

Meadows PLACE

#### COMMENTS FROM THE MAYOR By Charles Jessup



#### Touching Base with <u>You</u>

I am in the middle of an interesting exercise. I have been spending three to four hours a weekend phoning residents of Meadows Place. What a wonderful and invaluable experience it has been. I started this because Council was presented with a list of folks that were worried about or had questions on Roundabouts. I wanted to talk to them personally so I could get a better idea of what these questions were.

As you know, the City has been concentrating it's efforts on the West Airport portion of the project. With a little luck, we will actually "let" the contract for the engineering on West Airport later this month. This will give us an opportunity to begin to focus more on Kirkwood and the proposed Roundabouts. Based on the calls I've made so far, we will need to address and supply you with information in the following areas: the Increased Safety levels of Roundabouts, the Increased Traffic Capacity of Roundabouts, Emergency Vehicles ability to respond, Pollution Reduction, Noise Reduction, Esthetic Impact and Cost. Why these? Because these are the areas you have wanted to talk about when I call. I plan to address one area at a time beginning later this year - so Read Your Newsletter. In the meantime, please check our website for updates and additional information – or if you wish, you can contact me individually.

There does seem to be some confusion on the funding so I want to remind you that both these road projects are part of, and being funded almost exclusively by, the 2007 Fort Bend Mobility Bond Project. This is a case where Federal and Fort Bend County tax dollars are coming back home to Meadows Place. If we don't use them to repair these rapidly deteriorating roads, we lose this funding forever. Period. Meanwhile, some other part of Fort Bend will benefit from OUR money. I don't know about you, but I don't think much of that idea. We need to be thankful that both projects got accepted as part of this Mobility project or we will continue paying for ever increasing repairs out of our general budget – not something we want to do. Because they are part of the Mobility Bond Project the cost of these roadway projects do not affect the General Budget or City tax rate.

I want to say Thank You to all the folks who have taken the time to talk with me and share their insight and expertise - not only on these road projects but on other things as well. It has been a wonderful experience and I can tell you right now, these types of calls will be an ongoing part of my duties as Mayor. Besides getting the chance to talk to some very nice people, I have learned a lot about what you feel is important. I assure you that I will do my best to take what you tell me and use it to make sure that Meadows Place stays ...... Your Place for Life.

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**SEPTEMBER 2010** 

POLICE+COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

## National Night Out Meadows Place

Come out for the 27th Annual National Night Out on October 5, 2010 with your Meadows Place Neighbors!

Halloween Carnival Coming Back in 2010 Check October Newsletter for details!

### **CITY CALENDAR**

September 6	Labor Day
September 14	Public Hearing on 2010-2011 City Budget
September 28	City Council Meeting 7:30pm - City Hall

# Did You Know?...

**Did You Know...** Councilman Rick Staigle was elected 1st Vice President of Texas Municipal League? This is quite an honor for Rick and puts him in line to become President of TML. If you recall, Terry Henley was once the President of TML as well. Lots of talent from our little town. Congratulations Rick.

**Did You Know...** The Dulles High Booster Club's annual "Dulles Classic" Golf Tournament will be held October 11, 2010 at Sugar Creek Country Club? The "Dulles Classic" raises funds for all Dulles athletic departments and helps purchase athletic gear, fund improvements, host four post season sports banquets and provides scholarships to deserving seniors. To enter or contribute, please see the web site at www.dullesathletics.com.

**Did You Know...** that Meadows Place has just passed a Generator Ordinance? It is designed to ensure safety and continuity for those wishing to install a generator in case we have another "event" like Ike. There are also some provisions dealing with temporary generators available to you at City Hall if you are interested or thinking about installing a generator.

**Did You Know...** our Public Works Dept. is responsible for operating and maintaining over 70,000 linear feet of sewer mains and 145 manholes? That's over 13 miles worth of pipe to keep up with. I hope you never have to, but if you have a sewer emergency you can call Southwest Water at 713-405-1750 or Dan McGraw at 281-983-2961.

**Did You Know...** that Scouts, Swim Team and Baseball are trying to resurrect the Halloween Carnival up by the Field House? I remember my guys always had a great time up there. I Hope they can put it back together but they will need some volunteers from those organizations –so if you would like to see it come back and can help, please do.

**Did You Know...** that the Ft. Bend Star is the 'Official' newspaper of the City of Meadows Place? In addition to bids, proposals and legal notices, we also announce public hearings and post help wanted notices there. The Star provides a great service to Meadows Place and it's residents. Michael Fredrickson of the Star has worked hard to ensure proper delivery to keep his newspapers from becoming a problem and for that we are grateful, but as one resident said, "we all need to be good Meadows Place neighbors and help out" if one blows in the street, etc. Thanks for your help.

I hear that word "neighborly" a lot around Meadows Place. Nice, isn't it.

Did You Know... The first ever Meadows Place Police Promotion Assessment Center was conducted here last month? This a very professional, very intense and very personal assessment process designed to test and asses candidates that are eligible for promotion. It takes a lot of people and planning to run an Assessment Center where tests, personnel interviews and scenario responses are occurring simultaneously. We want to thank the Church of Christ for letting us use their facilities this purpose. This is an intentionally difficult test, so regardless of the results, all candidates who go thru this process will come out stronger, more professional and even more capable of protecting and looking after us. Thanks to Chief Baker for raising the bar for Meadows Place Police Department and to Captain Stewart for Supervising the operation.

**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

Taking Care of Business

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



## Sandwich King makes great sandwiches?

I didn't – that's because I can't get past the Philly Cheese Steak or the Avocado Burger or the Onion Rings. Then last week they prepared a variety of sandwiches for a City event and my eyes were opened.

For such a small City, Meadows Place has great places to eat. Be sure to visit Sandwich King soon. They need – and deserve our support.



Please support Meadows Place businesses whenever you can.

Thank You

Solicitors are not permitted to knock on residents' doors without first obtaining a solicitors permit. If they have failed to do so, or if you are suspicious, do not hesitate to call the police. 281-983-2900

Garage Sale Dates

November 12 & 13 2010 February 11 & 12 2011





The proper execution of a left turn on a divided roadway such as W. Airport Blvd. can be a challenging task. In our hurry to get where we are going, often we forgo safe driving practices. By understanding the dynamics of the left turn one is able to safely make a left turn. The general principle is to see oncoming traffic and not block the intersection.

The following steps will assist in making a safe Left Turn on a divide highway:

1. Proceed to the far or right side of the intersection (pocket), this will allow you to see oncoming traffic.

2. Do not block the intersection (pocket), only one vehicle turning each way at a time.

3. When waiting to make a left turn and a vehicle is in the "pocket" stop prior to entering the "pocket". This prevents obstructions to the current driver's sight of oncoming traffic

4. Be patient.



Code Enforcement



For those of you who have noticed the paint on your home is fading or chipping, and are in the process of either a new paint project or a touch up I thought that I could offer some pointers. I am no paint professional, but wanted to provide you some basic information to get your project going.

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#### Prep work

- Trim / tie back any branches or limbs near painting surface.
- Remove shutters.
- Scrape away any peeling paint.
- Fill in any wood defects, or replace rotted areas.
- Pressure wash or rinse all siding / trim (allow to dry thoroughly).
- Tape off any tight / tricky areas that need painting to prevent messes.
- Sand or primer any slick surfaces to allow better adhesion.
- Must obtain color selection from City Hall.

#### Paint Guide

- Go with a quality product; exterior paint is exposed to the elements & with the use of a higher quality paint it will last longer and require fewer coats.
- Oil Paint or Water based (Latex)? Consider what surfaces you will be painting; Oil based paints are considered superior for Chalky, Stained or Metal surfaces. Water based (Latex) is usually preferred for non-bleeding wood siding or trims & works well on stucco.
- Satin finishes are usually used on siding because they hide imperfections & are easy to clean or wipe down.
- Gloss finishes are more durable and bring out details, so they are preferred on trim and doors.

#### Paint Application

- Angled Brushes are used on trim work to make a clean edge. This can also be achieved with a corner roller. Generally it is preferred to paint the horizontal surfaces before you paint the vertical ones, as the mistakes aren't as noticeable that way.
- Rollers (with very low nap) or sprayers are the preferred method of painting soffits, fascia and siding.

All of the hard work that you put into your homes is appreciated and noticeable. It helps to maintain or increase our collective property values. For further tips and information, please check us out on the web at cityofmeadowsplace.org.





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Attention!!!

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



Ladies Bowling League!



# **FUN RUN**

In Meadows Place 5K Run & 1 Mile Family Run / Walk Saturday Morning, October 23, 2010



All proceeds will go toward Additional Classrooms for Sugar Grove Christian School. Meadows Place Residents are invited to participate.

#### Volunteers are welcome.

For more information visit www.sgcs.org or Contact Angie Blacklock at (832) 671- 4197 or Micah Horton at (281) 914 – 3577

# Kitchen & Bath Remodeling Sale

# Amre's Come visit our Showroom to Start Your Project Today!

**12 MONTH FINANCING AVAILABLE WITH GE FINANCE BASED ON CREDIT APPROVAL** 

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We can install and manage your entire kitchen or bath remodeling project! Warehouse Pricing! Open to the Public!

Showroom located at: 12603 Executive Drive • Suite 800 • Stafford 281. 494. 9200 www.HamresFloors.com Showroom Hours: Monday - Friday • 8 am - 4 pm Saturdays and Evenings by Appointment

Home & Garden Club

By Beverly Martin, Publicity

The Home and Garden Club will be back to full swing in September and we would like for all residents to learn what the club is all about. Our annual "Get to Know Us" social is on Tuesday, September 14th at 7:00 pm at the Community Center. Please join us to meet new friends and neighbors. Call Kay to RSVP or for more information. 281-933-0729

Mark your calendar for our 35th Annual Craft Show, Saturday, November 6th from 9-4 at St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church Center on W. Bellfort. Hand craft vendors interested can call Virginia at 281- 498-8794.

> Congratulations! July Yard of the Month Winners:

Section I Bob and Karen McDonald 11518 Scottsdale

#### Section II

Evelyn Dixon 11915 Meadowdale Drive

### Section III

Sharon Foster and George Deshazo 11822 Mulholland

#### Section IVS

Kathy and Dan Gilmore 12223 Hoggard Drive

Section IVN Bob and Diane Cotten 12314 Scottsdale

Section V Rene' and Gisela Moreda 12202 Meadows Bend Court.

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

• Piano lessons by certified teacher. Call 832-273-0962 Carol

• 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.

• Registered home daycare enrolling. Meals and snacks included. 281-495-7996. Melanie

• After school tutoring in my home, experienced, students of all ages and subjects. Please call 713-962-6967 or 713-367-5686

11:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

1:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Last Day Pool Open

12:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Pool Hours

September 4 September 5 September 6

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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

#### 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 everchanging 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 Carter and welcomes new students.

Community Center and welcomes new students.

#### **Meadows Fall Karate**

Starts: Thursday, September 16, 2010

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- 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 7:30pmJunior Class (Ages 5-12)7:30pm 8:30pmAdult 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



Please call Jenny to sign up! 281-788-8564 or jennypless@gmail.com

join the group.





Early bird sign up, get a free uniform! \*\*(first 5 only) come earn a belt\*\*



\*SHARPEN YOUR MIND, STRENGTHEN YOUR BODY\*

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

# 1st session: September 13<sup>th</sup> – October 25th 2<sup>nd</sup> session: November 1<sup>st</sup> –December 13th Date: Monday Time: 4:45pm-5:45pm ( class for children (5-12 yrs old)

# New\*\*\*Adult class (13-up) 5:50-6:50pm Fee: 35.00 for each session

Please call to sign up. Jenny at 281-788-8564 / email her at <u>jennypless@gmail.com</u> Please sign up first 2 weeks.

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





# Fort Bend County Women's Center NEEDS YOUR HELP!



The FBCWC Emergency Shelter needs canned vegetables and fruit to continue serving our clients nutritious meals this year.

From now to October 31st, donate items such as canned corn, carrots, peas, green beans and other healthy fruits and vegetables; they will work best!

### Drop your canned goods at your local PennyWise Resale Center.

Richmond 1120 Hwy. 90A Richmond, TX 77469 (281) 342-5004 Mission Bend 6808 Hwy. 6 South Houston, TX 77083 (281) 564-4713 Stafford 13945 Murphy Road Stafford, TX 77477 (281) 403-0101

If you or someone you know needs help, call the 24-Hour Emergency Hotline at (281) 342-HELP (4357).

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POLICE DEPARTMENT / 24 Hours	281) 983-2900
FT. BEND COUNTY SHERIFF	281) 342-6116
WATER AND SEWER	713) 405-1750
FT. BEND COUNTY COURTHOUSE	281) 342-3411
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PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT	

Community Center Rental

Building Capacity 165 Tables and chairs to accommodate your party.

Food / no alcohol	\$150.00
Food and alcohol	\$250.00
Non-residents add	\$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 terry@cityofmeadowsplace.org

# **Storm Water Hotline**

Report dumping in storm water drains. Only **RAIN WATER** is allowed 281-983-2932 or report online, see website. For updates on Public Works News visit the website. publicworks@cityofmeadowsplace.org



# 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.

# **Street Light Repair**

When calling or emailing about a street light outage, you will need to get the pole number, and if you add your email address Center Point can keep you apprised of the status of the repair request.

713-207-2222 www.centerpointenergy.com