

MEADOWLAKES POA NEWSLETTER

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NEWS FROM YOUR PRESIDENT **David Baker**

Let's Volunteer!

Our beautiful city of Meadowlakes would not be what it is without the efforts of hundreds of its citizens over the past thirty years-its volunteers.

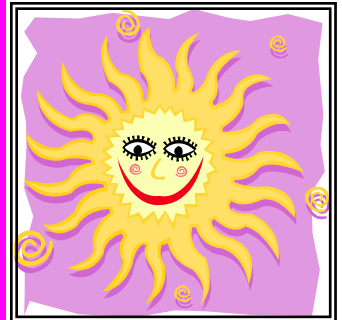
Webster's defines a volunteer as a 'person who freely takes part in an enterprise or undertakes a task'. Volunteers are what allows cities, school districts, and scores of charitable organizations, not only in our Highland Lakes area, but around the state and the country to be able to function and serve all of us in one way or another.

Why volunteer? Let me note just three, of the

many, many reasons why volunteering is a good thing to do. Number one, by volunteering we help other people. And wouldn't we all say that helping other people is a very valuable characteristic of any man, woman, or child? Secondly, contributing your time, energies, and knowledge to any endeavor is extremely rewarding personally. It makes you feel good knowing that you had a part in 'building' something, whether it was an actual physical building or object or if it was a committee structure, a set of ordinances, or organizing a parade. Thirdly, volunteering is fun. You get to meet new people and work

with them toward a common goal. We are aware that we truly get to know a person and become friends by working beside them and accomplishing a task in which all can take pride.

I say all this about volunteering in order to encourage YOU to get involved in your community of Meadowlakes. Our city and your POA has many committees, as well as, of course, the governing boards. Our city elections are upcoming and candidacies have been declared, but there are opportunities year-round. Look for them, please, and get involved. You'll be glad you did!



SUMMER FUN

MEMORIAL DAY PICNIC **Jerrial Wafer**



The POA will again be hosting a Memorial Day Picnic. It will be held Monday, May 26, 2014. This year we will be trying to do something a little different. The event will start at the Hidden Falls Golf Club with a ceremony honoring our veterans followed by the traditional picnic. There

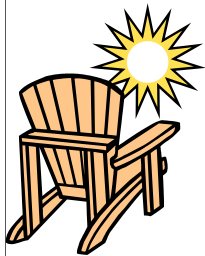
will be a golf tournament following as well as swimming for the youngsters. We are hoping to make this a family event in hopes of increasing the community's participation. Detailed information will follow, so watch the bulletin board and City Newsletter.



A WORD FROM MAYOR DON WILLIAMS

Hello Neighbors,

If you keep track of our fair little city, you know that the May election will bring in a new mayor and two new city council members. Mary Ann Raesener will take the reins as mayor. I want to thank all the council members who served with me this past four years. It has been an honor to serve the citizens of Meadowlakes, and for the most part, a pleasure. When I took office we were starting a new era in our local government.



We voted to have a city manager form of governance. Johnnie Thompson was appointed by the council to that position. I have been fortunate to have Johnnie guide me through some of the finer point of

city management. I especially want to recognize our city and my personal secretary, Stephanie Littleton. She has listened patiently to my stories, rants, gripes, and wild ideas. Stephanie will be leaving for the beaches of California soon, and the city offices and our city will be worse for it.

Lastly, I want to encourage all our residents to become involved in your city government. Your neighbors who fatefully serve on your city council need both your support and input. Again, it has been an honor to serve and good luck to Mary Ann and the incoming council.

Don Williams
Mayor

SECURITY GATE by Len Fate

The residence in front of the Guard House had old tires, lawn chairs, window screens, lumber, and numerous other unsightly articles piled beside his home. I have had many complaints about this. I was there measuring the distance for a 6' wood fence and telling the guard what I was doing. He told me

that he knew them. He called them and asked if they would move these things and they did. I will stop by and thank them.

The gate is very busy. The decal applications are flowing in like last year, averaging over one per day,

The City is doing a good job keeping the grounds and shrubs in

nice shape, as well as making repairs to the guard shack as we need them.



WELCOME SUMMER.

ANIMAL CONTROL

by Robbie Galaway

Animal Control Report Meadowlakes, Texas

March, 2014

Three calls were for dogs running loose



- ✦ One call was from a resident who had a dead bat on her front porch. It was removed from the city
- ✦ A deputy patrolman picked up a loose dog and returned it to the owner
- ✦ A resident picked up a loose dog and placed it in his back yard. I contacted the resident and he went by and retrieved his dog
- ✦ Golf course reported a loose Chihuahua dog on the golf course. The dog was gone when I arrived
- ✦ A resident reported a sick skunk in his back yard. A city employee retrieved the skunk and delivered it to the vet office for testing. Result was negative for rabies
- ✦ One report of a lady having squirrel problems and her trap was not working properly. I will loan her a city trap

REAL ESTATE CORNER

Due to the increase in sales and rentals in the village, our real estate representatives have been too busy to prepare a report this quarter. The good news of the increased activity will be reported next quarter.



MEET YOUR NEIGHBORS

Five new families have moved into the city this quarter. We welcome them to the neighborhood and hope they will love their new home as much as the old timers do.

Gene and Gail Gruber have moved into 138 Dove Lane. They are from Roswell, New Mexico. Gene is a retired attorney and judge. Gail is a retired educator. Gene enjoys golfing, fly fishing, and riding his motorcycle. Gail quilts and is a member of PEO sisterhood.

Manuel and Ronda Gomez are moving to our community from Houston, Texas. They are renting 240 Carnoustie. Manuel is a concept artist that works for a video game company in Austin. He works from home 4 days a week and goes into Austin one day. Ronda stays at home with their daughters who are 10, 6, and 3 along with a brand new baby boy who is 3 months old. Ronda is a home school teacher. The family enjoys being out in nature, going to church and church events. They are frequent visitors to the library to get and read new books. Their outings also include movies and museum visits.

Mike and Tricia Hastings will be living at 104 Preston Trail. They have moved from Buda, Texas. They have been married 24 years. They are parents of one son and grandparents. Tricia works as a due diligence manager for a construction company. Mike has been a fishing guide since 1993. He is starting a second career as an independent insurance claims adjuster. Tricia is a gifted musician who enjoys playing the piano and singing. She also enjoys cake decorating, card making and games. Mike, of course, loves fishing. He also likes sports, home renovation, and games.

350 San Saba has a new owner in Janice Martin. She moved from Ridgmont Village. The reason she bought and has chosen to live in Meadowlakes is so her elderly father can live with her. She has lived in the area since early 1993 when her then-husband and her designed and built a home in Horseshoe Bay. They moved there from Austin's Rollingwood. Janice is deeply dedicated to the Hill Country Humane Society which owns and operated the Christ-Yoder Animal Shelter/Adoption Center. It opened in 2000, the year she became a volunteer. Her jobs there include being a Board of Directors' member, board secretary, membership secretary, and animal socialize. Her mantra is "Spay/neuter your pet. Avoid unwanted animals."

Mark and Robin Newman have purchased 146 Turkey Run. They are still living in New Tripoli, Pennsylvania for another 5 years. They have 2085 days until retirement, but who's counting. In the interim they will be renting out the home on Turkey Run. Mark was originally from Waco, Texas. He joined the US Navy in 1974 where he retired in 1998. He began his second career working for a microelectronics firm developing fiber optic communications amplifiers. He then started a third career working for an industrial gas company in 2007. Mark and Robin were married in 2005. Robin is originally from New Jersey. She has been in the commercial insurance industry for most of her adult life. They are both looking forward to moving to the Meadowlakes area once they wrap up their careers in the Northeast. They are anxious to meet as many residents as they can. Their interests include travel, gardening, hiking, and exercise.