

## COMMENTS FROM THE MAYOR By Charles Jessup



### Survey Results

First let me thank everyone who went to the website to take our Road Use Survey. It was most helpful and gave us great insight into the thoughts and feelings of the residents of Meadows Place.

As you know, we have funding for Kirkwood and for Airport from Kirkwood to 59, so the survey pertained only to our internal streets. The ones our homes are on. We typically budget \$50,000 a year for street maintenance and repairs. Simply put, we are falling behind and the responsible thing to do is to address the problem. The following are some of the results of the survey. To see the complete results and individual comments, check the website survey section.

More people are dissatisfied than satisfied with our streets (43% to 38%) but 40 percent feel our streets are about as good as those in cities around us. 59.9 % feel we are doing a good job on our streets with the budget we have (Thank You), but 87.69% of the respondents would like the City to do more regarding the road repair inside the city! This was a huge number, especially considering that the only way to do more is to fund more. The reasons became clear as 58% believe our streets have a major impact on our property values with an additional 34% feeling they have some, if only a little, impact on our property values.

I have been searching for a funding vehicle that will not fall into the General Fund where it disappears every year or gets used for other things. I wanted to find something that could be put away exclusively for funding repair and maintenance on our internal streets. Another important piece of the puzzle is to fund it in a way that if all the funds were not used in one budget year, they could roll over and accumulate. That said, the funding options that we have at hand, without a big bond sale (more on that later) are; raising property taxes, a franchise fee as a percentage attached to our waste collection, or a flat fee. Seventy-six percent of the respondents, again, an overwhelming number, called for a flat fee. The other two options were equally divided at had 11.7%.

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## 4th of July Parade

The annual Meadows Place 4th of July Parade will be on Thursday, July 4th at 10 am. Make plans now to be a part of the best hometown parade around. The honorable Charles Jessup along with City Council members and their families will be a special part of the annual parade.

Trophies for the Best Youth, Best Spirit and Best Commercial entries will be awarded by the Parks & Recreation Department. Awards will be presented at the conclusion of the parade in McGrath Park. Get your neighbors together and plan your entry; size is not important. Patriotism, simplicity, originality, creativity and community spirit are what excite the judges. The judging table will be set up at the Community Center to view all entries as they pass. All entries will be categorized and judged accordingly. Download the parade entry form from the City website: [cityofmeadowsplace.org](http://cityofmeadowsplace.org). Please return your entry form before June 28th, 2013.

**NEW LINE-UP LOCATION:** Line-up for the parade at Sugar Grove Church of Christ's East parking lot, 11600 West Airport, Meadows Place; enter from West Airport ONLY and check in with a parade official. Vehicles not participating in the parade may park or drop-off participants at Sugar Grove Church of Christ's West parking lot.

Judging of the non-motorized entries, according to age groups, will take place at 9:30 am SHARP! Non-motorized entries do not need to fill out an entry form. All you have to do is show up by 9:00 am for the judging!



The parade travels from City Hall down Dorrance to Mulholland, left on Mulholland and left on Brighton concluding at McGrath Park.

## CITY CALENDAR

- July 4 City Hall Closed in Observance of Independence Day
- July 4 Parade 10:00 am
- July 23 Regular City Council Meeting City Hall 7:30 p.m.

# Did You Know?...

**Did You Know...** the phrase “City of Meadows Place Home and Garden Club Scholarship Winner” was repeated over and over at the Dulles High School Awards Ceremony? Ours was the only Home and Garden Club mentioned - and remember - those recipients were ALL Meadows Place grads. Congratulations to both the recipients AND the Garden Club.

**Did You Know...** Meadows Place was part of the Guinness Book of Records World Largest Swimming Lesson once again? Way to go Parks and Rec. If it provides an opportunity for one person to learn to swim, it is worth the effort. Besides, I like that we participate in a worldwide event with such a noble purpose.

**Did You Know...** we had more visitors from “across the pond” last month? These folks were from Sweden and Amsterdam and they were here to check out our reclaimed water process which we use for the lake and parks irrigation. They are all just amazed at how clean and efficient our wastewater treatment facility is as well. That speaks volumes and as one lady on the recon crew said - “Your operator and crew must really care”. Yes, they do, thank you. It is dedication like this that helps keep Meadows Place... *Your Place for Life!*

**Did You Know...** Meadows Place resident and Dulles pitcher Dakota Mills was selected as the top Texas High School Baseball player of the year? Wow! Dakota went 14-0 record, pitching a 1-hit shutout in the State Semifinal game. Congrats to Dakota and the whole Dulles team....especially the monsters from Meadows Place who made that season possible!

**Did You Know...** the shovel that was designed by the 5th graders at Meadows Elementary and used in the recent Public Works Regional Competition is going to be displayed soon at City Hall? It caused quite a stir when Public Works director Dan McGraw had it on display at the Ft. Bend

Infrastructure Conference out at Texas Safari. The engineers and road construction bosses could not believe that the design was done by a fifth grader! On top of that, it is beautiful. Hope you come see it at City Hall.

**Did You Know...** Meadows Place resident Fran Speake(Yokopovich) is all excited right now? Her new book, Daughter of the King: Finally Free will officially come out July 30th. To learn more, or to find out how to get a copy, check out her website, franspeake.com. Congratulations Fran. Hope you sell a million!

**Did You Know...** Troop 731 got some kudos last month for putting out flags on Flag Day? Thanks to all the residents who take part in this tradition and Thanks to the Boy Scouts for putting them out. It reflects both a strong sense of community and patriotism. I just love it when I drive down the street and see all those flags flapping in the breeze. Thanks again, Troop 731. If you are interested in participating in the Flag program, contact Rick Staigle or Troop 731. If you don't know who to contact, send me an e-mail and I will forward it to the right people.

**Did You Know...** Quality of Life is the key to our future as a city, and we determine that? Please help look out for one another. Keep your yards and homes looking sharp, and please, let us know if you think there is something you think we should be looking into. That's how we got the lake and brought back Neighborhood Watch! I recently got an e-mail asking us to look into a splash pad for the city. At this point, I don't know if we can afford it, but Parks Director Monya Keenen has somebody coming in to educate us on splash pads later this month. You never know, but it is ALWAYS worth looking into.

**Did You Know...** Is just for YOU - and counts on you for input? Please let us know what is going on and Drop a note at City Hall or email: mayor@cityofmeadowsplace.org. Thank You!

**Did You Know...** Meadows Place is holding a Mosquito Prevention Workshop at City Hall on Saturday, July 13th? And Did You Know, that over 95% of the potential breeding places in the city are on OUR property? That's right, we homeowners are probably breeding most of our locally grown mosquitos. With West Nile Virus now a more common problem, mosquitos are a much more serious topic than they used to be. Show up at the workshop and find out how you can help. Mosquitos only breed in stagnant water so keep your pools functioning properly. We simply cannot allow pools in Meadows Place to become breeding grounds for potentially deadly pests. We will address any we discover immediately - most the same day. If your pool is faltering, bring it up to code. If you suspect a pool is a breeding pit, please report it to Code Enforcement - anonymously if you wish. Thank You.

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It became very clear, very quickly that the vast majority want us to do something, and they want us to use a flat fee. Something budgetable. Something that will not change when values go up or a new contract is written. I understand, I feel the same way. The majority of the respondents (58%) wanted to see a flat fee of five or ten dollars with the rest preferring a fee of three dollars. For those who did not take the survey, a fee of \$5.00 per month per household, in a year, will raise \$93,000 dedicated to road repairs of our internal streets. This will help us catch up and keep up, and, when the time comes, can be used to help leverage or maybe even help pay down internal road repair bond projects. This fee, whatever the amount or type it is, will be set by Council and could not be raised without a new city ordinance. When nearly eighty-eight percent say do something, it is clear something should be done and as one resident's comment said - "Do it now". Council and I will consider doing something, soon, if not now.

### ***Budget Season***

City Council and the Department Heads are now well into Budget Season. This consists of a series of meetings where Council and Department Heads review both revenues and expenditures, look at problems, options, short and long term projects. At the end of the day, they all have to produce an expenditure number smaller than the anticipated revenues number and make it all work to provide the residents of Meadows Place the best possible services and amenities we can offer on the rather small budget that we have. We also have to pay the staff – and we have a great staff. Thankfully, it appears we have made it through the downturn. This year, preliminary property value numbers are up, sales tax number are up a bit, but health insurance costs are at this time uncertain, and appearing to be way, way up, making forecasts very difficult. Your Council has always operated from a conservative monetary perspective and will again this year. If you have any questions about the budget, the budget process, or why we can or cannot do something, please feel free to contact the Mayor or any Council Member. If we do not know the answer, we will find out for you. Thank You.

# COP TALK

By Chief Gary Stewart



## **ATM Safety Tips**

**A**TM's have added a real convenience to our lives but, at the same time, an element of risk has also popped up. Using an ATM safely requires awareness and a little planning. Just because an ATM is open for business and available 24 hours a day doesn't mean it is always safe to use. A little common sense can keep most of us out of trouble, but you should periodically review the safety of the ATM you are going to use.

### **Before using an ATM:**

**Pick a Safe Location.** ATM's are used 24 hours a day. They are susceptible to misuse, vandalism, robbery, and can jeopardize safety of customers. Therefore, use only an ATM in high visibility, high traffic areas with a defined parking area, adequate lighting, and proper landscaping. Don't use ATMs that are remote or hidden behind buildings, behind pillars, walls, or away from public view. Beware of overgrown shrubbery or trees. They make good hiding places and robbers like to have the element of surprise and no witnesses.

### **Using the ATM:**

**Try to Limit Your Use to Daylight Hours.** Take someone with you, if you can. **Use ATM's You're Familiar With.** Be **Observant.** When you drive up to an ATM location, look around. If you see anyone suspicious standing around or just sitting in a car, drive away. **Look Over the Machine Before Inserting Your Card.** If you see something unfamiliar on the machine, it could be part of an ATM scam. If it looks funny, go to another ATM. **Have Your Card in Your Hand.** Be ready to use it right away. You don't want to stand around and take extra time looking for your card in your purse or wallet. **Keep Your Car Secured.** Lock your car if you have to get out to use the ATM machine.

Memorize your personal PIN number to prevent loss and to expedite the transaction. Shield your transaction. Use your body or hand to shield the ATM keyboard when you enter your PIN. Don't give someone else the opportunity to see the number you are entering. Put your cash away immediately in your pocket, wallet or purse, extract your card and walk away. Do not display your cash or count it at the ATM. Cash can be tempting when it is out in the open. Don't leave your receipt. Be sure to take your receipt or transaction records with you when you leave. Never accept an offer of help or request help from a suspicious person at the ATM machine. Robberies are somewhat more likely to occur at walk-up ATM's than at drive-thru ATM's.

The Meadows Place Police Department is concerned about the safety of the community and offers these tips to promote the safety and wellbeing of the community. For further information please contact the Police Department at 281 983-2900.



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## *Code Enforcement*

### Greetings Friends and Neighbors!



By Jerry Parker

**M**y name is Jerry Parker and I am your new Code-Enforcement Official here in Meadows Place.

This being my first article, I thought that if we took a moment to get to know each other, things may very well go smoothly for all of us.

As a resident of our beautiful City, I have seen things change, and people come and go. My goal is to continue the progress that has been made since Tracey Spiller became our Code Enforcement Officer years ago.

Some folks have already met me, with both questions, concerns, and even a few complaints. I promise to take the time to listen, then act accordingly.

With a background in both Law Enforcement and Firefighting, (I am currently a reserve Firefighter with Stafford Fire Rescue, assigned to our station here in Meadows Place), I love meeting people and helping out.

I would much rather shake your hand and come to an agreement, than to have a citation issued. My goal is not just for our City to maintain its looks, but to continue to work together to far exceed where we are now.

Please call me with your questions, suggestions and complaints.

With your help, I know that we will enjoy our beautiful City for decades to come!

**Jerry Parker**

Code-Enforcement Official

Office: 281-983-2938

E-Mail: [code-enforcement@cityofmeadowsplace.org](mailto:code-enforcement@cityofmeadowsplace.org)

## *Garage Sale Dates*

**August**

9 & 10

**November**

8 & 9



## *Connecting with the Community*

Please help The City of Meadows Place and Sugar Grove Church of Christ as we collect toiletries for Fort Bend Community Members in need.

### *Connecting with the Community Personal Care Items Drive*

*July 4, 2013*  
during the parade

*Share your contribution  
as our float passes by*

#### **Items needed:**

*toothpaste*

*shampoo*

*diapers*

*wipes*

*soap*

Collected items will be distributed by  
The Hands of Christ Pantry

Starting July 5, items may also be dropped off  
at the following locations:

#### **Sugar Grove Church of Christ**

11600 W Airport Blvd, Meadows Place, TX 77477

## *Be a winner in Meadows Place*

**G**et into the patriotic spirit and show your love of the country by decorating your yard in red, white and blue. If you do not live along the parade route and want to be judged, you must enter your address at City Hall, e-mail it to [parks3@cityofmeadowsplace.org](mailto:parks3@cityofmeadowsplace.org), or call the Parks & Recreation Dept at 281.983.2935. Judging will take place on July 3rd and winners will be announced at the end of the parade on July 4th!



**1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners will win  
a Home Depot gift card!**

**The parade travels down Dorrance, left on Mulholland,  
left on Brighton and concluding at McGrath Park.**

## 55+ Club



### “Senior’s” has changed their name to 55+ Club

Well, summer is in full swing and the heat is unbearable! If you are looking to stay cool, here are the upcoming events scheduled for our 55 Plus Club at the cool

and comfortable Community Center...

- Tuesday July 2nd: Informational Meeting: “Senior Safety” 9:00 am - 10:30 am
- Thursday July 11th: Movie Day Breakfast at Tiffany’s 9:00 am
- Thursday July 25th: Game Day: Bring your favorite or play one of ours!

*I look forward to see all of you  
at the Community Center!*

## Message from the Aquatics Director

By Tracey Spiller

The Summer heat continues, but it’s cool at the pool! Drowning remains the leading cause of accidental death for kids ages 1-5. The World’s Largest Swimming Lesson took place at the Pool on June 18th to help us send the vital message that Swimming Lessons Save Lives™ to millions of kids and adults around the globe! We had a great turn-out! Please continue to keep an eye on your little ones as they improve on their swimming skills; even skilled swimmers can run into trouble and drowning can happen in seconds.



Swim Lessons are still available through the Parks & Recreation Department. Information is in this Newsletter and listed on the marquee inside the pool area; or just ask me or a Lifeguard.

*Beat the Heat! Come to the Pool!*



Sponsored by **Houston Swim Club**  
USATF Certified 5K Course  
with Chip Timing

5K & 1 Mile Run/Walk  
Meadows Place Park  
**Saturday, October 26**

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[www.sgcs.org](http://www.sgcs.org) 281.575.6598



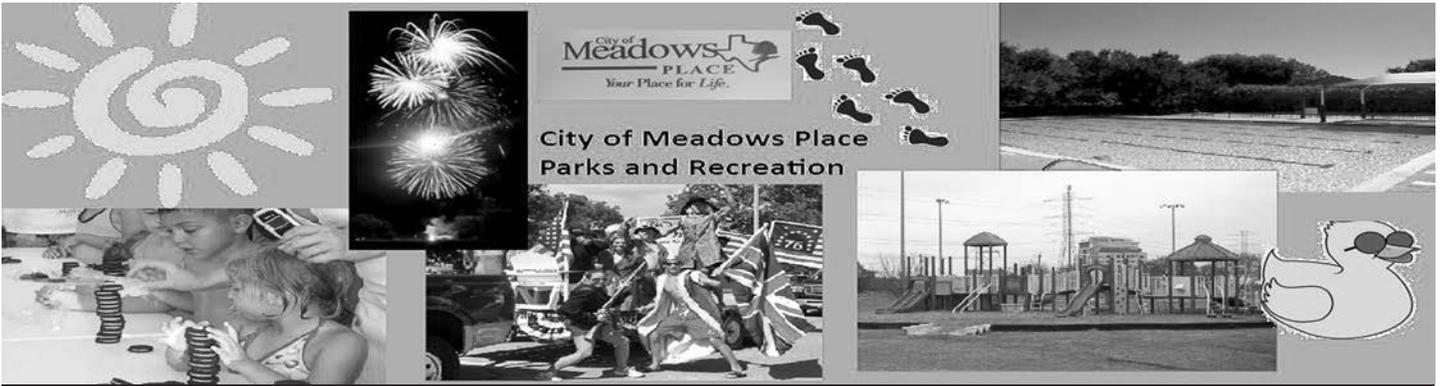
**Kid Fish Derby**  
5 - 12 year olds  
August 17th  
Meadows Place Lake  
7 - 9 am

Limited to the First 100 registered Kids  
Register at the Lake the Morning of the Derby

Equipment Provided

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City of Meadows Place  
Parks and Recreation

*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](mailto:monya@cityofmeadowsplace.org) or [parks3@cityofmeadowsplace.org](mailto:parks3@cityofmeadowsplace.org)**

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

**You can download registration form from the website: [www.cityofmeadowsplace.org](http://www.cityofmeadowsplace.org)**

## Classes

### TENNIS ANYONE?!

**Description:** Beginning Youth Tennis Lessons

**Who:** Youth 8 - 14 years old

**Where:** Tennis Courts

**When:** Wednesdays 7:00 pm / Saturdays 8:00 am

**Session 7:** July 6 - 31

**Session 8:** August 3 - 28

**Cost:** \$75 per session, 4 weeks per session (2 classes per week)

\$40 per session, 4 weeks per session (1 class per week)

**Instructor:** Gabriella Diano

**Pre-Registration (One Week)** prior of classes or programs start dates is required to participate in all classes or programs. Forms can be picked up at City Hall M-F 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. or printed off the City website [www.cityofmeadowsplace.org](http://www.cityofmeadowsplace.org)



### MEADOWS PLACE TENNIS COURT ACCESS SYSTEM

Last years Tennis Court access cards were deactivated at the end of May. 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 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 2014**
- **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.**
- **Tennis court rules posted & on registration card MUST be followed at all times.**

**FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH ALL RULES WILL RESULT IN FORFEITURE OF YOUR ACCESS CARDS AND FUTURE ACCESS WILL BE DENIED.**

# PARKS & RECREATION

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Fishing!!

## BULLETIN BOARD

Barefoot N'  
Friday!

- July 4** 4th of July Parade, City Hall, 10 am  
**July 19** Barefoot - n - Friday, Pool 8:30 - 11:00 pm  
**Aug. 16** Barefoot - n - Friday, Pool 8:30 - 11:00 pm  
**Aug. 17** Kid Fish Derby,  
Meadows Place Lake 7:00 - 9:00 am

### Weekly Classes and Activities:

(All are at the Community Center, Pool or Tennis Courts)

- Taekwondo:** Ongoing - Tue./Wed. 5:00 pm  
**Tennis Lessons:** Begins July 6th 8:00 am  
**Monday Movie Madness:** Ongoing - Mon. 12:00 noon  
**Adult Lap Swim:** Ongoing - Tue./Thur. 7:00 am/8:00 pm  
**Tattoo Tuesdays:** Ongoing - Tue. All day  
**Water Aerobics:** Begins July 16th 7:00 pm  
**Wednesday BINGO!:** Ongoing - Wed. 11:00 am  
**Karate:** Ongoing - Thur. 6:30 pm  
**Freezy Pop Fridays:** Ongoing - Fri. All day  
**Bookworm Club:** Ongoing - Fri. 1:00 pm  
**Swimming Lessons:** Begins July 9th 5:15 pm

Contact Parks Department about Registration!

**281-983-2935**

### MEADOWS PLACE POOL ACCESS SYSTEM

Residents may purchase new wrist bands only at the pool during normal operating hours.

- Only residents of Meadows Place may purchase a wrist bands.
- A driver's license verifying Meadows Place residency must be shown to purchase wrist bands.
- Wrist bands are \$5 each, limited to one wrist band per family member.
- Residents must have wrist bands with them when at the pool.
- A maximum of one (1) guest allowed per band; all guests must be accompanied by resident.
- Cards are valid for 2013 Summer season only.
- Pool Rules posted and on registration card MUST be followed at all times.



## Class or Program Title

If interested in starting a class or program at our Community Center or outdoor facilities in Meadows Place, follow the format below and send to Meadows Place Parks and Recreation Department, One Troyan Drive, Meadows Place, Texas 77477 or email, parks3@cityofmeadowsplace.org.

Must have class and or program information in writing for approval by 1st Friday of the month in order to meet newsletter deadline 2nd Friday of the month.

**Description:** (Briefly describe your class or activity)

**Who:** (Age of students to participate)

**Where:** (The location of where the participants meet every week)

**When:** (Include dates and times of your program)

**Cost:** (How much you plan on charging for your session)

**Additional Info:** (Include any type of specifics that pertain to your class, such as certain attire, supplies needed, etc.)

**Instructor:** (Your name, as well as the names of any additional helpers/assistants, along with a short biography of you and contact phone number optional)



## Taekwondo

Early bird sign up, get a free uniform! (First 10 only)  
Come earn a belt!

SHARPEN YOUR MIND, STRENGTHEN YOUR BODY

*New Sessions Start in September!*

**Where:** City of Meadows Place Community Center  
11975 Dorrance Lane.

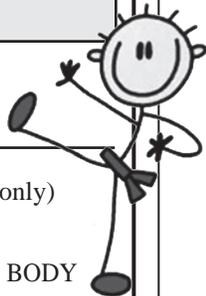
**Time:** Tue. & Wed.: 5:00 - 6:00pm for children 5-12 years old  
Tue. & Wed.: 6:00 - 7:00pm Adult class (13-up)

**When:** Ongoing - July 31

**Fee:** 9 Classes (1 class per week) - \$45  
18 Classes (2 classes per week) - \$85

**Instructor:** Jenny Pless (City of Meadows Place resident, teaching at the Community Center since 2006)

**PRE-REGISTRATION ONE WEEK prior to class or program start dates is required to participate in all classes or programs. Forms can be picked up at City Hall M-F 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. or printed off the City website [www.cityofmeadowsplace.org](http://www.cityofmeadowsplace.org)**





## Monday Movies

A movie is shown on several Mondays at the Community Center. An adult or responsible babysitter **MUST** accompany children NOT yet 5 years old. Movie titles are posted on the marquee by the front door of the Community Center and now on the City website. Popcorn and drinks will be served.

**When:** July 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 / Aug. 5, 12, 19

**Where:** Community Center

**Time:** 12:00 noon until the movie ends

**Fee:** \$1



## Book Worm Club

### JOIN OUR SUMMER READING BOOK WORM CLUB !

**When:** Fridays - 1:15 - 2:45 pm  
July 5, 12, 19 & 26

**Fee:** \$10

**Circles:** 2nd - 8th Graders

**Volunteers:** Age 15 & up

**Where:** City of Meadows Place Community Center  
11975 Dorrance, Meadows Place, TX 77477

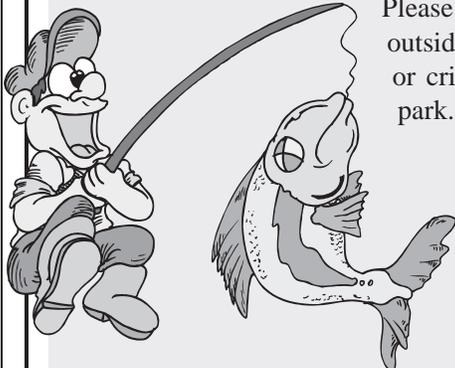
**Instructor:** Zekia Campbell & Colita Campbell, 713.385.6343



## Fishing at the Lake!

Catch and release fishing is permitted. Anglers ages 17 and up must have a current fishing license, discounts are offered to those ages 65+. Grab your pole & bait and head to the lake!

Please do not release any outside fish into the lake or critters into the lake or park.



## Bingo Bash Wednesday

Join the Parks & Recreation on Wednesday for BINGO. Prizes and fun for all that attend.

**When:** July 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 / Aug. 7, 14, 21

**Where:** Community Center

**Time:** 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

**Fee:** \$3 (ages 5 and up)

## 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 19 years at the Community Center and welcomes new students.



*New session starts in September!*

**Starts:** Ongoing

**Ends:** August 22, 2013 (no class July 4th)

**Cost:** \$45--10 Week Session  
\$30--Uniform (sorry no checks, CASH ONLY)  
All Students **MUST** Register

**Time:** 6:30pm - 7:30pm Junior Class (Ages 5-12)  
7:30pm - 8:30pm Adult Classes (Ages 13 and up)

**Where:** Community Center

**Instructors:** Steve Puma, Meadows Place resident (3rd Degree Black Belt), Michael Puma (3rd Degree Black Belt)

New students will be accepted the first 3 weeks. You may try the first class **Free** to make sure you wish to sign up. Children must be 5 years of age.

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## Pool Hours

Tuesday - Saturday 11:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.  
Sunday 1:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.  
Monday - Closed except for Holidays  
Holidays - 12:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

July 4	Parade 10:00 am Pool open 1:00 - 7:00 pm
July 19	Bare Foot N' Friday 8:30 pm
August 16	Last Bare Foot N' Friday 8:30 pm
August 23	Last Weekday Pool's Open
Aug. 24 - Sept. 1	Pool Open Weekends Only Regular Hours
September 2	Holiday Hours, Last Day Pool Open

## Swim Lessons

**What:** Swim lessons

**Where:** Meadows Place Community Pool

**Who:** Classes are for ages 5 and up. Students will be grouped according to age.

**Time:** 5:15-6:00 OR 6:15-7:00 (45 minute classes)  
Tuesday-Friday (8 classes)

**When:** Session 2: July 9 - July 19  
Session 3: July 30 - August 9  
\*Sessions last 2 weeks.

**Cost:** \$50 per student/session

There will be a maximum of 5 students per class. **Registration is required.** Forms can be picked up at the pool. Payment is required at time of registration. Checks can be made payable to City of Meadows Place.

## Adult Lap Swim

**Additional Times!**

**Who:** Adults ages 16 and up

**What:** Swim laps in the pool before or after regular pool hours

**When:** Tuesdays and Thursdays 7:00 - 8:00 a.m. AND  
Tuesdays and Thursday 8:00 - 9:00 p.m.  
Ends August 22

**Where:** City of Meadows Place Community Lap Pool

## Message from the Pool Manager

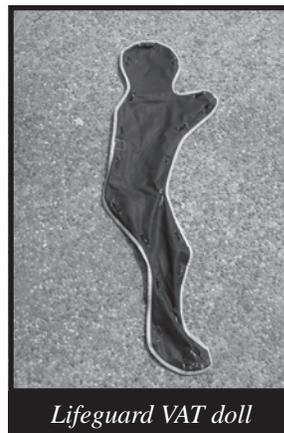
By Kristina Hickie

I hope everyone is enjoying their summer so far! See a detailed list of pool operating days and hours in the Parks & Recreation section of this newsletter.

The Pool Telephone Number is 281.498.9047.

Tattoo Tuesdays & Freezy Pop Fridays are quite popular this summer. Come swim at the pool on those days and ask the Lifeguards for one temporary tattoo on Tuesdays or one freezy pop on Fridays.

Meadows Place lifeguards are the best around and we train hard to ensure we are ready in the event of an aquatic emergency. As part of our ongoing training, myself and the Assistant Managers conduct V.A.T. (Vigilance Awareness Training) tests weekly on all of the lifeguards. We do this by placing a "shadow doll" in the water and timing



Lifeguard VAT doll

the lifeguard on how long it takes for them to spot the doll, blow their whistle, jump in the water and save the doll. To the lifeguard, the doll looks like an unconscious victim on the bottom of the pool. If it looks like the lifeguards are jumping off the stand for nothing, they are probably performing a VAT test! If you see the VAT doll in the water, leave it alone and watch the guard perform a simulated rescue!

## Water Aerobics

This is a sixty minute cardiovascular workout in the pool, which utilizes water resistance to improve cardiovascular fitness, muscular endurance, and flexibility. As the participant, you determine your own intensity level by deciding how hard to manipulate the water.

**When:** Tuesdays and Thursdays

**Where:** Meadows Place Lap Pool

**Time:** 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

**Session 2:** July 16 - August 8

**Fee:** \$60 per session (8 Classes)

**Instructor:** Monica Parsons

**Pre-registration is required to participate in all classes. Registration forms can be picked up at City Hall Monday through Friday, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm or printed off the City website [www.cityofmeadowsplace.org](http://www.cityofmeadowsplace.org)**

## Job Opportunity

The Parks & Recreation Department is looking for a new Parks & Recreation Grounds Technician. The job description and how to apply are on the City website.

## 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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- Going out of town? Have a pet? Pet sitting services by experienced animal care professional. Call 832-457-2778
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## Missing

### Missing from McGrath Park/Lake Pavilion:



The cover of the brand new smoke urn looks like a light house and would make a lovely decorative item for any home, but it belongs to the City and covers the smoke urn at the large pavilion. Here's a picture of the one at the small pavilion. If you see it around, please contact the Parks & Recreation Department at 281.983.2935 or email at parks3@cityofmeadowsplace.org.

## Home & Garden Club

By Beverly Martin, Publicity

Congratulations to our Scholarship Award recipients. We wish you the very best. Good luck!

**Top Scholarship Award:** Dakota Mills  
Dakota will be attending West Virginia University

Shea Braund - Houston Community College

Kaylyn Court - Houston Baptist University

Gregory Hansen - Wharton County Junior College

Cody Kitchen - Texas State University

Uma Lad - Southern Methodist University

Robin Myers - Houston Community College

Aaron Wagner - University of Houston/Victoria

Taylor Wilkens - Texas A & M University/ Kingsville

Thanks to all of you who supported our fund raisers, The Fall Craft Show and The Home Spring Tour. Because of your support, this year we were proud to present multiple awards.

### Congratulations to June Yard of the Month Winners:

#### Section I

Terri and Patrick Lindquist  
11507 Scottsdale

#### Section IVS

Brenda and Allan Callow  
12310 Hoggard

#### Section II

Kenneth and Sandra Reese  
11910 Brook Meadow

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#### Section III

Al and Opal Trimble  
11839 Meadow Trail

#### Section V

Luis and Angeles Sanchez  
12302 Meadowglen

# Annual Drinking Water Report Quality Report

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## City of Meadows Place

Annual Water Quality Report for the period of January 1 to December 31, 2012

This report is intended to provide you with important information about your drinking water and the efforts made by the water system to provide safe drinking water.

**For more information regarding this report contact:**

**Name:** Daniel McGraw

**Phone:** Office 281-983-2961

Cell 281-642-7700

City Council meets regularly on the fourth Tuesday of every month.

Este reporte incluye informacion sobre el agua tomar. Para asistencia en espanol, favor de llamar al telefono 281/983/2937.

**Water in City of Meadows Place comes from (3) Ground Water Wells**

### Sources of Ground Water

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally-occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pickup substances resulting from the presence of animal or human activity.

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at (800) 426-4791.

Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

- Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildfire.
- Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally-occurring or result from urban storm water runoff, and residential uses.
- Pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban storm water runoff, and residential uses.
- Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also, come from gas stations, urban storm water runoff, and specific systems.
- Radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally-occurring or be, result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. FDA regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water must provide the same protection for public health.

For more information on taste, odor, or color in drinking water, please contact the Dan McGraw at 281/983/2950.

You may be more vulnerable than the general population to certain microbial contaminants, such as *Cryptosporidium*, in drinking water. Infants, some elderly or immune compromised persons such as those undergoing chemotherapy for cancer; persons who have undergone organ transplants; those who are undergoing treatment with steroids; and people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, can be particularly at risk from infections. You should seek advice about drinking water from your physician or health care providers. Additional guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by *Cryptosporidium* are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800/426/4791).

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. We are responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but we cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at

<http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

## Water Source Assessments

The TCEQ completed an assessment of your source water and results indicate that some of your sources are susceptible to certain contaminants. The sampling requirements for your water system are based on this susceptibility and previous sample data. Any detections of these contaminants may be found in this Consumer Confidence Report. For more information on source water assessments and protection efforts at our system, contact Dan McGraw at 281-983-2961.

## Water Quality Test Results

**Definitions:** The following tables contain scientific terms and measures, some of which may require explanation.

<u>AVG = Average:</u>	Regulatory compliance with some MCL's are based on running annual average of monthly samples.
MCL = Maximum Contaminate Level:	The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCL's are set as close to the MCLG's as feasible using the best available treatment technology.
MCLG = Maximum Contaminate Level Goal:	The level of a contaminate in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLG's allow for a margin of safety.
MRDL = Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level:	The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminates.
MRDLG= Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal:	The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLG's do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminates.
MFL:	Million Fibers per Liter (a measure of asbestos)
NTU:	Nephelometric Turbidity Units (a measure of turbidity)
pCi/L:	Picocuries per Liter (a measure of radioactivity)
PPB:	Parts per Billion or one ounce in 7,350,000 gallons of water.
PPM:	Parts per Million or one ounce in 7,350 gallons of water
PPT:	Parts per Trillion, or Nano grams per liter (ng/l)
PPQ:	Parts per Quadrillion, or pictograms per liter (pg/L)

## Regulated Contaminants

Inorganic Contaminants	Collection Date	Highest of Levels Detected	Range of Levels Detected	MCLG	MCL	Units	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
Arsenic	2/20/2008	4.4	3.2-4.4	0	10	ppb	N	Runoff from orchard fields. Erosion of natural deposits. Runoff from glass and electronics production.
Barium	2/20/2008	.217	.192-.217	2	2	ppm	N	Discharge of drilling waste. Discharge from metal refineries.
Fluoride	3/16/2011	0.26	0.17-0.26	4	4.0	ppm	N	Erosion of Natural deposits. Water additive which promotes strong teeth. Discharge from fertilizer plants.
Nitrate (measured as Nitrogen)	2012	0.31	0.14-0.31	10	10	ppm	N	Runoff from fertilizer use, leaching from septic tanks. Erosion of Natural deposits.
Selenium	2/20/2008	12.1	4.9-12.1	50	50	ppb	N	Discharge from petroleum refineries. Erosion of natural deposits.
Antimony	2/20/2008	Levels Lower Than detect level	0-0	6	6	ppb	N	Discharge from petroleum refineries, fire retardants, ceramics, electronics, solders.
Beryllium	2/20/2008	Levels Lower Than detect level	0-0	4	4	ppb	N	Discharge from metal refineries and coal burning factories; Discharge from electrical, aerospace, and defense.
Cadmium	2/20/2008	Levels Lower Than detect level	0-0	5	5	ppb	N	Corrosion of galvanized pipes, erosion of natural deposits; Discharge from metal refineries; Runoff from waste batteries
Chromium	2/20/2008	Levels Lower Than detect level	0-0	100	100	ppb	N	Discharge from steel and pulp mills. Erosion of natural deposits.
Mercury	2/20/2008	Levels Lower Than detect level	0-0	2	2	ppb	N	Erosion of natural deposits. Discharge from refineries, runoff from crop fields and septic tanks.

Thallium	2/20/2008	Levels Lower Than detect level	0-0	.5	2	ppb	N	Discharge from glass, electronics, and leaching from ore-processing sites.
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Radioactive Contaminants	Collection Date	Highest of Levels Detected	Range of Levels Detected	MCLG	MCL	Units	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
Beta/Photon Emitters	2010	7.2	7.2-7.2	0	4	Mrem/yr	N	Decay of man-made deposits.
Combined Radium	2010	1.9	1.9-1.9	0	5	Pci/L	N	Erosion of natural deposits
Gross Alpha excluding radon and uranium	2010	9.4	9.4-9.4	0	15	Pci/L	N	Erosion of natural deposits
Synthetic Organic Contaminants including pesticides.	Collection Date	Highest of Levels Detected	Range of Levels Detected	MCLG	MCL	Units	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
2,4,5-TP (Silvex)	2010	Levels Lower Than detect level	0-0	50	50	ppb	N	Residue of banned herbicides

#### Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level (MDLR)

Year	Disinfectant (Units)	MDLRG	MDLR	Annual Average	Range Minimum/Maximum	Violation	Source Contaminant
2012	Chlorine (ppm)	4.0	4.0	1.25	0.80 / 1.98	N	Water additive used to control microbes

**Violation Table**

**Violation Type – Total Coliform (TCR)**

Violation Type	Violation Begin	Violation End	Violation Explanation
Monitoring (TCR) Routine Major	10/01/2012	10/31/2012	The city's contracted water operator (SWWC) failed to test our drinking water for the contaminant and period indicated. Because of this failure, we cannot be sure of our water quality during that period.
Monitoring (TCR) Routine Major	11/01/2012	11/30/2012	The city's contracted water operator (SWWC) failed to test our drinking water for the contaminant and period indicated. Because of this failure, we cannot be sure of our water quality during that period.
Monitoring (TCR) Routine Minor	09/01/2012	09/30/2012	The city's contracted water operator (SWWC) failed to complete all the required tests of our drinking water for the contaminant and period indicated.

**Lead and Copper**

**Definitions:**

Action Level Goal (ALG): The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. ALG's allow for a margin of safety.

Action Level (AL): The concentration of a contaminate which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.

Lead & Copper	Date Sampled	MCLG	Action Level	90 <sup>th</sup> Percentile	# of Sites Over Action Level	Units	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
Copper	8/6/2010	1.3	1.3	0.191	0	ppm	No	Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives; Corrosion of household plumbing systems.
Lead	8/6/2010	0	15	1.93	0	ppm	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits.



# Bare Foot N' Fridays



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## 2013 Summer Schedule

**Dates:** July 19 August 16  
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 b : an answer to a problem : explanation; specifically : a set of values of the variables that satisfies an equation  
*'ser-vice* noun \sər-'vīs\  
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