

December 2014



Civic Club Christmas Holiday Party December 11 Earlier Time: 6:00P – 7:45P Meadowcreek Village Community Center Meadowcreek Village residents and their guests are invited. The civic club will provide the main dish, drinks (water & coffee) and ice. Please: Bring your favorite food dish to share.

As of this writing, 11/30 Meadowcreek Village Civic Club has 112 household members.

Thank you, for your support.

Seasons Greetings to all of Meadowcreek Village Residents!

As of "press-time" our Beautification Chair - Jose Rocha is busy building MVCC's first ever "Holiday Lighted Parade" float that will have taken place Sat, Dec. 6 on Fairmont Pkwy, in Pasadena. With your support we have accomplished much this year including the Arbor Day tree planting and helping with the after school program.

Thank you for making Meadowcreek Village a great place to live !!

-Meadowcreek Village Executive Committee

Deed Restriction News: The house at the SE. corner of Sieber and Laurel Creek, 2103 Sieber, has been an eyesore ever since it was severely damaged by fire over a year ago. At first glance, the neighborhood citizens were relieved when a contractor started to refurbish the property with the idea of "flipping" (reselling for a profit) the house, only to be disappointed when the work stopped and the contractor's presence was replaced with posted permit violations. Everything came to a standstill.

The Meadow Creek Civic Association has been aware of the situation and a visit was paid to the site, when construction began, to check up on the work permits which were produced immediately and were in order. The owner professed to having put eighty thousand dollars into the project and indicated the property was for sale. Work stopped again, the contractor vanished, and his phone is disconnected. The best way to get the city to act on this is for Meadow Creek residents to call, toll free, "311," and make a complaint with the City of Houston. When you call, write down the case number that you will be given and post it to Meadowcreek.org or Facebook. The more complaints placed with that reference number, the faster the city will take action to see the property construction completed.

Do you know what PIP is? Well, **PIP** stands for **Positive Interaction Program.** The Houston Police Department established its Community Service Division in the 1970s. The purpose of the **PIP** is to educate the citizens of Houston on how their police department functions. Once a citizen understands how the police department performs its job, that citizen can better relay to the police department their neighborhood needs.

The **Positive Interaction Program** holds monthly **PIP** meetings featuring speakers from different divisions (Burglary and Theft, Homicide, K-9, Helicopters, etc.) explaining how their division operates. Occasionally a speaker from some other group or the City of Houston will present. The Eastside Patrol Station responsible for our community and is the location for our area's PIP meeting is located at 7525 Sherman St, Houston, TX 77012.

Captain Dobbins took command of this station earlier this year and is always in attendance at the monthly **PIP** meetings along with several other police officers.

You'll be happy to know a representative from Meadowcreek Village is in regular attendance; however, **PIP** meetings are open to everyone. Anyone interested in attending a **PIP** meeting is encouraged to attend. PIP meetings are held at the 7525 Sherman St at 6:30 PM the third Monday of every month except for November and December. November's PIP meeting is a Pot-luck/social allowing attendees to get to know one another. There is no December meeting held due to the Holidays.



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Our local realtor tells me there is a lot of activity in our area!! Remember when selling your home: the formula is PRICE, MARKET AND CONDITION. We are in a great market in Houston now and Meadowcreek Village home sales have improved in November 2014. In the month of November, 4 homes closed and we have 5 under contract to close and 7 actively "For Sale." The Average Price per Square Foot has increased to \$77.57. (Remember the price per square foot is adjusted based on the size of your home and condition).

NEW LISTINGS IN NOVEMBER:

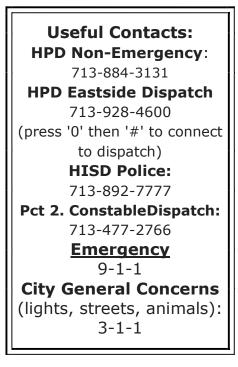
5454 S Shady Creek 1520 SO FT \$79,900 5207 Coral Creek 2,333 SQ FT \$169,900 **UNDER CONTRACT:** 1815 Mosa Creek 4,654 SQ FT \$350,000 OPTION PENDING 5311 Laurel Creek Way 2,614 SQ FT \$187,500 PENDING CONTINUE TO SHOW 1,432 SO FT \$96,900 PENDING 2210 Linden Creek 5730 Turtle Creek 1,402 SO FT \$99,300 PENDING 5442 Apple Creek 1,787 SQ FT \$134,900 PENDING **CLOSED (SOLD):** Days on Market for homes priced right and in good condition are selling fast: 7, 14, 18 and 102. 1,085 SQ FT \$79,800 11/07/2014 2106 Spring Creek 5510 Whispering Creek 1,820 SQ FT \$134,750 11/03/2014 2010 Sieber 1,540 SQ FT \$144,900 11/13/2014 1823 Mosa Creek 2,550 SQ FT \$179,000 11/18/2014







November Yard of the Month: Congratulations to Henry and Mary Johnson (and their beloved dog Jack) of 2004 Forest Oaks Drive. Even in the middle of Fall their beautiful and classic landscaping looks great year round! Bird of Paradise, plumerias, azaleas, crepe myrtles and fox tail ferns nestled under great big oak and pine trees along with a stunning bald cypress it truly is a gem.



Street light Repair

800-332-7143; choose a language; then press 5. Before you call have the Nearest street address & 6 digit light pole number.



Remember Meadowcreek Village has a Facebook site: search for

"Meadowcreek Village." This site now has 422 **505** members as of 11/30. One of our members, Gabby Gutierrez, is involved with Parental Advisory Committee (PAC). Here are some Updates from **PAC** meeting held on November 5, 2014: **Patterson Literature Magnet** is greatly involved in constantly striving to increase student academic achievement. One of their efforts is through their **Parental Advisory Committee (PAC)**. This PAC program is intended to empower parents and schools to form partnerships and to provide resources that will help improve the involvement of families all to increase student academic achievement.

The Fall Festival, which took place on Oct. 29th was a huge success, bringing over 500 families to partake in the activities hosted by each grade level. The funds collected will support the school's various programs, will help with the cost of field trips and the transportation for field trips. Mr. Gonzalez expressed gratitude for the support and participation.

Reading and Math tutors are being hired to help provide extra academic help to students, during the day and after school, Monday thru Friday.

Magnet Programming: The school is currently taking applications for Magnet students. If a student is zoned to a school other than Patterson Literature Magnet school, and the parent would like for the student to attend Patterson as a Magnet transfer student, the parent must fill out a Magnet application. Please call the school for more information

Gifted and Talented: Testing to determine Gifted and Talented students took place on November 18, 2014, for students in grades Kindergarten and 5th. Teachers, staff members and parents can recommend a student for Gifted and Talented testing in grades 1st-4th, if they feel a student has a strength in a given area.

Cooking Program: Mr. Gonzalez is working on having a cooking program brought to the school for the Spring semester. This program will take place after school. The program is intended to teach kids about nutrition, the importance of it and how to prepare healthy and delicious snacks and meals. More information to come.

UIL Competitions: (University Interscholastic League) Patterson is working hard at providing opportunities for its students that exhibit a strong talent in competing academically. Academic competitions in spelling, story telling, oral reading, and mathematics will start to take place. Students with academic strengths in theses areas will compete with students from other schools within the district.

Dual Language Program: The community has been successful in expressing an interest in bringing the Dual Language program to Patterson Elementary. Houston ISD currently has 14 elementary schools implementing the program on their campuses. Principal Gonzalez, has attended meetings at the district level in order to gain information about the positive impact the program can have on the students, staff and community. The principal is working with others to possibly bring the program to Patterson Elem for the 2015-2016 school year. Dual language is a form of education in which students are taught literacy and content in two languages. These programs aim for bilingualism (the ability to speak fluently in two languages) and biliteracy (the ability to read and write in two languages). There will be an informational meeting coming soon. We will keep you updated on the date this will take place.





P. O. Box 87606 Houston, Texas 77287 Coming together is a beginning... Keeping together is progress... Working together is success!

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Save the Dates!

December 2014

- Dec 1 Heavy Trash, Junk Waste North of Allendale
- Dec 8 Heavy Trash, Junk Waste South of Allendale
- Dec 11 Civic Club Holiday Party: Community Center, 6:00pm (Note earlier time).
- Dec 17 First night of Hanukkah
- Dec 24 Christmas Eve, 8th Night of Hanukkah (City of Houston Holiday) Dec 25 Christmas Day (City of Houston Holiday)
- Dec 8 & 22 Recycling Green Bins
- Dec 31 New Year's Eve

January 2015

- Jan 1 Happy New Year!!
- Jan 5 Tuesday, Tree Waste Pickup North of Allendale
- Jan 8 Civic Club Meeting: Community Center, 6:30pm.
- Jan 12 Tuesday, Tree Waste Pickup South of Allendale
- Jan 19 Martin Luther King Day (City of Houston Holiday, Trash Pickup Tuesday)
- Jan 5, 20 Recycling Green Bins

February 2015

Feb 2 - Heavy Trash, Junk Waste North of Allendale Feb 9 - Heavy Trash, Junk Waste South of Allendale Feb 12 - Civic Club Meeting: Community Center, 6:30pm. Feb 2 & 16 - Recycling Green Bins