



Gulf Meadows Civic Club

Newsletter

Gulf Meadows is a Deed-Restricted Community

P.O. Box 751023 – Houston, TX 77275-1023

January

Happy New Year

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www.neighborhoodlink.com/houston/gmcc

2012

Parking in Yard City Ordinance

Houston City Ordinance prohibits the parking of vehicles (having an axle and wheels) in the front or side yards of residences in Gulf Meadows. Fines can be as much as \$150.00 per day. Report parking violations to the Telephone Road Storefront police. Phone 713-991-3504.

General Membership Meeting

Tuesday, January 24th, 7:30 p.m.

Covenant of Faith United Methodist Church
7900 Fuqua

Guest Speaker

Ms. Wanda Adams

Council Member, District D

Happy New Year to all our residents. Bringing in a new year brings in new ideas and better outcomes. Although Ms. Adams has served the City of Houston as a council member for 4 years, she is a new council member for Gulf Meadows. She has a passion for public service, so let's show her we also have a passion for Gulf Meadows. Bring your concerns and ideas to this meeting; also bring your family members and neighbors. Let's make Gulf Meadows a better place to live.

President's Message

I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and will have a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year.

It is with a humble spirit that I assume the presidency of the Gulf Meadows Civic Club. I'll do my best to see that we continue to have one of the most active civic clubs in the city of Houston. Needless to say, I will be as effective as the help I receive from each of you

Thank you in advance for your support.

Robert Simmons, Jr.
President

MEMBERSHIP

Happy New Year to one and all!!!

Although we didn't reach our goal in 2011, I'm optimistic that 2012 will be a better year. It has been brought to my attention that many of our residents think that because they live in Gulf Meadows it makes them a Civic Club member. Hopefully this will clear the air.

Are you a Civic Club member?
Only if you have paid your dues

Dues are to be paid in January of each year or as soon after as possible. Home ownership, rental or leasing of a residence qualifies you for membership; it does not make you an automatic member without paying dues.

Dues are \$35.00, very reasonable. Paid up Civic Club members are paying for everyone. It is worth \$35.00 a year just for mosquito spraying. Come on. Step up and help!

Benefits provided: storefront police station at Red Robin and Hwy. 35, here due to the Civic Club efforts; entrance signs placed and landscaped by the Civic Club; "Yard of the Month" in the spring to encourage all residents; and our most difficult task, Deed Restriction enforcement. These are a few of the things the Civic Club does to keep the money value of our residences/homes.

Peggy Boone, Membership Chairman

MEMBRESÍA

Feliz Año Nuevo a Todos!!!

Aunque no alcanzamos nuestro objetivo en el 2011, me siento optimista de que el 2012 sera un año mejor. Se ha traído a mi atención que muchos de nuestros residentes piensan que el vivir en Gulf Meadows los hace ser un miembro del Club Cívico. Esperemos que esto aclare las cosas.

La cuota debe de ser pagada en enero de cada año, tan pronto como sea posible. El ser propietario o rentar una casa te califica para ser miembro, no te hace un miembro automatico si no pagas tu cuota. La cuota es de \$35.00 lo cual es muy razonable. Los miembros que pagan su cuota están pagando por los que no pagan; cuesta \$35.00 solo por pagar fumigar los zancudos. Empieza a ayudar.

Beneficios que se ofrecen: la estacion de policia en Red Robin y Telephone Road que est a aquí gracias a el Club Cívico; los signos de entrada puestos y arreglados por nuestro Club Cívico; el concurso de "Yarda del Mes" en la primavera para animar a todos los residentes y nuestra mas difícil tarea, el enforzamiento de nuestras restricciones. Estas son unas de las pocas cosas que el Club Cívico hace para mantener el valor de nuestras propiedades/residencias. Gracias.

**Year 2012
Officers & Directors**

OFFICERS

Robert Simmons, Jr.	President	991-2937
Janice Carter	1st Vice President	991-7226
Mark Schultz	2nd Vice President	991-3815
Ruth Scotton	Secretary	991-0579
Lou Ellington	Treasurer	991-2922

DIRECTORS

Rose Mary			
Acrey	991-3519	Deahann Grant	987-0073
Peggy Boone	991-0874	Charlie Roder	991-3457
Steve Bonham	991-7404	Dorothy Vance	991-2085
Betty Earl	991-2673		

**Gulf Meadows Annual Outdoor
Christmas Decorating Contest**

1st Place Award - \$25.00.....8214 Coastway
2nd Place Award - \$15.00.....8218 Coastway
3rd Place Award - \$10.00.....7726 Wayfarer

Honorable Mentions

8455 Garden Parks
8442 Garden Parks
8235 Garden Parks
8203 Gulf Tree
7762 Red Robin

We hope to see the winners at the January 24th
Civic Club meeting to accept their prizes.

Citizens' Patrol

Happy New Year to everyone! It was relatively quiet here over the holidays. I had a couple of calls related to suspicious person(s) in the neighborhood. If you see someone that looks out of place, make a note of that and call the HPD storefront. If you see a pattern, please take a minute and write that down. Try to get a good description of the person(s) to give to the officer. The best weapon that an officer has against crime is the eyes and ears of the community that he serves.

It's a new year and time to make resolutions. How about getting involved in our neighborhood? The Citizens' Patrol can always use more volunteers. You can be those valuable eyes and ears in the community. We have a very diligent group but have lost a few good members and we can always use more volunteers. Once again, if you would like to get involved, please give me a call.

Thanks,
Mark Schultz
713-991-3815

**Get involved – join
Citizens' Patrol.
Call 713-991-3815**

POLICE CONTACT NUMBERS

Emergencies: 9-1-1
Non-Emergency 713-884-3131
Store Front 713-991-3504
(Telephone Road at Red Robin)

Treasurer's Report

Happy New Year to all of the residents of Gulf Meadows! People everywhere make resolutions at this time of year, so why don't we all resolve to pay our Civic Club dues? We all benefit from the use of those dues. We pay for extra police patrolling which helps to make Gulf Meadows one of the safest places to live in the city of Houston. The mosquito spraying, for which we pay, makes it much more comfortable to be outside during the hot summer months.

Our investment of \$35.00 per year is nothing compared to the dues that homeowners' associations, by law, have to pay. Please pay you're your dues and come to the Civic Club monthly meetings so you can meet your neighbors. Have a great 2012!

Lou Ellington,
Treasurer

It's time to pay your 2012 dues.

Hospitality

Hello, I am back again as Hospitality Chairman, serving the desserts and coffee at our Civic Club meetings. The ladies volunteer each month to bring the goodies.

Hopefully, more of you will come to meet your neighbors, enjoy the fellowship and see just what the Civic Club does for you. I hope to see you at our January meeting.

Charlie Roder, Chairman
Hospitality Chairman

Walter Jones Park

Happy New Year! The park appears to be intact and welcomes the neighborhood and soccer teams usage. Children are invited to ride their bikes and scooters, and run up and down the basketball court while the weather is pleasant. At the same time, let's keep our park safe. Please report any unusual activity to the officers and directors listed in the newsletter.

Stephen Bonham, Chairman
Walter Jones Park Committee

Antes que usted empiece cualquier reformas o para modelar de Nuevo, contactan por favor el Comité de Restricción de Acto para asegurarse de que usted sigue las restricciones del acto de esta comunidad. El numero para llamar es (713) 991-2673.

Deed Restrictions

In maintaining the integrity of home values in Gulf Meadows this year, we will be focusing on correcting problems so as to improve our home values.

This month, we will be concentrating on junk vehicles parked on the driveways and streets for a long period of time with **EXPIRED LICENSE TAGS** and **VEHICLES THAT ARE NO LONGER DRIVEABLE**. If you have such a vehicle, we would appreciate your help.

TAKE A LOOK AT YOUR HOME'S APPRAISAL!! DON'T YOU WANT MORE?

Thanks for everything that you do.

**Betty Earl, Chairman
Deed Restrictions Committee**

If you are considering building or renovating in our neighborhood, be sure to check with the Deed Restrictions Committee.

Call 713-991-2673 for details!

Welcome Committee

Happy New Year to our Gulf Meadows neighbors. We would like to welcome the **Aguirre family** to our neighborhood. They live at 10207 Gulf Meadows. If there is anyone new to the neighborhood, please let us know. We would like to give them a proper welcome. Please call anytime.

**Deahann Grant 832-971-4733 (Cell)
Elly Rueda 713-894-8854 (Spanish)**

Web Site Activated

Neighborhoodlink.com/Houston/hmcc.

Our new improved web site is up and running! Look for a list of serving board members, a copy of our deed restrictions, general meeting minutes, treasurer's report, paid members, monthly newsletter, upcoming speakers, storefront and police information (e.g., new garbage pickup changes), and a calendar of events (heavy trash pickup- leaves or junk waste and date), etc. The site also provides links to city officials and police information throughout the city. These changes to the website won't all be available immediately, but they are all being implemented as quickly as possible. Any suggestions and/or corrections you have will be appreciated.

Editor - Ruth Scotton

Unase Por Favor!

Unase por favor los Prados de Golfo el Club Civico. Necesitamos su ayuda y apoya. Usted es una parte importante de nuestro vecindario

Nuestros derechos son solo treinta y cinco dólares (\$35.00) por ano.

Este dinero es para pagar por rociar de mosquitos y para patrullar extra de policia para mantener nuestras casas limpias y seguras. Usted puede enviar el dinero a P.O. código postal 751023, Houston, TX 77275-1023.

**Robert Simmons, Jr.
El Presidente**

Volunteer your Time and Talents - Your Civic Club needs you and you need them.

Your Civic Club Needs You!

We encourage all residents of our community to join together to stay in touch with local and regional issues that improve our neighborhood. Yearly dues are \$35.00.

Please send this form and payment to Gulf Meadows Civic club, PO box 751023, Houston, Texas 77275-1023 or bring it in person to our next Civic Club meeting.

Name _____ Spouse's Name _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____

New Membership _____ Membership Renewal _____ Own my home _____ Rent or Lease _____

I am interested in Citizens' Patrol _____ Notary _____ Volunteering _____

City Biodegradable Bag Program For Yard Trimmings

Effective April 15, 2010 residents are required to place yard trimmings, grass clippings, small branches and leaves in city-approved compostable bags, contents of each bag not weighing more than 50 pounds and placed at the curb 3 feet away from the automated black garbage container. The city will not collect yard waste placed in regular plastic bags and will **fine residents up to \$2,000.00** for putting leaves, branches and clippings in the regular garbage bin. The newly mandated bags can be found at Walmart, Sam's, Kroger stores and other retailers such as CVS drugstores and Ace Hardware.

Small branches may be put in tied bundles as long as each bundle is less than 4 feet in length and 18 inches in diameter; weighs less than 50 lbs. and is placed several feet from your garbage container for pickup. Yard trimmings mixed with paper, plastic or any other type of waste will not be collected/picked up. **Debris from work performed by a contractor must be removed by the contractor.**

Heavy Trash Program

The Heavy Trash Program requires that you separate Tree Waste from other types of Junk Waste. The Heavy Trash schedule changes each monthly from Tree Waste to Junk Waste. **Tree Waste** will not be picked up if you combine it with any type of Junk Waste. **Junk Waste** is defined as furniture, appliances and other bulky material (lumber, fence material, etc.). Appliances containing refrigerant must have a tag attached to them certifying that a qualified technician has remove the refrigerant. These items should be placed adjacent to the front curb easily accessible to the collection vehicle between the hours of 6:00 p.m. the Friday before and 7:00 a.m. on the scheduled collection day (**second Thursday of each month**).

Heavy trash put out too early or mixed Tree Waste/Junk Waste not picked up will be reported to 311 and you will be fined by the City of Houston. We need to keep our neighborhood clean.

Tree Waste & Junk Waste Schedules

Month	Collection	Mes	Recoleccion
January	Tree Waste	Enero	Desechos verdes
February	Junk Waste	Febrero	Bsura pesada
March	Tree Waste	Marzo	Desechos verdes
April	Junk Waste	Abril	Bsura pesada
May	Tree Waste	Mayo	Desechos verdes
June	Junk Waste	Junio	Bsura pesada
July	Tree Waste	Julio	Desechos verdes
August	Junk Waste	Agosto	Bsura pesada
September	Tree Waste	Septiembre	Desechos verdes
October	Junk Waste	Octubre	Bsura pesada
November	Tree Waste	Noviembre	Desechos verdes
December	Junk Waste	Diciembre	Bsura pesada

HELP US HELP YOU

When you need help, **but a life is not in danger**, call these numbers.

Houston Police.....713-884-3131
Houston Fire.....713-884-3143
Houston Ambulance.....713-884-3144
Harris County Sheriff.....713-221-6000

Call 9-1-1 only if a life is in danger or a fire or crime is in progress.

Neighborhood News

Gulf Meadows Young at Heart - The "Young at Heart" Senior Group meets the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month at 10 a.m. at the Covenant of Faith Methodist Church, 7900 Fuqua. Join us for fun, games and fellowship on January 25th and February 8th and 22nd. We also take day trips. Call 713-991-3517 for more information.

February Birthdays

Lois McCauley	02/03	Morgan Robinson	02/13	Nancy Lucky	02/21
Tommy Connely	02/03	Betty Brantley	02/13	Lillian D. Sanchez	02/23
Mollie Richter	02/07	David Bates	02/20	Doris Rall	02/24
James Duggar	02/10	Janice Carter	02/20		

February Anniversaries

Raymond and Felicia Johnson Collins 02/14

Deaths

Edna E. Dyson, 71, departed this life Tuesday, November 15, 2011 in Houston, Texas at Memorial Hermann Hospital. She resided at 7734 Saylynn Lane. **An attack by pit bulls resulted in her death.**

She graduated from Westside High School in Amite, Louisiana and went on to both Southern University and Texas Southern University where she graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in Physical Education and a Master of Education Degree in Educational Administration.

"Coach Dyson", as she was affectionately called, retired from HISD after 33 years as an Educator and Coach. She led the Girls' Basketball team to several championships. Throughout her career she touched many lives and cherished many lifelong friendships with co-workers and students alike.

She leaves to cherish her memory: her husband, Billy; two daughters, Regina and La'Wanda (Bruce); three grandsons, Jalen, Deven and Jerron; one sister, Victoria Knighten; one brother, Johnnie Parker; a great aunt, Georgia Mae Burton and a host of nieces, nephews, relatives and many, many friends.

James F. Davidson, 86, passed away Saturday, January 7, 2012. He was a Catalina Lane resident and long time Civic Club member. He had lived in Section I for 42 years. Mr. Davidson is survived by his wife Doris Davidson, son James Michael Davidson and his wife Judy Ann, daughter Linda Jane Davidson Fagala and her husband Gary Lee, and grandson Brian Fagala and his wife Jessica.

The funeral service was held on Thursday, January 12, 2012 at the Forest Park Lawndale Funeral Home. Interment was at Forest Park Lawndale Cemetery.

Dog and Cat Leash Law

It is against the law for pets to roam at large. Animals must be enclosed in a fence or, when off the owner's property, must be on a leash. **Please contain your pets in your yard.**

Wanted – News items for the neighborhood
News – births, birthdays, anniversaries, weddings, new residents, etc.
Call Rose Mary Acrey at 713-991-3519