

Gulf Meadows Civic Club

Newsletter

Gulf Meadows is a Deed-Restricted Community
P.O. Box 751023 – Houston, TX 77275-1023

February

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www.neighborhoodlink.com/houston/gmcc

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, February 28th, 7:30 p.m.

Covenant of Faith United Methodist Church
7900 Fuqua

Guest Speakers

Mary Olsen and Wilbert Shepherd
311 Directories

For potholes in the streets, noisy environments, sanitary and health concerns throughout the neighborhood, call 311 to speak to a customer service representative. To find out more about the 311 services, please join us at our next civic club meeting when Ms. Olsen and Mr. Shepherd of "311 Directories" will be there to discuss the many benefits and services provided by our city.

Unase Por Favor Nos!

Unase por favor los Prados de Golfo el Club Cívico. Necesitamos su ayuda y apoyo. Usted es una parte importante de nuestro vecindario. Nuestros derechos son solo treinta y cinco dólares (\$35.00) por año. Este dinero es para pagar por rociar de mosquitos y para patrullar extra de policía para mantener nuestras casas limpias y seguras. Usted puede enviar el dinero a P.O. código postal 751023, Houston, Texas 77275-1023.

Robert Simmons, Jr.
El Presidente

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.

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

Cats! Cats! Cats!

Numerous complaints have come in about cats messing up flower beds and generally being a nuisance. Be a considerate neighbor and pet owner – confine your pets (per city ordinance). True, fences mean nothing to cats, but take care of your own. Do you want your neighbor's cat in your flower bed leaving a smelly mess?

E-recycling Comes to Ellington

The City of Houston provides a monthly electronics recycling collection at the Ellington/Clear Lake Neighborhood Recycling Center (Ellington Field) the **second Saturday** of each month **from 9am to 3pm**.

Items accepted include PCs, servers, keyboards, mice, laptops, game consoles, monitors, small kitchen appliances, memory chips, hubs and routers, printers, copiers, scanners, fax machines, projectors, rechargeable batteries, cable boxes, car batteries, telephones, cell phones, PDAs, tape drives, hard drives, cords, cables and cameras. The Recycling center is located on Loop Road/Broussard on Ellington Field.

Trash Collection Days

Garbage Collection Friday Mornings
Yard Trimmings..... Friday Mornings
Green Bin Recycling..... Every other Friday
(March 2nd, 16th & 30th)
Heavy Trash Pickup Thursday, March 8th

Heavy Trash Pickup
2nd Thursday of the month
March 8, 2012 -----Tree Waste

**Year 2012
Officers & Directors**

OFFICERS

Robert Simmons, Jr.	President	991-2937
Janice Carter	1st Vice Pres.	991-7226
Mark Schultz	2nd Vice Pres.	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		

Citizens' Patrol

January was a quiet month. That's a great start for the New Year. I hope that trend continues throughout the year. It's also that time of the year to pay your civic club dues. I would like to remind everyone to do so. A portion of the dues goes toward paying for extra patrolling by a Houston Police Officer.. I think that it is very valuable to the neighborhood to have that added police presence. I personally would like to see us break the 400 paid members mark this year. But even more than that, I would really like to see a few more of our residents join the Citizens' Patrol. It's never too late to get involved in patrolling. We have a very dedicated group but our numbers are small and we could be much more effective if we had more volunteers. Again, if you would like to get involved and help keep your neighborhood safe, please give me a call.

*Thanks,
Mark Schultz
713-991-3815*

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Welcome

I would like to welcome the new families to our neighborhood: Robert and Yolanda Brian at 7711 Arrowhead and Ms. Martha M Romero and her daughter, Chelsea Romero, at 7747 Red Robin. If there is anyone new to the neighborhood, please let us know. We would like to give them a proper welcome. Please call or email anytime.

*Deahann@sbcglobal.net
Deahann Marsh 832-971-4733 (Cell)
Elly Rueda 713-894-8854 (Spanish)*

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

Many thanks to all of the members who sent their dues in so promptly in January. This was a great start to the New Year for the Gulf Meadows Civic Club. As you know, the \$35.00 you contribute goes to make our neighborhood one of the safest and most comfortable in the city of Houston. Let's all pitch in and make 2012 the best year ever for our civic club!

*Lou Ellington,
Treasurer*

It's time to pay your 2012 dues.

Hospitality

January was a good month for the Gulf Meadows Civic Club meeting. Five of our members brought wonderful treats for all to enjoy. Betty Earl brought lemon cake and lots of chocolate chip cookies. Deahann Grant contributed yellow confetti cupcakes, red velvet cupcakes and a wonderful carrot cake. Peggy Boone gave us a Danish butter cake and a Sock-it-to-Me cake. Stephen Bonham brought a lemon loaf cake just for those people who need "sugar-free" treats. Now for the best treat of all! Lois McCauley prepared a birthday surprise just for me! She made sugar-free brownies with chocolate frosting and birthday candles that played "Happy Birthday". WOW!! Everyone enjoyed everything. Hope to see you at our February Meeting.

*Charlie Roder, Chairman
Hospitality Committee*

**We welcome all new residents and urge you
to be involved in and to attend Civic Club
meetings.**

(Please keep this page for future reference)

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 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 month 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	Basura pesada
March	Tree Waste	Marzo	Desechos verdes
April	Junk Waste	Abril	Basura pesada
May	Tree Waste	Mayo	Desechos verdes
June	Junk Waste	Junio	Basura pesada
July	Tree Waste	Julio	Desechos verdes
August	Junk Waste	Agosto	Basura pesada
September	Tree Waste	Septiembre	Desechos verdes
October	Junk Waste	Octubre	Basura pesada
November	Tree Waste	Noviembre	Desechos verdes
December	Junk Waste	Diciembre	Basura 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.

Deed Restrictions

Many residents in our community have great concerns about car racing, loud roaring cars/motorcycle engines, and cars with very loud music late at night. Most residents agree, that since Springtime Lane and Lettie Street have opened up to Monroe, these kinds of things have begun to happen more frequently. Something can be done about this, but it will take ALL OF US WORKING TOGETHER. So, when you see any of the above happening, day or night, if possible, get as much information as you can about the vehicle and report it to (713) 991-2673 or (713) 991-3519 or call the police. We are working to keep our neighborhood safe, and thanks for all 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!

Flood Control

Practice self-help flood control. Sweep up leaves, grass clippings and other debris from the yard and street into large compostable bags and put them out for yard trimming collection days (every Friday). This way, you know for certain the debris will not run into the drains.

Rose MaryAcrey, Chairman
Flood Control Committee

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

Membership

Webster has a multiplicity of definitions; for commitment, two (2) of which are: something pledged, especially a contractual engagement involving financial obligation, and the state of being bound emotionally or intellectually to an ideal or course of action.

We as residents have a financial obligation to maintain and preserve the integrity of our community. The paying of your dues is one way of facilitating unimpaired soundness of our living environment.

I am asking for your commitment to make a firm decision to maintain and preserve the integrity of our community with the paying of your yearly dues.

I, as well as many others, have made my commitment. WILL YOU?

Respectfully, Peggy Boone, Chairman
Membership Committee

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, P.O. 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 _____

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 and games and fellowship on March 14th and 28th. We also take day trips. Call 713-991-3517 for more information.

Happy March Birthdays

Belated happy birthday – Alzina Fontenot 02/20

Clifton Colbert	03/01	Barbara Lantz	03/07	Arthur Ray Henderson	03/12
Yulanda Ijeh	03/03	Charlotte Dixon	03/08	Carolyn Cook	03/14
Bill Rall	03/03	Kaitlin Gage	03/10	Morris Dixon	03/24
Ruth Harper	03/03	Robert Simmons	03/11	Doris Evans	03/27
Tommy Glenn	03/04	Betty Earl	03/12		

March Happy Anniversaries

Theidro And Shirlene Oliver 03/01

Odella and Clifton Colbert 03/03

Don't see your birthday or anniversary in the newsletter? Call 713-991-3519 and have it added!

Gulf Meadows Civic Club

Members as of February 18, 2012

ARENDALE: Anderson, Gomez

ARROWHEAD: Henderson, Palomares

BALLANTINE: Henshaw, McGinty

CATALINA: Acrey, Caudle, Nelson, Thomas

COASTWAY: Bonham, Dawson, Palmer, Simmons, Trujillo, Williams, Wooley

FAIRGATE: Mixon, Stepchinski

FOLKSTONE: Thigpen

GARDEN PARKS: Cline, Cushman, Elizondo, Emmite, Fry, Jenkinson, Keener, Norwood, Perry, Ramos, Stanley, Walker

GREENSWARTH: Carter, Connely, Riley

GULF MEADOWS: Jones, Thompson

GULF SPRING: Bennett, Boone, Donath, Ellington, Harris, Joubert, Simmons, Witt

GULF TREE: Dewberry, Elliott, Gonzalez, Hall, Lindley, Richter, Wade, Walters

GULF VALLEY: Chaudoir, Woods

GULFDALE: Corolla

GULFWOOD: Bonno, Chapman, Jackson, Kozel, Thompson, Vance

LETTIE: Bledsoe, Rosales, Skinner, Wilkins

MISTY VALE: Avila, Epps, Garcia, Grant, Halliman, Jeter, Lavine, Martinez/Perez, Neal, Roder, Schultz, Tisby, Waddleton, Wallace

PALM SHADOWS: Saavedra, Samuel, Sigler

PEEKSKILL: Bussey, Davidson

QUIET VALLEY: Hamilton, Miller, Pemberton, Rueda

RED ROBIN: Brown, Holt

SAYLYNN: Scotton

SPRINGTIME: Adams, Cardenas, De Jean, Earl, Hanes, Lee, Stevens

WAYFARER: Boyd, Sjogren

WINGTIP: