



Mayor Mark McGrath

**COMMENTS FROM THE MAYOR**

By *Mark McGrath*

Now that summer is here, many of you are busy taking care of your yards. But don't stop there. It is the responsibility of each property owner to properly maintain the structure as well as the yard. Those houses which have exterior peeling paint and rotting wood will be subject to a visit from the City's Code Enforcement Officer. Uncorrected problems will result in a visit to municipal court and fines up to \$500 for each violation.

So make it your civic duty to maintain your property and help keep Meadows Place a desirable place to live.

**NATIONAL NIGHT OUT IS YOUR EVENT FOR 2004**

National Night Out is a community-based function that is intended to promote awareness within the neighborhood. This year's National Night Out is scheduled for Tuesday, August 3, 2004, from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Each year, people have block parties to meet and greet the local police and city officials while interacting with their neighbors.

These parties are a great way to get to know the people that live around you. Knowing who does belong in your neighborhood will make it easier to detect when someone does not. When you observe someone that does not belong in the neighborhood, you can call the police and help prevent crime.

If you are going to have a block party this year, please notify the Police Department at 281-983-2900, so that you can be added to the list of parties to be visited. If you want to close down the street for your block party, all requests will be considered on an individual basis. Requests should be submitted in writing to the Police Department no later than Friday, July 30, 2004. Some of the things that must be considered when evaluating these requests are whether or not your street is a major thoroughfare for our city, and how the closure may affect emergency vehicles responding to a call (should their services be needed.)

When notifying the Police Department of your block party, have all the details about it available. These details may include whether or not you would like the police to visit your party, what time the party is beginning and ending, what type of food (if any) is being served, the person or persons hosting the party, the anticipated number of people in attendance and the exact location of the party.

If you have any questions about National Night Out, please, contact Officer M. Velasquez of the Meadows Place Police Department at 281-983-2900. We want this to be the best National Night Out this city has ever had!

**CITY ORDINANCE/  
CODE ENFORCEMENT**

By Tracey Spiller

With all the rainfall in the last month, the insect and rodent populations have become increasingly active. Remember, it is the responsibility of the property owner to exterminate and to eliminate problem areas where insects such as mosquitoes, fleas and also rats can multiply. Make sure you are spraying your yards, emptying planters or other items that collect water and keeping any items being stored outside (such as lumber) or even storage sheds at least 18 inches off the ground to prevent rodents from using those areas as harborage. And don't forget the pets! Routine bathing and flea preventatives will help control the flea population. If you have questions or need further information on prevention you can e-mail me at: [codeenforcement@cityofmeadowsplace.org](mailto:codeenforcement@cityofmeadowsplace.org).

**CITY CALENDAR**

<b>July 13, 2004</b>	Planning and Zoning <i>City Hall 7:30 pm</i>
<b>July 14, 2004</b>	City Council <i>City Hall 7:30 pm</i>
<b>July 27, 2004</b>	City Council <i>City Hall 7:30 pm</i>

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CITY SECRETARY .....	<b>Elaine Herff</b>

**Did You Know...** we have had very exciting and enthusiastic Council Meetings lately. Your neighbors were especially energetic during the Public Hearing regarding CVS Pharmacy. The CVS representative made a presentation and then answered questions from your Planning and Zoning Commission, the Mayor & Council as well as those in the audience. There were great comments and questions and everyone left feeling better about having participated in decisions regarding the future of Meadows Place. You can too.

**Did You Know...** that a lot of those flags you saw in your neighbors yards were put there as a part of a Boy Scout program. Troop 1115 has a program where they come put a flag in your yard on the appropriate holidays and then remove it that night. It is really a great idea. If you are interested, you can call Tim or Denise Horner at 281-879-1215 for details.

**Did You Know...** Troop 301 has a new Eagle Scout? He is Aaron Amador. Aaron earned 29 merit badges, served as Junior Assistant Scoutmaster and (this is my favorite part) chose to build the BBQ pit in McDonald Park as his Eagle project. Congratulations Aaron.

**Did You Know...** Meadows Elementary Fifth Grade class of 2004 is donating a Crepe Myrtle to be planted in front of the school. This is another great example of community involvement. Thank You 5<sup>th</sup> graders for helping keep our school and community beautiful.

**Did You Know...** the Meadows Place web site has been revised? It not only has a new look but is even easier to move around

in. It has lots of info, an events calendar and is a great way to keep up with what is going on. Check out the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade photos. The address is [www.cityofmeadowsplace.org](http://www.cityofmeadowsplace.org) Let us know if there is something we could do for you.

**Did You Know...** I am glad I'm not having to pick Yard of The Month this year. The Garden Club does that but I don't think Meadows Place has ever looked nicer. I am really impressed with what some of our neighbors have done to beautify their yards – and our city. Thanks folks. Speaking of looking good,

**Did You Know ...** the Meadows Marlins Swim Team looks good this year despite moving up a level. No, make that great. There have been several long standing records that fell this season which has helped them win most of the meets they have been in. They have been really exciting and fun to watch but more importantly the kids are having fun. For parents it is a great way to work and visit with your friends and neighbors. Go Marlins!

**Did You Know ...** that one of our young Meadows Place residents is stepping up on our behalf. Last year, Chris Oltremari was involved in a life saving event and it had an impact on his life. Chris, who is only 17, knew then that he wanted to be involved in Fire and Rescue. He had to get a special waiver but is now a volunteer with the Stafford Fire Department. You know, the ones who look after us! Thanks to Chris and all the MP personnel who help protect us.

Send YOUR news, and ideas to:  
[alderman1@cityofmeadowsplace.org](mailto:alderman1@cityofmeadowsplace.org)



## MEADOWS COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

### PAINT APPROVALS

Reminder: a **MCIA Board member must approve all exterior painting**. Copies of the paint approval book as well as approval forms are available at City Hall. Consider purchasing a small amount of paint prior to submitting your approval request to be certain you are requesting a color you are happy with and a color that has been deemed acceptable. Please attach a swatch of the requested paint with your request and allow a week for your request to be processed. **Painting prior to approval may result in your having to repaint.**

### OVERGROWN TREES AND SHRUBS

If you see an intersection where the view is blocked or hindered by tree limbs and bushes, please contact the city. Also, be considerate of your neighbors and those visiting our City; please try to keep your trees, shrubs and other landscaping trimmed and manicured. Not only does this make for a clean and inviting neighborhood, but it also deters crime and vandalism as the police can more readily patrol for our safety.

### CITY OF MEADOWS PLACE WEBSITE

Be sure to check out the website for City of Meadows Place. [www.cityofmeadowsplace.org](http://www.cityofmeadowsplace.org). Under the tab for Public Information you will find the link for the MCIA. [www.cityofmeadowsplace.org/mcia](http://www.cityofmeadowsplace.org/mcia).

### MCIA BOARD MEETINGS

The MCIA Board meets on the first Thursday of each month. If you have a concern that needs to be brought to the attention of your MCIA Board and would like to be placed on the agenda, please contact one of the board members. All meetings are held at City Hall beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Members:

Mike Schofield 281-575-7471, Steve Court 281-498-4334  
Cathy Jacobson 281-933-8333, Diann Hamilton 281-495-4038  
Sherry Carlson 281-879-1359



The Garden Club is happy to announce that we have secured a new location for our 29th Annual Craft Sale. We are not able to use Meadows Elementary School this year due to construction changes in the gymnasium. The craft sale will be held nearby at St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church on West Bellfort between Dairy Ashford and Eldridge Roads on Saturday, November 13th. There will be ample booth space available for which we hope will be another successful sale of beautiful hand crafted items. Anyone interested in renting a booth, please call Lillian Abbott at 281-495-6039 for further information.

Yard of the Month winners for June are:

Section I	Jerry and Rose Lopez 11402 Scottsdale
Section II	Marti Pattinson 12106 Meadow Valley
Section III	Patsy Jones 12110 Meadow Hollow
Section IVS	Toni and Larry Leggio 12010 Cedar Form
Section IVN	Lee and Linda Halusman-Pels 11723 Cedar Form
Meadowglen III	Mehboob Mithani 12502 Meadowglen

### VEHICLE STICKERS

Meadows Place vehicle stickers are available at City Hall for your vehicles at the cost of \$1.00 each. While the stickers are optional, they do identify your vehicle as belonging in Meadows Place and are an aid to the Police Department. Be sure to bring your vehicle identification number and license plate number when applying for a sticker.

**COMMUNITY CENTER USAGE SIGN-UP**

The Parks and Recreation Department will be taking reservations and assigning new keys to clubs interested in Community Center usage for the upcoming school year (September 2004 – May 2005.)

**YOU MUST CALL TO RESERVE YOUR TIME AND CHANGE OUT YOUR KEYS THE WEEK OF AUGUST 23-27, MONDAY – FRIDAY, BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 9:00 A.M. AND 4:00 P.M. 281-983-2935.**

**POOL / TENNIS ACCESS CARDS**

If your card has not been renewed since April 1, 2003 you must purchase a new card. Cards are available at City Hall.

**BAREFOOT-N-FRIDAYS**

Ages 9 – 14  
Friday nights: July 23 and August 6  
8:30 p.m. till 11:00 p.m.  
Cost is \$5.00 August 6th is a FREE night if you wear your BFF T-shirt  
Local group will sell concessions  
Don't miss out on all the fun, swimming and DJ music  
(Meadows Place Police Officer on duty as always)

**SUMMER KARATE**

Pre-registration is required.  
The beginner black belt program will teach the art, sport, self defense and self-confidence aspect of karate. Techniques in rape prevention, child abduction and overall physical fitness will be stressed.  
Where: Meadows Place Community Center  
Time: 6:30-7:30 p.m. (ages 6-12)  
7:30-8:30 p.m. (all teens and adults)  
Thursdays evenings June 10 – August 19  
Instructor: Rex Mahy  
Fee: \$30.00 (uniform may be purchased through instructor)  
Register early to assure class time.

**GOLF TOURNAMENT**

Monday, September 27th at Sienna Plantation Golf Club  
Shotgun start at 1:00 p.m.  
\$100 per player or \$350 per team

**POOL HOURS**

Mondays – CLOSED  
Tuesday – Saturday 11:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.  
Sunday – 1:00 – 8:00 p.m.  
Holidays – 12:00 noon – 7:00 p.m.  
July 15 opens at 12:00 noon  
August 11 last day pool open regular hours  
August 14, 15, 21, 22, 28, 29 weekends only  
September 4, 5 weekends only  
September 6 holiday hours

**MONDAY MOVIE MADNESS**

The Parks and Recreation Department will be showing movies at the Community Center. Children not yet 5 years old MUST be accompanied by an adult and/or responsible babysitter. Movie titles are posted late Sunday afternoon on the marquee by the front door. Popcorn and drink will be served.

When: July 19, 26  
August 2  
Where: Community Center  
Time: 12:00 noon until movie ends  
Fee: \$1.00

**WATER AEROBICS**

A sixty minute cardiovascular workout in the pool, which also includes stretching, and muscle toning.  
Where: Meadows Place Community Pool  
Session 2 July 6 – July 30 (4 weeks)  
Time: 7 – 8:00 p.m.  
When: Tuesdays & Thursdays  
Instructor: Hollye Ferreria  
Fee: \$40.00 each session (4 weeks)

**SWIM LESSONS**

Swim lessons will be offered by Learn to Swim Program at Meadows Place Community Pool **ALL SWIMMERS MUST BE AT LEAST 4 YEARS OF AGE.** Each session consists of eight thirty minute lessons. Students skills will be assessed the first class and each child will be placed in the appropriate skill level group. Skills vary from first time swimmers to swimming independently in deep water.  
Session 4 July 27 – August 6  
**TUESDAY – FRIDAY**  
11:00 – 11:30 a.m.  
11:45 – 12:15 p.m.  
5:00 – 5:30 p.m.  
5:45 – 6:15 p.m.  
6:30 – 7:00 p.m.  
Fee: \$50.00 (includes activity journey booklet)

**TENNIS**

Tennis classes are offered at the City Tennis Courts by instructors from Fort Bend Tennis Services. Registration forms can be downloaded from the City website at [www.cityofmeadowsplace.org](http://www.cityofmeadowsplace.org) or picked up at City Hall, Monday – Friday 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. Pre-registration is required and payment made payable to City of Meadows Place.  
Session III, July 2 – July 24  
Session IV, July 30 – August 21  
Wed: 6:00-7:15 pm, Junior/Advanced Beginner  
Friday: 5:15 – 6:30 pm, Junior/Advanced Beginner  
Friday: 6:30 – 7:45 pm, Junior/Advanced Beginner  
Once a week program \$43 youth  
Twice a week program \$80

**WEDNESDAY BINGO BASH**

Join the Parks and Recreation Department on Wednesdays for BINGO. Fun for everyone who attends. Prizes for all winners.  
When: July 28  
August 4  
Where: Community Center  
Time: 11:00 -12:30 p.m.  
Fee: \$3.00 (ages 5 and up)



## MEADOWS PLACE 4TH OF JULY PARADE 2004

The 4th of July Parade has become a fun tradition in the City of Meadows Place. Each year the event offers residents an opportunity to celebrate our Nation's birthday, and this year was no exception. The usual patriotic colors of red, white, and blue blossomed throughout the City as residents displayed their pride for our Country.

Starting at the old Garden Ridge site, the parade route took the floats and participants down Dorrance to Mulholland, over to Brighton, and ended at Meadows Place Community Park. Along the way, the streets were lined with people of all ages cheering, celebrating, and waving American flags. Parade participants rewarded spectators with showers of confetti and candy, and sprayed them with silly string and bubbles. To help keep things cool, one float handed out frozen ice pops, while many others were armed with water guns.

The Parade also honored the men and women in uniform who help keep our country free. In keeping with that spirit, the Grand Marshal for the parade was U.S. Air Force Staff Sergeant Joel Klasen, who was accompanied by World War II Marine Corps veteran and Purple Heart recipient Bob Klasen.

The parade was made up of members from all parts of our community. In addition to riding in the parade, our own Police Department provided traffic control and kept everybody safe. Of course it would not have been a parade without a fire engine or two, and the Stafford Fire Department was happy to provide just that. The children's bike brigade was another favorite, which was made of many Meadows Place residents riding their decorated bikes. Other floats included the Boy Scouts Troop 301, Cub Scouts Pack 301, Meadows Marlins Swim Team, the Out Kast baseball team, and the City lifeguards, as well as many commercial floats, resident entries, and block floats.

The entire parade route was lined with American flags thanks to all the members of Boy Scout Troop 301. These fine young men complete this service every year for the parade.

A special attraction of the Meadows Place 4th of July Parade was the fly over of a U.S. Army Apache Helicopter, which landed at the park at the end of the parade. Parade goers had an opportunity to get up close to the powerful fighting machine and visit with the pilots. This is always a big draw for children and adults alike.

It is with great pride that City of Meadows Place residents can share the fellowship of some very special neighbors. Former Meadows Place residents for 20+ years, Bob, Jean and Amanda Stolling and new residents, Scott Nicholas and his wife Jennifer Stolling Nicholas were the family behind the awesome AH-64 Fly-Over and static display during and after the parade. Bob (pilot) and (co-pilot) Scott have always honored our community with such professionalism and kindness in sharing their talents. We are all Meadows Place Proud of these two fine family men who recently returned from a long assignment in Bosnia. We are proud of all our armed forces. It is a special privilege to have our own hometown servicemen bring back to us such awesome displays to instill special feelings of patriotism and pride for the USA. Again, we all salute and thank you Bob and Scott for what you have shared with our City.

Thanks to all who helped make the parade a great success, and special thanks to Parks Department co-directors Terry Modeland and Monya Keenen who always work very hard on all City events. City of Meadows Place Public Works Crew along with City Hall Ladies all volunteered and were a big part of the successful parade. Thanks to them all.

Winners of this year's parade entries are as follows:

### Non Motorized

- 4 and under - Ellie Doina age 4
- 5 & 6 - Andy Real Pozo, age 5
- 7 & 8 - Katherine Cummings, age 7
- 9 & 10 - Justin Porter age 9
- 11 & 12 - CJ Emay, age 11
- Ages 13 & up - Lee Harvill age 74

### Youth Group/Individual

- 1st Place, Meadows Place Lifeguard Float
- 2nd Place, Meadows Marlins Swim Team

### Commercial

- 1st Place, Marti Pattinson/ReMax Fine Properties
- 2nd Place, Anita Milne, ReMax Southwest

### Block Floats

- 1st Place, Ann Moles Block
- 2nd Place, Kay Ewing

All entries were presented with patriotic sweat bands. 1st place trophies were awarded in all categories and 2nd place trophies were awarded in each motorized category.



1st Place Commercial Float Entry  
Marti Pattison, ReMax Fine Properties



1st Place Youth Group/Individual  
Meadows Place Lifeguard Float  
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2nd Place Youth Group/Individual  
Meadows Marlins Swim Team

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On Tuesday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>, neighborhoods throughout our nation are being invited to join forces with thousands of communities nationwide for the "21st Annual national Night Out" (NNO) crime and drug prevention event. National Night Out, which is sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch (NATW) and co-sponsored locally by **MartiP.com / RE/MAX Fine Properties**, will involve over 9,700 communities from all 50 states, U.S. Territories, Canadian cities and military bases around the world. In all, over 33 million people are expected to participate in "America's Night Out Against Crime" on August 3<sup>rd</sup>. NNO 2004 is being supported in part by the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance. National Night Out is designed to (1) Heighten crime and drug prevention awareness; (2) Generate support for, and participation in, local anticrime efforts; (3) Strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships; and (4) Send a message to criminals letting them know neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

From 6 to 9 pm. On August 3<sup>rd</sup>, residents in neighborhoods throughout Fort Bend County and across the nations, are asked to lock their doors, turn on outside lights and spend the evening outside with neighbors and police. You might even win a Door Prize!



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September 24 & 25, 2004  
November 26 & 27, 2004

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Tournament Shirt & Towel

Sleeve of Balls

Team Prizes

Door Prizes

Putting Contest

Longest Drive Competition

Closest to the Pin Competition

Hole-in-One Vacation Prizes

(including a trip for 2 to the Masters, a trip for 2 to the Grand Lakefront Okanagan Canadian Resort, a trip for 2 to the PGA Village, and a trip for 2 to Las Vegas)

Silent Auction

Dinner at the Club House is included and will be served immediately following the tournament.

Date: September 27, 2004

## Tournament Schedule

Registration/Check-In 11:00 AM

Shotgun Start 1:00 PM

**Four Man Scramble**

**Cost Per Player:**

\$100 or \$350 per team

(after September 15th, cost is \$110/\$440)

Awards & Dinner will be served immediately following the tournament (approximately 6:30 PM)

Additional Dinner Guest Cost: \$20.00

### COMMUNITY CENTER RENTAL

Building capacity 165

Tables and chairs to accommodate your party

Food and no alcohol .....\$150.00

Food and alcohol.....\$250.00

Non-residents add.....\$50.00

### COMMUNITY POOL RENTAL

Maximum time allowed is 3 hrs. ....\$300.00

Available for rental May 22- September 6, 2004

### COMMUNITY CENTER/POOL COMBO

Rent both and receive a discount of \$50.00

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TO SCHEDULE YOUR EVENT

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