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August 2006



COMMENTS FROM THE MAYOR

By *Mark McGrath*

UPDATE ON FORMER GARDEN RIDGE/LOEWS SITE

Approximately one year ago, a gentleman by the name of Lloyd Moody out of Miami Florida purchased the property formerly occupied by Garden Ridge

Pottery and Loews Theatre. He also purchased the vacant property directly across Dorrance. The property was purchased from a lender who had foreclosed on the former owner, Fidinam Corporation. Fidinam allowed the foreclosure after Garden Ridge failed to make payments on its lease to Fidinam after Garden Ridge declared Chapter 11 bankruptcy. Yes, Garden Ridge was required to make payments on its lease even after vacating the property. Perhaps that is one of the reasons they went bankrupt.

Subsequent to purchasing the property, Mr. Moody made some cosmetic exterior improvements and attempted to lease it to retail users with no success. After approximately eight months of this effort, Mr. Moody and I met. Since there was no apparent retail interest, I suggested that the property be demolished and converted into a town home and/or patio home development. I had also previously worked with the lender in foreclosure on this same idea. Mr. Moody expressed interest and the City began investigating options to assist a developer in converting the property to residential use.

But apparently, Mr. Moody has changed his mind. The reason I believe this is that he encouraged Morningstar Christian Church to apply for a specific use permit to convert about 20,000 square feet of the Garden Ridge site to a church.

Since this is not a retail use generating sales tax, the Church cannot unilaterally move in and convert the space. Instead, it must obtain the City's approval through review and recommendation by the City's Planning and Zoning Commission and approval by City Council. A public hearing regarding this proposed zoning change must be held during this process. The City is not obligated to approve this request for a specific use permit. Indeed, this process highlights one of the reasons we have zoning: to control the use of property in our city limits.

At this time, the Church is gathering necessary information prior to the scheduling of a meeting of P & Z. In the meantime, we will keep you informed of the progress of this specific use permit application through this newsletter and the City's website.

RESIDENT SURVEY UPDATE

At this writing, we have received approximately 300 responses. My thanks to those who have taken the time to complete the survey. Some of the narrative responses indicated a lot of time and thought went into the effort. I especially want to thank them.

In future issues of this newsletter, I will talk about the results and expand on some common themes in the responses. ☺

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CITY CALENDAR

August 22, 2006	Regular City Council Meeting 7:30 p.m. City Hall
September 4, 2006	Labor Day Weekend City Hall Closed
September 26, 2006	Regular City Council Meeting 7:30 p.m. City Hall
September 29 & 30, 2006	Garage Sale Weekend

CRIME WATCH MEETINGS

September 12, 2006 7:00 p.m. City Hall

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

CITY ORDINANCES / CODE ENFORCEMENT

By *Tracey Spiller*



As the sweltering summer continues, I have a couple of maintenance issues to mention. The City of Meadows Place requires that trees and shrubs be maintained at a 10 ft clearance extending over the sidewalk. Our Public Works Department is in the process of trimming trees throughout the City so be sure and do your part when it comes to trimming the trees and shrubs on your property. With the recent rains, be sure to empty any items that hold water. Although we live in Texas where everything is bigger, we all need to continue to try to control the present mosquito population. ☺

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DID YOU KNOW??????

DID YOU KNOW...We had a good turnout at the last joint Public Hearing of the City Council and the Planning and Zoning Commission? We heard from engineers and project managers on the second phase of the Oasis Project. The developer brought in some impressive renderings showing what it will look like when it is finished. Very, very impressive! We learned that they are going to spend almost two million dollars to beautify a parks and green area inside the complex that comes complete with fountains and waterfalls. I think many Meadows Place residents will want to walk over and enjoy it.

Speaking of City improvements – didn't the new fencing and sign enhancements perk up the corner by the Community Center? Thanks again to Joe McCann for all the work he put in for us.

DID YOU KNOW...that the Mayor and Council are thrilled with the number of people that handed in the City Survey? Best estimates said a good response would have been between 125 to 150 turned in – we got over 300!! This shows the level of involvement by the folks living in Meadows Place. Thanks to everyone who handed one in. They will help shape the future of our city.

DID YOU KNOW...That future looks bright for Meadows Place? Property values are moving up and people are moving in. For instance, a young Doctor and his wife moved into Meadows Place saying they moved here because "It felt safe and looked like a nice place to raise a family". That is what Kenny & Tammy Smith thought when they decided to add on to their home rather than move away to a bigger house. They are not the only ones staying here. Alderman Charles Kulhanek, P & Z member Bob McDonald and Mayor Mark McGrath are all second-generation residents. Folks, THAT is community.

DID YOU KNOW...that Tracy Spiller, our Code Enforcement Officer, is having a very positive impact on our City? Alderman Charles Jessup had an owner of an inspection company comment on how well maintained the homes are in Meadows Place are and how impressed he was. Congratulations, and Thanks, to Tracy – and to all the homeowners who work so hard to make sure their homes and yards are in tiptop shape. We all benefit from their efforts.

DID YOU KNOW...that the Meadows Marlins swim team, had an undefeated season this year! The girls were very, very strong this year, the boys racked up points at a near record rate and everyone had a great time. With swimmers like Matthew and Kristopher Pham – who went to All-Stars as a 7-8 year old - the future looks bright for the Marlins for years to come.

DID YOU KNOW...Meadows Place has a better response to National Night Out than other areas do. It is a lot of fun, you get to meet your neighbors and visit with the Mayor, Council and many of the PD as they make rounds in the neighborhood. This year's turnout was great – YOUR participation will make next year's even better.

DID YOU KNOW...Chris Henry, of Boy Scout Troop 301, was working on his Citizenship in the Community Merit Badge and had to interview a City Councilman? His questions were very well thought out and thought provoking. It is nice to see this type of interest by our future leaders.

Another future leader is Nathan Sowell . **DID YOU KNOW...**that he was invited to participate in producing a film for the Sam Sung Film Competition as part of the team from Texas? What an honor. Could be the next Stephen Spielberg. Congratulations, Nathan! ☺

If you have news for *Did You Know* please E-mail us at:
alderman1@cityofmeadowsplace.org Thanks.

PUBLIC WORKS

By Dan McGraw

Daniel McGraw and the City of Meadows Place Public Works Department would like to thank the Fort Bend County Road and Bridge Department for their assistance with a large asphalt overlay to cover a big dip and some broken up roadway at the intersection of West Airport and South Kirkwood. The city was responsible for the asphalt materials and the county provided the manpower and all necessary equipment to perform the overlay and assisted with traffic control. Thanks a bunch for your help guys! ☺

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 for 2006. ☺

September 29 & 30, 2006

November 24 & 25, 2006

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.

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MEADOWS COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION By Diann Hamilton

The MCIA Board works diligently to help improve the appearance of our City and its aesthetic appeal to residents as well as those driving through.

The Board has noticed many homes still have tape and tape residue on windows. This is left over from Hurricane Rita last year. Letters will be sent to these residents requesting they remove any evidence of the tape. Non-compliance, at this point may result in ticketing.

Another area of nuisance for city residents is the number of trashcans visible from the street. City trash pick-up is Tuesdays and Fridays. As a reminder, trash should not be out for collection before 1:00pm on the day before regular collections. Additionally, empty trashcans should promptly be removed from curbside after pick up. These trashcans may not be visible from the street at any time; place them out of sight from passing motorists. If you are going to be out of town after a Friday pick-up, please consider asking a neighbor to move your trashcans to the rear of your home. **MCIA BOARD**

MEETINGS: First Thursday of each month, 7:45 pm, Meadows Place City Hall. Please contact a board member if you would like to be placed on the agenda. ☺

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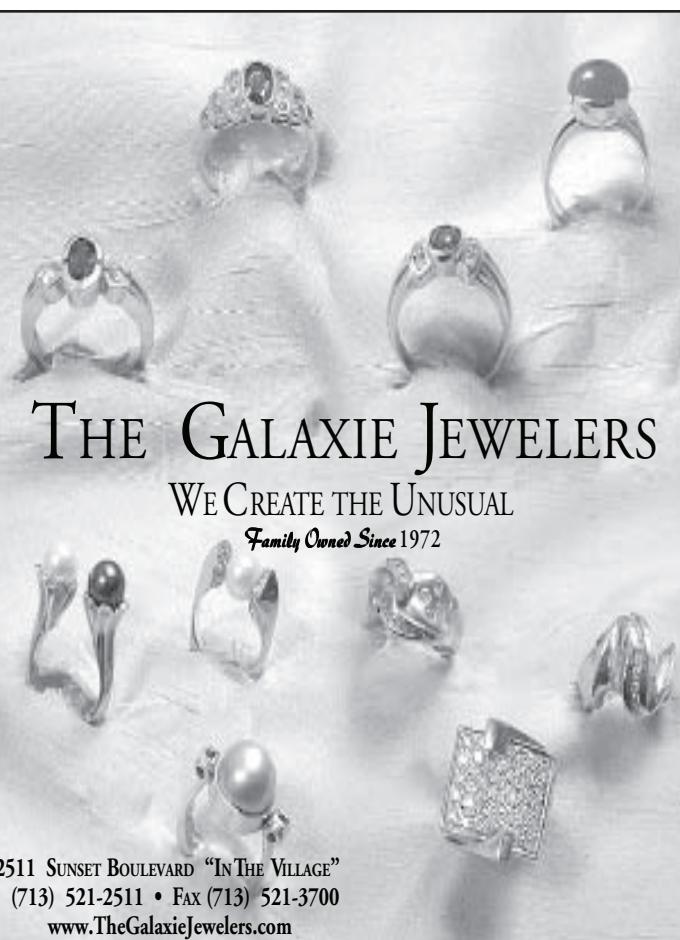
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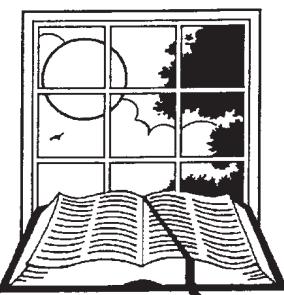
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CLASSES

Meadows Place Community Center / Pool will be the location for all activities. You can download registration form from the website www.cityofmeadowsplace.org

THAN PHONG TAEKWONDO,
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Fall 2006 Schedule

When: August 28 – October 19

Where: Meadows Place Community Center

When: Monday -Thursday

Time: 3:15 – 4:30 pm.

Fee: 1 time a week (8 classes) \$30.00

2 times a week (16 classes) \$55.00

Instructor:

Jenny Pless, Meadows Place resident, Black Belt



AMERICAN SOCIETY OF KARATE (A.S.K.)

The American Society of Karate is an association designed to teach America Karate to ages 5–70 in a positive ever-changing system. Its goal is not necessarily to be the largest, but to be the best.

This class has been on going for 15 years at the Community Center and welcomes new students.

Fall 2006 Schedule

When: Thursdays – September 14 – November 30 (No class 11-23-06 -Thanksgiving)
Where: Community Center
Time: 6:30 – 7:30 pm (ages 5-12)
7:30 – 8:30 pm All new students (ages 13-70)
Fee: \$40.00 (11 weeks)
Uniforms: \$30.00 (sorry no checks)
purchase from instructor
Instructors: Rex Mahy (3rd Degree Black Belt) and Steve Puma, Meadows Place resident (2nd Degree Black Belt)

New students will be accepted the 1st 3 weeks. You may try the 1st class free before you sign up.
Children must be 5 years of age.

Winter 2007 Schedule

When: Thursdays – January 11 – March 29 (No class Spring Break)
Where: Community Center
Time: 6:30 – 7:30 pm (ages 5-12)
7:30 – 8:30 pm All new students (ages 13-70)
Fee: \$40.00 (11 weeks)
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SENIORS ACTIVITIES

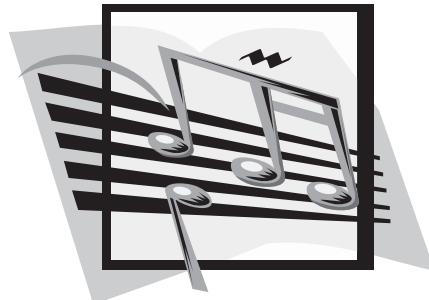
Field Trips, Classes, Weekly Exercise And More.....

The City of Meadows Place Parks and Recreation has joined with the City of Sugar Land Parks and Recreation Department to offer recreation for all seniors who live in Meadows Place. Our Parks Department has a list of activities for seniors to enjoy. If you are interested in these programs, please contact us at 281-983-2935. If we are away, please leave us a detailed message so that the person in charge of these programs can contact you. We have a monthly updated list of all these activities. Please contact the Parks department to receive a copy of this activity guide.

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. Below is a list of some of the activities offered for seniors:

Day & Date	Time	Activity
Monday thru Friday	8:00 am - 5:00 pm	Canasta, Shanghai, Dominoes, Pool
Mondays	9:00 am	Beginners Line Dancing
Mondays	9:00 - 10:00 am	Yoga
Mondays & Thursdays	10:00 - 11:00 am	Intermediate Line Dancing
Monday thru Wednesday	1:00 - 5:00 pm	Mah Jongg
Tuesdays	8:00am - 2:00 pm	Bridge
Tuesday & Wednesday	August 22 & 23	Depart 8:00 am: Field trip to Marksville, LA to visit the Paragon Casino. \$50.00 per person includes hotel, transportation \$15.00 cash perks and \$8.00 food voucher. Fees due at time of registration. Depart 8:00 pm
Tuesdays & Fridays	8:30 am	Walking Club Meets at First Colony Mall Food Court
Wednesday, August 16	10:00am	Buffalo Soldiers National Museum Presents this program on the significance of the Buffalo Soldiers in U.S. History.
Wednesdays	8:00 am-12:00 pm	Table Tennis
Thursdays	1:00 pm	Arts and Crafts
Tuesday	9-10 am	Senior Jazercise
Thursday	8:30 - 9:30 am	Senior Jazercise
Friday, August 18	2:00 pm	Bingo Bring canned food
Friday, August 25	1:00 pm	Movie "Rumor Has It"
September 6 &7	9:00 am – 1:00 pm	AARP Drivers Safety, open to anyone with a driver's license. The course is not certified for ticket dismissal. To reserve , call 281-980-0211 or 281-980-5526
Wedsnesday & Thursday		
Friday, September 15	11:00 am	Dog Races San Jacinto: Go to the dog races at Gulf Grey hound Park! Cost is \$37.50- includes entrance fee, buffet lunch, betting buddy, transportation and program.
Friday, September 29	9:00 am	Visit the newly renovated San Jacinto Monument. Cost \$18.75

DATE	CONCERT	TOWN SQUARE EVENTS
AUG 12	WILFRED CHEVIS	7 PM
AUG 18	DANCING UNDER THE STARS	7:30 PM
AUGUST 19	MOVIES UNDER THE MOON	8:30 PM
AUG25	KARAOKE	7 PM
AUG 26	SUGAR LAND SUPERSTARS-FINALE	7 PM



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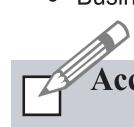
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September 2, 3 **weekends only**
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POOL/TENNIS ACCESS CARDS

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 p.m. 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).

Community Center and Annex Usage Sign-Up

The Parks and Recreation Department will be taking reservations and assigning new keys to clubs interested in Community Center and Annex Building usage for the upcoming school year.
(September 2006 – May 2007.)

YOU MUST CALL TO RESERVE YOUR TIME AND TO CHANGE OUT YOUR KEYS

THE WEEK OF AUGUST 28 – SEPTEMBER 1, 2006.

Monday – Friday between the hours of 9 am and 4:00 pm.

Call 281-983-2935

HOME & GARDEN CLUB

By Sandy Montross, Publicity

Meadows Home and Garden Club invites you to join them at their annual “Get to know us Dinner” on Tuesday, September 12, a 7:30 pm at the Meadows Place Community Center.

Would you like to meet your neighbors, meet friendly people or see old friends, hear speakers on home decorating, crafts and gardening tips plus a lot more? Go to bunco and Christmas parties, potluck dinners? Go on tours? Eat with the Lunch Bunch and go to a movie? If so, plan on joining us at our first get-together of the season. Please call Margaret at 281-933-8034 for information and reservations.

Plans are well under way for the Club’s 31st Annual Craft Show on Saturday, November 11th. The show will be held again in the Aquinas Center of St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church, 12627 W. Bellfort Avenue, Sugar Land (between Dairy Ashford and Eldridge Roads). The show features all hand made items by local crafters. If you are interested in renting a booth or need information please call Lillian at 281-495-6039. ☺

Yard of the Month Awards for July:

Section I	Lee and Shelly Marshall 11302 Scottsdale
Section II	Bill and Linda Goller 11823 Amblewood
Section III	June and Larry Mahoney 12130 Scottsdale
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