Place for Life

Meadows PLACE

OCTOBER 2013

COMMENTS FROM THE MAYOR By Charles Jessup



Water Meter Update

By now some of you have the new radio read water meters also known as Smart Meters. By the end of the year the whole city will have them and we should be online and fully functioning. This means that the meter in front of our homes will be sending data directly to City Hall. Meters are read through a

transmission unit installed with your meter. This unit reads the numerical data from your water meter and transmits that information via radio waves to data collection systems mounted in three different locations throughout the city. These water meters read continually but the data is captured and stored in a collector called The Gateway. Then, several times a day, the data and data profile from each meter is forwarded, sending the total data input from each meter to our Utility Department for accurate usage information and billing. Automatic alerts help us identify leaks or other continuous flow situations. This will allow us to be more proactive and sometimes tell homeowners they have a leak even before they know it. On the other hand it can also detect no usage which will trigger a well-being check on the household - an extra safety feature for Meadows Place residents. These meters are very accurate and, since they use a different technology, are guaranteed to last much longer than the mechanical read meters we currently use. The new meters even come with a twenty year warranty. Besides being more accurate and having longer life, homeowners will soon be able to go online at any time of day or night and check their water usage. Not long after that, we will shift to online bill paying. Don't worry, Patty will still be there to take our payments and answer questions.

Meadows Place is the first city Ft. Bend County to make the complete conversion to this type of smart water meter. Some of our neighbors have segments of their cities using radio read meters, but none have been able to make the complete conversion with a two-way radio system.

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You are cordially invited to attend a reception celebrating the

40th ANNIVERSARY

of Meadows Elementary School



Date: October 10, 2013 Time: 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Place: Meadows Place Elementary School Cafeteria

> 12037 Pender Lane Meadows Place, TX 77477



Join your neighbors for National Night Out on October 1, 2013 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

CITY CALENDAR

Oct. 1 National Night Out

Oct. 22 Workshop 6:30 p.m.

Oct. 22 Regular City Council Meeting
City Hall 7:30 p.m.

Did You Know?...

Did You Know... Meadows Elementary is celebrating its 40th anniversary this month? What's that saying, Lordy, Lordy, look who's forty... Well in this case its - 40 is FANTASTC! Meadows Place is so fortunate to have an elementary school right in the center of our city. It is even more fortunate that this school has had, and still has, teachers, staff and a series of great principals to teach and guide our children with high standards and a passion to help prepare them for the future. As my son Charles once told a 5th grade graduating class, "Meadows Elementary is where you learn how to learn". I believe that. I also believe Meadows Elementary is the heartbeat of our city. Congratulations, and thanks, to all the great folks at Meadows Elementary, past, present, and future. We appreciate you.

Place does not participate social media? Other than the city website, we do not have Facebook or twitter accounts or blogs. There are private accounts which contain the words Meadows Place in them, but they are not produced or maintained by the City. We simply don't have the staff, time or money to do so. We may at some time in the future, but as of now, we do not.

Did You Know... Shea Braund recently achieved his Eagle Scout rank with BSA Troop 301 at his Board of Review? Folks, that takes a lot of time and effort. Congratulations, Shea, I know your Momma, Debbie, is quite proud. So are we. In addition, Shea is currently attending HCC, putting his Meadows Place Home and Garden Club scholarship to good use. (Isn't it great to hear happy news like this!)

Did You Know... a resident asked me if we could include a section in our newsletter that had the names and contact information for our state and national elected officials? I love the idea but we try to squeeze everything we can into as few pages as possible and really don't have room for it. However,

if you go to the our website, go to Our Neighbors on the top bar and click Links, you will find contact information, including hot links, to all our elected officials as well as many other sites such as baseball, swim team, the Garden Club and even, Meadows Elementary. Check it out, it should prove helpful. (P.S-.The Garden Club has a GREAT site)

Did You Know... Meadows Place has a group called the 55+ Club? It is fairly new but really taking off. For folks 55 and over, it is just one of the programs provided through our Parks & Recreation Department. It is designed for folks to get together to meet others with similar interests, meet new friends, or just get out of the house! If you are 55 or over and this sounds like you, come give it a try. Calendars are posted at the Community Center or online. If you have any question, please contact Tracy Spiller, at 281-983-2935.

Did You Know... the staff did a little redecorating at City Hall? They selected several photographs and pictures of Meadows Place events, had them framed and hung them up in the hallway. Nothing major, but it looks great and it sure has a different feel. Try to stop by, say hi and take a look. It is beautiful and I think you will be proud of the way your City Hall looks now.

Did You Know... Meadows Place hosted its first Texas Parks and Wildlife Hunter Safety Education Course at the TTC last month? There were over 30 attendees in this inaugural class taught by Chief Stewart and Bryan Corb. There is one more planned for later this month. Then, early next year, Chief Stewart plans to hold one exclusively for Meadows Place residents. Check your Newsletter for further information as time nears.

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... that recent poll results proved that Sense of Community is one of our strengths here in Meadows Place? That is something that does not happen by accident. It is something that is nurtured through time and participation, participation in city and school events and being a part of baseball, swim team, garden club, etc. These all help more closely knit the fabric of our city. Participating in Neighborhood Watch and National Night Out - Texas do too. They give you a chance to meet your neighbors and Police officers and gives them a chance to meet you. Oh, Did You Know that Texas has its own National Night Out - we do it in October because it is just too hot in August! Getting together - one more reason why Meadows Place is... **Your Place for Life!**

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This is another first for Meadows Place and another advantage to being small. There is a huge move across the nation toward these meters. The primary driver for this dramatic growth is conservation. With some 36 states facing water shortages, these meters help eliminate waste and allow us to more easily meet the more stringent water monitoring and reporting requirements that are being placed on us. Because they last longer, they will save us money in the long run and the use of these meters will also mean we do not have to pay anyone to go read our meters. This will also cut down on pollution the trucks put out in the process. A win win for everyone. At any rate, we will be including more on these new meters and the new billing system in the next newsletter. In the meantime, if you have any questions please feel free to contact myself or Dan McGraw. E-mail is best but the phone works too. Making the most of 21st century technology while maintaining the feel from days gone by is just one of the things that makes Meadows Place... Your Place for Life. Thank You.



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

Meadows Place is actively seeking businesses that would be good business neighbors. If anyone knows a business, or would like to recommend a business that we should contact, please send your recommendations to:

mayor@cityofmeadowsplace.org

Thank **YOU!**

Meadows Place has some really great businesses. Let's support them.

Our businesses need, and deserve, our support



Thank You





REMINDER!

National Night Out October 1st, 2013 - 6pm to 8pm

The Meadows Place Police Department will be making the rounds in an effort to meet and greet the community

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT is designed to:

- Heighten crime and drug prevention awareness;
- Generate support for, and participation in, local Neighborhood Watch Program;
- Strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships; and
- Send a message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

Along with the traditional barbecues and front porch vigils, we encourage a variety of events and activities:

- Meet your neighbors and the police officers serving the community
- Block parties,
- · Cookouts.

For more information: www.cityofmeadowsplace.org

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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: 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

TENNIS ANYONE?!

Description: Beginning Youth Tennis Lessons

Who: Youth 8 - 14 years old

Where: Tennis Courts

When: Wednesdays 6:00 pm / Saturdays 8:00 am

Session 10: October 2 - 26 (Wed class will move to 6 pm)

Session 11: October 30 - November 23

Session 12: December 4 - 21

Cost: \$75 per session, 4 weeks per session (2 classes per week) \$40 per session, 4 weeks per session (1 class per week)

Instructor: New Instructor, Jaime Burt

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Description: Turbo Kick is the revolutionary group exercise program that has changed the direction of kickboxing today. Inspired by dance, Tai Kwon Do, boxing, tai-chi, and funk, this workout creates a party atmosphere!

Who: Ages 13 and up

Where: Community Center, 11975 Dorrance

When: Monday evenings: 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Session 1: October 7 - 28
Session 2: November 4 - 25

Cost: 4 classes - \$40

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

Instructor: Pamela Sampson, Meadows Place resident, has a degree in exercise and sports science,

is a Certified Personal Trainer, as well as a Certified Group Exercise Instructor (since 1996) and CPR/AED Trained (current). Please call for more information at 832-577-2403.

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Karate!!

BULLETIN BOARD

Turbo Kickboxing

- October Karate & Taekwondo Sessions Ongoing
- Oct. 2 Tennis Classes: 6 pm Wed or 8 am Sat
- **Oct. 3** 55+ Club Protecting Your Identity 9 am Community Center
- Oct. 7 NEW CLASS Turbo Kickboxing Starts!
- **Oct. 10** Meadows Elementary School 40th Birthday Celebration 4 6 pm
- **Oct. 17** 55+ Club Walking at the Lake 8:30 am Meet at Field House
- Oct. 31 55+ Club Book Club 9 am Community Center
- Nov. 2 Countryside Animal Clinic Community Center Parking Lot 10:30 am - 12:30 pm

Contact Parks Department about Registration! 281-983-2935



City Of Meadows Place

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A big thank you to those who came out for Bingo Bash in September! We had a great time and everyone went home a winner!

Here are some things to look forward to in October:

- Oct. 3: Protecting Your Identity, 9 am
- Oct. 17: Walking at the Lake, 8:30 am
- Oct. 31: Book Club First Meeting 9:00 pm @ Community Center



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



Saturday October 26, 2013

Sponsored by **Houston Swim Club**USATF Certified 5K Course
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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)

Session 2: November 4 - December 18

(No class Nov. 25 & 27)

Fee: 6 Classes - \$40 (1 class per week)

12 Classes - \$55 (2 classes per week)

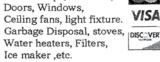
Instructor: Jenny Pless (City of Meadows Place resident,

teaching at the Community Center since 2006)

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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 January!

When: Thursdays

Cost: \$45--12 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)

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arly Remember The Home and Garden Club's Annual Craft Show is on Saturday, November 2nd at our new location. Sugar Grove Church of Christ, 11600 W. Airport. Please see the newsletter advertisement for information. Join us and bring your friends.

We would like to thank Boone Holladay and Joe Vinson from the Fort Bend Extension Service for a very informative presentation about water conservation at our September meeting. Please stay tuned for future programs with the City of Meadows Place.

The next meeting is on Tuesday, October 8th at 7:00 at the Community Center. Our presenter will be Manuela Arroyoa, director of Fort Bend Meals on Wheels. She we share with us the many reasons The Garden Club supports this needed service organization. You do not need to be a member to attend, but we are welcoming new members. \$25.00 per person or \$35.00 per family annually. Call Lou Ann for information at 281-568-2989.

Gardening Tip:

Native plants that require little water: Muhly Grass and Fountain Grass.



Saturday, November 2nd

9:00 - 4:00

Sugar Grove Church of Christ 11600 W. Airport

The Craft Show is the big fund raiser for our Scholarship Awards. 35+ hand craft vendors will be selling glass ware.



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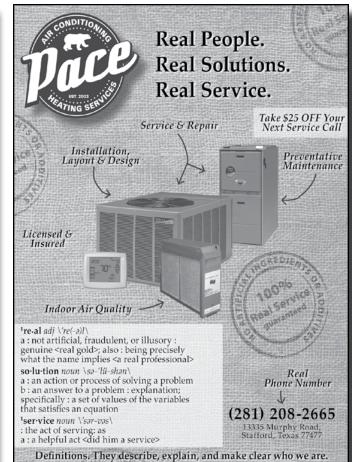
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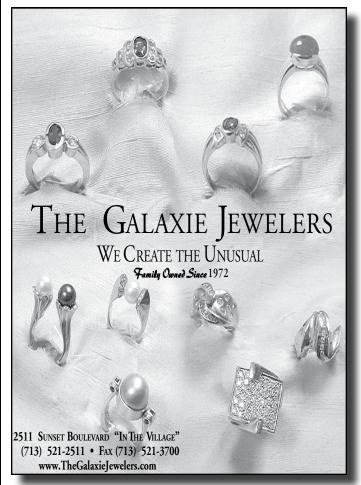
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