

Celebrate at the pool

- Birthday parties •
- End of the year parties •
- Team parties •
- Youth graduation parties •
- Celebration Parties •



Parties can be scheduled:
Tues - Saturday, 11am - 6pm
Sundays, 1 - 6pm
2 hour limit in all parties
(based on availability)

*Check out the
details and themes
offered!*

All parties are scheduled and staffed through the Parks Department. Reservations will begin with the arrival of your 2005 April Newsletter

Check out the coolest 2005 birthday plans
281-983-2935 MPPARD



SUMMER ACTIVITIES ARE IN THE PLANNING STAGES NEW IDEAS WELCOME

CHILDREN'S THEME POOL PARTIES AVAILABLE

SPLASH NIGHT

Friday, June 3th
6-9 PM

JULY 4TH PARADE

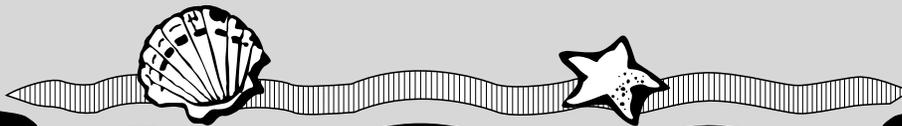
Monday, July 4th
10:00 am

GOLF TOURNAMENT

Monday, November 7th
Sugar Creek Country Club

BAREFOOT N FRIDAYS

May 20, June 10, 24, July 8, 22,
August 5
8:30 - 11:00 pm
\$5.00



CLASSES.....

PERSONAL TRAINER SESSIONS

WHEN: On going Mondays & Wednesdays. Class #1: 6:00am-7:00am; Class #2 from 8:30am-9:30am; Class #3 from 4:30pm-5:30pm. Total of 12 sessions from March 14-April 21.
WHERE: Meadows Place Community Center
COST: Only \$249 for 12 sessions.
Instructor: Joni Knapp

TAEKWONDO --New Class

Taekwondo, Korean Martial Art
April 25 – May 25

WHERE: Meadows Place Community Center
WHEN: Monday and Wednesday, 3:15-4:30
COST: \$25.00, 5 weeks, one time per week
\$35.00, 5 weeks, two times per week
Min 5/ Max 30

Instructor: Jenny Plass, Black Belt teaching at Than Phong and Gymex in Sugar Land.
Jenny is a Meadows Place resident.

TENNIS

Classes begin at the tennis courts on April 18
Monday and/or Friday, 6:00 – 7:10 pm Youth – Beginner/Advanced Beginner
Monday and/or Friday, 7:15-8:25 pm Youth – Intermediate
Monday and/or Friday, 8:30 – 9:40 pm Adult – Beginner/Advanced Beginner
Saturday, 10:30 – 11:40 am Adult – Beginner/Advanced Beginner
Saturday, 11:45 am– 12:55 pm Youth – Beginner/Advanced Beginner
Fee: \$43/month for one class per week (Monday or Friday)
\$75/month for two classes per week (Monday & Friday)
Class Minimum is 4

YMCA MEADOWS PLACE SUMMER DAY CAMP

Registration at Community Center Saturday, May 21st, 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
All registrants will receive a free drawstring backpack on this day.
For additional information call Parks and Recreation, 281-983-2934 or Sarah, 713-358-2774.

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SUGAR GROVE CHURCH OF CHRIST
CAR & MOTORCYCLE SHOW



Sunday
April 17, 2005
8:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.



Registration 8:00 a.m.
Award Ceremony 2:30 p.m.



In order to be eligible for Best of Show
Cash prize, entry form must be signed by
Pulpit Minister, Mark Howell



Sugar Grove Church of Christ

presents



Vacation Bible School

June 5-8, 2005

7 – 8:30 pm

Classes offered for all ages

