

COMMENTS FROM THE MAYOR By Charles Jessup



Voting

When this article was written, they were smiling at the number of people that had come to Meadows Place for early voting. I sure hope that includes a lot of folks from Meadows Place. Voting is important. Voting is a Right that was earned for all of us through sacrifice and bloodshed. We have tweaked the Right to Vote to make it easier and easier for us so there is no excuse not to. In addition to the fact it is our responsibility to vote, there are many local issues at play. Meadows Place is known as a place where people vote and to put it bluntly, that makes it easier for our city leaders to talk to county commissioners, state and federal legislators and other elected officials about programs and funding that affect us all. So, no matter how you vote or who you vote for, please vote.

Lake in the Park

As I continue to call the residents of Meadows Place every weekend, I get to discuss a variety of topics. The one thing that has jumped to the forefront lately is the Lake in the Park. Lots of you are asking about it. One resident didn't even let me finish my introduction before she asked "When are we getting our fishing pond, I want to go fishing with my kids" and another said "Oh, I'm OK with what you called me about, I just want to know when we are getting our lake". Well, good news, we FINALLY received a verbal approval from the Texas Commission for Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for our lake as well as for the plans and process we have for water delivery from the Reclaimed Water Plant at the Waste Water Treatment Plant. They assured us the letter is in the mail. I couldn't believe how many of you have been asking about this but as one of your neighbors said, "We are sooooo excited, we just can't wait!" Maybe it's the weather, but I am getting excited too. How about you?

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Nov. 12 & 13 Garage sale

November 23 Regular City Council Meeting
7:30 p.m. – City

Nov. 25 & 26 City Hall Closed Thanksgiving

Did You Know?...

Did You Know... that a lot of folks let retiring Parks Co-director Terry Modeland know how much they appreciated her efforts over the last 20 years? Not only were there lots of gifts, and tears, and hugs, and tears, and smiles, and tears, and 20 years of memories remembered at a lunchtime retirement party, but there were lots of cards and well wishes provided by our residents as well. For instance, Audrey Hollbrook brought her a very nice card and two dozen beautiful red roses. I believe Terry was touched – but I am not sure because after Elaine Herff gave a touching farewell speech and presented her with her retirement gift, Terry was having a little trouble talking with all those pesky tears running down her cheeks. Thanks again, Terry.

Did You Know... that this year's Fall Ball Opening Day ceremonies was one of the most memorable ever? The ball players all lined up on the baselines, the ump's in their places, and fantastic weather all played a part, but the icing on the cake was the Star Spangled Banner being sung by Nicky Aparicio. It was beautiful. Nicky was born here in Meadows Place and started her singing career in the Meadows Elementary choir singing for Mrs. Court. Her Dad, Luis, is an assistant coach for the Diamondbacks, where he coaches his son, Luis Gabriel. Thanks to the Aparicio family for helping make Meadows Place, Your Place for Life.

Did You Know... that Meadows Place was the first city mentioned on the new blockbuster series Chase? How about that! There was also a great shot of our monument sign with the morning sun lighting it up with a golden glow as the announcer said “and the news is brought to you today from Meadows Place”. It's nice to be noticed, but....Hope not too many folks find out about us.

Did You Know... that Meadows Place resident Dustin Poe won the 2nd Annual Church of Christ 5K Fun Run this year? Had a time a little under 20 minutes. Wow. Congratulations Dustin. They had a great

turnout for both the 5K and the 1K for kids and walkers. There were several Meadows Place residents participating, including Abie Murphy and Steve Bezner, who after running the 5K, ran the 1K with his son. Way to go everyone. This is a great event for the City. A great big Thank You to Meadows Place Baseball for pushing their games back to allow the Fun Run to have the park and to all our neighbors who had to move cars, get blocked in and take other streets to and from home during the event. Neighbors helping neighbors. It doesn't get any better than that.

Did You Know... that Rick Staigle flew over the North Pole on his way to Korea, where he had been invited to present a paper to an International Transportation Convention in Incheon Korea? Wonder if he saw where Santa Clause lives?

Did You Know... that Jessica Rodriguez is only one of 41 swimmers in the Gulf Coast area to make the USA Swimming Scholastic All-American Team with USA Swimming? This is quite an honor and very difficult to achieve as both the athletic and scholastic standards are set extremely high. Congratulations Jessica.

Did You Know... our CodeRed Emergency Notification System recorded a 78.76% connection rate? This is almost 20% higher than the norm. CodeRed is a very valuable tool which the City counts on to contact everyone. Once the message is formed and released it takes less than five minutes to call everyone – including callbacks. It is a powerful tool so if you have not signed up please go to our website and click on the CodeRed link.

Speaking of our website, **Did You Know...** that we have a lot of interesting information on there for you, like a rolling five year monthly rainfall report. Take a peek?

Did You Know... that if you have 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

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Meadows Place Speaks Up

Last month I was invited to speak before the Greater Fort Bend Economic Development Council (GFBEDC). I put together a presentation that showed not only the benefits of living here, but of creating and doing business here as well. I felt honored to be there as this organization has some very influential businessmen and women from all over Ft. Bend County. Lots of horsepower there. But we had a little horsepower too. Accompanying me were Shirley Isbell, who has graciously accepted my request to be the Meadows Place representative to the GFBEDC and Terry Henley, President of Meadows Place EDC and past President of HGAC & TML. Feedback has been very positive and I feel certain Meadows Place will benefit from this ever developing relationship. One more way we are working to make sure Meadows Place will always be... **Your Place for Life.**



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Thank You

COP TALK



By Chief Mike A. Baker



Police Patrols

How effective is our police department? Staffing, number of calls, crime patterns, types of crimes, traffic volumes, crime rates and case clearance rates, criminal activity in neighboring cities, etc., rarely come to mind for most people. When it comes to assessing your police department, one of your first thoughts is probably, "How often do I see them?" If you believe you see us fairly often, you are probably content with the state of affairs. If you believe you don't see us enough, you might be dissatisfied. The focus of this particular Cop Talk article is primarily to provide information regarding the subject of police patrols.

Our officers try to cover as much territory via patrols as they can. In fact, one of our goals is for each officer to drive every street in Meadows Place at least once per shift. This is called preventive patrol, and it is one of numerous duties our officers have. Other duties performed on a regular basis include answering calls for service, responding to emergencies, traffic enforcement, patrolling school zones and walking routes of our children, performing business checks / house watches / close patrols, assisting motorists with disabled vehicles, arresting and transporting prisoners, and the paperwork associated with doing all of these things. Many of these activities also place our officers in various locations throughout the city. In-service training, special assignments, court appearances, and working special events several times a year also help to fill each officer's schedule. Taking all of this into consideration, we try to accomplish our preventive patrol goals every day. Uniformed patrol is often supplemented by non-uniformed or unmarked patrol. Depending on circumstances, these vehicles may exhibit police decals on the side or be unmarked. Frequently, the officers driving unmarked vehicles are not wearing uniforms. By using a combination of marked and unmarked vehicles the police department increases the effectiveness of prevention and detection of crime. This helps ensure the safety and well being of our community.

We understand the importance of visibility. Of all the crime prevention strategies and techniques tried throughout history, officer presence (visibility) continues to be one of the most effective. Citizens feel safe when the police are visible. Whether you are seeing us or not, we will continue to drive the streets, doing our best to keep watch over our residents.



By Kathi Sutton

Fireplace Safety

We have enjoyed some really nice, cool evenings in our area lately. Fall is here, and I personally cannot wait to get the first log burning inside of my fireplace. First things first, safety. I wanted to make sure that we all have an enjoyable & safe holiday season, so let's go over some fireplace safety tips...

PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE

- Make sure that the area surrounding your fireplace & hearth are free from combustibles or any potentially flammable materials.
- Have your chimney, firebox, inserts, or gas logs inspected annually by a professional. Seal all gaps of the insert with an approved fireplace caulk.
- Keep your roof clear of leaves, and pine needles. Double check that no limbs are hanging low to your roof.
- Make sure that all vents are at least 3 feet above the roof, and are properly capped. Cover the chimney vent with a screen mesh, or spark arrester.
- Follow the recommended gas log sizing guidelines to make sure that the log in use is the appropriate size for your fireplace.
- Have an operable fire extinguisher inside of your home.
- Check the smoke detectors within your home & install a carbon monoxide detector.
- If you still have small children at home, then it may be best to wait until they are able to fully understand fire safety rules before you use your fireplace.

LIGHTING THE FIRE

- Clean out ashes from previous fires.
- Use a fireplace grate
- A metal mesh screen should always be in use while you have a fire
- Never use flammable liquids to start a fire
- Keep the fires small, it will reduce the amount of smoke, and therefore the creosote buildup that can lead to a chimney fire.
- Make sure that the flue / damper is in the "open" position.
- Never burn trash, rolled newspapers, charcoal or plastic within your fireplace.
- Never leave a fire unattended.
- Do not close the damper / flue until every ember has completely stopped burning.



This article is the first in a series that will be included in our monthly newsletters.

Deciding to get a pet?

The holidays are approaching and a common item on a child's Christmas List is a new critter. Some very important things need to be considered before a huge decision like that is made.

1. Can you afford it? Costs can add up quickly; grooming, vaccinations, spaying / neutering, vet bills, food, obedience training, registration costs, and boarding fees.
2. Can you care for it? Are you prepared to make the commitment to care for an animal that can live over 10 years long?
3. How often do you travel? Who will care for your pet when you are away? A common cost for a pet under 10 pounds in weight is \$20 and up PER NIGHT.
4. Does your property owner or rental agreement allow pets?
5. What are your work hours? What will your pet do during the day?
6. Time. Do you have the time to exercise, train, groom and play with your new pet?
7. Damage control. Even older animals will have an adjustment period when entering a new home. Housetraining accidents, chewing, and digging are common.

Holidays are generally considered a bad time to bring a new pet into the household. A new pet will require your un-divided attention, which is rarely possible during the holiday season.

For more information on choosing a pet, visit: www.aspca.org or www.akc.org.

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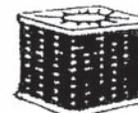
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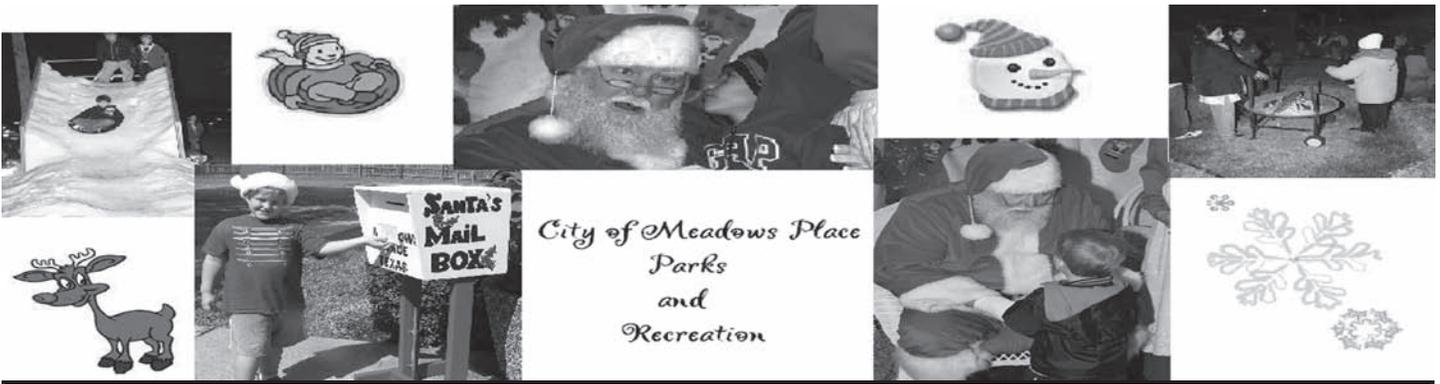
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email us: monya@cityofmeadowsplace.org or parks3@cityofmeadowsplace.org**

**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 Fall Karate

Starts: Ongoing: Thursdays

Ends: Thursday, December 2, 2010
No class November 25 (Thanksgiving)
\$45--11 Week Session
\$30--Uniform (sorry no checks, CASH ONLY)
All Students MUST Register and pay Class Fee by Third Week

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 (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

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Christmas
In The Park!

Pet
Clinic

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| November 6 | Pet Clinic Community Center
11:00am-2:00pm |
| December 10 | Christmas Memories In the Park
6:00pm-10:00pm |
| Nov. / Dec. | Register for Winter Classes |

*Don't forget to Register for Fall Programs!
Contact Parks Department about Registration!*

Quilting Classes

Quilting Club meets in the Meadows Place Community Center ANNEX building located on S. Kirkwood on the second and third Saturday of each month. If you have some sewing experience and can sew a straight seam, you can make a beautiful quilt. Please contact Margaret Minton for details @ 281.933.2827 or 281-948-8823 to join the group.



When: 2nd and 3rd 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

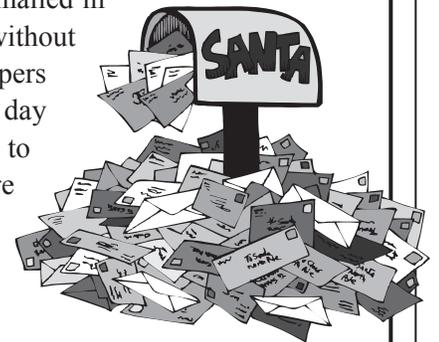
Attention!!!

Meadows Place Ladies Bowling is getting ready to kick off the season at Stafford Bowling Lanes. If you are interested please contact Ben Murray 281-495-3297 or Betsy Galona at 281-498-8330. The league meets every Wednesday morning at 9 AM. Starting September 1, 2010.



Santa's Mailbox

Beginning November 24th, 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.



Taekwondo

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Fall Schedule

Class will be held every Monday

Taekwondo

Where: Where Please add City of Meadows Place
Community Center 11975 Dorrance Lane

Time: 4:45 - 5:45pm (children's class)
5:50 - 6:50pm (family class)

Session 2 Starts: November 1

Session 2 Ends: December 13th (7 classes)

Fee: 7 classes for 35.00

Instructor: Jenny Pless (City of Meadows Place
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Home & Garden Club

By Beverly Martin, Publicity

The Home and Garden Club's Craft Show and Bake Sale is on November 6th from 9:00 to 4:00 at the St Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church, 12627 W. Belfort. This annual event is our major fund raiser for the Meadows Place Home and Garden Club Scholarship Fund. Please come by and give your support.



Our November meeting will feature a "Holiday Treats" presentation by Lizzy Hinson held at the Community Center at 7:00. For more information call Kay at 281-933-0729

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City of Meadows Place Parks and Recreation Presents:

Christmas Memories in the Park



Friday December 10, 2010
6:00-10:00 PM

Mark McGrath Municipal Park 12001 Brighton Lane



Food Pantry Needs Our Help!

Please bring canned goods/non-perishable food items to donate to our local food pantry:
Sugar Grove Church of Christ Food Pantry

Keeping Cozy!

Cub Scout Pack 301 will offer fire pit warming stations with s'mores!

Schedule of Events

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| 6-10pm | Camp Fire Area (Cub Scouts will be selling s'more kits in the camp fire area) |
| 6-10pm | Live music from "The Emotions" |
| 6pm | Meadows Elementary School Choir performance |
| 6pm | Memories Snow Mountain opens for sliding only - All Ages,
Munchkin Snow Area open - Ages 5 and under |
| 6-9pm | Hayrides |
| 6-9pm | Petting Zoo |
| 6-9pm | Moonwalk & Giant Inflatable Slide |
| 6-9pm | Warm food, snacks and beverages sold by Meadows Baseball and
Meadows Marlins Swim Team |
| 7-8:30pm | Santa will be on hand to hear all of the wishes from
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Meadows Place
Home and Garden Club's

Fall Craft Show and Bake Sale

Saturday, November 6th, 9:00 - 4:00

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February 11 & 12 2011



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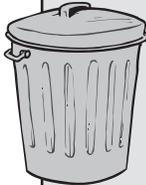
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