



June / July 2014

Upcoming events:

Meeting July 10th, 6:30P

National Night Out Oct 7th, 2014

Hello all,

We need to know who will host a NNO cookout at their home or yard.

Please let us know by email: secretary@meadowcreekvillage.org or by phone: call Suzanne: 713-890-2356.

If you still have a Neighbors Night Out sign from a previous sponsorship. Please return it at the next meeting or leave a message at **713.944.4607**. Together we will arrange the return of the sign. The return won't be necessary if your sponsoring the event again this year at your home.

Last year's National Night Out campaign involved citizens, law enforcement agencies, civic groups, businesses, neighborhood organizations and local officials from 16, 124 communities for all 50 state, U.S. territories, Canadian cities and military bases worldwide. In all, 37.8 million people participated in NNO 2013.



Civic Club Meeting for June 12th

POTLUCK Dinner for all, NEW TIME: 6:30P – 7:30P

Meadowcreek Village Community Center

Hello all,

Everyone is welcome: Please join us for our Summer Potluck Dinner. This is a meet, greet and eat event. We will provide sandwiches from Joe's Deli and drinks including: iced tea, lemonade and water. Bring a dish to share. If you have any questions or you don't know what to bring, contact President Suzanne at: president@meadowcreekvillage.org or call 713-890-2356.

Update on street repairs to address flooding: Street repairs began in December 2013 to alleviate flooding in Meadowcreek. The Civic Club received the following message:

ReBuild Houston Project Underway in District E *Local Drainage Project at Crooked Creek*

The Local Drainage Project at the 5400 block of Crooked Creek will provide improvements to address localized storm water drainage issues in the area. This approximately \$86,955 project, which runs along Crooked Creek at Timbercreek, 77017, began in May 2014 and is anticipated to be complete by July 2014.

A Local Drainage Project is a small scale project that strives to optimize the existing drainage system with repairs and enhancements. This may include the repair, removal and/or replacement of storm sewers, manholes, and inlets; as well as roadway pavement, curbs, sidewalks and access ramps.

The ReBuild Houston Initiative is the City of Houston's voter approved pay-as-you-go plan to rebuild drainage and street infrastructure. Its goal is to improve quality of life and mobility for residents through the reconstruction and proper maintenance of drainage and street improvements. The Local Drainage Project at the 5400 block of Crooked Creek is an active example of ReBuild Houston at work to better serve you.

For questions email: pwecip@houstontx.gov or call 832-395-2090. To learn more about ReBuild Houston, visit: www.rebuildhouston.org.



We need some help:

If you are skilled in carpentry and have your own tools, Meadowcreek Village Civic club needs to move and replace the entry signs. If can donate your skills we will supply the design and the materials. Please contact **Mark Clemmons** via email at treasurer@meadowcreekvillage.org or telephone **713.944.4607**.



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We welcome your comments, suggestions, and story submittals. We can be reached through the E-mail or postal address shown above. For advertising information, please visit our web site or write to us.

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Become a Member!

Through the years, the Civic Club has been responsible for many services and improvements to the community including deed restriction enforcement, enhanced neighborhood security, public landscaping, graffiti removal, neighborhood clean-ups, park equipment and improvements, additional street lights, children's programs, books for the Park Place library, equipment for HPD's Eastside Division, and much more.

Membership in the Civic Club helps support these programs and allows Meadowcreek Village to remain one of the safest, cleanest, and most pleasant neighborhoods in Houston. Membership is open to any Meadowcreek Village resident. Annual household dues are as low as \$50. If you are not already a member, please join.

The Official Membership year is from October to September, however you may become a member at what ever time works best for you! You may even do it through *PayPal*TM located on our website: www.meadowcreekvillage.org or send check to address (top left). Address to: "Attn: Membership."

All members will get Meadowcreek Village Decal and if you refer a neighbor you will get a T-Shirt!

We have been making great strides in improving the neighborhood and we could do much more with your help!

Be Informed. Get Involved. Make a Difference!



Have you recently had a new neighbor move in next door or down the block? Let us know! We would like to send them a welcoming note on behalf of the neighborhood! Please write to: news@meadowcreekvillage.org

One of our members, David Pena, started a project of reporting missing street lights, street light outages and street light repair needs. He has been very successful in getting Centerpoint Energy to respond to his requests. You may call Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. to report street light concerns **1(800) 332-7143**; choose a language; then press 5. Before you call have the nearest street address and the 6 digit light pole number. You could e-mail them using this address:

<http://cnp.centerpointenergy.com/outage> . Just follow the online instructions and they will send you a confirmation .

You can make the night a little brighter.



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Useful Contacts:
HPD non-emergency: 713-884-3131
HPD Eastside Dispatch 713-928-4600 (press '0' then '#' to connect to dispatch)
HISD Police: 713-892-7777
Constable Pct. 2 Dispatch: 713-477-2766
HPD Emergency: 9-1-1
City General Concerns (lights, streets, animals): 3-1-1

HPD's Neighbor NextDoor website: www.nextdoor.com

Nextdoor is a free social network for residents and the police department. Although still in its pilot stage, it has 400 neighborhoods already participating in **Nextdoor**. HPD will use the tool to strengthen neighbor-to-neighbor communications and will share important news, information on services and programs, and provide notification to neighborhoods signed up on the platform.

Each Houston neighborhood has the option of its own private **Nextdoor** neighborhood website, accessible only to residents of that neighborhood. Residents can use their website to get to know their neighbors, ask questions and exchange information about neighborhood watch and safety issues, and much more.



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Remember Meadowcreek Village has a Facebook site: search for "**Meadowcreek Village.**"

This Facebook site now has 296 members.

GOT GROCERIES? (ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT)

Decisions, decisions...Do I go to Kroger or HEB for groceries? This question has been in the minds of Meadowcreek Village residents since 2009 when the local Kroger store on Richey was closed that winter. You may have noticed that the neighborhood is undergoing a revitalization from new trees at the park to new street resurfacing. The Civic Club has been very active in interacting with our elected officials to bring about economic development to Meadowcreek Village as the up-and-coming neighborhood in 2013 according to *Swampplot*. However, we need YOUR help! With Hobby Airport becoming an international airport, the major thoroughfares in our area may experience a new boom and perhaps we may get new neighbors as well.

Many of you have voiced your concern to the Civic Club on bringing back Kroger or another high-end grocery store that provides a greater variety of products and the organic products Meadowcreek Village residents were accustomed to purchasing at the Richey location. Well, we have good news. The City of Houston wants to hear from YOU. It has taken interest in our request for a new grocery store and economic development for our neighborhood that would improve the quality of life in Meadowcreek Village. On page 4, is a format letter that you may submit to the Mayor's Office and our District E Council Member Dave Martin. Simply type and submit your letter via email to the appropriate contact.

(SAMPLE LETTER)

Full Name

Full Address

Phone Number & Email Address

Date

RE: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – High-End Grocery Store for Meadowcreek Village in District E

Ms. Gwendolyn “Gwen” Tillotson

Email: gwendolyn.tillotson@houstontx.gov

Dear Ms. Tillotson,

Please accept this letter as a formal request to assist Meadowcreek Village, its residents and Civic Club in bringing back a high-end grocery store. In 2009, we lost Kroger that was located on Richey Street. Since then, residents seeking organic products have to travel to Pasadena for the nearest Kroger and/or inside the 610-Loop in search of these items. We currently have a “Foodorama” (in District I), a “Food Town” (in Pasadena) and a “Bravo Ranch” (where the Kroger once existed) as “options” for grocery shopping. However, these stores lack a variety of products from produce to home-based goods that are either organic, eco-friendly or good quality.

Meadowcreek Village won the Swamplot Award for Houston’s Best Neighborhood in 2012 and was recently showcased by Swamplot in 2013 for being an “up-and-coming neighborhood with an active civic club.” It is safe to assume that Meadowcreek Village will be recognized again in 2014. We anticipate more traffic coming to our area with our proximity to Hobby Airport and Hobby’s conversion to an international airport.

Please directly contact the Meadowcreek Village Civic Club on how you can assist Meadowcreek Village accomplish its goal of having a high-end grocery store again and how the neighborhood can attract good businesses that would help improve the quality of life. Please confirm receipt of this letter. I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,

Full Name

CC:

VIA EMAIL

Council Member Dave Martin: districte@houstontx.gov

Allie Smart, Council Member Dave Martin’s Office: allie.smart@houstontx.gov



Congratulations to the Braughton Family at 2418 Forest Oaks. The recent landscaping effort lends a pleasing curb appeal.



The Meadowcreek Village Civic Club is again ramping up the "Yard of the Month" award. The months of the this award will be during April, May, June, July & possibly August. Anyone can nominate a neighbor. You can email: beautification@meadowcreekvillage.org or call Suzanne at 713-890-2356. We got a late start this year so we may extend the months to August. The winner will receive a \$25 gift card from Lowe's or Home Depot.

The heat of summer is among us! and true to their word "Trees for Houston" has been watering the trees they planted at the park at least once a week. Houston Parks and Recreations have also been watering the trees around the playground!

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So how much water does a tree need anyway? A good soaking at least once a week and how many gallons of water is "a good soaking"? Trees need water to reach the roots, typically within the 6-12 inches of depth.

A good test of this is to try sticking a screwdriver into the ground. If it will penetrate 6 inches deep the trees are probably getting enough water. If it does not, then keep watering.

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