## December 2018 Parks & Recreation



Coaching. Connecting. Community.

Meadows Place Parks and Recreation has many ways for you to get out, get active, and get involved. Stay current with the latest program and event information by checking the city website, Facebook and monthly newsletter.



## The Polar Express is Coming to Meadows Place, Friday, December 7

The Trolley Conductor will greet you as you step on board the Polar Express. Each passanger will be given a keepsake pass and Christmas bell. Christmas songs will play as you tour the city in an authentic wooden trolley car and look at holiday lights. Upon returning you will be offered a cup of warm coco and given a fast pass to get your picture with Santa Claus while at Christmas Memories. Be sure to wear your pajamas for a cute photo opp.

#### Don't miss out. Seats are filling fast!

Purchase in person at City Hall, M-F 9am-4pm (or) Complete online form and drop with payment in the after hours mail slot in City Hall parking lot. Cityofmeadowsplace.org

# REGISTER Registration Now Open

No waiting in line. Register for a time slot beginning at 6pm every half hour until 8:30pm. Must pre purchase tickets they are transferrable. LIMITED TICKETS AVAILABLE

## 12/7 @ McGrath Park,\$15 per person (1yr+)

MEADOWS PLACE DISCOVERY & NATURE CENTER PRESENTS

"REINDEERS"



Our Nature Center is ready for the Holidays. All month long youth can learn fun facts, make reindeer food, and other fun activities about Santa's favorite animals.

Tues. – Sat., 12-5pm, \$2 child / \$5 adult or buy an annual pass for \$10 child / \$15 Adult

#### Other Weekly Activities Include:

Tues. @ 2:30 – Animal Parade - Dress Up & Learn

Wed. @ 2:30 - Tot Time- Stories and Puppets

Thurs.@ 2:30 – Meet the Animals or Make a Craft

\*\*\*If you would like to feed the tortoise you may bring romaine, strawberries, apples.



## NATURE CENTER KID WORKSHOP

The Nature Center will offer DIY workshops for kids to build their own masterpiece! *Parents must accompany kids ages 5-10 years old.* 

#### REGISTER

#### 12/8, Sat., 1pm (10yr+) \$5

DIY Egg Carton Wreath-make your own egg carton wreath, just in time for the holidays!

## REGISTER

#### 12/15, Sat., 1pm (5yr+) \$5

DIY Reindeer Ornament-learn how to make an ornament using a pine cone.

For registration or questions please contact <a href="https://www.ukanowicki.com">lylanan@cityofmeadowsplace.org</a> / 346.754.5873

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Get your holiday errands done or enjoy a relaxing night out while the kids are entertained in a fun and safe environment with the Meadows Place YAC Babysitters. Send the kids in their pajamas ready for an evening of fun. <u>Activities will include:</u> Decorate Holiday Cookies, make crafts, watch holiday movies, play fun games and enjoy a dinner of fresh fruit, baked chicken nuggets, and macaroni

#### REGISTER

## 12/15, 5:30-10pm @ Discovery Center (4yr+)



## **CHRISTMAS MEMORIES**

Come enjoy the sights and sounds of Christmas. "Mango Punch will perform holiday music with a Latin twist. Meadows Elementary will enchant us with the beautiful voices of children, be sure to have your camera ready. Turkey legs and funnel cakes along with other yummy treats will be provided by Meadows Place Pony Baseball & Meadows Marlins Swim Team. There will also be fun activities for kids of all ages, snow hill, petting zoo, shooting gallery, candyland, Santa & more.

## 12/7, 6pm @ McGrath Park, No Entry Fee



## SANTA'S MAILBOX

Write a letter to Santa and place in in the North Pole mailbox in front of Community Center. Santa's box will arrive 11/26 and leave in time for Christmas.

#### 11/26-12/23 @ Community Center



The Marine Corp is hosting its annual toy drive and Meadows Place is a host site. Please drop off an unwrapped toy for toddler, children or teens at City Hall or one of our City Christmas events.

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## 11/26 - 12/13, Drop off @ City Hall



# RAINBOW TROUT STOCKING

Limit 5 Trout per person. ONLY keep trout. RELEASE all other fish.

#### December 4, 10:30am @ McGrath Lake

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## HOLIDAY POTPOURRI

Come celebrate the Christmas season while listening to the beautiful music of Opus 4, String Quartet. Music by Villa Lobos, Dankner, Cohen, Traditional Holiday and Jazz Holiday songs

Light refreshments will be served at this free community event.

## 12/22, 7pm @ City Hall

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## **BUNNY FERTILIZER**



Did you know that rabbit manure is a great organic fertilizer that will help improve your soil and it doesn't need any composting before using it? The bunnies at the Nature Center are here to help your plants and garden thrive! "All natural Bunny Balls" are available for purchase during business hours at the Nature Center. Tues-Sat / 12-5pm

#### 1 gallon bag of "All Natural Bunny Balls" \$5

Proceeds go towards the care and feeding of bunnies?





# ALL HIGH-SCHOOL STUDENTS

Would you like to be a part of a national organization while making a difference in your own community? Do you need or want volunteer hours for school or college applications?

# Attend next meeting to learn more. There is no fee to join. BRING A FRIEND!

- 12/7, 5:00pm Christmas Memories Volunteer @ McGrath Park
- 12/14, 6:30 8pm @ Discovery Center/Mtg
- 12/15, 5:30pm –10pm @ DC / Drop N Shop

#### TEXT 281-642-7696 w/ questions



## BOWLING

Meadows Place Ladies Bowling Team bowls every Wednesday morning, 9am @ Emerald Bowl; Come join the team, meet new friends and get active!

#### Call: 281.498.8330



## **COMMUNITY GARDEN**

The Community Garden meets twice a month to plant, till and weed the beds on the second & fourth Saturday of the month at 9am. If you are interested in learning how to grow and tend a garden, just show up and you will be taught.

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sat., 9am @ Community Garden



Active Adults meet Monday's at the **Discovery Center** for fellowship and fun. Come and join our Active Adult Community from **10:00am – 1:00pm**.

**MONDAY, December 3-** Game play and book club will meet to discuss

**MONDAY, December 10-** Holiday potluck. Bring your favorite holiday dish/dessert and help us celebrate the Holidays! Starts @ 10:45am.

**MONDAY, December 17-** Continuing our monthly crock pot recipe journey. Also game play.

**MONDAY, December 24** – Merry Christmas! We will not meet this day.

**MONDAY, December 31-** Come and play BINGO. Bring your quarters.

TENNIS COURT / PICKLEBALL ACCESS



Resident Access Cards are available for purchase at City Hall Monday – Friday 9am-4pm. Cards are \$50 . Cards are valid through May of each year.



# **TAI CHI CHIH**

It is a moving meditation with 19 movements and one pose that are easy to learn and have profound effects. Benefits may include:

- Balanced physical energy and stamina;
- Building a healthy posture;
- Improving our joint flexibility;
- Promoting spiritual serenity;
- Focusing our mind and awareness

## REGISTER

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12/3-12/17 Mon., @ Discovery Center 6pm-7pm, \$20



Come shake, shimmy, and dance those calories away!!!! A total workout, combining all elements of fitness – cardio, muscle conditioning, balance and flexibility, boosted energy and a serious dose of awesome each time you leave class.

## REGISTER

12/5 – 12/19 Mon / Wed., Community Center 7:30 – 8:30pm, Walk In ONLY \$6



Strengthen your core muscles as well as improve stability and range of motion. Most exercises are done while sitting in a chair. All genders and ages are welcome.

## REGISTER

12/4 – 12/20, T/TH, 10AM Community Center \$15



## TAEKWONDO

Sharpen your mind, strengthen your body with Master Jenny Pless. She has been teaching in Meadows Place Community Center since 2005 and teaches all skill levels from basic to advanced. Ongoing classes. **No class 1/21, 2/18, 3/11, 3/13** 

## REGISTER

1/7 – 3/27 5-6pm (4-11 yrs.) 6-7pm (12 years and adult)

10 classes for \$59 (\$30 uniform fee) 20 classes for \$99 (Free uniform)



# KARATE

American Society of Karate teaches American Karate to ages 5 – 70yr in a positive ever-changing system. Its goal is to not be the largest, but to be the best. Instructors: 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Black Belt, Steve Puma and 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Black Belt, Michael Puma. Students may try the first class for free before registering.

**REGISTER** No class week of spring break.

1/10 – 3/28 @ Community Center Thursday 6:30- 7:30pm (5-12yr) \$50

Thursday 7:30- 8:30pm (13-70yr) \$50

\$30 Uniform Fee to Instructor.



Come swim at least one length of the pool (25yds) on the first day of the New Year. This is a great event to create memories. Even if you don't swim, please stop by and have some hot coco with your friends and neighbors. This is purely for fun. Donations accepted, but fundraising is not the focus of this event.

(All participants are required to sign a release of liability, before entering the water. Minors must have an adult present to be able to swim.)



## Hosted by Meadows Marlins Swim Team

1/1/18, 10am @ MP Pool, All Ages Welcome, No Fee



Meadows Place will provide a respite for Monarch butterflies enroute to Mexico during their annual migration thanks to the efforts of city officials and nonprofit groups.

The city is the first permitted prairie restoration site in power line right of way, according to Barbara Keller-Willy, executive director and founder of Monarch Gateway and president of the Native Prairies Association of Texas.

As a Monarch Host City, Meadows Place is converting 13 acres of ROW to a pollinators' habitat, including milkweed, on which Monarchs lay their eggs and on which caterpillars feed before they form a chrysalis.

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Representatives of Wildlife Habitat Federation have treated the land for invasive plants and will begin to seed native plants within the first two weeks of December to create a habitat for pollinators. But it's more than that. "It will bring back what we used to have - the animals and plants that existed at one time," said Jim Willis, president of Wildlife Habitat Federation.

A grand opening will be scheduled at the new trailhead located directly behind the fieldhouse in McGrath Park. Date and time to be determined.



\*HOW DO I REGISTER? REGISTER

**Our programs require pre-registration.** There are three ways to register. Forms can be found on-line at **cityofmeadowsplace.org** under the department tab / parks and recreation / programs. Make checks payable to City of Meadows Place then mail to, 1 Troyan Dr. You may also register in person at City Hall, Monday thru Friday between 9am–4pm. If after hours, place form & payment in the night drop box in the City Hall parking lot.

\*\*If a class has not met the minimum number of enrollment five (5) days prior to the start date, the class may be cancelled. Most classes have a maximum enrollment and are open on a first come, first serve basis. There will be no refund unless the class does not fill. Classes are NOT pro-rated unless stated. \*\*

## \*FACILITY RENTAL & LOCK - IN

If you're looking for a location to host a celebration or family gathering, the Community Center and Garden is a great local option.

We also offer rentals of Covered Park Pavilions, Community Pool, Large BBQ Pit, Kayaks and Overnight Lock- Ins.

## **\*BIRTHDAY PARTY**

Birthday Party packages are available for the Discovery and Nature Center to include animal encounters, crafts and activities.

Call for pricing and availability. 281-983-2935.