



June / July 2015

**Civic Club POTLUCK Dinner for all,  
June 11<sup>th</sup> 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.



As of this writing,  
June 8th  
Meadowcreek  
Village Civic Club  
has 156 household  
members.  
Thank you, for  
your support.

June 1, 2015

A bitter sweet moment, the beloved pavilion was knocked down today to make space for the new and improved version of itself to be built within the next year. It stood for 60+ years and has been an icon to our neighborhood

Back in February of this year after a big push from the community and relayed by the Civic Club leaders we learned that we are getting a new pavilion in the style and architecture that preserves the current design! "Modern technology that respects its history.." ~ Mike Mauer, Senior Principal M2L Associates, design company hired.

At this February meeting we were quoted roughly a 13 month timeline for the construction of the new pavilion. If that holds true (which I bet it will not...) that would bring the finish date in March of 2016. Construction to start in October this year.



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Meadowcreek Village is fortunate enough to have a weather station located within the neighborhood on the **Forest Oaks bridge**. With all the recent rain I thought it would be interesting to compare it to our biggest rainfall event, Tropical Storm Allison! TS Allison dumped 21 inches of water in 5 days! About 12.5 inches were dropped in a 24 hour period. The recent torrential rain from the evening of May 25th to morning of May 26th was 6.68 inches (a 12 hour period). Although the water level in Berry Creek got high it was not anywhere near its capacity. There was some street flooding. It has been known that during TS Allison the water never came over the banks. So, as it stands, Berry Creek has yet to see it's limits: knock on wood!

"I saw the funniest thing.. A grown man skating down Turtle Creek near Meadowcreek, being towed by a large dog," Says Ken Reed, a longtime resident of Meadowcreek Village. That man is **Mauricio Torres**. He and his wife **Tammie Ho** are the owners of **Troublemaker's Pet Sitting** which provides a variety of services for your four-legged loved one including dog walking!



**Mauricio Torres** states: "The most common issue people have with their pet is separation anxiety. Here are some tips to avoid crying, barking, chewing and total destruction of your house!"

The most effective method is a good walk before work. This may be difficult for some because of our busy schedule but a good walk goes a long way. It burns off energy and distracts the mind.

You could then reward your pet using treats, their food (entire meal or a few kibbles); a Kong stuffed with treats or peanut butter (try freezing peanut butter in a Kong to keep them busy. (Kong toys can be found at your local pet stores). However, remember to reward them after they have gone into their designated area to get into a routine.

Most anxiety is triggered by the tone of your voice. Upon departure, separation anxiety could go from bad to worse due to the fact that we excite our dogs by saying, "I'll be back, you be a good boy," usually in a high pitch voice. The best thing you can do is to just walk out the door as if your 4-legged friend wasn't there.

Remember, a walk is very important for a well behaved dog. Oftentimes, your dog may just be bored. It is always important to keep him busy. In case your schedule is too hectic, you can always count on us at Troublemaker's Pet Sitting. The best part about us is that we are located right here in the neighborhood. If you need more tips and/or advice on your furry friend needs, please feel free to contact us. We would be more than happy to help." <http://www.tmpets.com/> 713-478-9234, Mauricio or 713-478-7276, Tammie

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 713-892-7777  
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 713-477-2766  
**Emergency**  
 9-1-1  
**City General Concerns**  
 (lights, streets, animals):  
 3-1-1

**Yard of the Month June 2015 – Jose Rocha Beautification Chair**

We live in a great neighborhood where so many styles of landscaping exist and I love it! Introducing the Meadowcreek Village Texas House! Vance and Olga bought there home in 2000. "My wife is the designer and I build it!" This Texas themed landscaping has been an ongoing transformation. Vance built the porch himself and has done all the labor from his wife's visions! They have lost many trees during Hurricane Ike and the drought from a few years back but have made it important to replant many more!

They have 6 children, proud parents of Texas A & M University (whoop!!) and UTMB graduates. They also were very proud to say that one of their sons is a US Marine! (OOoorah!)

The landscaping is low maintenance with the majority of plants being Texas Native or drought tolerant and/or low water consumption, they also make effort to salvage rainwater in bins and barrels which were incorporated into the decor.

Congratulation Vance and Olga on Yard of the Month for **June 2015!!** You are an inspiration to us all! 5478 S. Crooked Creek

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Remember Meadowcreek Village has a Facebook site: search for **"Meadowcreek Village."** This site now has ~~573~~ **653** members as of 6/4.



## Yard of the Month May 2015

It is my great honor to announce this month's "Yard of the Month" for May 2015. The award goes to the well deserving Blairs of 2406 Sieber Dr. CM Blair and his wife built their home in 1960 and have been residents of Meadowcreek Village ever since. Mr. Blair retired in 1990 and enjoys gardening, his love for it shows in every detail of his beautiful mature landscaping. He does all his own maintenance on his Asian inspired garden complete with pagoda sculptures, bonsai pruned and sculpted pine and his very own private koi pond filled with beautiful fish including some very exotic striped ones imported from Hawaii. Congratulations Mr. C Blair.

### **ACTIVE LISTINGS: SQ FT LIST PRICE \$ SQ FT SOLD PRICE**

5755 Berry Creek Dr	1098	\$98,500	\$89.71	
5111 Coral Creek Dr	2357	\$178,900	\$75.90	
5307 Laurel Creek Way	2178	\$128,000	\$58.77	
5207 Coral Creek Dr	2333	\$179,900	\$77.11	
5302 Berry Creek Drive	2161	\$165,000	\$76.35	
2107 Walnut Creek	2246	\$195,000	\$86.82	

### **PENDING:**

5606 Winding Creek Way	2005	\$187,500	\$93.52	
2124 Straight Creek	1260	\$52,500	\$41.67	

### **SOLD:**

5616 S. Allendale Rd	1200	\$110,000	\$83.33	\$100,000
5755 Turtle Creek Rd	1084	\$120,000	\$110.70	\$120,000
2123 Spring Creek Lane	1220	\$127,000	\$100.00	\$122,000
5430 Whispering Creek Way	1902	\$138,500	\$72.82	\$138,500
2103 Sieber Drive	2427	\$184,900	\$73.34	\$178,000

Meadowcreek Village Real Estate items of interest:

1. Currently there are 6 homes for sale in Meadowcreek Village
2. The average price of the homes for sale is \$160,633
3. The average square feet of the homes in Meadowcreek Village is 1,604 sq ft.

### Kayaking Berry Creek to Glenbrook Park – Jose Rocha

Meadowcreek Village residents **Jose Rocha** and **Aaron Lopez** went on a 3 hour kayak tour from Berry Creek (back yard of the Rocha residence) to Sims Bayou and around the oxbow and then out into Glenbrook park. See map for route.

"We did a lot of sight seeing! It was very exciting tour that kept us on the edge of our kayaks as we slowly tried to anticipate what obstacle was to come at us at the turn of every bend!

The Berry Creek section stretch was interesting: a couple of snakes, a bunch of ducks and fish. One fish was upsidedown, when I approached, the fish flipped and swam off! It gave me the look of being bothered, how odd, I thought.

Hitting the bayou island (island was created when the Sims Bayou Channel was made), it was a bit surreal to see it from the water. I've curiously driven through the street side just to check it, but seeing it from the waterside was cool: lots of old battered docks; there is an old Buick automobile in the water; we saw a large tree growing out of a tire; saw Ed Meek's dock. There are very shallow areas around there. This stretch only passable by kayak or canoe as there are also downed trees. (Silt build-up has been a problem since new channel was created.)

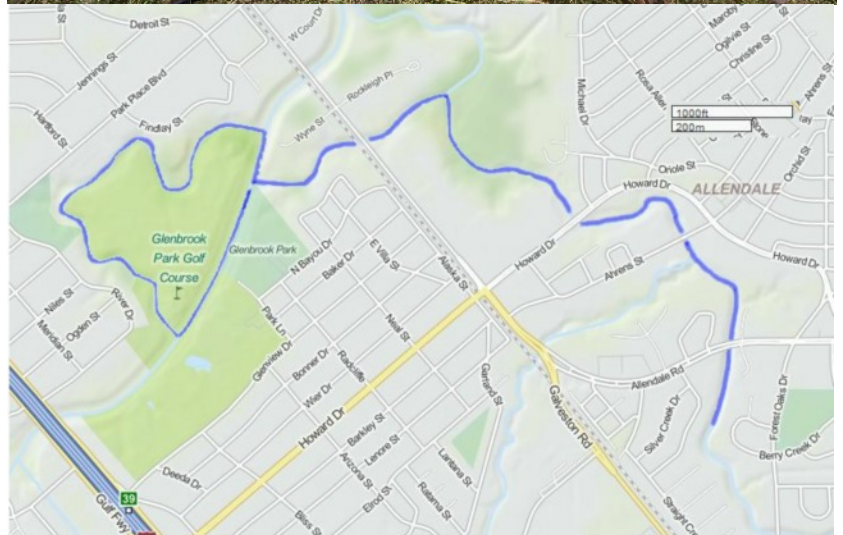
Arriving at Sims Bayou I think was the best! You felt the breeze and it opened up very nicely! Great view there!

The oxbow, was good to see, it is obvious that it is stagnant or it flows, at a very slow rate. But I guess this is what makes an oxbow! It was cool to see the nice docks that still have survived: the remnants of what appeared to be the aquaculture farm that I've heard about. The nicest was from the Nature Center.

Back on Sims..just felt great! To be going under the pedestrian bridges made you feel so small.

Getting out was easy; not so easy was carrying (or dragging) the kayaks all the way back to the parking lot.

I would do it again! If anyone is interested, I'd be happy to join you and we can use my back yard to launch."





Coming together is a beginning...  
 Keeping together is progress...  
 Working together is success!

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## Save the Dates!

### June 2015

- Jun 01 - **Heavy Trash**, North of Allendale (Meadowbrook)
- Jun 01 - Single Stream Recycling (Green Bins) **Schedule changed!!**
- Jun 08 - **Heavy Trash**, South of Allendale (Meadowcreek)
- Jun 11 - Civic Club Meeting: Community Center, 6:30PM
- Jun 15 - PIP Meeting: Eastside Patrol Station, 7525 Sherman, 6:30PM
- Jun 15 - Single Stream Recycling (Green Bins) **Schedule changed!!**
- Jun 29 - Single Stream Recycling (Green Bins) **Schedule changed!!**

### July 2015

- Jul 06 - **Heavy Trash**, North of Allendale (Meadowbrook)
- Jul 09 - Civic Club Meeting: Community Center, 6:30PM
- Jul 13 - Single Stream Recycling (Green Bins) **Schedule changed!!**
- Jul 13 - **Heavy Trash**, South of Allendale (Meadowcreek)
- Jul 20 - PIP Meeting: Eastside Patrol Station, 7525 Sherman, 6:30PM
- Jul 27 - Single Stream Recycling (Green Bins) **Schedule changed!!**

### August 2015

- Aug 03 - **Heavy Trash**, North of Allendale (Meadowbrook)
- Aug 10 - Single Stream Recycling (Green Bins) **Schedule changed!!**
- Aug 10 - **Heavy Trash**, South of Allendale (Meadowcreek)
- Aug 13 - Civic Club Meeting: Community Center, 6:30PM
- Aug 17 - PIP Meeting: Eastside Patrol Station, 7525 Sherman, 6:30PM
- Aug 24 - Single Stream Recycling (Green Bins) **Schedule changed!!**

### Tree/Junk Waste Collection Schedule

January	Tree Waste ONLY
February	Junk Waste
March	Tree Waste ONLY
April	Junk Waste
May	Tree Waste ONLY
June	Junk Waste
July	Tree Waste ONLY
August	Junk Waste
September	Tree Waste ONLY
October	Junk Waste
November	Tree Waste ONLY
December	Junk Waste

**HEAVY TRASH**