

COMMENTS FROM THE MAYOR
By Charles Jessup



2013 City Election Scheduled

Elections are set for May 11. Two positions are up this election cycle – those held by Alderman Position 4, and Mayor Pro-Tem, Terry Henley and Alderman Position 5, John Whiteman. Early voting dates are being set and will be posted on the City of Meadows Place web site. Persons interested in filing will have until March 1. Candidates Packets are available in the

City Secretary's office at City Hall.

City Secretary Update

City Secretary Yolanda Wilson was recently in Dallas where she tested for her Texas Municipal Clerks Certification. Some 50 City Secretaries from around the State were tested and hundreds more were there for recertification. This is a very rigorous and difficult process. At the end of the week, Yolanda and four other City Secretaries were asked to stand and be recognized for having completed the test with a perfect score. As you can imagine, the applause was thunderous but it still took a moment for it all to sink in. We are all very proud of Yolanda as she continues her quest to learn all the complicated intricacies of this very demanding position.

Filling City Hall

We have been having very large citizen participation at City Council meetings recently, and for that, I thank you. Your participation is a vital component in the attempts by the Mayor and City Council to impart the information pertaining to the business of moving our city forward. The purpose of a city council meeting is to take care of the business of the city and your Mayor and Council work hard to do it in a manner that allows everyone an opportunity to listen and learn and ask questions of both agenda or non-agenda items. Even though there are certain restraints put on elected officials by the Open Meetings Act, attendees hear reports from the Police Department, Parks, Public Works and Code Enforcement and reports on Fire Department activity in our city. Quite often these reports will spur your interest, generate questions or open areas of activity you may want to become involved in. At the very least, you will find out how city business is conducted. I urge everyone to attend Council meetings regularly. See you there!

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www.cityofmeadowsplace.org



LIFEGUARDS WANTED!

The City of Meadows Place is accepting lifeguard applications for Summer 2013 until Thursday, March 28, 2013!

You must be 15 years old to apply, and available for ALL training dates.

TRAINING DATES

CPR Training: Friday, April 26th
6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. - Community Center

Pool Training: Saturday, April 27th
and Sunday, April 28th
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Community Pool

*Applications can be picked up
and turned in at City Hall.*

*www.cityofmeadowsplace.org
for additional information.*

CITY CALENDAR

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| Feb. 14 | Valentine's Day |
| Feb. 26 | 6:00 p.m. Workshop |
| Feb. 26 | Regular City Council Meeting
City Hall 7:30 p.m. |

Did You Know?...

Did You Know... former City Council member David Piwonka and wife Janet were spotted relaxing up at the lake with their family? David was enjoying watching his grandsons play around and do a little fishing when his son hooked into, and landed, a “15 to 16 inch bass loaded with eggs”. He said they “gently released” this beautiful bass but were really surprised to catch it. Can’t guarantee you will catch a big old bass, but I do encourage you to follow David’s example and enjoy a beautiful day at the lake with your family.

Speaking of the Lake, **Did You Know...** later this month Parks Director Monya Keenen will be honored by the Texas Recreation and Parks Society for all her hard work to make this lake happen? Congratulations Monya - and thanks for making sure Meadows Place will ALWAYS be... *Your Place for Life!*

Did You Know... Jeanette Spade penned a beautiful poem about Meadows Place? She said was inspired by all the things the city does and wanted to share her thoughts with us. Thank You Jeanette, I really enjoyed her poem and bet you will too. Check it out on page 4.

Did You Know... Meadows Place Pony League has a brand new President this year? Rick Mueller, a longtime resident who has been active in many areas of the city will be the new President. Baseball is looking forward to a great year this year and certainly has the leader to help them do it. Congratulations Rick.

Since baseball is coming up, **Did You Know...** Dakota Mills and Eric Johnson, two Dulles players listed as pre-season finalists for the All Houston team, got their start playing right here in Meadows Place? Congratulations guys.

Did You Know... Genevieve Pearson sent Public Works Director Dan McGraw a Thank You letter for helping Meadows Elementary students

Abby and Kennedy on a school project about water and water sources? The girls got a lot more than a few facts and figures as Dan took them on a tour of our facilities that started at our Waste Water Treatment Plant and culminated at the lake. Abbey and Kennedy kept Dan on his toes as they took notes and asked lots (and lots) of questions. Everyone enjoyed this up close and personal tour but Genevieve Pearson said “ I think this up-close look at how things work gives them a sense that they can make a difference to affect change and to implement their own strategies to conserve and contribute!”. We agree, and that is why Meadows Place does all it can to work with youth groups whenever possible. We posted a couple of photos for you to enjoy on page 5.

Did You Know... that Texas Direct Auto is just about through with the Dog Park? By the time this goes to print, they hope to be putting the finishing touches on it. TDA will then be putting access and a small parking area in front of it. If you haven’t been down to look at it you should because it looks just great. What a wonderful way to enter the city! And remember, this is a private facility that has nothing to do with the city, they did it all on their own. Thanks Texas Direct Auto!

Did You Know... We are going to re-plaster the pool this spring? BEFORE swim team starts. It has been over 15 years since we re-plastered the pool so we got our money’s worth. While the pool is down, there will also be some changes to the plumbing and sand filtration system. Then we are going to move some fencing to make it a little easier for our Aquatic Director Tracey Spiller to access and maintain the filter systems on the big pool for us. Look for photos on the website.

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 for or email: mayor@cityofmeadowsplace.org. Thank You!

Did You Know...

Meadows Place resident Rick Staigle is a principal in Traffic Engineers Inc., the company the Houston Metro Board selected to help move it into the 21st century and manage their Transit System Re-Imagining project. It was quite a coup for Traffic Engineers Inc. to even participate in this project, but what is more impressive is that they were chosen to lead it! This project is very high profile and was sought after by traffic management and mobility groups from all over. Their charge is to “imagine” how to best connect people of the greater Houston Region and get them moving in an “economically dynamic, environmentally sustainable manner”. Congratulations to Rick and everyone at TEI.

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Terry Henley Tapped by State

Mayor Pro-Tem Terry Henley has been appointed by the Governor to serve on the Commission on State Emergency Communications. This falls under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of State and is quite an honor for Terry and will bring positive recognition for the City of Meadows Place. He was sworn in at the last City Council Meeting by our own Yolanda Wilson, her first swearing in ceremony. Thank you Terry for your service once again. I am constantly amazed by the remarkable circles of influence impacted by residents of Meadows Place. It must be something in the water, or the air, or the wonderful work ethic and energy which abound throughout our wonderful little city - a city which we are proud to call...*Your Place for Life.*

COP TALK

By Detective Richard Simmons



The Chief and all of the officers of the Meadows Place Police Department hope you had a great Holiday Season.

We want to remind you those gifts of iPads, iPhones, jewelry and electronics can become a target for thieves. The Meadows Place Police Department encourages all residents to use a free online system that will help keep track of valuable and invaluable personal property. ReportIt is a free, secure online service allowing citizens to record serial numbers and upload images for phones, electronics, and other valuables. Should those items ever be stolen, having this information will assist officers to accurately and quickly identify your property. Meadows Place residents can access the site at reportit.leadsonline.com.

The ReportIt service is a part of Leads Online, the online system that works with police agencies across the country to track and recover stolen property. The Meadows Place Police Department has been using Leads Online since 2007 to help track and recover stolen property including everything from jewelry to sporting equipment to electronics, computers, cameras, and other items such as designer clothing, collectibles, and other items with invaluable personal worth. When an item is sold to a pawn or secondhand shop, the product information is entered in the LeadsOnline database and is immediately viewable by participating law enforcement agencies across the country.

By using this free service you can store an unlimited number of serial numbers, item descriptions, pictures, and scans of receipts so items may be more easily identified in the event of theft. This record can also be used when filing claims with insurance providers in the event of loss. We encourage our residents to participate in Report It. You can register for the free and secure service at reportit.leadsonline.com and begin to build your own personal property inventory list.

Save the Date!

Concert in the Park

Featuring
The Revolving Doors

Friday, April 12, 2013
7:00 - 9:00 pm

Taking Care of Business

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

If you want to see some beautiful leather goods of all types, including saddles and tack, you should stop by and visit

TACKXAS

They are friendly folk and would love to have the opportunity to show you around.

For such a small city Meadows Place has some really great stores. Be sure to visit TACKXAS soon, they need, and deserve, our support..



Thank You

Our businesses need, and deserve, our support

Garage Sale Dates

February

8 & 9

May

10 & 11

August

9 & 10



November

8 & 9

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Is this small lively town,
A great neighborhood
Where friendships abound.*

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Just to name a few*

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Friendly folks walkin' the street,
And places for shopping
Make this town complete.*

*We've got our own mayor,
Our own police force,
Our very own MUD
And a newsletter resource.*

*There's more to this city,
This small lively town,
Than anywhere else
That I've ever found.*

*It's my place for life,
Where I'm proud to say
The City of Meadows Place
Is where I plan to stay.*

- Jeanette Spade

 *Home & Garden Club*

By Beverly Martin, Publicity

The Meadows Place Home and Garden Club will not have a February General Meeting. Instead, on Tuesday, February 12th the Garden Club will dine out for The International Dinner. This year we will enjoy a Mediterranean cuisine at The Red Oak Grill in Sugar Land. Call Lou Ann at 281-568-2989.

The Home and Garden Club Scholarships will be awarded again this year for any Meadows Place residents wishing to further their education. Information and applications will be available soon on the City of Meadows Place web site or at the Dulles High School Counselors office.

The Home and Garden Club Spring Tour ticket sales are off to a strong start. This is going to be an exciting opportunity for our residents to gather remodeling ideas and a great Scholarship Awards Fund Raiser for the Garden Club. See the newsletter ad for all the information on how to purchase your tickets before April 27th.

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Thank You, Dan McGraw!!

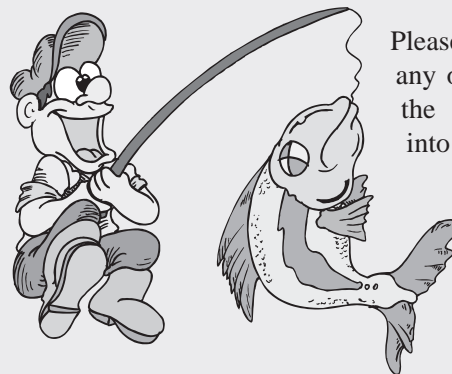


Meadows Place Public Works Director Dan McGraw, and students Abby and Kennedy, are all smiles at the end of their Water Sources tour.

Fishing at the Lake!

We've been fishing at the Lake now for one year! Next time you go, take your camera along with your pole, take a picture of your catch and send it into Parks & Recreation for publication in next month's Newsletter, parks3@cityofmeadowsplace.org.

Catch and release fishing is permitted. Check out the Kid Fish Derby pictures on the City website! 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.

The Meadows Home and Garden Club
Presents The 2013

Meadows Home & Garden Spring Tour

Saturday, April 27th from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m.

\$10 per person prior to April 27th and \$15 per person on Saturday, April 27th. Adults and children 12 and older. Tour 9 homes.

" Don't move, IMPROVE!"

For ticket information call

Lou Ann: 281-568-2989 • 713-249-8981
or Shirley: 281-498-1984 • 713-951-4012



City of Meadows Place Parks & 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 or 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

Classes

Gymnastics Conditioning

Did you set some goals for the New Year to get back in shape or just to be more active? Gymnastics offers adult conditioning classes, do the same work out gymnasts practice. Don't be intimidated come in and just try it out for yourself. It is a great workout that is extremely affordable.

Description: Adult Conditioning Class

Who: Adults Aged 18 and over

Where: Community Center

When: Saturday mornings
8:00 - 9:00 am

Session 1: February 2 - February 23

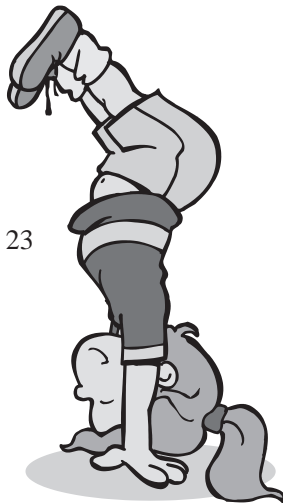
Session 2: March 2 - March 23

Cost: \$38 per session, 4 weeks per session (1 class per week)

Additional Info: Wear shorts & a t-shirt you can move in.

Instructor: Coach Chester Smithart

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.



Gymnastics Gymnastics

Gymnastics Gymnastics is Back!

Description: Beginning Gymnastics

Who: Toddlers 18 months - 4 years old / Children 5 - 12 years old

Where: Community Center

When: Toddlers: Tuesdays & Thursdays 3:00 - 4:00 pm
Children: Tuesdays & Thursdays 4:00 - 5:00 pm

Session 1: February 5 - March 1

Session 2: March 5 - March 28

Cost: \$75 per session, 4 weeks per session (2 classes per week)
\$55 per session, 4 weeks per session (1 class per week)

Gymnastics Birthday Parties:

We bring the Gym to you!

Call Coach Chester at 713.253.4549 to schedule your party today!

Additional Info: Wear shorts & a t-shirt you can move in.

Instructor: Coach Chester Smithart

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.

PARKS & RECREATION

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Karate!!

BULLETIN BOARD

Lifeguards
Wanted

- February** Karate, Taekwondo & Tennis
It's not too late - sign up now!
- February 2** New! Gymtrix Conditioning
- Adult Conditioning Class
- February 5** Gymnastics is back! Sign up now!
- March 28** Last Day Lifeguard Applications Accepted
- April 12** Concert in the Park
featuring the Revolving Doors

Contact Parks Department about Registration!
281-983-2935

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 2: Feb. 2 - Feb. 27 **Session 3:** Mar. 2 - Mar. 27

Session 4: Apr. 3 - Apr. 27 **Session 5:** May 1 - May 25

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



MEADOWS PLACE TENNIS COURT ACCESS SYSTEM

Purchase your City of Meadows Place Tennis Court access cards for \$50.00 per card (maximum 2 cards per family). Only residents of Meadows Place may purchase a card; a driver's license must be shown to purchase the access card. Access Cards are valid through May 2013. Cards can be purchased at City Hall, Monday through Friday, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm.



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

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

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

When: Ongoing - March 27
(No class February 18, March 11 or 13)

Fee: 10 Classes (1 class per week) - \$49
20 Classes (2 classes per week) - \$99

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





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.

• 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

• Onyx Landscape. Residential and commercial. Total lawn care. Fertilization, flowerbeds and mulch. Seasonal flowers, sod, tree trimming, tree removal, wood fence installation and repair. Meadows Place resident. Free estimates. Manuel 281-865-6636.

• Pool Cleaning. Full service. Includes cleaning, chemicals, inspecting equipment, emptying baskets. CPO Certified. 281-865-6636 Manuel.

• Mary Kay Cosmetics. Call for re-orders, complementary skin care session, or glamour look. Call Carol: 281-933-8298

• Home Daycare now enrolling. Meals and snacks included. In business since 1994. 281-495-7996

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• Infant Care in my Meadows Place home. 17 years experience. CPR & First Aid Certified. References available upon request. Margaret - 832-606-9653

• Yoga for health and well being. M-W-F morning classes for all levels. Beginners and seniors welcome. For further information call Judy Oteno at 281-498-7933.

• Licensed child care in my home for all ages. Meadows Place resident for 18 years. Meals and snacks provided. Nancy 281-530-6740.

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.

Starts: Ongoing

Ends: March 28, 2013
(No class March 14)

Cost: \$45--10 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 (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.

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



Kid's Flea Market

Come join us for the first ever Meadows Place Kids' Market!

What: Kids make in advance and then sell their own handicrafts for either **25¢** or **50¢**. Kids (and adults!) also can buy treasures or goodies at the market.

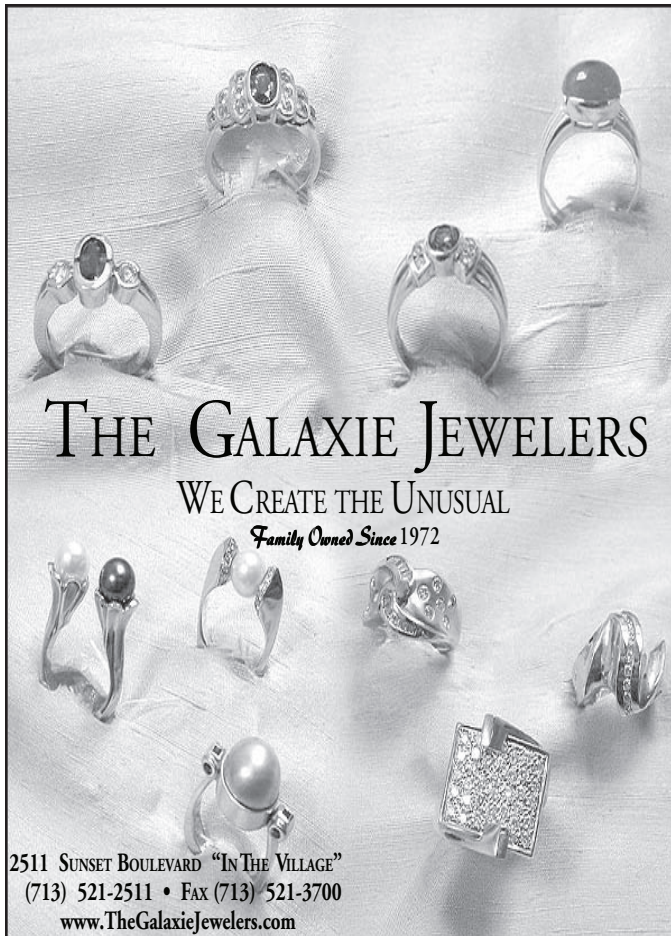
When: This Spring - TBD

Where: McGrath Park, in a shady area.

Why: To give kids a chance to buy and sell and have a lot of fun!

Please let us know you want to participate and reserve a table at the market. There is no cost, but please let us know you are coming by reserving a table. Sign up at: www.SignUpGenius.com/go/70A0949ACA729A57-meadows.

Please indicate what craft or items you wish to sell so that there is a wide variety for sale. Remember, everything should be priced at **25¢** or **50¢**! This market is a great time for kids to get a Mother's Day gift.



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Meadows Place 2012 Market Report

32 homes sold in Meadows Place through the MLS system. The high price was \$180,000 (in the Meadow Glen Section) and the low was \$69,900, a foreclosure. 8 of the 32 sales were foreclosures. This seems like a lot, but it is lower than many of the Sugar Land and surrounding neighborhoods. 2012 was a good year for the Real Estate Market in Meadows Place and I think 2013 will be even better!



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- CITY SECRETARY..... **Yolanda Wilson**

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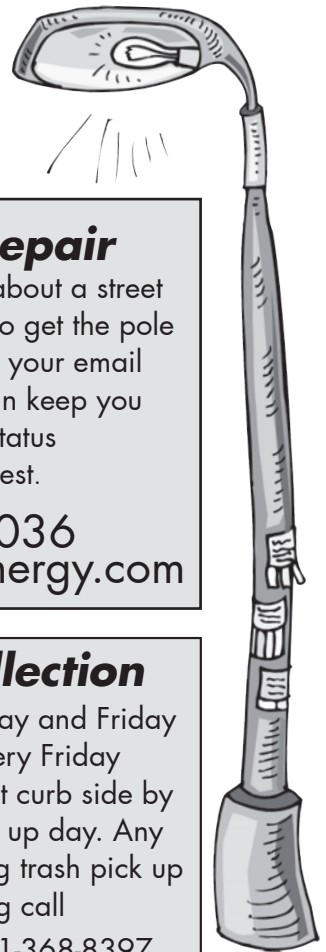
- Food / no alcohol..... \$150.00**
- Food and alcohol..... \$250.00**
- Non-residents add..... \$100.00**
- Community Pool Rental..... \$300.00**

(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

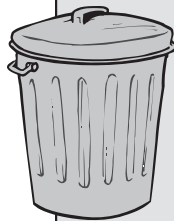
**CALL PARKS AND RECREATION TO
SCHEDULE YOUR EVENT**

281-983-2935
monya@cityofmeadowsplace.org
parks3@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.
1-800-752-8036
www.centerpointenergy.com

WCA Trash Collection
Trash pick up is every Tuesday and Friday / Recycling every Friday
Please have trash at curb side by 7:00am each pick up day. Any questions concerning trash pick up or recycling call
WCA direct at 281-368-8397.



Storm Water Hotline
Report dumping in storm water drains.
Only **RAIN WATER** is allowed
281-983-2932 or report online, see website.
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