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SEPTEMBER 2011

**COMMENTS FROM THE MAYOR**  
By Charles Jessup



*Zip Code - We need your help. Now.*

For years the residents of Meadows Place have used a Stafford mailing address and never understood why we were refused a Post Office of our own. It was ...bothersome. For most it was just a matter of, "just going along." But times have changed. The expanded use of technology is causing more and more problems as ties to the postal zones and the use of self populating software programs increase. These are the ones that ask for your address and the Zip Code. Then, when you give the Zip, it automatically puts in Stafford. This process causes problems marketing our city, listing our homes and business and now may be causing us to lose out on sales tax revenues by listing Stafford as the City of Record for online and credit card sales. We realize this technological bypass is only going to get worse so the City has been seeking a solution to this problem for over a year. This is a very complex situation but has a simple solution. That solution is for Meadows Place to have its own Zip Code. To get that Zip, we have been working with the United States Postal Service, Senator Hutchison, Senator Cornyn and Congressman Pete Olson. They have all been helpful and the Post Office is officially evaluating our request! I am meeting with the USPS Regional Representative to provide maps and answer questions as part of the evaluation process. I will continue to ask our elected officials to support our position with the Post Office, but to help our cause we all have to get involved. We have worked hard to get to this point but only have until September 17th to make a difference. Please, help us secure a Zip Code for Meadows Place by contacting the following people by phone, e-mail and letter and ask them to contact the Post Office on our behalf. To send an e-mail, one option is to go to the Links section on our website. Leaving a message with a staffer is just fine. The message is simple - "It is time for Meadows Place to have a Zip Code, please help".

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**IMPORTANT  
NOTICE!**

The City can no longer accept post-dated checks (dated for a day in the future) and/or that are not made out to: The City of Meadows Place. We cannot hold these checks until the date arrives and our bank will not accept them before the date listed. We are sorry for this inconvenience.

**PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT YOUR CHECK IS WRITTEN TO THE CITY OF MEADOWS PLACE AND DATED FOR THE DATE YOU GIVE IT TO US. Thank You.**

**Garage  
Sale Dates  
2011**

**November 11 & 12**

**CITY CALENDAR**

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|---------------------|--|
| <b>September 5</b>  | <b>Labor Day - City Hall Closed</b>                      |
| <b>September 13</b> | <b>Budget Public Hearing<br/>City Hall 7:00PM</b>        |
| <b>September 27</b> | <b>Regular City Council meeting<br/>City Hall 7:30PM</b> |

# Did You Know?...

**Did You Know...** that after almost 30 years as an independent league, Meadows Place Baseball board has voted to become a Pony League affiliate? Scott Holland, the current league President, met with Parks Director Monya Keenen for their regular pre-season meeting. Among other things, he told her that one thing that wouldn't change is that every player will play in every game and that they will continue to "bat the rotation". That means, that whether a kid is in the game or not, he or she will still be batting. There will be some changes of course, most internal, but some, like an All-Star team, will give some of the kids a chance to play on after the season. The fall season is starting soon, and with the lake and the hill, it is now more fun than ever to watch a ball game. Drop by for an inning or two, you will enjoy it.

**Did You Know...** that Pedro Rojas, who is a reporter/anchor for Univision Channel 45, was recognized by the Harris County Department of Education as part of the 2011 Media Honor Roll for his service in the community about public schools, their students and parents? Just another great example of Meadows Place talent and willingness to serve, we offer our heartiest Congratulations.

**Did You Know...** that a team of four MBA students from the University of Houston C. T. Bauer College of Business are the global champions of the 2011 Google Online Marketing Challenge? This is a Big deal, but what makes this news for us is that one of those champions was Miss Erin Blatzer - who grew up right here in Meadows Place. I know her Mom, who herself has served in many areas in Meadows Place, is very proud of Erin. I would be too. Congratulations Erin and the rest of the UH team.

**Did You Know...** that neighbor Julia Harvey suggested that we all keep some water on hand for emergencies, like water outages caused by Water Main Breaks? Good idea. FYI - this has been our worst year for main breaks. Please bear with us as we are having to work almost around the clock to get these breaks fixed. It is either work late or shut our water off, and none of us want that. I would like to take this opportunity to say Thank You to all of you who have

been so diligent in reporting water leaks. It has been a great help in keeping a bad situation from being even worse. And, it saves the city money. To help you in this, Meadows Place got a new direct number to the water dispatcher. It is 832-209-5049. It is also on the back of the newsletter and on the website. Please, program it into your cell phone, and don't be afraid to use it. They charge by the leak, not the call.

**Did You Know...** that I received several e-mails regarding my comments on smoking in the park (July Newsletter)? One man thought I was trying to ban smoking in the city. Please believe me, that is NOT the case. I was just responding to citizens who feel it is a waste of money having to pay someone to pick up cigarette butts - a position that as a taxpayer, I happen to agree with. One caller pointed out that it is not too much to ask smokers to "pick up after themselves," after all she said, "dog owners do". So smokers, please, take a baggie with you and take those butts back home so our parks stay clean and beautiful. Thanks.

**Did You Know...** that I recently received a call from a mortgage banker wanting to confirm that Meadows Place did not have to pay Home Owners Association fees? He had a hard time believing it and requested the confirmation in writing, which I provided. Doing so reminded me that we do not pay separate HOA fees or MUD fees, or Levy fees. Just another reason Meadows Place is... **Your Place for Life!**

**Did You Know...** that we stocked the lake? We put in baby Red Ear sunfish, Hybrid and Copper nose bluegill, bass and 4,800 minnows as food for the fish and birds. By next spring, weather permitting, we should have fish for breeding AND catching! We are seeing a wide array of birds visit our lake. Hope you are enjoying them too.

**Did You Know...** If you have someone YOU are proud of, or something of interest pertaining to Meadows Place, drop a Did You Know note at City Hall or email: [mayor@cityofmeadowsplace.org](mailto:mayor@cityofmeadowsplace.org) Thank You!

## Did You Know...

Houston Area Police Chiefs Association meeting was held in Meadows Place last month? The meeting was held in the new meeting room over at Kelly's. The HAPCA is comprised of executives and management personnel from law enforcement agencies throughout the Houston metropolitan region, so we are very proud to have it held here. We are also proud that Meadow Place Police Chief, Mike Baker, is the HAPCA President this year!

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**Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison:**

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Be polite, be friendly, and be prepared to leave your contact information, but please, contact all our representatives and drop a line requesting a Meadows Place Zip Code to: Postmaster, USPS – 4110 Bluebonnet, Stafford, TX 77477

Tell your friends, tell your neighbors and lets spread the word. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me via phone or e-mail. Thank You.

**Road Improvement Projects Delayed**

Meadows Place had two projects approved as part of the 2007 Fort Bend Mobility Bond Project - the reconstruction of West Airport Blvd. from just west of Kirkwood down to the freeway intersection and the reconstruction of Kirkwood the length of the City. We needed to do the Airport portion first and our engineering firm, HDR Claunch and Miller, have completed over 90% of the engineering on this project. We had planned to bid the construction this fall. Unfortunately, Houston just started a 400 day project on West Bellfort that is having a major impact on traffic. Rick Staigle, President of Traffic Engineers, Inc., contacted the Houston engineers, projected possible alternate traffic patterns with both Airport and Bellfort impacted and determined that it would be wise for us to postpone our project for now. After much discussion, it was decided that we should delay the start of the project to avoid having traffic funnel through our city trying to get to the freeway. We will finish the engineering, monitor the situation and restart the process when it will have the least impact on our city - and we will keep you posted.



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

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***Our businesses need, and deserve, our support***

***Thank You***



**“LeadsOnline Reportit”**

The Meadows Place Police Department wants to help citizens keep track of important information that will help track down stolen property faster. We are encouraging all Meadows Place residents to use a free online system that helps keep track of valuable personal property. The **Reportit** system is an online service that allows people to record serial numbers and/or upload images of cell phones, computer equipment, electronics, jewelry, and other valuables they own. Should any of those items ever be stolen, this recorded information will go a long way in helping police identify the property.

The **Reportit** service is part of **LeadsOnline**, the online system used by police across the country to track and recover stolen property. The Meadows Place Police Department uses LeadsOnline to help track and recover everything from jewelry to sporting equipment to electronics, computers, cameras, power tools, and other items such as collectibles, designer clothing, and other items of value to the owner. The system allows police to search for the items using a variety of parameters, including item descriptions and serial numbers. When an item is sold to a pawn or secondhand shop, the product information is entered into the LeadsOnline database and is immediately viewable by participating law enforcement agencies across the country.

The Meadows Place Police Department has used LeadsOnline for several years now and has had many successes using the system. Stolen property has been identified and recovered in numerous cases for Meadows Place residents. With information provided by LeadsOnline, police track down thieves, develop leads, and make arrests. Since the Meadows Place PD is a subscriber to this system, the **Reportit** service is free to our residents.

Meadows Place residents can store an unlimited number of item descriptions, serial numbers, photos, and scans of product purchase receipts – so those items may be more readily identified in the event they are stolen. This record may also come in handy when filing insurance claims. Residents wanting to participate in **Reportit** can register for the free service at <http://reportit.leadsonline.com> and begin building their personal property inventory list. A link to the site is also available via the City of Meadows Place website at [www.cityofmeadowsplace.org](http://www.cityofmeadowsplace.org).



By Dan McGraw

## Where Will You or Your Family Be When a Disaster Strikes?

You could be anywhere – at work, at school or in the car. How will you find each other? Will you know if your children are safe? Emergencies and disasters can strike quickly and without warning and can force you to evacuate your neighborhood or confine you to your home. What would you do if basic services — water, gas, electricity or telephone — were cut off? Local officials and relief workers will be on the scene after a disaster, but they cannot reach everyone right away. You can cope with disaster by preparing in advance and by working with your family as a team. Follow the steps listed to be prepared. 1. Get informed 2. Make a plan 3. Assemble a kit 4. Maintain your plan and kit. Knowing what to do is your best protection and your responsibility. In this month's newsletter we will discuss steps 1 and 2, next month we will discuss steps 3 and 4. In this month's newsletter we will discuss our Steps to Preparedness

**1. GET INFORMED** Contact your local emergency management office or local American Red Cross Chapter to gather the information you will need to create a plan. Ask about the specific hazards that threaten your community (e.g. hurricanes, tornados, and earthquakes) and about your risk from those hazards. Additionally, hazard information for your local area can be obtained at. Learn about community response plans, evacuation plans, and designated emergency shelters. Ask about the emergency plans and procedures that exist in places you and your family spend time such as places of employment, schools, and child care centers. If you do not own a vehicle or drive, find out in advance what your community's plans are for evacuating those without private transportation. Systems Find out how local authorities will warn you of a pending disaster and how they will provide information to you during and after a disaster. Learn about NOAA Weather Radio and its alerting capabilities ([www.noaa.gov](http://www.noaa.gov)).

### 2. MAKE A PLAN

• **Meet with Your Family Members.** Review the information you gathered about community hazards and plans. Explain the dangers to children and work with them as a team to prepare your family. Be sure to include caregivers in your meeting and planning efforts.

• **Choose an "Out-of-Town" Contact.** Ask an out-of-town friend or relative to be your contact. Following a disaster, family members should call this person and tell them where they are. Everyone must know the contact's phone numbers. After a disaster, it is often easier to make a long distance call than a local call from a disaster area.

• **Decide Where to Meet.** In the event of an emergency, you may become separated from family members. Choose a place right outside your home in case of a sudden emergency, like a fire. Choose a location outside your neighborhood in case you can't return home.

• **Complete a Family Communication Plan.** Your plan should include contact information for family members, work and school. Your plan should also include information for your out-of-town contact, meeting locations, emergency services and the National Poison Control Center (1-800-222-1222). A sample form for recording this information can be found at [www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov) - or at [www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org).

org/contactcard. These websites also provide blank wallet cards on which contact information can be recorded and carried in a wallet, purse, backpack, etc., for quick reference. Teach your children how to call the emergency phone numbers and when it is appropriate to do so. Be sure each family member has a copy of your communication plan and post it near your telephone for use in an emergency.

• **Escape Routes and Safe Places.** In a fire or other emergency, you may need to evacuate on a moment's notice. Be ready to get out fast. Be sure everyone in your family knows the best escape routes out of your home as well as where the safe places are in your home for each type of disaster (i.e., if a tornado approaches, go to the basement or the lowest floor of your home or an interior room or closet with no windows). Use a blank sheet of paper to draw floor plans of your home. Show the location of doors, windows, stairways, large furniture, your disaster supplies kit, fire extinguisher, smoke alarms, collapsible ladders, first-aid kits, and utility shut-off points. Show important points outside such as garages, patios, stairways, elevators, driveways, and porches. See illustration below. Indicate at least two escape routes from each room, and mark a place outside of the home where household members should meet in case of fire. If you or someone in your household uses a wheelchair, make all exits from your home wheelchair accessible. Practice emergency evacuation drills at least two times a year, but as often as you update your escape plan.

• **Plan for those with disabilities and other special needs.** Keep support items in a designated place, so they can be found quickly. For those who have home-health caregivers, particularly for those who are bed-bound, it is essential to have an alternate plan if the home-health caregiver cannot make it to you. In advance, provide the power company with a list of all power-dependent life support equipment required by family members. Develop a contingency plan that includes an alternate power source for the equipment or relocating the person.

• **Plan for your pets.** Take your pets with you if you evacuate. However, be aware that pets (other than service animals) usually are not permitted in emergency public shelters for health reasons. Prepare a list of family, friends, boarding facilities, veterinarians, and "pet-friendly" hotels that could shelter your pets in an emergency.

• **Prepare for different hazards.** Include in your plan how to prepare for each hazard that could impact your local community and how to protect yourself. For instance, the actions you would take to protect yourself from a tornado are different from those you would for a fire. Reference the websites listed on the back cover to learn more about the different actions required for different hazards.

• **Utilities.** Know how and when to turn off water, gas and electricity at the main switches or valves and share this information with your family and caregivers. Keep any tools you will need near gas and water shut off valves. Turn off the utilities only if you suspect the lines are damaged, you suspect a leak or if local officials instruct you to do so. (Note: Gas shut-off procedure - As part of the learning process, do not actually turn off the gas. If the gas is turned off for any reason, only a qualified professional can turn it back on. It might take several weeks for a professional to respond. In the meantime, you will require alternate sources to heat your home, make hot water, and cook.)

## Public Works (continued)

### • Fire Extinguisher

Be sure everyone knows how to use your fire extinguishers (ABC type) and where they are kept.

### • Smoke Alarms

Install smoke alarms on each level of your home, especially near the bedrooms. Individuals with sensory disabilities should consider installing smoke alarms that have strobe lights and vibrating pads. Follow local codes and manufacturer's instructions about installation requirements. Also, consider installing a carbon monoxide alarm in your home.

### • Insurance Coverage

Check if you have adequate insurance coverage. Homeowners insurance does not cover flood damage and may not provide full coverage for other hazards. Talk with your insurance agent and make sure you have adequate coverage to protect your family against financial loss.

### • First Aid/CPR & AED (Automated External Defibrillation)

Take American Red Cross first aid and CPR/AED classes. Red Cross courses can accommodate people with disabilities. Discuss your needs when registering for the classes.

### • Inventory Home Possessions

Make a record of your possessions to help you claim reimbursement in case of loss or damage. Store this information in a safe deposit box or other secure (flood/fire safe) location to ensure the records survive a disaster. Include photographs or video of the interior and exterior of your home as well as cars, boats and recreational vehicles. Also, have photos of durable medical equipment and be sure to make a record of the make and model numbers for each item. Get professional appraisals of jewelry, collectibles, artwork, or other items that may be difficult to evaluate. Make copies of receipts and canceled checks showing the cost for valuable items.

### • Vital Records and Documents

Vital family records and other important documents such as birth and marriage certificates, social security cards, passports, wills, deeds, and financial, insurance, and immunizations records should be kept in a safe deposit box or other safe location.

### • Reduce Home Hazards

- In a disaster, ordinary items in the home can cause injury and damage. Take these steps to reduce your risk.
- Have a professional repair defective electrical wiring and leaky gas connections.
- Place large, heavy objects on lower shelves and hang pictures and mirrors away from beds.
- Use straps or other restraints to secure tall cabinets, bookshelves, large appliances (especially water heater, furnace, and refrigerator), mirrors, shelves, large picture frames, and light fixtures to wall studs.
- Repair cracks in ceilings and foundations.
- Store weed killers, pesticides, and flammable products away from heat sources.
- Place oily rags or waste in covered metal cans and dispose of them according to local regulations.
- Have a professional clean and repair chimneys, flue pipes, connectors, and gas vents.



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## Code Enforcement



By Kathi Sutton

### Have a Good Looking Yard, While Conserving Water?

**D**rought conditions are widespread across the state, and while we all would like to see a thriving green lawn, how do we achieve it and conserve water at the same time? Our beautiful city has lush green grass surrounding our new lake through the use of water reclamation, but how can you achieve the same result and still conserve a precious natural resource?

Here are some conservation friendly ideas for yard care:

- Plant drought –resistant shrubs & plants, and group them together according to their watering needs
- Put a layer of mulch around trees and plants to slow evaporation and preserve moisture
- Water your lawn only when it needs it... most lawns only need about 1” of water each week. You can “test” your lawn to see if it needs watering by walking on it. If it lays flat after you’ve walked on it, then it is time to water
- Water your yard before 10 am, and avoid watering if it is windy to avoid evaporation
- To measure the amount of water applied, you can simply place an empty 6oz tuna can on your lawn. It’s time to stop watering when the can is full.
- Monitor your sprinkling system to ensure that you are not producing run-off and that you are not watering paved areas
- Consider a rain catch system. A 1,000 sq ft roof can produce 600 gallons of rainwater during a 1” rainfall
- If you have an irrigation system, be sure to have it serviced annually so that it makes the most out of watering your lawn

Another issue is that some people believe that if they don’t water their lawn it will keep the grass from growing and then they won’t need to mow or edge/weedeat... On the contrary; the quickest growing substance in a yard will be a weed. Most weeds are drought resistant, thus you will need to continue to mow & weedeat your fast growing weeds more often than if you maintain your grass properly. A deep, well-rooted lawn will use water efficiently and will prevent weeds from thriving.

Taking measures at home to conserve water not only saves you money, it also is of benefit to the greater community. For more water saving tips & advice, check out [www.tceq.state.tx.us](http://www.tceq.state.tx.us).

## Meet the Council

### Shirley Isbell, ALDERMAN 2



Shirley Isbell

**S**HIRLEY ISBELL, Alderman 2 (elected 2010), Executive Administrative Manager of Moncrief Willingham Energy Advisers, LP. (HedGENERGY Funds). Shirley’s leadership experience began in 1976 and she has worked in energy, construction, engineering, commercial and residential real estate, insurance, facilities, and finance disciplines. Shirley and John Isbell have been married since 1978, have two children, (John and Jared) two daughters-in-love, (Jessica and Brittany) and two grandchildren (Catherine and Carl). The Isbell’s credit the safe home-town atmosphere, caring neighbors, and family-oriented amenities of Meadows Place for helping them succeed and economically achieve their objectives. Shirley’s goal as Alderman is to increase family-oriented business development to relieve the bulk of the tax burden from the residents. Shirley has held countless volunteer and leadership positions in the community. She is presently a board member of Star Charities. Shirley studies ethnology and has a BS in Business Administration from University of Phoenix and a Master of Science in Global Business from Texas A&M.

## Meet the Staff

### JYRON JACKSON, Patrol Officer



Jyron Jackson

**J**yron was hired as a patrol officer with the Meadows Place Police Department in August of 2006. He has served in that capacity since then. He previously worked for the Texas Department of Criminal Justice (Department of Corrections) in various positions, ultimately attaining the rank of Sergeant. Jyron graduated from Houston’s Westbury High School. He completed his Basic Peace Officer training at the University of Houston Downtown Police Academy. Officer Jackson has been a stalwart in his first five years on the job - **never missing a day of work!**



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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](mailto:monya@cityofmeadowsplace.org) or [parke3@cityofmeadowsplace.org](mailto:parke3@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](http://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 19 years at the Community Center and welcomes new students.

#### **Meadows Fall Karate**

**Starts:** Thursday, September 15, 2011  
\*Thanksgiving break November 21-25 (No Class)

**Ends:** Thursday, December 1, 2011

**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 (2nd Degree Black Belt), and Steve Court (1st 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.



### **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](http://fortbendtennis.com)*

# PARKS & RECREATION

## PARKS AND RECREATION

Karate!

### BULLETIN BOARD

Animal  
Clinic

- September Taekwondo, Karate, and Tennis classes ongoing
- September 5 Last Day Pool is Open  
Holiday Hours 12:00-7:00 p.m.
- November 5 Countryside Animal Clinic  
Community Center Parking Lot  
10:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
- December 9 Christmas Memories  
Mark McGrath Municipal Park  
6:00-9:00 p.m.

**Contact Parks Department about Registration!**  
**281-983-2935**

## Pool & Tennis Court Access System

### Pool and Tennis Court Access System

The City of Meadows Place has an access system for the pool and tennis court facilities. All pool and tennis access cards will be deleted the second weekend of May.

Tennis court access cards can be purchased for \$50.00 per card (maximum 2 cards per family), and **MUST** be re-purchased the second weekend of May each year. A driver's license and/or water bill must be shown to purchase the access card. Cards can be purchased at City Hall, Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

A wristband system is used at the pool. **Residents MUST re-purchase new wristbands by the second weekend in May each year.** A four pack of wristbands can be purchased for \$10, and additional wristbands can be purchased for \$5 each. Every resident must show their wristband to the concessions staff as they enter the pool gates. Each resident wearing a wristband is allowed to bring one guest. The guests must get a hand stamp upon entering the gates. The wristbands can be purchased at the concession window at the pool during operating hours. A driver's license and/or water bill **MUST** be shown by residents to purchase wristbands. One day pass wristbands can be purchased for \$5 each.

## Program Title

Interested in starting a class or activity in Meadows Place? Create a write-up for the newsletter based on the format below, and send to the Parks Department at [Monya@cityofmeadowsplace.org](mailto:Monya@cityofmeadowsplace.org)!

**Description:** (Briefly describe your class or activity)

**Who:** (Give ages allowed to participate in the class)

**Where:** (The location of where the participants meet every week)

**When:** (Include dates and time of your program)

**Cost:** (How much you plan on charging for your session, and what the participant needs to do to register)

**Pre-registration is required to participate in all classes. 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](http://www.cityofmeadowsplace.org).**

**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)

## Taekwondo

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### Fall Schedule

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

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

**Session 1:** September 7 - October 26, 2011

**Session 2:** November 2 - December 14, 2011

**Fee:** Session 1: 15 classes for \$70, 8 classes for \$40  
Session 2: 13 classes for \$60, 7 classes for \$35  
(free uniform for 1st 10 new students only)

**Instructor:** Jenny Pless (City of Meadows Place resident, teaching at the community center since 2006)  
Please call Jenny to sign up! 281-788-8564  
[jennypless@gmail.com](mailto:jennypless@gmail.com)



## *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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## *Home & Garden Club*

By Beverly Martin, Publicity

September is here and the Home and Garden Club is very excited about this year's calendar of events. Kick off is a program that everyone will enjoy. We are proud to have Nancy Grieg, Director of the Cockrell Butterfly Center at the Houston Museum of Natural Science as our speaker. The topic is "Butterflies and How to Grow Them." Please join us for a great program and refreshments at our - Get to Know Us - meeting. Tuesday, September 13th at 7:00 at the Community Center. You do not have to be a member to attend. If you are interested in joining, the 2011 membership fee is \$15.00 a year. Questions call Lou Ann at 281-568-2989.

September 22nd the Home and Garden Club Lunch Bunch will have a sack lunch at the Community Center at 11:00am. Join us for a fun plant or book exchange. Just show up with a plant clipping or a good book and your sack lunch. Hope to see you there.

Congratulations to the Yard of the Month winners! Our city looks great thanks to all your work & water, water, water.

### August Yard of the Month winners:

#### Section I

Blynn and Sylvia Miller  
11302 Brighton Lane

#### Section IVS

Hector Pagala  
12118 Blair Meadow Dr.

#### Section II

Ray and Laura Foster  
11842 Oak Meadow

#### Section IVN

Larry and Betty Vollenweider  
12251 Montecito

#### Section III

Sam and Luba Tschanz  
11846 Mulholland

#### Section V

The Sangani Family  
Suresh, Snalini,  
Nikita and Nisha  
12214 Meadow Park Ct.

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**11975 Dorrance, Meadows Place, TX 77477**  
**[www.cityofmeadowsplace.org](http://www.cityofmeadowsplace.org)**

**Start Date: September 7<sup>th</sup> – October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2011**

**When: Monday & Wednesday (if not, choose a day)**

**Time: 5-6pm (Children 5-12 years old)**

**6-7pm (13 and adult)**

**Fee: 15 classes for \$70.00 OR 8 classes for \$40.00**

**Master: Jenny Pless**

**Free uniform for first 5 new students only**

**Please call to sign up. Jenny at 281-788-8564 / email her at**

**[jennypless@gmail.com](mailto:jennypless@gmail.com) Please call for afterschool program.**

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October 22, 2011



Start and finish will be at the Meadows Place Park.

Additional information will be posted soon at  
[www.sgcs.org](http://www.sgcs.org)

**Sponsorship opportunities are still available!**

For more information, please contact:

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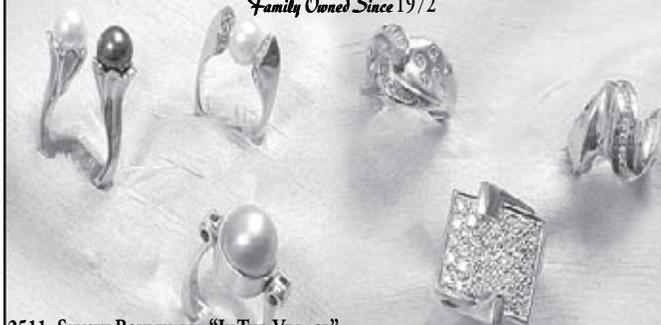
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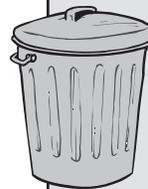
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