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City of Meadows

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APRIL 2009

COMMENTS FROM THE MAYOR By Charles Jessup



MEADOWS PLACE IN 2024

As some of you may have seen in the newspaper, Meadows Place used some of its Economic Development Funds to hire Marsh Darcy Partners, Inc. Marsh Darcy offers Planning, Development and Real Estate Services for municipalities, developers and joint venture groups. They provide physical and policy planning services as well as comprehensive planning and special district creation services to help those entities develop sustainable solutions and create places where people want to live and work. Meadows Place called on Marsh Darcy to help us look at where we are today, to invigorate our imaginations and then help us compare where we are to where we want to be fifteen years from now. This will give us both a target and a goal as we construct a plan for City Leaders to follow in the future.

Phase I, which we have completed, consisted of a day long panel discussion which was moderated and led by Sue Darcy of Marsh Darcy. The purpose of this panel was to develop a written description of Meadows Place today and then another one circa 2024. This will allow us to create a plan to build an even better City for us to live in without sacrificing the things we love about Meadows Place today. Ms. Darcy said she was quite impressed with the panel we put together for her to work with. It included most of Council, the City Secretary and members of staff and PD. It also included a panel of residents that represented long time and new home owners, business owners, and consisted of men, women, young and not so young. Even college and high school students participated.

We will keep you posted as we continue to move through this process. There was one thing that stood out even on a panel as diverse as this – that people here love Meadows Place and are willing to work to keep it – *Your Place For Life*.

MAILBOX MONTH

Thank You - To everyone who participated in "Mailbox Month". While most of us just 'spiffed up' our existing mailboxes, some of you got creative and unique while some built beautiful structures for your mailbox. They all look great. City staff worked very hard to make March "Mailbox Month" but they see the difference as they travel the City and feel it was worth the effort. I bet our visitors do too.

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CITY CALENDAR

April 10th	Good Friday	City Hall Closed
April 28th	Regular City Hall Meeting City Hall	7:30pm

Did You Know?...

Did You Know....that Lil Abbott thinks she has one of the best neighbors in the world? Seems her neighbors are always “doing things for people” and as part of “Mailbox Month” that neighbor, Dina Cotton, came over and spruced hers up too. Lil says Dina and her husband Bob are like “family to me”. The nice thing is, that there are lots of folk in Meadows Place who feel the same way about their neighbors, which is why Meadows Place is *Your Place for Life*. Oh, and thanks to all who participated in “Mailbox Month”.

Did You Know....that Councilman Rick Staigle gave a presentation to an influential Fort Bend association last month? The main topic was innovative traffic damping techniques, their benefits and how they may best be implemented for the benefit of a community. Rick is working hard with Meadows Place Mayor and Council to look into the possibility of incorporating some of these innovative techniques in Meadows Place. Thanks, Rick.

Did You Know....that Public Works Director Dan McGraw has already begun to change and improve the chlorine storage system of our Waste Water Plant? He has also begun to implement a plan to replace all the signs damaged or destroyed in Ike. You will notice the street signs are a little different but will meet future State sign requirements. We will eventually have to replace all our street signs so we are a little ahead of the curve. Good Job, Dan.

Other Meadows Place projects in the works that you should ‘Know’ about include the conversion of our pools from chlorine to salt. As we mentioned earlier it is safer and will save us money. Also, Parks has a plan to fix those big “scoops” under the swing sets daily. Should make it more fun for the kids.

Did You Know....20 year resident Larry Martin made the finals at this year's Rodeo World Championship Bar-B-Q Cook-Off? Larry, owner and chief cook at Majors Catering, scored big with his special chicken entry that carried him near the top of over 400 contestants in this world famous cook-off. Mmmmm...

Did You Know....that Elaine Jessup was very proud to hear that her son Mark made the Texas Aggie Corps of Cadets Honor Roll? Congratulations Mark. And yes, Dad was proud too.....

Other Meadows Place accomplishments include some exciting news from Louise Lancaster. You see, her book has been published and was released last month. To see more, go to Publish America, enter Louise Lancaster under ‘Search’. Congratulations Louise – and good luck!

Did You Know....that the City Website has many helpful links on it? These include links to the State, County, and Schools as well as Special Interests like baseball, swimming and the Master Gardeners programs. Check them out by clicking “Links” under the ‘Our Neighbors’ button on the top banner. Be sure and check out the rest of the site as well and let us know what we can do to make it more Meadows Place Friendly.

Did You Know....that City Secretary Elaine Herff and Judge Beverly McMinn are working with Police Captain Jack Ashton to upgrade our ticket writing equipment and software? This upgrade will save the City time, money, and eliminate waste while offering a more detailed and secure system for our Police and Code Enforcement Officers to use. Great job everyone. Oh, and most of the money is coming from a state ‘Technology Fund’!

Did You Know....Meadows Place has great corporate neighbors who support our community in every way they can? They deserve our support so let's use our businesses and restaurants whenever possible.

Did You Know....We need your help? Please send any news about projects, kids or neighbors to ‘Did You Know’ at City Hall or just e-mail us at : mayor@cityofmeadowsplace.org

Thanks – and see you at the Council meeting



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City Ordinances / Code Enforcement



By Tracey Spiller

LET THE SPRING CLEANING BEGIN!

I had a resident email me and ask what items are recyclable. So, here is the latest and greatest list! Remember every little bit helps!

Paper – Dry and Clean

- Newspapers & inserts (don't bag them leave them loose)
- Magazines & catalogs
- Junk mail, envelopes, file folders
- Office white, colored and computer paper (staples & paper clips ok)
- Corrugated cardboard boxes
- Cereal & gift boxes
- Paper bags & phone books
- Wrapping paper (remove metallic paper, bows)

Containers – Clean and Empty

- Aluminum cans (don't bag them leave them loose)
- Aluminum foil & foil plates
- Plastic bottles, jars, tubs & buckets
- Metal food cans (tin/steel)
- Metal lids, metal pots & pans

I was recently reviewing the monthly log of Fort Bend Animal Control calls. I noticed an increase of captured wild life such as raccoons and opossums. If you are contending with these critters, Fort Bend Animal Control will loan a cage for a deposit of \$100.00. You are given a sheet on what to use as bait and you are allowed to keep the cage for a week. Once you catch something you can contact Animal Control and they will come and pick it up.

The number for Fort Bend Animal Control is (281)342-3411

There is a lot of work going on in our quiet little City! The Paulette's have remodeled their kitchen. The Puma and the Melendez families have brightened things up by repainting their house. The Le Grange family has updated the exterior of their home with siding. Finally, the Bezner family has added a beautiful stone path and new landscaping. It never ceases to amaze me the pride we have and continue to demonstrate in our City! Great job everyone!

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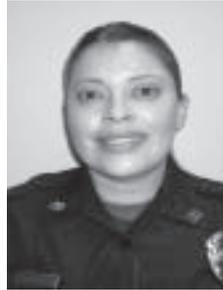
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COP TALK

By Captain Gary Stewart



Meadows Place Police Department is proud to introduce Officer Imelda Rodriguez as its newest member. Officer Rodriguez was hired in January after an extensive background investigation to fill a vacant slot within the department's patrol division. She is currently in phase two of the Meadows Place Police Department's comprehensive field training program. Officer Rodriguez recently graduated from University of Houston – Downtown with a degree in Criminal Justice. Interestingly, prior to becoming a Meadows Place Police

Officer, she was employed by UHD Police Department and spent the previous five years working in their patrol division.

Officer Rodriguez has lived in Houston all her life and is a huge Astros Baseball fan. In her off-duty time she enjoys spending time with her family and horseback riding. She is very excited about working at MPPD and looks forward to serving the citizens of Meadows Place.

Public Works



By Dan McGraw

A friendly reminder that permits are needed for Aroofs, foundation repairs, water heater repairs/replacements and many others. Please visit the website and click on the permits link or call the permits department to find out if you need a permit and/or inspection at 281-983-2932.

publicworks@cityofmeadowsplace.org

Home & Garden Club

By Beverly Martin, Publicity

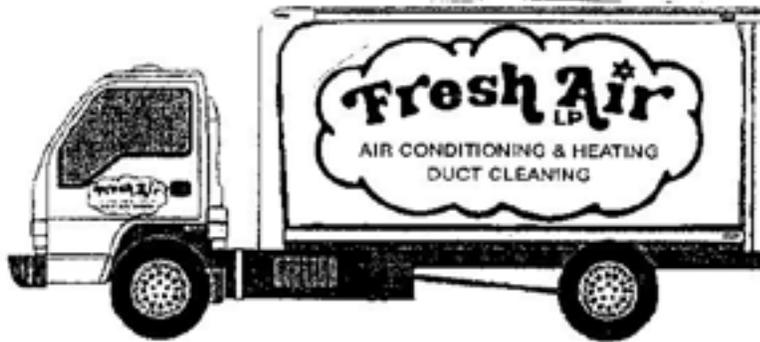
Reminder: Applications for the Home and Garden Club Scholarship Award can be picked up at the Dulles High School Counselor's office or Meadows Place City Hall. Applications need to be returned by the end of April.

Tuesday, April 14th the Garden Club meeting program will be "Coral Bay Waterscapes" presented by Rick and Cindy Lewis. Election of new officers will follow. Meeting begins at 7:30 pm at the Community Center. You do not have to be a member to attend the program. Please join us.

Lunch Bunch will dine at Serenities Tea Room on Thursday, April 23rd. For more information call Margaret at 281-933-8034.

Spring is here and the Garden Club will begin judging Yard of the Month. Judging takes place on the last week-end of the month. Guidelines for selection are:

1. Overall landscaping as seen from the street: variety symmetry.
2. Lawns: condition / manicure.
3. Shrubs: condition / quality / suitability.
4. Trees: condition / quality / trim.
5. Annuals and accessory: seasonal / color / harmony. (No artificial plants or flowers.)



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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.

2009 Spring Karate Schedule

Starts: Thursday April 9

Ends: Thursday May 28

\$40--11weeks

\$30--Uniform (sorry no checks)

Time: 6:30pm - 7:30pm Ages 5-7

7:30pm - 8:30pm Ages 8-12

Where: Community Center

Class Fee: \$40

Uniform Fee: \$30

Instructors: Rex Mahy (3rd Degree Black Belt) and Steve Puma, Meadows Place resident (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.

New Tennis Schedule Beginning March 30th

Please contact Fort Bend Tennis Services at 281-980-4219 if you are interested in joining Tennis Classes. Fort Bend Tennis Services provides a Tennis Pro for each class for instruction. All classes are held at City of Meadows Place Tennis Courts. You do not have to be a resident to enroll in these classes.

Additional classes may be added if there are enough requests.

Monday and Wednesday

5:30 – 6:25pm

Youth Beg/Adv Beg - ages 8 – 14yrs - \$80/month (4 weeks)

Monday and Wednesday

6:30 – 7:25pm

Youth Intermediate – ages 10 – 16yrs - \$80/month (4 weeks)

Monday and Wednesday

7:30 – 8:25pm

Adult Beg/Adv Beg – age 18 and up - \$85/month (4 weeks)

Saturday

8:00 – 9:25am

Adult Beg/Adv Beg – age 18 and up - \$60/month (4 weeks)

Saturday

9:30 – 10:55am

Youth Beg/Adv Beg – ages 8 – 14yrs - \$60/month (4 weeks)

Sunday

5:00 – 6:25pm

Youth Beg/Adv Beg – ages 8 – 14yrs - \$60/month (4 weeks)

Sunday

6:30 – 7:55pm

Youth Intermediate – ages 10 – 16yrs - \$60/month (4 weeks)

PARKS & RECREATION

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BULLETIN BOARD

Lifeguard Interviews

Bare Foot Fridays

- April 4 Lifeguard Interviews - 10 AM
- April 5 Swim Team Registration - 12 PM - 3 PM
- April 6 Lifeguard Interviews - 3 PM
- April 11 Swim Team Registration - 12 PM - 3 PM
- April 16 Lifeguard Training - 6-9 PM
- April 18 Lifeguard Training - 9 AM - 4 PM
- April 19 Lifeguard Training - 9 AM - 4 PM
- April 20 Lifeline Screening - 8 AM - 5 PM
- May 15 Bare Foot N' Friday
- May 16 Pool opens to public on weekends ONLY
- May 30 Countryside Animal Clinic 11 AM - 2 PM
Community Center Parking Lot
- June 5 Bare Foot N' Friday
- June 9 Pool Opens during week to public
- June 12 Splash Night
- June 19 Bare Foot N' Friday



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



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.



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	
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Art Class	Monday	1-3pm
China Painting	Tuesday	10am- noon

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Crochet

Every Thursday
1:00-3:00 PM

Supplies needed: yarn and crochet needles

Computer Buddies

Every Friday
11:00 AM-12:00 noon

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American Shoo Lin Kung Fu

American Shoo Lin Kung Fu Master Shi Yan Feng together with Taekwondo instructor Jenny Pless are teaching Martial Arts at the Community Center.

Where: City of Meadows Place Community Center.

Date: 2nd session: April 6th – May 25th (8 classes)

Time: Monday, 3:15p.m. – 4:30p.m.

Fee: \$40.00 for (8 classes)

Master: Sho Lin Master Shi Yan Feng

Instructor: Jenny Pless (City of Meadows Place resident)

Stars & Stripes Over Meadows Place!
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2009

As the sun rose on Memorial Day, Flag Day, Independence Day, and Labor Day 2008, the streets of Meadows Place took on a bold new patriotic look. Over one hundred fifty residents are subscribers to Troop 1115's Flag Service. Some of our streets woke up to see that more than half of the homes presented a prominent Red, White and Blue, high quality flag, proudly flying from a tall straight flag pole which was securely and uniformly placed just off the curb in front of each subscriber's home.

We wish to express our sincere Thank You to those who have subscribed to this Flag Service, for supporting Troop 1115 and for expressing the patriotic spirit on the holidays when we honor America.

To those who have not yet subscribed, we extend this invitation and ask for your support. **(NOTE: Flags approved by the City of Meadows Place)**

Troop 1115 will proudly post an American Flag in front of your residence on each of the following national holidays: Memorial Day, Flag Day, Independence Day, and Labor Day. (On Veteran's Day, the scouts are usually in school so flags will NOT be placed in front of homes that day).

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If you have any questions, please call David Ball, Flag Fundraiser Chairman for BSA Troop 1115, at (281)983-0838 or (281)635-2607.

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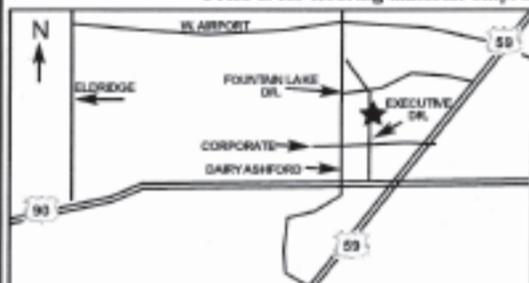
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Community Center Rental Building Capacity 165

Tables and chairs to accommodate your party.

Food / no alcohol..... \$150.00
Food and alcohol..... \$250.00
Non-residents add..... \$100.00
Community Pool Rental..... \$300.00
(Maximum time allowed is 3.5 hours)

Community Center / Pool Combo

Available for rental May - September
Rent both and receive a discount of \$50.00

**CALL PARKS AND RECREATION TO
SCHEDULE YOUR EVENT
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Storm Water Hotline

Report dumping in
storm water drains.

Only **RAIN WATER** is allowed
281-983-2932 or report online, see website.
For updates on Public Works News visit the website.

publicworks@cityofmeadowsplace.org

Street Light Repair

When calling or emailing about a street
light outage, you will need to get the pole number,
and if you add your email address Center
Point can keep you apprised of the status
of the repair request.

713-207-2222
www.centerpointenergy.com



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 hold up to 2 garage sales per
year on the designated weekends. A garage sale permit is required.

2009 Garage Sale Dates

May 29 & 30 • July 24 & 25

September 25 & 26 • October 30 & 31

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