

COMMENTS FROM THE MAYOR

By Charles Jessup



Looking back at 2009

What a Year, and what a testimony to the tremendous staff we have. We saw a dry hot summer that tore up our streets and water pipes, an economy that took a tumble and the announcement of several major projects that will change the face of Meadows Place for years. With reduced crew we managed to see several small projects completed and increased maintenance. We converted our pool to saltwater, made physical and technological enhancements at the Community Center and converted the old fire truck barn to a useable, money saving Parks facility. We had a new Code Enforcement Officer join our staff along with a financial specialist to strengthen our financial department. We are so fortunate to have a staff that cares to the degree that these folks do. I am continually impressed by their compassion and dedication.

In 2009 our Police Department shined as well. They managed to keep officers on the streets while operating with two officers short due to injury and surgery. They went to longer shifts and floating days off, and did it with a smile and a reassuring sense of duty. They covered a 5K fun run as well as special events and even helped out neighboring cities from time to time.

2009 had some unique and exciting challenges. Thanks to a strong City Staff, a Council that worked extra hard and a Police Department that continues to care, we were able to overcome these challenges and get quite a bit accomplished.

Looking Forward

2010 will be an interesting year. We will begin the Airport / Kirkwood Reconstruction project, revitalize the Waste Water Treatment Plant and begin construction on the Phase IV of the Parks and Wildlife Grant. With grant monies, we will build a Mobile Communications System for regional use and upgrade the audio video systems in our police cars. We will complete the codification of our ordinances and provide additional "green" savings through a significant reduction in electricity at City Hall. We will also work hard to provide the level of services that the residents of Meadows Place expect and deserve. Personally, I am looking forward to the challenges and opportunities 2010 will provide.

Other items of note are the meetings in January and the upcoming election. The first is on Jan. 14th at the Community Center for those interested serving on the MCIA board. The second will be held on the 19th where Council will hear opinions on possible changes to the Garage Sale policy. Then on May 19th the city will hold an election. The Mayors and three Council seats are up for reelection. Serving in City Government is not for everyone, but if you are interested, now would be the time to start attending Council and Workshop meetings to see if this is something you want to do and are willing to commit to. Check with City Hall for filing dates and requirements.

...And Happy New Year to everyone. May it be joyous and prosperous.

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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?

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.

CITY CALENDAR

January 1	New Year's Day City Hall Closed
January 14	Public Meeting - MCIA (see above) 7:00pm - Community Center
January 19	Public Meeting - Garage Sales 7:00pm - City Hall
January 26	Regular City Council Meeting 7:30pm - City Hall

Did You Know?...

Did You Know....that our Police Department hosted a regional Legislative Update training program in the Community Center last month? Our technological updates now make it possible to have these type of training events here in Meadow Place, many of which are mandated by State and Federal regulatory bodies. Having them here in Meadows Place saves us a lot of time and money. Our Public Works Dept. has utilized these “new” facilities and of course the Parks Department programs were enhanced by the improvements as well. All you had to do was check the headcount on movie days during the summer to see that. A big thanks to Captain Jack Aston for doubling as the city's IT Director and overseeing projects like this for the City.

Speaking of our Police Department, **Did You Know**....Meadows Place PD is part of a group of Ft. Bend police departments that is working with Houston PD Crime Analysts to develop a regional plan for crime prevention and information exchange? They have a tough job but are working hard to stay one step ahead of the bad guys. We can do our part by not leaving “goodies” in our cars, by calling them when something looks out of the ordinary and by just giving them a smile and a wave as they pass by.

Did You Know....that the Dulles Middle School Symphony Orchestra was selected as a Commended Winner in the 2009 Mark of Excellence Program and were also selected to perform and compete at the 63rd Annual Midwest Clinic in Chicago where they will compete on an international level? Just another example of the outstanding opportunities Meadows Place students enjoy.

Did You Know....that preliminary lab results indicate that we will be able to use the treated water out of our Waste Water Treatment Plant to fill the new lake at the park and then use that water to irrigate the park and esplanades? By “Going Green”, we will also be able to save ourselves Subsidence Fees on the 9 to 10 million gallons of water it takes to run our plant. In a

related item, we have begun refurbishing our Waste Water Treatment Plant to get it ready for the “greywater” addition. This will make the plant much more efficient and, when complete, should save us somewhere between 20,000 to 25,000 dollars annually on electrical costs alone! 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....that your Mayor was part of a panel of Mayors that made themselves available to the 2009 Ft. Bend Chamber of Commerce Leadership Forum? They answered questions ranging from transportation to taxes to help the participants as they learn to fill the ever increasing need for volunteer leadership in Fort Bend County. This is a great program and was an opportunity to see what was on the minds of these involved citizens and hear how our neighboring cities are addressing the problems facing us today.

Did You Know....that Meadows Place really had some nice lights out this year? Some of the displays were simply amazing. Thanks to everyone for making this Holiday season so special and thanks to our Parks and Public Works Depts. for putting up the holiday displays around the city. But, next year we need to talk to our youngsters about the cost of pulling pranks around the city. Seems some of the kids thought it was funny to pull the bulbs out of some of the lights around the park. We ended up taking down a number of strings of lights over the archways and out of the trees. We had a lot of our tax money invested in time and materials that just went to waste. Parents, please talk to your children about taking pride in the City so Meadows Place can continue to be...*Your Place for Life*

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

COP TALK



By Sgt. Richard L. Simmons

Did you know that having records of your personal property can be one of the biggest assets to the police in solving a crime? Do you have a list of the serial numbers of your personal property? If so this information can be provided to police officers immediately upon the report of a crime and can be entered into several national computer data bases.

We encourage you to make a list of your personal property including computers, computer games, audio/ video electronics, tools, bicycles, watches and firearms. Include in this list the brand name, model number, serial number, and any unique identifying marks on the item. For property that does not have any exclusive numbers, engrave your driver's license number on the item.

Also, for property such as jewelry, take photographs so that we can make comparisons to bracelets, necklaces, and rings we find in pawn shops. Having the photograph is extremely helpful for us in searching through lists of items that are bought by pawn shops in the Houston and Southeast Texas area.

Upon receipt of the description and serial numbers, officers of the Meadows Place Police Department enter these items into a national data base. This provides immediate access for any police officer nationwide to assist us in recovering your stolen property.

Our agency also has a national pawn shop database which we can search for property by serial number or description. When an item is presented at a pawn shop the information from the property is entered into the data base and if the serial numbers match we are immediately notified.

Providing us this information is an important tool which we can use to help recover your valuable property. We are working together with you to make our city a safer and better place to live.



Special Thanks

The Meadows Place Police Department would like to thank the following contributors for their generous donation to the Association of Retarded Citizens (A.R.C.) fund raiser. The following are the gracious contributors to be recognized:

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Thank you for your participation, we look forward to working with each of you in next year's event.



City Ordinances / Code Enforcement

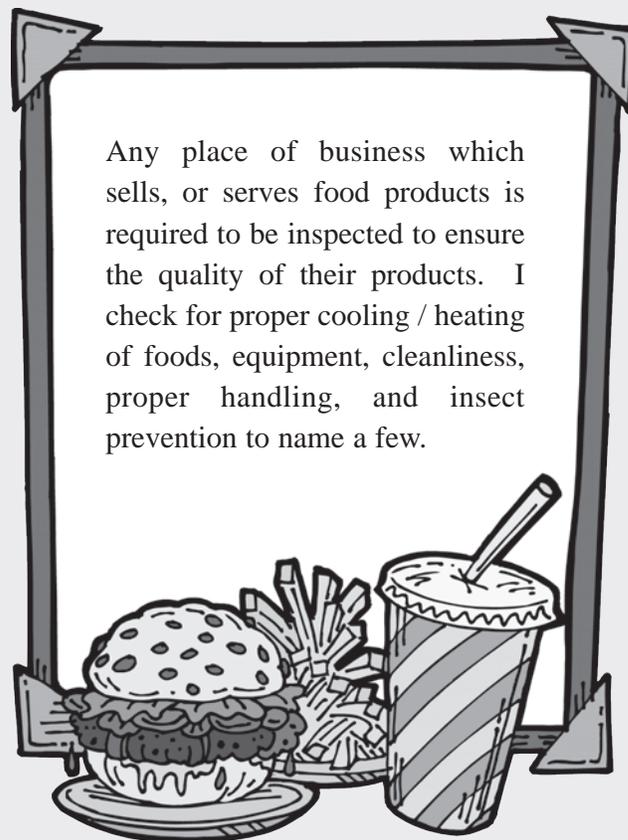


By Kathi Sutton

Welcome all to 2010! Can you believe that we are starting a new decade? I enjoyed all of the holiday decorations on display this season. As we welcome in the first of this New Year, please remember to have your holiday decorations packed up and put away by January 15th.

I would like to congratulate the following establishments for scoring a 95 or better on their yearly permit renewal inspection:

- Pappa's Grill
- Fajita Express
- James Coney Island
- CVS
- Walgreens
- BB's Beef & Hot Dog
- Oasis Lifestyles
- Meadows Elementary



Any place of business which sells, or serves food products is required to be inspected to ensure the quality of their products. I check for proper cooling / heating of foods, equipment, cleanliness, proper handling, and insect prevention to name a few.

Please remember to frequent OUR city's businesses! Your patronage and support are necessary for their success.

I wish you all a very happy and safe New Year! Please check out our webpage at cityofmeadowsplace.org for other Code Enforcement & Health related topics.

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 hearing 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.



By Dan McGraw

Types of Storm Water Pollution

Meadows Place, as well as every city and Municipality in the nation are required by their state agencies, in our case the state agency would be Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ), to comply with rules and regulations set by each state for storm water management.

Meadows Place is in year three of its Storm Water Management Plan (MS4). Our storm water system will see yearly inspections on:

- Storm drains stenciling program
- The quality of runoff from the city
- Public education and outreach efforts
- Records of citations, fines, and other compliance documentations.

Public Works Staff as well Code-Enforcement are managing the Storm Water Management Plan, responding to reports of illegal dumping, making a report, giving out warnings and in some cases writing citations to violators.

Intentionally pouring pollutants and dumping debris into street gutters and storm drains is dangerous to the environment, and it is also illegal and carries a fine plus the cost of cleaning and removing the contaminants.

Three Types of Storm Water Pollution

Storm water pollution can be split into three general classifications.

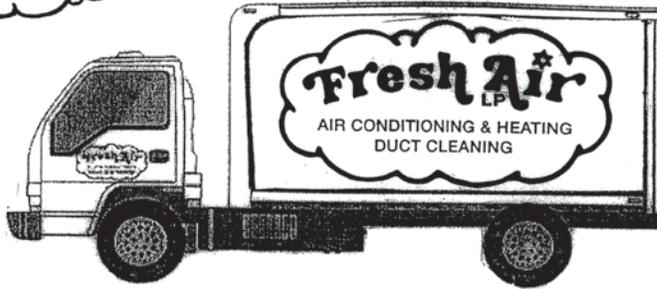
1. Litter - cigarette butts, cans, food wrappers, plastic bags, paper, solid debris and especially news papers that are not picked up.
2. Natural Pollution - leaves, yard clippings, soils or animal feces.
3. Chemical Pollution - fertilizers, oil, paint, gasoline, detergent, overflowing sewers or any other liquid except clean water.

With help from the public we can keep the water of our city and the state clean and keep rain water flowing during rain events.

“Keep Storm Drains Free of Debris and the Water Clean”

Visit www.cityofmeadowsplace.org select government, then select Public Works and choose Storm Water Hotline. Here you will find the City Storm Water Management Plan (MS4), online reporting and other links.

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Regular Registration - Jan. 16th

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Home & Garden Club

By Beverly Martin, Publicity

The Meadows Place Home and Garden Club wishes all of our community a very Happy and Prosperous New Year.

There were so many beautifully decorated yards this Christmas. Picking the best is difficult. The section winners will be announced in the February newsletter.

As always the Christmas Party and Gift Exchange on December 8th was a blast. We all left with a nice present.

Thanks to our President, Kay Ewing for the Stocking Stuffer Ornament.

January meeting will be Tuesday, January 12th at the Community Center at 7:00. Please join us to learn about Kitchen Renovation. Our guest presenter is Kathy Davis.

Lunch Bunch is on Thursday, January 21st, 11:30 am. Dining at Chung Mei Buddhist Temple Tea Room. Call Kay for more information at 281-933-0729.

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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**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 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

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BULLETIN BOARD

Christmas Tree Recycling

Tennis Lessons

- January 8 Last day for Christmas Tree Recycling
- January 11 Winter Taekwondo Class Starts
- January 21 Winter Karate Class Starts
- January Tennis Lessons Ongoing
Quilting Class Ongoing

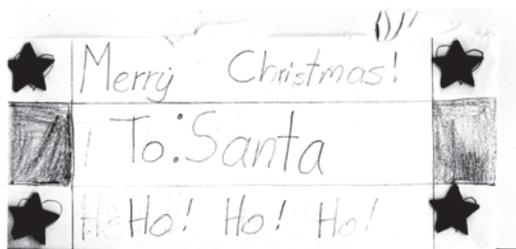
Quilting Classes

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

Letters to Santa



Dear Santa.
How are you doing?
For Christmas I want A xbox 360.
In order for me to get it I will be
~~good~~ ^{change} my behavior.
P.S. Thank you.
Love Aman.



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Wishing you
all the joys of the season!

Quilting Club

Several 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.

Personal Fitness in Meadows Place

This 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.

For additional information call Kenya Raquel Melton; 832-741-6676 or email, k_mell983@yahoo.com

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



Christmas Memories 2009



The 20th annual Meadows Place Christmas Memories in the Park took place on Friday, December 11th. This yearly event is a favorite tradition among residents and visitors!



Activities included hayrides, carriage rides, giant snow hill for sliding, camp fire area, and all new equipment for the kids to play on! This year, Parks and Recreation arranged to have an enormous inflatable slide, bungee jousting, and bouncy boxing! Live music from The Emotions and a snow machine turned Mark McGrath Park into a winter wonderland.

The highlight of the evening is always the arrival of Santa. This year, Mr. & Mrs. Claus came in style in a shiny red fire truck called "The Big Red", courtesy of Tim Evanich. Once he arrived, the children were treated to visits with Santa and plenty of festive spirits as he handed stockings filled with Christmas goodies to all of the good boys and girls.

Steve Bezner, along with Cub Scout Pack 301, offered fire pits providing warmth and sold s'more kits for their fundraiser as well.



Everyone was excited to see the fire pits back this year! Residents enjoyed sitting on bales of hay listening to The Emotions perform, and eating delicious warm food and drinks provided by Meadows Marlins Swim Team and Meadows Place Baseball. Parks and Recreation would also like to thank Brookside equipment for the use of their tractor, two trailers, and two gators.

In honor of Mr. Bob Stolting, former resident and pilot of the popular apache helicopter flown at our

Fourth of July celebrations, the City of Meadows Place now recognizes December 11th as Bob Stolting Day. After the announcement of the proclamation of Bob Stolting Day, the night sky was lit up by a FANTASTIC fireworks show! It was the perfect way to end our 20th Anniversary of Christmas Memories. Parks and Recreation would like to give a big thanks to HDR/ Claunch & Miller and Southwest Water for making our fireworks display possible.



Thank you so much to all others who helped make this a great 20th Anniversary of Christmas Memories in the Park! If you have any suggestions on how to make next year's celebration even better, contact Meadows Place Parks and Recreation at 281-983-2935 or e-mail terry@cityofmeadowsplace.org or monya@cityofmeadowsplace.org.



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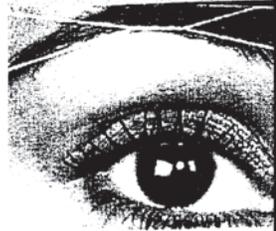
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