

Meadows PLACE

**DECEMBER 2009** 

#### COMMENTS FROM THE MAYOR By Charles Jessup



#### 2010 Census

I was reading a bulletin discussing the 2010 Census. It seemed a little early to be doing this so I asked why they were posting information now when the Census doesn't begin until next spring. They said they had not been getting census questions from citizens but had concerns about the possibility of questionable activities using the census as the reason for contact. With this in mind, I asked a few Meadows Place residents about

the upcoming census and was met with mostly with blank stares or "I don't knows". This made me think we should raise the awareness level here. The Census is taken every ten years and has been taken every decade since 1790. The 2010 Census questionnaire is much shorter and simpler than the 2000 census form. A few more things you need to know about the census and the census process are:

- The Census in mandated by the United States Constitution and your participation is required by law.
- The Census determines who gets what government funding.
- · Every resident must be counted, both citizens and non-citizens
- The Census Bureau does NOT conduct the Census by phone, by e-mail or over the internet.
- They will mail or deliver the Official Questionnaires in March 2010.
- The Census consists of only 10 questions and should take no more than 10 minutes to fill out. You can preview the questions online.
- Census takers will carry ID and will NEVER ask to enter your house. If you are visited by a Census taker, ask to see their ID.
- Census takers will visit households that don't return the questionnaire.
- If you are not certain they are Census takers, call 1-800-563-6499 to verify Census Workers are in the neighborhood.
- For more information you can visit: http://2010.census.gov/2010census/

Typically, Meadows Place participates well in things like this so I am hoping for close to a 100% response. If we get that, our County, State and Federal representatives will take notice. This will be helpful to this and future city administrations as they work with these other entities on projects and/or try to obtain funding for the city. The Census is our responsibility, please do your part. Stand up and be counted.

## Happy Holidays!

I would like to take this opportunity to personally wish everyone well during this Holiday Season. Be Safe. Have Fun. Share your Joy with your neighbors.

www.cityofmeadowsplace.org

#### **Public Meeting Notice**

There will be a Public Meeting on Tuesday, January 19th, 2010 at 7:00pm at City Hall to discuss a possible amendment to the City of Meadows Place Garage Sale Ordinance.

As there has been much discussion regarding the number of Garage Sales allowed in Meadows Place, as well as the number of Garage Sales an individual may have, City Council has endorsed having a Public Meeting on Garage Sales as the best method with which to allow public discourse and input regarding garage sales.

This is a Public Meeting only. No action will be taken, however, input from this meeting may or may not cause Council to seek to amend the current Garage Sale ordinance. Please attend if you wish to express your views.

Probable Garage Sale Discussion Options As part of the Public Meeting, a poll will be taken on the following options as a guide for Council.

1. No Change in existing ordinance. This leaves us with a total of six Garage Sales a year allowing an individual to only have two (2) per year. Permit required.

2. Amend Ordinance - to allow a total of Four (4) Garage Sales per year but allowing an individual to participate in all four (4) if they so choose. Permit required.

3. Amend Ordinance - to allow Zero (0) garage sales per year.



#### **CITY CALENDAR**

December 11	Christmas Memories in the Park 6:00pm - 10:00pm Mark McGrath Municipal Park
December 15	Regular City Council Meeting 7:30pm - City Hall
December 24 - 25	Christmas Holiday City Hall Closed
December 26	Christmas Tree Recycling Starts

**Did You Know**....that Meadows Place is holding it's 20th Christmas Memories celebration this year? 20th!! Monya & Terry have worked really hard to make it a very special occasion for you to enjoy, and I think they've done it. Besides Santa, we will be honoring Bob Stolting, our long time 4th of July helicopter pilot. There will be lots of food, fun and games for the young and fireworks for the young at heart. We hope you will join us. Great job ladies.

Fireworks she Dec. 11th

> **Did You Know**....that Meadows Place employees recently took some training to help prevent Identity Theft? I am glad we did but it was a little bit scary. One thing we learned is that there is a 22 to 26% increase in identity theft during the holidays so please be careful. One of the things they do is stand beside you in line and act like they are talking on their cell phone while they take a photo of your credit and debit cards, drivers license, etc. Last year there were 9.9 million cases of Identity Theft so be aware as you shop out there.

> Did You Know....our neighbors, Doug & Connie Houghland are about to burst with pride after their son David was one of only FOUR people honored by the Texas Tech Alumni Association. David received the "Top Techsan' award for his work as Director of Broadcasting for the University, primarily for his work in sports. How fun would that be! David, who attended Meadows Elementary and Dulles Middle school, said receiving the award was both "a surprise and an honor". The Houghlands were the 96th family to move into 'The Meadows' back in 1970 and are one more reason Meadows Place really is .... 'Your Place For Life'. Congratulations all.

> **Did You Know**....that preliminary test results confirm that we will be able to use the water out of our Waste Water Treatment Plant to fill the new lake at the park and use that water to irrigate the park and esplanades? We will also be able to save ourselves Subsidence Fees on the 9 to 10 million gallons it takes to run our plant. Weather permitting, work on the plant will start early December and when complete should save us somewhere around 20 to 25,000

dollars annually on electrical costs. We hope to have the entire project completed by this time next year, if not sooner. Almost all, if not all, of this will be paid for from existing bond funds and will save the city a ton in the long run. We will keep you posted.

Did You Know

**Did You Know**....that Sharon Kitchen sent us an e-mail about Roundabouts. She found out that they are now mentioned on the defensive driving tests. It says "that though they may initially confuse some drivers they are safer environments than cross intersections".... and "the number of potential conflict points for vehicles and pedestrians is substantially less". I found it comforting that the State of Texas agrees with us on Roundabouts. Hope you do too.

**Did You Know**....that due to increased costs we are going to have to raise the Alarm Permit Fees for the first time since 1992? The fees will now be \$35.00 for the initial fee and the annual renewal fee will be \$25.00. There will be no change in the false alarm policy. The first five don't cost you anything but number six and beyond cost you \$50.00.

Did You Know...over the last 3 years thirteen Meadows Elementary Students have been accepted into the Quail Valley Gifted and Talented Academy at Quail Valley Middle School. The Academy pulls from the best students in FBISD and puts them through a very rigorous and accelerated program. All are doing quite well, once again proving our Meadows Place kids have great educational opportunities. Hats off to Peter Jalbert, Johnny Wiggly, Ryan Chew, Adrielle Chew, Ariani Harrison, Carlos Harrison, Torre Puckett, Taryn Puckett, Haylee Parchmont, Mason Parchmont, Sonsara Sze Tse, Adam Brock, and Andrew Wittman. Whoa!!! I just looked at the curriculum. I don't think I would have made it. Congratulations everyone.

If you have a neighbor or family member that has done something you want to share with us, please contact Did You Know – by dropping us a note at City Hall or just send us an e-mail at: mayor@cityofmeadowsplace.org





Holiday Shopping Tips By Chief Mike Baker

#### Remember the following when you go shopping:

• Keep track of your bags and packages. If you leave something behind, it could get stolen or discarded.

• Report unattended bags or packages to a security guard or store employee. The same applies when riding public transportation – report unattended bags or packages to security / staff.

• Park in well lit parking lots. If you feel uneasy, ask for an escort to your vehicle.

• When returning to your vehicle, always be aware of your surroundings. Have your keys in your hand so you can unlock your vehicle without delay.

• Be sure not to buy more than you can carry. If your packages are making it hard for you to walk upright or see your surroundings, ask a store employee to help you carry them to your car.

• Check receipts to see whether your full credit card number appears. If a receipt has your full number on it, take a pen and thoroughly mark through the number.

• Check to assure that you have your credit cards and check book after you pay.

• Never leave valuable items or packages in plain view inside your vehicle.

• Remember that putting boxes out for garbage pick up lets the would-be thief know what's inside your home. Tear the boxes down and put them inside a trash can if possible.

If you go shopping with children, keep the following in mind:

• Ensure that any children with you know your cell phone number. Give contact information cards to any who don't.

• Make a plan with children in case you get separated. Have a central meeting place, and review with your children who they can turn to for help if they find themselves alone.

• Educate your children about the dangers of talking to or following strangers.

#### Take a Home Inventory

Since residential burglaries sometimes increase during the holiday season, now is a great time to create or update your home inventory:

• Take photographs or make videos of valuable items.

· List descriptions and serial numbers.

• Your inventory should include things like TVs, VCRs, DVRs, stereo equipment, electronic games, cameras, camcorders, sports equipment, jewelry, silver, computers, home office equipment, power tools, personal keepsakes, and any other items of value.

• If your home is burglarized, having a detailed inventory can help identify stolen items and make insurance claims easier to file.

For more helpful information please visit our website at: www.cityofmeadowsplace.org

The Meadows Place Police Department wishes you a safe and Happy Holiday Season

City Ordinances / Code Enforcement



Maintaining the exterior of your home involves more than yard care. Some of the common issues that can get overlooked can impact the look and feel of our neighborhood city.

By Kathi Sutton

Routine mowing is mandatory, and in Texas it's a year round activity. Grass and weeds cannot exceed 9 inches in height. Yards must be edged

along all borders of concrete and grass. Grass must be removed from cracks in concrete, and weeds need to be removed from flower beds. Always be sure to remove any clippings after mowing and edging, and never blow the clippings towards storm drains.

Store all trash/trash cans away from public view. Trash should not be set curbside until the evening prior to collection day. Always be sure to bundle your tree limbs into 4 foot bundles. Promptly remove emptied cans from curbside the day of collection, and again be sure to store cans away from public view.

Fences are not required within our city, but if you have a fence then you must maintain it. Replace any broken or missing fence pickets as soon as you notice damage. Make sure that your gates are hung flush, and close properly. When fences start to lean, then they need to be adjusted to stand upright.

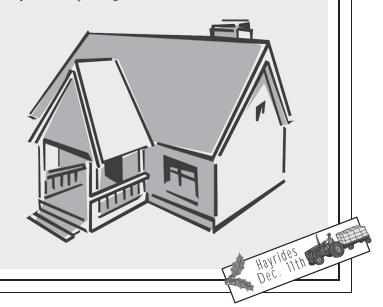
The climate in our fair city makes it necessary to pressure wash. When you notice staining to the brick / siding of the home, or staining of the concrete it is time to pressure wash.

Maintaining basketball goals can be as simple as replacing a worn net, or treating rust on the post. When a basketball goal is no longer useful then it is time to remove it.

Yard lanterns need to be kept in good repair. If you have an old lamppost in the front yard and it is no longer functioning; either perform maintenance to get it up and running again, or have a licensed plumber cap off the gas line and remove the old post.

Tree limbs cannot overhang sidewalks lower than 10 feet, and no lower than 16 feet over streets.

For other Code Enforcement topics be sure to check out our web page at cityofmendowsplace.org to reach me in the office call 281-983-2950.



## **Public Meeting Notice**

There will be a Public Meeting on Thursday, January 14th, 2010 at 7:00pm at the Community Center for all persons interested in serving on Meadows Place MCIA Board of Directors.

Council plans to reestablish the MCIA in the first quarter of 2010. Though most of the burden of protecting property values now lies with Code Enforcement, the enforcement and selection of choice of paint color and roofing can be strengthened through the reestablishment of the MCIA Board of Directors.

A maximum of Five (5) Board Members will be chosen by Council. The board President, who will serve as the sole liaison with the City, will be chosen by the board. The primary responsibility of the MCIA Board of Directors will be updating and maintaining a 'Book of Colors' at City Hall for citizens to use for paint selection. Among other things, they will meet on a regular basis and be available to any citizen that wishes to request a variance on paint color. MCIA Board members are also expected to cooperate with our Code Enforcement Officer and be additional "eyes and ears" for the City. The Mayor, the City Attorney, and Code Enforcement Officer will be at the meeting to explain what we need the MCIA Board to do, what we hope to accomplish and to answer any questions.

How do I get on the Board?

Memories Snow Mountain

1. Prior to the Meeting you will need to leave your 'resume' at City Hall in an envelope marked MCIA. This 'resume' needs to contain your Name, Address, Contact information, and the reason why you wish to serve on this board - along with any background or experience that you have that you feel would make you stand out to Council. Feel free to include references, etc.

2. Attend the Meeting. - This is to ensure you understand the new role of the MCIA Board of Directors, the legal ramifications and limitations, what you can and cannot do, etc. It will also be a time for you to ask questions and give input.

3. Can I attend if I am not sure? - Yes, but if you think you might want to be on the MCIA Board, be sure to hand in a 'resume' prior to the meeting. Then, if you change your mind, just let City Hall know.

## **Alarm Permits...**



Alarm permits expire on December 31st 2009. Alarm permits are renewable for \$25.00. Any permit that is not renewed by December 31, 2009 will be deemed cancelled. Cancelled permits shall not be renewable and must be reapplied for at the initial fee for \$35.00. City Ordinance requires alarm permits. Failure to comply may result in the issuance of a citation by Meadows Place Police Department. When renewing your permit by mail your cancelled check will be your receipt.



Public Works



#### **Residential Safety Checklist** Checks you can make in your home today to help it be more electrically safe.

By Dan McGraw

This month, with the holiday's looming we are I focusing on electrical safety for our homes. Below is a residential safety checklist. Please read over and take the appropriate measures to keep you

and your family safe this holiday season and throughout the New Year.

#### **OUTLETS**

Check for outlets that have loose-fitting plugs, which can overheat and lead to fire. Replace any missing or broken wall plates. Make sure there are safety covers on all unused outlets that are accessible to children.

#### CORDS

Make sure cords are in good condition - not frayed or cracked. Make sure they are placed out of traffic areas. Cords should never be nailed or stapled to the wall, baseboard or to another object. Do not place cords under carpets or rugs or rest any furniture on them.

#### EXTENSION CORDS

Check to see that the cords are not overloaded. Additionally, extension cords should only be used on a temporary basis. They are not intended as permanent household wiring. Make sure extension cords have safety closures to help prevent children from shock hazards and mouth burn injuries.

#### PLUGS

Make sure your plugs fit your outlets. Never remove the ground pin (the third prong) to make a three-prong plug fit a two-conductor outlet; this could lead to an electrical shock. NEVER FORCE A PLUG INTO AN OUTLET IF IT DOESN'T FIT. Plugs should fit securely into outlets. Avoid overloading outlets with too many appliances.

#### **GROUND FAULT CIRCUIT INTERRUPTERS (GFCIS)**

GFCIs can help prevent electrocution. They should be used in any area where water and electricity may come into contact. When a GFCI senses current leakage in an electrical circuit, it assumes a ground fault has occurred. It then interrupts power fast enough to help prevent serious injury from electrical shock. Test GFCIs regularly according to the manufacturer's instructions to make sure they are working properly.

#### LIGHT BULBS

Check the wattage of all bulbs in light fixtures to make sure they are the correct wattage for the size of the fixture. Replace bulbs that have higher wattage than recommended; if you don't know the correct wattage, check with the manufacturer of the fixture. Make sure bulbs are screwed in securely. Loose bulbs may overheat.

#### **CIRCUIT BREAKERS/FUSES**

Circuit breakers and fuses should be the correct size and current rating for their current circuit. If you do not know the correct size, have an electrician identify and label the size to be used. Always replace a fuse with the same size fuse.

#### WATER AND ELECTRICITY DON'T MIX

Don't leave plugged-in appliances where they might come into contact with water. If a plugged-in appliance falls into water, NEVER reach in to pull it out – even if it's turned off. First turn off the power source at the panel board and then unplug the appliance. If you have an appliance that has gotten wet, don't use it until it has been checked by a qualified repair person.

Meadows Elementary Choir Performance

#### APPLIANCES

If an appliance repeatedly blows a fuse, trips a circuit breaker, or if it has given you a shock, unplug it and have it repaired or replaced.

#### ENTERTAINMENT/COMPUTER EQUIPMENT

Check to see that the equipment is in good condition and working properly; look for cracks or damage in wiring, plugs, and connectors. Use a surge protector bearing the seal of a nationally recognized certification agency.

#### **OUTDOOR SAFETY**

Electric-powered mowers and other tools should not be used in the rain, on wet grass or in wet conditions. Inspect power tools

MY

CHECKLIST

and electric lawn mowers before each use for frayed power cords, broken plugs and cracked or broken housings. If damaged, stop using it

immediately. Repair it or replace it. Always use an extension cord marked for outdoor use and rated for the power needs of your tools. Remember to unplug all portable power tools when not in use. Since metal ladders conduct electricity, watch out for overhead wires and power lines.

#### LIGHTING

During an electrical storm, do not use appliances (i.e. hairdryers,

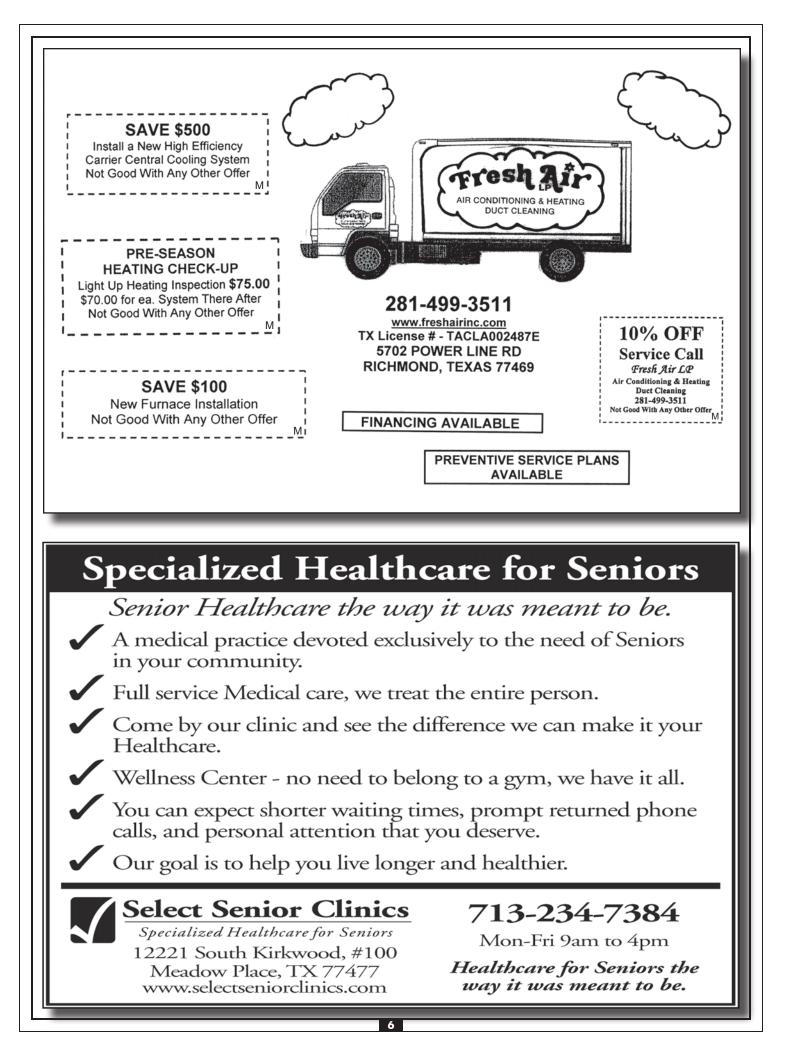
toasters, and radios) or telephones (except in an emergency); do not take a bath or shower; keep batteries on hand for flashlights and radios in case of a power outage; and use surge protectors on electronic devices and appliances.

#### SPACE HEATERS

Space heaters are meant to supply supplemental heat. Keep space heaters at least 3 ft. away from any combustible materials such as bedding, clothing, draperies, furniture, and rugs. Don't use in rooms where children are unsupervised and remember to turn off and unplug when not in use.

#### HALOGEN FLOOR LAMPS

Halogen floor lamps operate at much higher temperatures than a standard incandescent light bulb. Never place a halogen floor lamp where it could come in contact with draperies, clothing or other combustible materials. Be sure to turn the lamp off whenever you leave the room for an extended period of time and never use torchiere lamps in children's bedrooms or playrooms.





Jimmy Kao Licensed real estate broker Re/Max Southwest 14905 Southwest Freeway, Sugar Land, TX. 77478 (281) 787-0796 (cell) (281) 491-1776 (office) jimmyremaxsw@yahoo.com

An agent at Re/Max Southwest since Jan. 2001 Full time, diligent, & experienced

6% of sales price total commission for selling. I pay for one year of home warranty up to \$350

Ask for senior citizen rate (65 or over)

Special rate for commission on selling for those selling & buying or vice versa. Call me for free market analysis!

Each office is independently owned & operated. Above offers are presented by Jimmy Kao only. Please disregard this ad if your property is currently on market for sale.



Owner

#### LEAVINGS CONCRETE CO.

Flagstone

**Concrete Pavers** 

Stamped Concrete

Patios Driveways Foundations

2203 McKeever Rd. Rosharon, TX 77583-2635

DON LEAVINGS

Tel: 281-431-1004 Fax: 281-431-4277 Cell: 713-851-4337 drleavings@peoplepc.com

WORLD HEADQUARTERS - ARCOLA, TEXAS

## Home & Garden Club

By Beverly Martin, Publicity

Thanks to all of you who came out and shopped at our Fall Craft Show. Thanks also for supporting the Bake Sale and Raffle, raising money for The Garden Club Scholarship Award. Another Craft Show success and now it is time to prepare for the Holiday Season.

Come See

11th Santa

Judging for Christmas Yard of the month will take place on Saturday, December 12th. As always we look forward to many beautifully decorated yards.

At the December 8th general meeting we will have our exciting Christmas Party and Gift exchange.

The January 12th meeting will be a presentation of "Kitchen Renovation and Trends" by Kathy Davis. Everyone is welcome to join us at 7:00p.m. at the Community Center. Call Kay for more information at 281-933-0729.

The Home and Garden Club wishes all of you a very, Happy, Healthy, and Safe Holiday!



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.

William Sutherland Handyman Repairs. Appliance, Electrical, Plumbing, Clean out sewer line from 2"-8" pipe. Power washing, interior /exterior, Carpentry work, Painting, Concrete, Tiles. Cell 713-384-2817 / 281-568-0308

Registered home daycare enrolling, Meals and snacks. Registered since 1994. Call 281-495-7996 – Melanie.



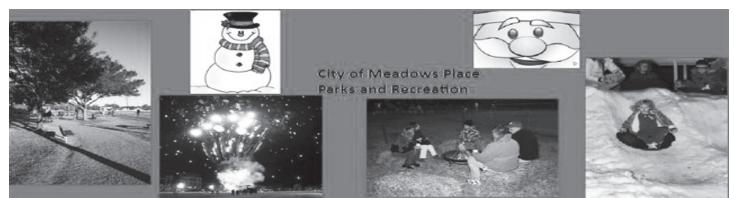
Stafford Family Dentist General & Cosmetic Dentistry

B. Goravanchi, D.D.S.

Free Bleaching w/ Exam & Cleaning

Tel (281)564-0117 Fax (281)564-0132 PPO Insurance, Medicaid, and CHIP Accepted 11753 W. Bellfort Suite 116 Stafford, Tx 77477





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.

#### **Meadows Winter Karate**

Starts: January 21, 2010

- Ends: Thursday, April 1 No class Spring Break \$40--11 weeks \$30--Uniform (sorry no checks, CASH ONLY) All Students MUST Register and pay Class Fee by Second Week
- Time:
   6:30pm 7:30pm Ages 6-8

   7:30pm 8:30pm Ages 9-12

   8:30pm 9:30pm Ages 13-70

Where: Community Center

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.



#### **TENNIS LESSONS**

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.

Friday - 5:30 – 6:55pm Junior Adv Beg – ages 8 – 14yrs - \$60/month (4 weeks)

Saturday - 8:00 – 9:25am Adult Beg/Adv Beg – age 18 and up - \$60/month (4 weeks)

Saturday - 10:00 – 11:25am Youth Beg/Adv Beg – ages 8 – 14yrs - \$60/month (4 weeks)

You can enroll in classes online at fortbendtennis.com

# PARKS & REGREATION

Santa's Mailbox

Christmas Tree Recycling BULLETIN BOARD

December	Karate Class Ongoing Tennis Class Ongoing Taekwondo Class Ongoing Quilting Class Ongoing
December 11	Christmas Memories in the Park 6:00 - 10:00pm
December 11	Bob Stolting Day
December 24	Last day for Santa's Mailbox
December 26	Christmas Tree Recycling Starts

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

**S** everal 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.

Taekwondo

Early bird sign up, get a free uniform! \*\*(first 10 only) come earn a belt\*\*

Class will be held every Monday and Tuesday.

Where:	City of Meadows Place Community Center	
Time:	3:15pm – 4:30 pm, drop off as early as 3:00 p.m.,	
	pick up no later than 4:30 p.m.	
Session 1 Starts	January 11	
Session 1 Ends:	March 30	
	No class Jan 18th, Feb. 15th, March 15-16 spring break	
Fee:	20 classes for 99.00, 10 classes for 50.00	
Session 1 Starts: April 5		
Session 1 Ends:	May 25	
	No class Jan 18th, Feb. 15th, March 15-16 spring break	
Fee:	16 classes for 79.00, 8 classes for 50.00	
Instructor:	Jenny Pless (City of Meadows Place resident, teaching	
	at the community center since 2006)	
Please call Jenny to sign up! 281-788-8564 or jennypless@gmail.com		

Something New !!!

#### **Personal Fitness in Meadows Place**

Ome to the Park on Saturday December 12, 11 AM – 2 PM 12001 Brighton at the Field House

#### Informative session on fitness training FREE

Talk with Fitness Trainer and Meadows Place Resident about your personal fitness and see what works for your schedule to get started with a "new you" for 2010.

Kenya Raquel Melton, and former drill instructor USMC Alonzo Brown, will be on hand to evaluate and answer any questions you may have. This upcoming new class will help residents reach and maintain healthy and happy lifestyle changes. Sessions and classes will be held in Meadows Place starting in January. See your January newsletter for more information on class schedules.

For additional information call; 832-741-6676 or email, k\_mell983@yahoo.com

The Spirit of Christmas

It's that time of the year again! 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. Parks and Recreation is encouraging all residents to spruce up their houses and yards to get in the spirit of Christmas. The holiday season is here! Have fun decorating and don't forget to get the kids involved too! We hope everyone will choose to participate and use this opportunity to promote spirit within our city!



#### **Traffic Alert**

Friday, December 11th will be the City's Annual Christmas Memories in the park. If you are a resident in this area, you may be aware of the heavy traffic and parking situation in this area during a City event. In an attempt to reduce the traffic congestion, your street section may be blocked to normal traffic flow. City of Meadows Place will secure this area with barricades and staff on



site to assure that vehicles will not pass through this area. The streets will be blocked between the hours of 5:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m., Friday, December 11, 2009.

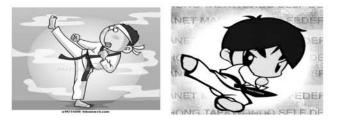
Thank you for your cooperation. If you have any questions, please contact the Parks Department at 291-983-2935.



## MERRY CHRISTMAS. HAPPY NEW YEAR

# **\*TAEKWONDO\***

Instructor Jenny Pless, serving City of Meadows Place community center since 2006 Early bird sign up, get a free uniform! \*\*(first 10 only) come earn a belt\*\*



### \*SHARPEN YOUR MIND, STRENGTHEN YOUR BODY\*

Where: City of Meadows Place Community Center, 11975 Dorrance, next to Meadows Elementary School

- Time: Every Monday and Tuesday, 3:15p.m.-4:15p.m. Drop off begins at 3p.m. and pick up no later than 4:30p.m.
- Date: 1<sup>st</sup> session: January 11<sup>th</sup> March 30<sup>th</sup>. no class on Jan 18<sup>th</sup>, Feb. 15<sup>th</sup>, March 15-16 spring break

Fee: 20 classes for 99.00, 10 classes for 50.00

Date: 2<sup>nd</sup> session: April 5- May 25<sup>th</sup>

Fee: 16 classes for 79.00, 8 classes for 50.00

Please call to sign up. Jenny at 281-788-8564 / email her at jennypless@gmail.com

\*CONFIDENCE through KNOWLEDGE in the mind. HONESTY in the heart. STRENGTH in the body. Keep FRIENDSHIP with one another. Develop MIGHT FOR RIGHT. Build a strong & happy COMMUNITY. \*

GIVE A SPECIAL GIFT FOR LIFE THIS CHRISTMAS

## Please Join Us

# Christmas Eve Service Thursday, December 24 5:00 p.m.



Sugar Grove Church of Christ 11600 West Airport Meadows Place, Texas 281-530-9651





## **ANITA MILNE** RE/MAX SOUTHWEST PRESENTS AREA HOMES ON THE MARKET



11914 MEADOWDALE



11810 MULHOLLAND



12207 BRIGHTON



11910 MONTICETO



12122 MONTICETO



11830 AMBLEWOOD



12114 ALSTON



12242 MEADOWHOLLOW



12039 MULHOLLAND



12203 PAMELA SUE CT.



12011 SCOTTSDALE



11702 SOLANO CT.



ANITA MILNE (281) 413-9732 DIRECT milneanita@yahoo.com





One Troyan Drive • Meadows Place, TX 77477

Prsrt Std U.S. Postage PAID Stafford, TX Permit No. 36

## **City of Meadows Place**

#### One Troyan Drive • Meadows Place, TX 77477 (281) 983-2950 · Fax (281) 983-2940

MAYOR		Charles Jessup (281) 568-3461
	e-mail:	mayor@cityofmeadowsplace.org
ALDERMAN		Heidi Case (281) 561-7351
	e-mail:	alderman1@cityofmeadowsplace.org
ALDERMAN		Terry Henley (281) 530-7136
	e-mail:	alderman4@cityofmeadowsplace.org
ALDERMAN		Charles Kulhanek (281) 564-1938
	e-mail:	alderman2@cityofmeadowsplace.org
ALDERMAN		Rick Staigle (713) 446-4566
	e-mail:	alderman5@cityofmeadowsplace.org
ALDERMAN		Dave Wilkens (281) 240-7887
	e-mail:	alderman3@cityofmeadowsplace.org
CITY SECRETA	RY	Elaine Herff

#### \*\*\*\*\*\*

EMERGENCY	
CITY HALL ( 9:00 a.m 4:00 p.m.) Mon-Fri	(281) 983-2950
POLICE DEPARTMENT / 24 Hours	(281) 983-2900
FT. BEND COUNTY SHERIFF	(281) 342-6116
WATER AND SEWER	(713) 405-1750
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** Tables and chairs to accommodate your party.

Food / no alcohol	\$150.00
Food and alcohol	\$250.00
Non-residents add	
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 281-983-2935

monya@cityofmeadowsplace.org terry@cityofmeadowsplace.org



orse drawn Carriage Rides available Hat Christmas Memories on Friday December 11th at the park from 6-10 contact the parks department at 281-983-2935 to reserve yours, \$10 per person 30 min rides throughout the city to see the festive lights.



Alex Sutton, pictured above, sending his letter off to the North Pole.

#### Santa's Mailbox

 $B^{eginning}$  November 25th, through December 24th, Santa's mailbox will be in place at City Hall. 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.

### 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