

COMMENTS FROM THE MAYOR

By Charles Jessup



Congratulations Chief Stewart

Meadows Place Police Chief Gary Stewart was elected President of the Houston Area Police Chiefs Association (HAPCA) for calendar year 2015.

The HAPCA was formed in 1988 as the Harris County Police Chiefs Association but the name was changed as their role, and their reach expanded. The current membership represents Police Chiefs, Sheriff's, Command Staff, and line officers of local City, County, State, Federal, College/University, Transit Police, Medical Center Police, School Districts and Special Law Enforcement agencies from 7 counties in the Houston metropolitan area. Promoting cooperation amongst Law Enforcement Agencies, the HAPCA is dedicated to education and excellence in law enforcement throughout the region. Congratulations Chief Stewart.

New Fire Rating may result in savings

Due to our new ISO Class 1 Rating, residents living in Meadows Place may now be eligible for a reduction in their insurance premiums. Some of us have the best rates possible, but, many of do not. After checking with their insurance carriers, I have had residents tell me they will be getting a better rate, including Joseph Terraso, who contacted me to say "Thank You" after he was told he is now eligible for a whopping 13% reduction. The Class 1 rating is quite a coup for Meadows Place as we are one of less than 90 cities in the whole country to achieve this rating. Just another example of our little city doing big things.

Board Openings

Thank you to everyone who contacted us with interest in serving on the Meadows Place Economic Development Corporation (EDC), Planning and Zoning Commission (P&Z) and Board of Adjustment (BOA). Check the city website to learn more about them and you will see why they have such a huge impact on our future. Serving your city is a great way to help make sure Meadows Place will stay...

Your Place for Life.

(Continued on page 3)



The 25th Annual **Christmas Memories**

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12th
6:00-9:00 P.M.

25TH SURPRISE - ICE CARVING SHOW!
DON'T MISS IT!

(See Inside for More Details)

CITY CALENDAR

Meetings

- Dec. 2** Planning & Zoning Commission
7:00 p.m.
Dec. 16 City Council Workshop 6:00 p.m.
Regular Meeting 7:30 p.m.

Fort Bend ISD

- Dec. 19** End of First Semester
Dec. 22-31 Christmas Break

City Hall Holiday Closings

- Dec. 23** CLOSED at 12:00 noon
Dec. 24 CLOSED
Dec. 25 CLOSED
Jan. 1 CLOSED

Did You Know?...

Did You Know... that the latest on the West Airport project is, weather permitting, the contractor will finish the south side and move to the north side before the end of the year? This will make it much easier to move through the city and make it easier for us to get to the businesses that reside along W. Airport. Weather has thrown us behind, but we are making progress. I keep saying over and over and over "It will be worth it when it's all done",...

Did You Know... that last month, the son of a homebound resident came to City Hall to have some documents notarized? Patty Spade, who has been helping Meadows Place residents for years, told the person that she could not notarize documents unless that person was present to sign. After listening to him and the problems they were having, Patty made sure someone could cover for her at work, and then went to the person's house to notarize the paperwork. It didn't take much time or effort but was a HUGE help to the family. Not something we can always do, but we do always try to help our residents, because that's what we do in Meadows Place.

Did You Know... one of our residents was challenged by a person selling for an internet/phone company? He gave her a hard time saying that they were a utility, governed by State Law and he could wander around our city and there was nothing she could do about it. Well, she immediately called the PD. About three minutes later he found out different. After a short discussion, the PD politely showed this gentleman our city limits. The point is, if they do not have a Peddlers Permit, they are NOT allowed to wander about our city doing who knows what. Help yourself, and your neighbors, by calling the PD immediately. Fortunately, this is not a big problem here in Meadows Place, but just in case they do not know they are in Meadows Place, our officers will be more than happy to show them our city limits. Always call.

Did You Know... Meadows Place resident, Lee Harvill had a Letter to the Editor published in the Houston Chronicle last month? He wrote saying "On election day I had two marvelous experiences. I was sitting on the grass between the sidewalk and the curb, pulling weeds. About 15 minutes apart, two cars stopped and the occupants asked if I needed help, thinking that perhaps, I had fallen and could not get up. Truly, we live in a wonderful country" Yes we do, and in a wonderful little city too...

Did You Know... Meadows Place has recently received two Hummers for free from the United States Army? These hummers were part of the Federal program that repurposes military surplus to civilian organizations. Your Mayor and Council met with Chief Stewart prior to the acquisition. Though some of the available equipment was deemed inappropriate for Meadows Place, these two vehicles were almost new, had very low mileage and are just what we may need in an emergency, like a flood or hurricane. These hummers will replace our old high water deuce and a half. Keep your eyes out for them, they may be out and about soon.

Did You Know... Curran Walai, a Dulles High School Senior who plans to major in Computer Science, won the \$1,000 scholarship presented at the Fort Bend Strong Banquet? Thank You to all the participants, the judges and The Central Fort Bend Chamber for putting this program together. Sher Min Chow was the Master of Ceremonies and HEB President Scott McClelland, the Keynote Speaker spoke to a packed house. I was proud to see Meadows Place so well represented. Congratulations Curran!

Do YOU have something for **Did You Know?** Drop a note at City Hall for or email: mayor@cityofmeadowsplace.org. Thank You. Meadows Place... ***Your Place for Life!***

Did You Know... That the city has put out a collection box at City Hall for the Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots program. It will be up for just a little while, so if you are so inclined, please bring an unwrapped toy to City Hall. To learn more about the Toys for Tots program, see page 8. Another opportunity to give during the holidays is to donate to the food pantry during Christmas Memories. Please bring a bag or two of canned goods and non-perishables to this magnificent event - and make some Christmas Memories of your own. ***Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to all!***

(Comments From The Mayor continued from page 1)

Meadows Place Votes

A 44% voter turnout proves once again that Meadows Place is a city that votes. This is important as it makes a statement about the involvement of our residents and sends a message to our elected officials that we care, and we participate – just like them. They realize that voters are more active and engaged citizens who are more likely to connect with their neighbors, join and participate in community activities and talk to elected officials. It also helps when the Mayor and Council want to meet with our County and State officials about bills or projects that affect Meadows Place or want to talk to School Board members or other elected officials to advocate for the city or the families who live here. I would like to thank everyone who took the time to vote and recognize you as a contributor to the social fabric of our city which makes it strong.

Moving toward Online Billing

Besides requests for getting a grocery store for Meadows Place, the one thing I get requests for is online utility billing. You asked for it, we are bringing it to you. This may seem to be simple matter, but it was not. First, we had to strengthen and upgrade the foundation of our technology. This has taken quite a bit of time, and money, which we spread out over different budget cycles. With servers in place, and everyone working off the same operating systems, we can now move forward. Now we have to electronically split all the components of our utility bill to make sure our money is credited to the proper accounts and, most importantly, make sure the process is secure. We are working with Wright Technologies to make sure the transition goes smoothly and easy to use before we go live. They have been a great asset to the city and are confident that we can get this done, technologically speaking. If all goes well, we plan to roll this out sometime after the first of the year. We will keep you posted as we progress. Happy Thanksgiving.



Taking Care of Business

Our Business Neighbors are a very important part of the City. This column is dedicated to those businesses.

Our business neighbors along West Airport have been affected by all the construction. They really appreciate it when we support them so when you do, please let them know you are a resident and are there to support them.

Support our Businesses

Meadows Place has some really great businesses. Be sure to utilize them. They need, and deserve, our support.



COP TALK



By Chief Gary Stewart



Solicitor and Peddlers City Ordinance

The Meadows Place Police Department receives many calls in reference to person(s) going door to door for various reasons (soliciting/peddling). The police department makes every effort to actively monitor all soliciting activities in the city. A permit is required to solicit in the city in most cases; the exception being religious or non-profit organizations.

The Meadows Place Police Department encourages the community to contact us whenever someone appears to be soliciting. If they have a permit or proper documentation this is great, all too often this is not the case. Too many times they are not in compliance or are here with a criminal intent. Many times the police department has encountered individuals soliciting with the intent to commit theft, fraud, or burglary.

The Meadows Place Police have had several incidents and arrest as a result of solicitor calls. The “Knock Knock Burglaries” where a person(s) knocks on the door of a residence. If someone comes to the door they claim to be selling some magic potion or looking for someone who does not live there. If no one comes to the door they kick in the door, burglarizing the residence. Another variation is to offer to sell a product or service, taking payment in advance and never delivering the goods or service. This can be even more complicated than simply taking cash or check. Often times the perpetrator collects personal information leading to identity theft or credit card abuse. The police department has made many arrest from solicitor calls as a result of the officer’s investigation and determining the solicitor is a wanted person. Many times having outstanding warrants for crimes previously described in solicitor contacts. It is important for the police to be aware of solicitors or peddlers, always call.

The Meadows Place Police Department takes great pride in maintaining a safe community that residents consider “Your Place for Life”. Please contact the police department whenever someone is seen engaging in such activity.



Garage Sale Dates for 2015:

February 13th & 14th

May 8th & 9th

August 14th & 15th

November 13th & 14th



By Jerry Parker

Our sudden, early freeze in late November should be an excellent reminder to prepare our homes for the cold ahead.

Lawn and Garden -Trim any trees that could come in contact with your house during heavy wind gusts, or that could break off and cause damage.

Protect Pipes and Faucets - Water supplies to outside faucets, ponds, waterfalls, etc. should be shut off and drained before the temperature drops to below freezing. Any water pipes that are directly exposed to the cold should be insulated to protect them from freezing.

Check and clean your Heating System -It is critical that you ensure that you properly maintain your equipment. Start by having your heating system tuned up by a qualified technician if required. The last thing you need is to have your system breakdown in the middle of a cold spell.

Clean that fireplace. Now is the perfect time for a professional cleaning - it makes fires cleaner and safer.

Thanks for your help in keeping Meadows Place,

Your Place for Life!

Top Hits from November:

Violation:	Warn/Cit	Comply:
Grass/weeds	8	8
Trees/Shrubs	29	18
Trailer/Car/Boat	2/1	2
Trash Cans/Debris	15/3	12
General Nuisance	30/2	28
Totals	84	68

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Home & Garden Club

By Rose Melancon, Publicity

Our Fall Craft Show on November 1st was a big success thanks to all the vendors and their wonderful handcrafted merchandise as well as the bake sale. Congratulations to the winners of the raffle items. The Craft Show is the major fundraiser for The Home and Garden Club Scholarship Awards Fund. We appreciate your support.

Thanks to Sugar Grove Church of Christ, 11600 W. Airport @ Kirkwood for allowing us to rent their facility. Special thanks to Matt McVey of Sugar Grove Church of Christ for making this Craft Show a success. We also thank Robert Grimes for his photography and slides of the Craft Show. See them on our web site.

Flower arranging was demonstrated by Pat Goettsche, owner of Flowers and More, at our November meeting. Thanks to Pat Goettsche and Suzanna Metalina, store manager, everyone was inspired to create their own arrangement.

Our Christmas Party will be on December 9th, 7pm at the Meadows Community Center. There will be a pot luck dinner and games. Come and join in on the fun!

The Home and Garden Club gave a Thanksgiving Gift Card to a family at the Meadows Place Elementary School.

The Christmas Yard of the Month will be judged on December 15th. Show your holiday spirit and you might earn the Christmas Yard of the Month!

We have noticed residents working hard on their yards. Because we believe residents should be rewarded for the effort, we have changed the Yard of the Month judging months to April, May, June, July, October, and December.

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To participate in any City of Meadows Place program or class, pre-registration is required, and most classes have a minimum/maximum enrollment.

PLEASE REGISTER EARLY!

Registration forms can be picked up at City Hall Monday - Friday, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm or printed off the City website www.cityofmeadowsplace.org. Make checks payable to City of Meadows Place; with payment, mail or turn into the City payments box at City Hall. For more information, call Parks & Recreation @ 281.983.2935 or email: parks3@cityofmeadowsplace.org.

Classes

TENNIS

Description: Beginning Tennis Lessons
for Youth 8 - 14 years old

Where: Tennis Courts

Do you love to play Tennis? Are you the first on the courts and the last to leave? Would you like to pass your knowledge of this sport you love onto the next generation? The Parks & Recreation Department is looking for a new tennis instructor to teach youth 8 – 14 years old. If interested, please contact parks3@cityofmeadowsplace.org or call 281.983.2935.



Tennis Court Access System

Residents may purchase new Tennis Court access cards at City Hall, Monday through Friday, 9 am to 4 pm.

- Only residents of Meadows Place may purchase a card.
- A driver's license and/or water bill verifying Meadows Place residency must be shown to purchase the access card.
- Access cards are \$50 per card, maximum 2 cards per family.
- Cards are valid through May; old cards will be deactivated at the end of May.
- All tennis players must have access card with them while on the courts.
- A maximum of three (3) guests allowed per card and all guests must be accompanied by a resident.
- Do not prop open the gate at any time or allow access to the courts to anyone without a Tennis Court access card.

Failure to comply with all rules posted at the Tennis Courts and on the Registration Card may result in forfeiture of Access Cards.

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Recycle

BULLETIN BOARD

Merry Christmas!

- December** Santa's Mailbox @ City Hall
Toys for Tots Drive @ City Hall
- December** Karate, Taekwondo & Tennis
New Sessions start in January
- Dec. 12** 25th Annual Christmas Memories!
6 - 9 pm, McGrath Park
- Dec. 25** Merry Christmas!
- Dec. 26** Live Tree Recycling
Power easement on Monticeto

Registration forms can be found at
cityofmeadowsplace.org
or at City Hall.



Tree Recycling

Meadows Place Christmas Tree Recycling

- Who:** Meadows Place Residents
- What:** Live Christmas Trees - must be cleared of all decorations and any nails or other material which may have been used for stands.
- When:** December 26th, 2014 through January 7th, 2015
- Where:** At the power easement on Monticeto between Amblerwood and Meadow Trail across from the Meadows Place Waste Water Treatment Plant.
- Why:** Public Works Department will recycle the trees to be used as mulch.



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 over 20 years at the Community Center and welcomes new students.

Where: Community Center

When: Thursdays - Winter 2015 Session
January 15 - March 26 (no class March 12)

Time: 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm (Ages 5-12)
7:30 pm - 8:30 pm (Ages 13 and up)

Fee: \$50 (10 Weeks)
\$30 Uniform (cash only, no checks)

Instructors: Steve Puma, Meadows Place resident (3rd degree black belt) & Michael Puma (3rd degree black belt). Since 1993.



Taekwondo

SHARPEN YOUR MIND, STRENGTHEN YOUR BODY

Winter 2015 Session

Where: Community Center

When: Mondays and Wednesdays
January 12 - March 30, 2015
(No class Jan 19, March 9 & 11)

Time: 5 - 6 pm (Children 5 - 12 years old)
6 - 7 pm (Children 13 & up and Adults)

Fee: 10 Classes - \$49 (1 class per week)
20 Classes - \$89 (2 classes per week)
Free uniform for the first 10 students who sign up for 20 classes!

Instructors: Jenny Pless
(teaching at the Community Center since 2005)



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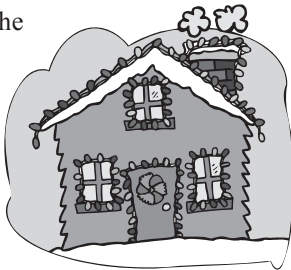
Toys for Tots



The City of Meadows Place is once again an official drop off location for the U. S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program and will be highlighting their support for this wonderful organization at Christmas Memories in McGrath Park on December 12th. This Christmas, help us bring a smile to a Fort Bend County child; bring a new, unwrapped toy to Christmas Memories. A collection box will be available near Santa's tent and at City Hall until December 15th from 9 am to 4 pm. You can also contribute to the Toys for Tots campaign by using the promo code MEADOW when purchasing tickets online to Sugar Land Holiday Lights or take the ad from page 12 and bring it to the ticket office at Constellation Field when you go!

The Spirit of Christmas

Christmas is right around the corner, and it's time to get out Christmas trees, holiday decorations, and set out those stockings! The City of Meadows Place is known for having a beautiful display of lights and yard decorations which brings in many folks from the surrounding area to see the displays. The Parks & Recreation Department is encouraging all residents to spruce up their houses and yards to get in the spirit of Christmas. The holiday season is here! We hope everyone will choose to participate and use this opportunity to promote spirit within our city!



Traffic Alert

The 25th Annual Christmas Memories will take place this year on Friday, December 12th. Please be aware that some streets in the area of McGrath Park and Meadows Elementary School may be blocked to through traffic during this City event from approximately 5 pm - 10 pm. Come out and enjoy this fun, annual event and thank you for your cooperation.



Santa's Mailbox

Santa's mailbox will be in place at City Hall until December 24th. Letters to Santa can be mailed in this special mailbox without any postage. Santa's helpers pick up his mail every day and make sure it gets to the North Pole before Christmas Eve. Clayton Parker has his letter ready to go!



Attention: Neighbors!

Christmas lights are decorating...

McDonald Park

McGrath Park / Lake

Community Center

City Hall

**And many of your homes for
Christmas Memories
and the holiday season.**

Please assist the City and all of our neighbors by immediately reporting ANY vandalism to the Meadows Place Police Department
281.983.2900

We all deserve to enjoy the tradition of Christmas lights throughout Meadows Place.

Meadows Place Parks & Recreation Presents:

The 25th Annual Christmas Memories

Friday, December 12, 2014

6 — 9 pm

McGrath Park

12002 Brighton Lane

Sledding on Munchkin Mountain & Memories Snow Mountain

Live Music from the Emotions

Santa visits from 7 - 8:30 pm

Hayrides & Petting Zoo

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Meadows Elementary Choir

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Master Jenny Pless, has been serving City of Meadows Place Community Center since 2005 . She is also serves Imperial Park & Recreation Center, Eldridge Park Civil Center, Harmony Schools, Walden School, Shearn School & is a Volunteer Master at Fort Bend Women Shelter.

Winter Session Start Date: January 12th – March 30st, 2015

No class on Jan. 19th and Spring Break (March 9th & 13th)

Classes : Monday & Wednesday (or choose a day) ongoing classes

Time: 5-6pm (Children 5-12 years old) / 6-7pm (13 and adult)

Fee: 20 classes for \$89.00 for OR 10 classes for \$49.00

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FT. BEND COUNTY SHERIFF..... (281) 342-6116
WATER AND SEWER (281) 398-8211
FT. BEND COUNTY COURTHOUSE (281) 342-3411
ANIMAL CONTROL..... (281) 342-1512
PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT (281) 983-2935

Community Center Rental

Building Capacity 165

Rental includes tables and chairs to accommodate events

Food/no alcohol.....\$200.00 Food/with alcohol.....\$300.00
(Cash deposit required equal to Rental Fee)

Community Pool Rental.....\$350.00
(after Community Hours, maximum rental time is 3.5 hours)

Non-Meadows Place residents add \$175.00 to above rates

Resident Community Center/ Pool Combo Rental
Available May - September

Meadows Place residents receive a \$50 discount when renting
the Community Center & Pool for the same event.

For rental reservation information, go to cityofmeadowsplace.org
click on Parks & Recreation, then Community Center

To check availability, call (281) 983-2935 or email:
parks3@cityofmeadowsplace.org or monya@cityofmeadowsplace.org

Street Light Repair

When calling or emailing about a street light outage, you will need to get the pole number. You may request an email notification so Center Point can keep you apprised of the status of the repair request.

1-800-332-7143
www.centerpointenergy.com

WCA Trash Collection

Trash pick up is every Tuesday and Friday
/ Recycling every Friday

Please have trash at curb side by
7:00am each pick up day. Any
questions concerning trash pick up
or recycling call

WCA direct at 281-368-8397.

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

