



**COMMENTS FROM THE MAYOR**  
By *Mark McGrath*

**Budget**

Many residents remember what life was like around here ten years ago. Dairy Ashford was a two lane black top road with ditches on each side big enough to swallow your car. The west side of Dairy Ashford was lined with trees with empty fields behind. West Airport was two lanes between Kirkwood and Dairy Ashford and there were no sound walls. The City was known as Meadows, not Meadows Place. Technologically, the internet was little more than a concept. Wide spread use of cell phones was a dream. We have been reminded how things have changed. Our police department recently was called upon to issue an "Amber Alert." The purpose of this alert was to find a missing local teenager. The

PD worked throughout one night, relying heavily on their computer expertise, to locate the teenager and have her safely returned home. In addition, our police department foiled an attempted robbery of the Wallis State Bank. Unfortunately, this incident placed one of our officers in a life threatening situation. In response to the threat, our officer was forced to shoot and kill one of the suspects. The other suspects were apprehended.

I closely observed our police department in action during both these events. I was proud of the quality of service they provided and the professional manner in which they conducted themselves. This was in evidence in the related television and print media coverage of both these events. A significant portion of our property taxes go to equipping and maintaining a modern police force. Without this commitment, we would have been unable to respond adequately to these unprecedented situations. ☺

**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. ☺

- January 27 & 28, 2006
- March 28 & 29, 2006
- May 26 & 27 2006

Neighborhood Watch Meeting  
There will *not* be a December Neighborhood Watch meeting.  
Meetings will resume on January 17th at 7:00 pm at City Hall

Street Light Repair  
713-207-2222 or [www.centerpoint.com](http://www.centerpoint.com)

**CITY CALENDAR**

- December 20th City Council meeting  
7:30 p.m. City Hall
- City Hall **closed** for Holidays:
- December 23rd (Christmas Eve)
- December 26th (Christmas Day)
- January 2nd (New Year's Day)

**CITY ORDINANCES / CODE ENFORCEMENT**

By Tracey Spiller

All alarm permits expire December 31st. Alarm permits are renewable for \$5.00. Any permit that is not renewed by December 31st, 2004, will be deemed cancelled. Cancelled permits shall not be renewable and must be reapplied for at the initial fee of \$15.00. Alarm permits are required by City Ordinance. Failure to comply may result in the issuance of a citation by Meadows Place Police Department. When renewing your permit by mail, your cancelled check will be your receipt. ☺



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## DID YOU KNOW??????

**Did you know...** the new Fire Station is right on schedule and should be ready the middle of January? As a matter of fact – the Mayor, City Council and the Fire Department have already scheduled the Grand Opening and Open House on Jan. 28th. This is OUR fire station, and, everybody loves a Fire truck, so come on by and take a look. It will be both fun and informative.

**Did you know....** that after Irma Cobos, Principle at Meadows Elementary, saw all the outdoor changes for the school mentioned in last month's newsletter, she wanted us to mention that they will be putting up a new marquee and have had a facelift inside as well. She was pleased and excited to tell us about the new lighting changes they put in. She says "the teachers are 'de-lighted' with the new lights" and that it gives the school a brighter and happier look. (I think it is those wonderful teachers that make it so bright and happy). Speaking of teachers, – congratulations to Shari Adair who was voted 2005-2006 Teacher of the Year!!!!

Another thing they are proud of is the children that participate in the KKME News every morning. These kids make the announcements, tell of upcoming events, conduct the moment of silence and lead the school in the Pledge of Allegiance. The members of this year's KKME News Crew are: Kalynn & Lindsay Grace; Aliexius Carter; Jonathan Wei; Kristyn Beecher; Uma Lad and Brian Harvey. These are tomorrow's leaders in action today.

**Did you know....** Tracey Spiller, our Code Enforcement Officer/ City's Health Inspector, wanted us to know that the year end health inspections are completed and the results are impressive? According to our Inspector these scores are something to sing about. The following Meadows Place businesses and schools scored a 95% or better on their inspections!

*Teeter Toddler – James Coney Island – Pizza Hut – Burger King – Walgreen's – Sandwich King – Shell Handi Stop – Golden Corral – CVS Pharmacy – Denny's – Oasis Lifestyle – Sugar Grove Christian School – C & H Steak House – Meadows Elementary*

To all these corporate neighbors we say Thank You- and keep up the good work.

**Did you know....** That the Meadows All Play Fall Ball season is over? According to Charles Kulhanek, the Blue Jays coach, it was a good season. The weather was nice, the kids honed their skills and most importantly, they had fun. FYI, Meadows All Play fielded twice as many teams as some of the bigger programs in the area. One reason is that we have great facilities that our Parks and Public Works work hard to maintain and they work well with all the volunteer leaders. Congratulations to all those involved in making these programs work so well.

**Did you know....** That our Meadows Place Police Department will be on high alert during this holiday and Christmas season? They want you to be also. Don't leave packages and presents in your car and be aware of your surroundings. They also want you to call them if you see anything suspicious. They would rather come out for nothing than not come out when they should have. Call them they are here for you! Got something for *Did You Know?*

E-mail [alderman1@cityofmeadowsplace.org](mailto:alderman1@cityofmeadowsplace.org) or drop a note at City Hall. Thanks. ☺

### MEADOWS COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

By Steve Court

#### **Reminder: ANY AND ALL EXTERIOR PAINTING MUST BE APPROVED PRIOR TO 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.**

The MCIA Board serves as the architectural committee for the City of Meadows Place. If you are planning an exterior addition or change to your home, you must complete a Plan Approval Form and submit it to the Board prior to any building permits being issued by the City.

Meadows Place City Council recently passed a Tree Stump Ordinance. All trees removed from your property must be cut or ground down to ground level so that the grass can grow over the area where the tree had been.

**MCIA BOARD MEETINGS:** First Thursday of each month, 7:45 p.m. at City Hall. (Please contact a board member if you would like to be placed on the agenda.) ☺

## MCIA

#### **Members:**

Steve Court 281-498-4334  
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Alternate:  
Christy Crouch 281-530-1822

### CLASSIFIED & ADVERTISING

*Anyone wishing to place an ad in the newsletter can contact City Hall for information. All ads are due by the last working day of each month. The appearance of paid advertising is not an endorsement by the City.*

Avon products, contact Linda Littlejohn 281-498-9855 ([l.littlejohn@att.net](mailto:l.littlejohn@att.net)) Meadows Place resident.

William Sutherland, handyman – Appliance repairs, Electrical, Plumbing, Power Washing, Interior-Exterior carpentry work, Painting, Pager, 713-833-9847. Cell, 713-384-2817.

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Wanted –Spanish Conversation – looking for Spanish speaking individual to speak Spanish with my son who is traveling to South America this summer. Please contact Tammy at (281) 568-1491

## HOME & GARDEN CLUB

With the help of our neighbors and friends we would like to thank all of you for supporting the Club's recent, very successful craft show. A special thank you to Boy Scout Troop 301 for serving their delicious BBQ, and then assisting with the clean up after the show.

Among the many holiday projects the Club supports, members will bring personal item gifts to the December meeting for distribution to the women at the Ft. Bend County Women's Center. They will also make cash donations to Ft. Bend Children's Protective Services and to Meadow's Elementary School for a Christmas tree and decorations. On November 29th a group will gather at the Community Center for a Tree Trimming Party to decorate and light up the center for the holiday season. Members and their guests will enjoy the season at the center for their annual Christmas Bunco Party on December 9th and then again on the 13th when members will exchange gifts, enjoy food and friends at their Christmas Party.

"Holiday Lights" will be judged on the 10th and 11th of December and winners will be announced in the January Newsletter.

The next meeting will be on January 10th at 7:30 pm at the Community Center. There will be a craft demonstration by Loretta Clem of Stampin' Up.

- December gardening tip – mulch beds and plant amaryllis
- January gardening tip- leave any cold- damaged foliage on evergreen shrubs and trees until spring.

From all of us to all of you  
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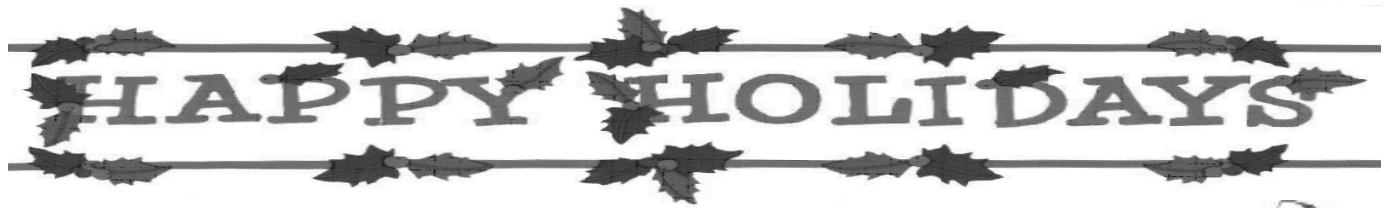
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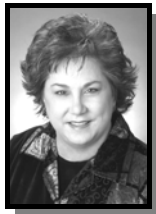
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