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PLACE

OCTOBER 2008

COMMENTS FROM THE MAYOR

By Charles Jessup



SOME GOOD NEWS

This has been a very busy period for the City. Beside preparing for, and getting struck by a large Category II hurricane, we have been working on our parks, reviewing City investment policies, moving forward with budget hearings and setting the tax rate for 2008-2009. First some good news. After

two and a half months of departmental budget reviews and public hearings, Mayor and Council have agreed to keep the tax rate the same as last year. Even though the cost of providing services has risen, maintaining the same tax rate was made possible by the increased revenues received from our commercial properties and a very thin budget.

As the City continues its recovery from Ike, I am pleased to report that there was minimal damage to City property and equipment. There was some damage of course but all things considered, we fared well. We have some damage to the small swing arm and electrical system in the sewer plant but we are still able to function normally. We did lose some computers and electronics due to power spikes at the Command Center. There were some leaks and minor damage at the Annex but none to the Community Center, City Hall or the Fire Station. Pre-storm planning save us a lot of money, especially in our parks.

Like you, the City lost some trees and branches. Thankfully we had CenterPoint out to trim trees away from out transmission power lines this summer or we could have had severe power outages. Most of our street light damage was a result of tree damage. As I mentioned last in last month's newsletter, trimmed trees cause less damage, are safer and are the homeowner's responsibility. Please get them professionally trimmed.

We had a great turnout for the last City Council meeting. Thank you to everyone who attended and especially to those who took the time to comment. Former Councilwoman Leen Zellers brought the Council Chamber to a standing ovation as she thanked and congratulated our hard working and dedicated Police Department for leaving their families and loved ones to 'camp out' at the Annex working 12 hour shifts on our behalf. The ovation was well deserved for our Police Department but let's not forget the Fire Department, the staff at Parks and City Hall who never missed a beat and hats off to our Public Works and Code Enforcement personnel who worked so hard to help us recover from the impact of Ike, once again proving Meadows Place truly can be – *Your Place for Life*.



NATIONAL NIGHT OUT / 2008

The National Association of Town Watch (NATW) and the Meadows Place Police Department announce a new date for 2008 *National Night Out* in Texas. Because of Texas' summer heat, the NATW has approved the date of October 7, 2008, for *National Night Out* this Year. The new date will hopefully bring cooler temperatures with it.

National Night Out 2007 involved 35.4 million people in 11,310 communities from all 50 states, U.S. territories, Canada and military bases world wide. *National Night Out* is designed for to: 1) heighten crime prevention awareness; 2) generate support for and participation in local anti-crime programs; 3) strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships; and 4) send a message to criminals letting them know that the neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

Along with the traditional outside lights and front porch vigils, most cities and towns in Texas now celebrate *National Night Out* with neighborhood events such as block parties, cookouts, and visits from the local law enforcement. The NATW and Meadows Place Police Department encourage you to start organizing now. For free registration material call 1-800-Nite-Out, or visit the *National Night Out* website at www.nationalnightout.org Contact Officer Kelly Davis at 281-983-2900 or bacups@cityofmeadowplace.org to register your event with Meadows Place Police Department.

Hurricane Ike proved the importance of neighbors. Meet some more on *National Night Out!*

CITY CALENDAR

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|--------------------------------|--|
| October 7 | National Night Out in Texas |
| October 24
& 25 | LAST Garage Sale Weekend
until January, 2009 |
| October 28 | Regular City Council Meeting
City Hall 7:30pm |

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Did You Know?...

That City of Meadows Place was hit by a hurricane?

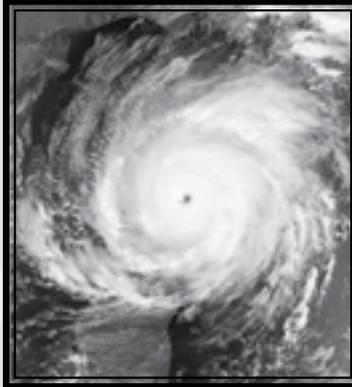
Of course you know! But for all the bad we endured there was much more good. Let's start with a great big **THANK YOU** from the City of Meadows Place to the young people that took it upon themselves to clean up the debris in McDonald Park.

Included in that group are Justin Wei, Jenny Troung, Annie Troung, Eva Lee, Marjorie Medrano, Clarissa Medrano, Jon Reid, Freddy Shores, John Concepcion, Irene Concepcion, Andy Lee, Paolo Dejos and Mason Woodall.

Under the direction of your neighbor Linda Shores, the storm debris was raked and bagged. It was a great sight to see these young people step up and volunteer their time and energy to help the city. Your work is much appreciated. Thank you.

We would also like to thank the countless other friends, neighbors and strangers, who came out and assisted one and other in their time of need. Cinda English, Abbey Murphy, Glenna Lipp, all let us know how impressed they were with neighbors helping neighbors. Cinda said it made her "Meadows Proud".

Isn't it nice to have great neighbors like Laurie Jenkins that delivered ice to neighbors homes? Brock



Ramey and Joe Debruyne are just a couple of the countless unsung heroes who gave assistance to total strangers. Councilman Charles Khulanek & family were amongst them with a chainsaw and a rake. Dave and Trish Wilkens stopped their "tour" of the city and went home, changed clothes and helped an elderly couple clear their yard of debris.

Bob and Lillian Graf, who lived here for 34 years, said one bright spot was they got a chance to meet some new neighbors thanks to Ike. This was the same sentiment expressed by young John Rowell. Young and old the same story is told. Thanks to everyone who helped.

Oh, Clyde & Zella Little were so impressed that their Aggie neighbor, Chad Hutson, took off about 8:00am with his truck, a rope and a chainsaw. He came back about 8:00 pm, covered in dirt and woodchips. He spent all day helping folks he didn't know. While we may not know everyone who helped, and there are hundreds and hundreds here in Meadows Place, your kindness is imprinted on the heart of everyone of you who assisted. Just more proof that Meadows Place is Your Place for Life!

Code Red Update



By Alderman
Charles Kulhanek

Hurricane Ike was the first time the Code Red alert system was used in Meadows Place for an actual emergency, and it did an excellent job of delivering messages to residents and businesses. Code Red was successful in delivering messages to about 63% of over 2200 phone numbers for Meadows Place.

Code Red was implemented last year, and the initial database was created using the water billing records at that time. If you did not receive a call during Ike or if your phone number has changed, please be sure to submit your information through the Meadows Place website (www.cityofmeadowsplace.org). You may submit both your home and cell phone numbers, but only Meadows Place residents and businesses are accepted.

Code Red phone calls can be identified by the number 999-911-9999 on your caller ID. The system will make three attempts to deliver the City's message, and it is designed to deliver messages to a live person or an answering machine. However, Code Red is not currently compatible with Call Notes.

Home & Garden Club

By Beverly Martin, Publicity

Our September 9th "Get to Know Us" picnic dinner was a great success. Welcome to the new members who joined the Garden Club and for any neighbors still interested, feel free to come to our next meeting on October 14, 2008 at 7:30 at the Community Center. Representatives from Children's Protective Services and The Rainbow Room will speak to us about the services they provide for the community. For information call Margaret at 281-933-8034.

Mark your calendar for the Garden Club's 33rd Annual Craft Show on Saturday, November 1st, 2008. The event will be at the St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church, 12627 West Belfort. Forty + vendors will be selling handcrafted items. We also will have our Scholarship Bake Sale and Raffle. This is our major fund raiser for the Scholarship Award given every year to a student from Meadows Place. The Boy Scouts will also be selling Bar-B-Q. Hope to see you there!

And the winner is.....

After a tight voting result, #3 of the newsletter designs has won. Because of the close outcome, the City has decided to continue alternating between the three designs. We hope this will give a fresh look to the newsletter each month. Thanks to all who voted, we really appreciate the input and community involvement.

COP TALK



By Officer L. Dottei
and Officer K. Davis

THE FIRST R.A.D KIDS EXPERIENCE IN MEADOWS PLACE

It was a great time and an excellent learning experience as The Meadows Place Police Department sponsored their first graduating class of r.a.d.KIDS on September 7, 2008. The class consisted of twenty-three boys and girls from ages 5 to 12 years old.

The r.a.d.KIDS became empowered with knowledge, confidence, and skills to replace fear and confusion in dangerous situations, and were taught how to protect themselves from violence and harm.

One question asked during the class was.....What does r.a.d. stand for?

- r.a.d. stands for RESISTING AGGRESSION DEFENSIVELY
- At the completion of the course, the r.a.d.KIDS demonstrated their abilities to escape and run to safety.
- r.a.d.KIDS were also taught fire, gun, school, vehicle and bicycle safety.
- The next r.a.d.KIDS EDUCATION PROGRAM is December 5th, 6th, and 7th. There is an insert in this newsletter with more information.



Classified & Advertising

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

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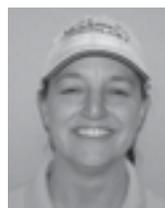
Help Wanted: Part time Receptionist / Data Entry. Hours 8:30 am - 2:00pm Please fax resume to (281) 277-8203

Professional Musician offers private violin and piano lessons for children. Credentials include ten years as a violinist in a major orchestra and Master's degree from top music university in former Soviet Union. Phone 281-494-8795

CERT Training

CERT training has been postponed until further notice. The current class will pick up where it left off. County officials apologize but know we will understand. They fully expect to come back strong in Meadows Place. After seeing the very positive response by the residents of Meadows Place they not only want to come back to Meadows Place, they expect Meadows Place to set up 3 or 4 teams. I believe we can be the model for the rest of Fort Bend County!!

City Ordinances / Code Enforcement



By Tracey Spiller

If you are not sure whether or not your contractor needs a permit, call City Hall! If a contractor does not have the proper permits the job will be shut down. Better safe than sorry-please check.

Typically contractors need permits for roofing, cement, electrical, plumbing, ac, and most building construction. Don't forget that pools and sprinklers need them as well. Speaking of pools - you are required to keep your pool clean, clear, and secure. Not doing so will result in a fine. So get those fences back up. We lost a lot of trees with Ike. Remember, it is your responsibility to take the stump down below ground level so the grass can grow over it.

Meadows Home and Garden Club Fall Craft Show

Saturday, November 1st, 9:00 – 4:00

The 33rd Annual Craft Show is at St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church,
12627 W. Belfort (between Eldridge and Dairy Ashford Roads.)

Forty + craftspeople will be selling holiday and home décor, wearables,
wooden item, wreaths, jewelry, candles and much more.

Garden Club's Scholarship Bake Sale and Raffle. Boy Scouts' Bar-B-Q.

No admission charge.



Halloween Monster Mash 2008

Where: Meadows Place Community Park

12001 Brighton Lane (cul-de-sac)

All Activities At The Park

When: Friday, October 31st 2008

Time: 6:00- 8:30 PM

Don't Forget To Bring Food Pantry Items!

Meadows Place Park and Recreation Department will be collecting canned goods/non-perishable food item donations for Sugar Grove Church of Christ. Please bring your items in exchange for a safe and fun Halloween night and support this wonderful City organization

In an effort to make Halloween a safe and happy experience for the young children of Meadows Place, Meadows Place Parks and Recreation Department have teamed up with Meadows Place Police Department, Meadows Swim Team and local scouts (Pack 301) to present this annual Halloween evening. This is a terrific alternative to door-to-door trick or treating. There will be lots of candy and prizes available for all the ghosts and goblins attending.



HAPPY HALLOWEEN

Carnival Games

Tickets for activities available

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r.a.d. Kids Comes to Meadows Place

WHO: Meadows Place Police Department

WHAT: 3-day program of personal empowerment and safety education for children ages 5-12 years old. On the last day children will participate in a demonstration of everything learned during the training. ***Participation is limited to 20 students.***

WHEN: December 5th, 6th, and 7th

Friday 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., Saturday 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.

WHERE: Meadows Place Community Center

More information:

The r.a.d.KIDS program empowers children by teaching physical maneuvers that allow them to be aware of their surroundings and prepare for the worse case scenario by instilling confidence.

There is a \$25 registration fee which covers one child's enrollment in the 3- day training. You must participate in all three days. Children must be accompanied by an adult each day. Children are required to wear comfortable clothing and tennis shoes. To learn more about the program log onto <http://www.radkids.org>

To register, contact Ofc. Davis or Ofc. Dottei (281) 983-2900



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Personal Empowerment Safety Education

The New Approach to Violence Prevention & Personal Safety Education for Children
and Parents

**No One has the right to hurt children, and our children have
the right to escape violence or harm.**

Class Schedule:

Place: Meadows Place Community Center

Dates: December 5th, 6th, and 7th

Times: Friday 5p.m. to 8p.m., Saturday 1p.m. to 4p.m. Sunday 2p.m. to 6 p.m.

Name of child: _____

Age: _____

Boy: _____ Girl: _____

Phone No.: _____ E-Mail: _____

Cost is \$25.00 per child, Please attach registration fee. We accept cash or check. If
paying by check, please make payable to: Meadows Place Police Department.

Please call (281) 983-2900 if further information is needed. Ofc. Davis or
Ofc. Dottei



Pre-registration is required and most classes have a minimum/maximum enrollment. PLEASE REGISTER EARLY!!!

Call Parks and Recreation for information @ 281-983-2935 or

email us: monya@cityofmeadowsplace.org or terry@cityofmeadowsplace.org

Unless otherwise noted, Meadows Place Community Center /Pool or Annex Building will be the location for all activities.

You can download registration form from the website: www.cityofmeadowsplace.org

Classes



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

The American Society of Karate is an association designed to teach American 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 17 years at the Community Center and welcomes new students.

2008 Fall Karate Schedule

Starts: Ongoing
Ends: Thursday, December 4 (No Class Nov. 7)
Fee: \$40 - 12 weeks
 \$30 - Uniform (sorry no checks)
 purchase from instructor
Time: 6:30pm - 7:30pm Ages 5-12
 7:30pm - 8:30pm All New Students
 (Ages 13-70)
Where: Community Center
Instructors: Rex Mahy (3rd Degree Black Belt)
 and Meadows Place residents Stephen Puma,
 (3rd Degree Black Belt), Michael Puma (2nd
 Degree Black Belt), and Steve Court (1st 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.

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Ladies Bowling League

Contact: Parks Department - 281.983.2935
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Wednesday Morning League
9:00am, Stafford Lanes



*A stroke screening is
 coming to your neighborhood*

Where: Stafford ~ City of Meadows Place Community Center
When: Monday, November 03, 2008

Pre-registration is required. Call 1-800-324-1851

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- Ultrasound screenings can help you avoid a stroke.
- Stroke is a leading cause of death and permanent disability.
- Screenings are fast, painless, affordable and convenient.

PARKS & RECREATION

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 3rd Saturday of each month. Contact Margaret Minton 281-933-2927 or 281-948-8823 to join the group.

Quilting Classes



Quilting classes are held in the Meadows Place Community Center ANNEX building located on S. Kirkwood the 2nd 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.

When: 2nd Saturday of the month
Where: Community Center Annex building
 @ 11803 S. Kirkwood
Time: 9am - 4pm
Fee: \$30.00 and up, depending on project
Max: 10 students

Coastal Prairie Quilt Guild of Texas

An open sew opportunity will follow all regular meetings. Bring your lunch, your machine or just hand work, and join us for lots of fun! For more information call: 832.693.2512

Who: Anyone interested in Quilting
When: 3rd Thursday of Each Month
Where: Meadows Place Community Center

September 18, 2008 / 10am to 12noon
 Paula Platter from Oklahoma and a \$100,000 Quilt Challenge finalist in 2007 will offer a workshop.
 Registration begins August 18th.

PARKS AND RECREATION

BULLETIN BOARD

CERT Training
 postponed until
 Further Notice

Halloween

October 31	Halloween Carnival
November 1	Animal Clinic
November 3	Lifeline Screening
November 15	Meadows 25th Anniversary Celebration
December 5	RAD Kids Starts
December 7	RAD Kids Ends
December 12	Christmas Memories

Seniors Activities

Meadows Place Parks and Recreation has joined with the Sugar Land Parks and Recreation Department to offer field trips/classes and activities for seniors citizens. All events will be offered at the Sugar Land Community Center unless stated otherwise. A calendar of daily events is available at the Sugar Land Senior Center which can be reached at 281-275-2893 or you can email them at seniors@sugarlandtx.gov

Senior Classes Now Offered:

Softball	Mondays (Imperial Park)	9am
Yoga	Monday & Friday	9am
Computer Class	2nd Monday of each month	10am
Mah Jong	Monday	10am
Line Dancing	Monday & Wednesday	
	SL Comm. Center	1pm & 10am
Jazzercise	Tuesday, Thursday & Friday	9am
Walking Club	Tuesday & Friday	
	First Colony Mall	8:30am
Tai Chi	Wednesday	9am
Table Tennis	Wednesday & Friday	8am - noon
Crafts	Thursday	1pm- 3pm
Horseshoes	Daily (Imperial Park)	
Pool	Daily	
We Have Wii!	Thursday	3pm
Art Class	Monday	1-3pm
China Painting	Tuesday	10am- noon

Gulf Greyhound Park

Wednesday, October 15, Depart at 10:30 A.M.
 Cheer on the greyhounds! Price: \$40; Resident discount is \$30
 Includes: Transportation, betting guide, and buffet lunch.
 Don't forget to register!

November Pot Luck

Wednesday, November 12, 11:30 A.M.
 Pre-Thanksgiving Pot Luck! Just bring the trimmings!
 R.S.V.P. by November 7th so there are no duplicated fixings!

Nutracker Market Reliant Stadium

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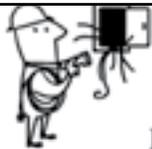
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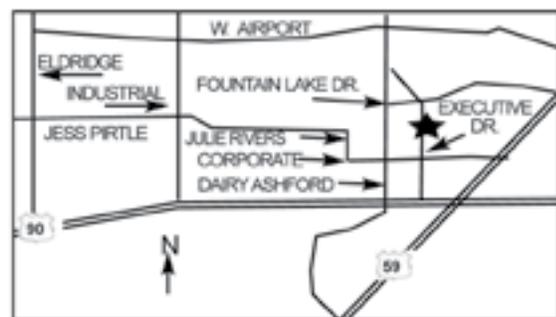
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Please notify the 25th Anniversary History Committee, Nancy Lewallen, Chair, at 281.495.6028.....if

- Your family is second (or third) generation family living in Meadows Place!! Or if you went to Meadows Place Elemnetary school and now have a child there!! Multi-generational family photos would be ideal for our display on November 15!! All photos will be returned!!
- If you have any early sports team photos, we'd love to borrow those as well.
- Any info or photos on the early "Meadows Tennis Association"
- Any photos of early Meadows residents' homes, streets, enviroment, please let us know the year you came to Meadows Place. I have met some original residents, so could they please send us any info? Write up something, send photos, etc.

We appreciate your help and will thoughtfully compile this info in a special display for everyone's enjoyment at the anniversary celebration on November 15, 2008



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