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March 2007



COMMENTS FROM THE MAYOR By Mark McGrath

FORT BEND COUNTY MOBILITY BOND ISSUE

Fort Bend County has called a mobility bond election for May 12. The purpose of the election is to solicit voter approval for

approximately \$153,000,000 in needed road improvement projects throughout the county.

The bond election is the culmination of many months of effort by a committee formed by the county to identify future road projects. Committee members consisted of Fort Bend County Commissioners Court as well as representatives from area cities, school districts and the real estate development community. Council member Rick Staigle, Public Works Director Dan McGraw and I attended many of these meetings.

Because of our interest, Meadows Place has two projects on the list to be considered for voter approval: the reconstruction of West Airport from the intersection at South Kirkwood to US 59 as well as the reconstruction of South Kirkwood from West Airport to our northern city limits.

The total estimated cost of these projects is \$4,815,000. County bond money will cover \$3,885,000 or roughly 80% of the total cost. In addition, \$320,000 of federal funds were earmarked in the last federal transportation bill for the West Airport project. The federal funds were made available in part through Mayor Pro–Tem Terry Henley's efforts in working with former Congressman Tom Delay. We are working with our new Congressman, Nick Lampson, to ensure the federal commitment comes to fruition.

Assuming both county and federal funds become available, our share of the road improvements would be about \$610,000 or about 12.6% of the total projects costs.

I urge you to learn more about the Fort Bend County mobility bond issue and vote in this election, which is very important for the future of Meadows Place.

SUMMER LIFEGUARDS

Lifeguard applications are being accepted at Meadows Place City Hall until March 23, 2007.

Interviews *(a)* the Community Center/Pool are scheduled for Friday, March 30 and Saturday, March 31. All applicants must be 15 years of age by the training dates:

> Wednesday, April 11 6:00pm - 9:00pm Saturday, April 14 9:00 am - 6:00 pm Sunday, April 15 9:00 am - 6:00pm

Any questions please contact Parks and Recreation Department @ 281-983-2934

CITY CALENDAR

Mar. 13th	Crime Watch Meeting	
	City Hall	7:00 p.m.
Mar. 27th	City Council Meeting	
	City Hall	7:30 p.m.
April 5th	City Hall Closed - Easter Holiday	
May 5th	Heavy Trash Pick-Up	

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DID YOU KNOW??????

Did you know...that Meadows Place hosted the Fort Bend Mayor & Council Meeting in February? Officials from the county and 17 cities in Ft Bend County got together and discussed common issues. Meadows Place has benefited, and will continue to benefit, from the increased and open communication between Meadows Place and our neighbors. Our City Secretary, Elaine Herff, did a great job of putting this together and doing Meadows Place proud.

Did you know...Meadows Place has initiated a program that is designed to benefit Meadows Place homeowners, enhance our quality of life and help move us into the future as a City? To help us know where we are going, we need to look at our past. To do that, we are going to need your help – and your old photographs. Do not worry, we will not keep them but please watch the Newsletter for more information. In the meantime, dig out that old box of pictures and pick some good ones.

Did you know...Captain Jack Ashton has come up with a set of 'Safety Tips for Travelers'? These are basic but practical tips to help guard our possessions and ourselves while we travel. There are tips for Women, Room Rules, Street Smarts and Transportation Savvy. They are easy, simple and make good sense. To get a copy of 'Safety Tips for Travelers' go to the website at: www.cityofmeadowsplace.org

Did you know...that one call can make a big difference? One example happened last year at a city-sponsored event. One of our neighbors expressed concern about a situation near his home. He talked to the Mayor about it, who talked to the Police Department about it, which checked into it and decided it was indeed worthy of an investigation. This led the PD to do a background check and then plan and run an in-depth investigation and bingo – problem solved! The message here is twofold – One, we all need to pitch in and Two- City leadership listens and responds. We all count on each other to make this City what it is so if you see something call – NOW. Together we can keep Meadows Place the great place it is to live and raise our families.

Did you know...that the City is doing its part to help parents by participating in 'radKIDS'? **radKIDS is the national leader in children's safety** and is being brought to MP children and parents by the training and development of nationally certified instructors. radKIDS Personal Empowerment Safety Education package "is not just a program but a true gift to the community". Officers Kelly Davis and Lynn Dottei have now successfully completed the radKIDS training & certification program. We will be moving forward with this so keep on the lookout for future **radKIDS** notices.

*Did you know...*that Meadows Place resident Steve Bezner was an Award Winner in the Conoco-Phillips Rodeo Run? No, he did not have the best time, but out of the 7,000 contestants, Steve was the winner of the "Most Spirited" Award. Congratulations Steve! Yee-Haw!

Pool News!!!! Parks & Rec. has a great new program called "**Dive In**" where you watch a movie at *(or IN)* the pool on a 12x15' screen! This is a new program just for teens 15 -17. It is BYOT (bring your own tube) on Friday nights from 8:30 until the movie is over. This will start May 25. Should be great fun. Wonder what the 1st movie will be? Watch for more info! In other pool news – the first Swim Team registration is March 25th at the Rec. Center. They will be having a Garage Sale Fund raiser at the school on Mar. 31st. You can 'donate' your (nice) stuff and help the Swim Team. Just bring it up to the school before 10.

Did you know...that Alderman Terry Henley is going to Washington, DC to talk to Representative Nick Lampson on behalf of Meadows Place? Thanks Terry- but you will not be alone. Two Meadows Place 8th graders will be up there too. Kaylyn Court and Allison Plyant are part of a group that will be touring DC and meeting their representatives. Future leaders learning today.

If you have a question, comment or news we can use – please drop a note by City Hall or E-mail us at:<u>aldermanl@cityofmeadowsplace.org</u> Thanks and hope to see you at a City Council meeting real soon.

HOME & GARDEN CLUB

By Sandy Montross, Publicity

At the recent March meeting of the Meadows Home & Garden Club, Charles Griswell presented a very interesting and informative program "Getting Your Yard Ready For Spring". We are looking forward to our outing to the Brookwood facility in Brookshire on March17th. There should be a variety of plants to choose from for use in our patio containers or decorate the inside of our homes for a fresh springtime look. For those of our readers that have never been, it is well worth the trip to Brookshire to enjoy the beautiful plants, gift shop and have a delicious lunch. Reservations are necessary.

The Club will present a Scholarship Award again this year. 2007 graduating seniors, or current post-secondary education students planning to enroll in a course of study at an accredited U.S. college or university are eligible to apply. In addition, the applicant must be a resident of Meadows Place and have U.S. Citizenship or have permanent residency status. Applications may be picked up at either Dulles High School in the Counselor's office, or at Meadows Place City Hall. The deadline for returning the application is April 30, 2007. Full details are included in the application. The award will be presented at the May Meadows Place City Council Meeting.

Our next regular Club meeting will be on Tuesday, April 10th at 7:30 p.m. at the Community Center. There will be a program on "Herb Gardening" and any Meadows Place resident is invited to join us for the evening to learn about growing your own herbs and get acquainted with our members.

March gardening tips - Prune azaleas after flowering. Plant container gardens for patios. Fertilize roses once a month beginning now thru the end of September.



IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION By Janet Kulhanek

MCIA BOARD MEETINGS: 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. We meet on the 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.

Members:

Steve Court 281-498-4334 • Diann Hamilton 281-495-4038 Sherry Carlson 281-879-1359 • Frank Brown 281-498-0052 Janet Kulhanek 281-498-1807 • 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 or Gary Littlejohn 281-498-9855. Order products and brochures by phone or e-mail (gary-littlejohn@sbcglobal.net) Meadows Place resident.

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In your home pet sitting. Call for rates and references. Kathy 281-879-0097

I want to buy patio home in Meadows Place. Beverly 713-772-0733

Mary Kay Cosmetics – call for your free makeover session. 15% off with ad. 281-933-8298. Meadows Place resident



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 note change in garage sale dates. We will have a garage sale in October due to the fact the November garage sale dates fall on Thanksgiving weekend. The last garage sale date for each year will now be in October.





Halloween's "Treat in a Trunk" ? Now get ready to Sell your"Junk in a Trunk"	at Sugar Grove Church of Christ's 1st Annual Community Garage Sale	 Saturday May 26th 8 a.m4 p.m. 8 a.m4 p.m. 8 in to Reserve your FREE space !!! Phone: (281) 530-9651 	 Free Advertising Free Garage Sale Space Food Available Free Entertainment 	All donations from sales are appreciated (but OPTIONAL) and will go to the work of the Church 11600 West Airport Meadows Place, TX 77477
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CLASSES

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

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.

Spring 2007 Schedule

When: Where: Time:	April 12 until - May 31 Community Center Ages 5-8 6:30 - 7:30pm
	Ages 9-12 7:30 - 8:30pm
	Ages 13+ 8:30 - 9:30pm
Fee:	\$35.00 (8 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)

Summer 2007 Schedule

When:	June - End August 16	
Where:	Community Center	
Time:	Ages 5-8 6:30 - 7:30pm	
	Ages 9-12 7:30 - 8:30pm	
	Ages 13+ 8:30 - 9:30pm	
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.

THAN PHONG TAEKWONDO, SELF-DEFENSE

Winter /Spring 2007 Schedule

When: February 26-April 24 (No classes Spring Break) / May 1–June 20-2007 Where: Meadows Place Community Center When: Tuesday & Wednesday Time: 4:30 pm. – 6:00 pm Fee: 1 time a week (8 classes) \$45.00 2 times a week (16 classes) \$80.00 Instructor: Dan Phan, Black Belt

QUILTING CLASSES

Quilting classes are now available in Meadows Place. Classes will be held at the Community Center ANNEX building located on S. Kirkwood the 3rd Saturday of each month. Different machine stitch patterns will be taught and will range in skill level from beginner to advance. If you have some sewing experience and can sew a straight seam, you can make a beautiful quilt. Please contact Brenda Meadows for details @ 281-498-3484

March's class will be held the **third Sunday** in March

March 18 class: Making a quilted wall hanging – Make a wall hanging of a bunny, just in time for Easter. Fee -\$60.00

Where: Community Center ANNEX building @ 11803 S. Kirkwood

Time: 9:00 am -4:00 pm

Fee: \$30.00 - \$60.00

Max. 10 Students

QUILTING CLUB

Several Meadows Place residents are experienced quilters and want to share their love of quilting with others. This group is meeting at the Community Center ANNEX building located on S. Kirkwood on the 2nd Saturday of each month. Contact Margaret Minton 281-933-2927 or 281-948-8823 to join the group.



Starting March 17, 2007

*Junior Beginner / Advanced Beginner Tennis Class – Saturday's, 1:00-2:25 pm.-Fee: \$55.00/month (4 weeks)

*Adult Beginner/Advanced Beginner Tennis Class – Saturday's, 2:30 - 3:55 pm - Fee: \$55.00/month (4 weeks)

Other Classes may be added as demand & interest grows.

Location: At the City Tennis Courts

Classes are on going, year around, and month to month.

The classes will be a ratio of 5-8 students per Pro.

Contact Parks & Rec. to register.

Seniors Activities

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. **A calendar of daily activities is available at Sugar Land Senior Center 281-275-2893 Email <u>seniors@suarlandtx.gov</u>

****NOTE** ADVENTURE/TRIP POLICIES**

Fees are due two weeks prior to any one-day adventure. Adventures that do not meet minimum number of participants two weeks prior will be canceled.

Day & Date	Activity	Time
Friday, March 16	Bingo	2-4 p.m.
Wednesday, Mar. 21	AARP Drivers Safety	9am - 1pm
& Thursday, Mar.22	AARP Drivers Safety	9am - 1pm
Friday, Mar. 23	Salad & Dessert Pot Luck	Noon
Tuesday, Mar. 27	Texas Adventure	Depart at
		7:30 a.m.
Friday, Mar. 30	Movie,"Lady in the Water"	1 p.m.

A calendar of daily activities is available at the Sugar Land Senior Center seniors@sugarlandtx.gov

TEXAS HISTORY ADVENTURE, TUESDAY, MAR. 27 DEPART AT 7:30 AM.

The Texas Declaration of Independence was signed at Washington on the Brazos. Take a step back in time as we explore the rich history of the area and Texas Independence. Cost is \$37.50 and includes lunch, tour fees and transportation.

****THIS MONTHS MOVIE, FRIDAY, MARCH 30 - 1PM**

"Lady in the Water"

Apartment building superintendent Cleveland Heep, (Giamatti) rescues what he thinks is a young woman from the pool he maintains. When he discovers that she is actually a character from a bedtime story who is trying to make the journey back to her home, he works with his tenants to protect his new friend from the creatures that are determined to keep her in our world.

SENIOR AMBASSADORS WANTED

Volunteers needed to assist at the Senior Center. The Parks and Recreation Department is seeking Senior Ambassadors to volunteer at the newly renovated Senior Center. We are looking for enthusiastic people to meet and greet visitors, teach classes, maintain the library and the information center – just to name a few things. Interested seniors can pick up an application at the Senior Center reception desk.

AARP DRIVER'S SAFETY

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Wed and Thurs, Mar. 21 and 22

Sugar Land Sr. Room 9-1 pm

Cost for the two-day class is \$10

Our instructor will be Curtis Cook. The class is open to anyone with a valid driver's license. The course is NOT certified for ticket dismissal. To reserve, call 281-980-0211

AARP NEWS

Bring nonperishable food items for the Fort Bend Meals on Wheels program and local food pantries to the AARP meetings.

BASEBALL ADVENTURE, MONDAY, TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23-25 DEPART AT 7 AM.

Take me out to the Ballpark; take me out to the game...Whataburger and Dell Fields...to see the Corpus Christi Hooks and the Round Rock Express start off the Minor League season... We will also visit the USS Lexington, Texas State Aquarium, Mission Espiritu Santo, Gonzales County Courthouse and so much more. A full itinerary will be available February 1. Cost is \$375 per person for a single room and \$312.50 per person for a double room. A deposit of \$100 is due at registration and full payment is due by March 24. Cost includes one breakfast, one lunch, tour fees, hotel and transportation.

AARP SUGAR LAND CHAPTER # 4075

Wednesday, Mar. 28th 1 p.m.

Our speaker will be from the South Texas Project. The South Texas Project is our Nuclear Electricity supplier. They propose to install, within the next few years, two new reactors to enhance the local supply of electricity. For more information, contact President Leon Anhaiser at 281-494-2046 or Vice President Pat Shannon at 281-980-0964

OLD TOWN SUGAR LAND CHAPTER #5385, INC.

Thursday, Mar. 15 - 7pm

Jennifer Garza from the Fort Bend County of the Texas Cooperative Extension will focus on elder education issues. She is a part of the Family and Consumer Sciences and Better Living for Texans Department. For information, contact Paula Flores at 281-491-5968

EGGSTRAVAGANZA - GOOD FRIDAY, April 6, 2007 ELDRIDGE PARK - NOON-3PM

The Easter Bunny will hop into town for the 23rd annual "Eggstravaganza" egg hunt. An estimated 5,000 attendees will have the chance to participate in egg hunts and sack races. The festivities also include a magician, juggler, petting zoo, fire truck and moonwalks. All activities are free. An Easter display will be set up for individuals to take pictures with their personal camera.



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