



# Gulf Meadows Civic Club

## Newsletter

Gulf Meadows is a Deed-Restricted community

January

Visit our web site at [www.neighborhoodlink.com/houston/gmcc](http://www.neighborhoodlink.com/houston/gmcc)

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### Parking in the 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 22<sup>nd</sup>, 7:30 p.m.  
Covenant of Faith United Methodist Church  
7900 Fuqua

#### Guest Speaker

Marcenia Yvette Grace  
Community Network for Cancer Prevention  
(Baylor College of Medicine)

A "Community Engagement Program" funded by a grant from the Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas is intended to stimulate neighborly participation in cancer prevention, risk management and screening. Ms. Marcenia Grace will utilize a forum theater to reach out and get communities involved in and educated about colorectal and cervical cancer. So come out and interact with your Civic Club, bringing your ideas, questions and concerns to the table.

#### Unase Por Favor Nos!

Unase por favor los Prados de Golfo el Club Civico. Necesitamos su ayuda y apoyo. 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 P.O. código postal 751023, Houston, Texas 77275-1023.

Robert Simmons, Jr.  
El Presidente

**Volunteer Your Time and Talents!**  
Your Civic Club needs you and you need them.

#### President's Message

Hello neighbors – a very Happy New Year to you. I'd like to welcome back for another year the re-elected Officers and Board of Directors of the Civic Club. We have two new members of the Board of Directors. They are Michael Gonzales who will chair the Membership Committee and Veronica Barrientez who will be the Hospitality chair. Welcome and thank you for volunteering your talent and time for the betterment of our Gulf Meadows community.

Many thanks to those of you who, while attending our short November general meeting and Pot Luck Dinner, also supported the HPD Blue Santa Program.

You are urged to take some time and become more active in what happens in and to your neighborhood. Start by attending our monthly Civic Club meetings.

Robert Simmons, Jr.  
President

#### Christmas Outdoor Decorating Awards

We enjoyed viewing the Gulf Meadows outdoor Christmas lights, but more than one trip was needed to decide on the winners. It was not an easy decision!!

##### The winners are:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place 8202 Springtime
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place 8130 Garden Parks
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place 7762 Red Robin

##### Honorable Mentions are:

- 8215 Coastway
- 8214 Coastway
- 10907 Arendale
- 7723 Peekskill
- 10210 Palm Shadows

It's time to pay your 2013 dues!



**Year 2013  
Officers & Directors**

**OFFICERS**

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

**DIRECTORS**

Rose Mary Acrey	713-991-3519
Veronica Barrientez	832-282-8576
Steve Bonham	713-991-7404
Betty Earl	713-991-2674
Michael Gonzales	713-806-5610
Deahann Grant	713-987-0073
Dorothy Vance	713-991-2085

**Citizens' Patrol**

I would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year! I'm looking forward to serving this year as the Citizens' Patrol Coordinator. Over the holiday break I received a couple of calls. A resident on Arendale reported an attempted burglary of a motor vehicle. The other call was about a rent house on Folkstone that has become a nuisance.

We are a starting a new year and many people make resolutions. How about serving your community by getting involved in the Civic Club? It takes very little time to get certified to patrol and the amount of time that you patrol is completely up to you. This program is a very fulfilling investment of your time. We have a very diligent group of volunteers that patrol, but we can always use more people like YOU. Once again, if you would like to sign up, please give me a call.

*Thanks,*  
**Mark Schultz**  
**713-991-3815**

**Police Contact Numbers**

<b>Emergencies</b>	<b>9-1-1</b>
<b>Non-Emergency</b>	<b>713-884-3131</b>
<b>Store Front</b>	<b>713-991-3504</b>

(Telephone Road at Red Robin)

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

**Treasurer's Report**

Happy New Year to all of the residents of Gulf Meadows! Did your New Year's resolutions include paying your dues to the Gulf Meadows Civic Club? We had a total of 341 members in 2012. I surely hope that this number will increase in 2013. We still have the same expenses that we have always had: extra police patrol, mosquito spraying, printing of the newsletter, a yearly donation to the church for letting us have our meetings there and other expenses that come up. We are very fortunate to live in such a safe neighborhood. Let's all pitch in and keep it that way!

*Lou Ellington, Treasurer*

**History of Gulf Meadows**

Articles of Incorporation were effective as of September 17, 1970. A letter from the State of Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, Austin, Texas 78774 dated December 12, 1988 states the request for qualification for tax exemption was granted, but the Corporation Charter was forfeited by the Secretary of State due to nonpayment of the franchise tax.

The Secretary of State required the filing of an application for Texas Sales Tax Exemption. The application was completed and signed by then President Clifford Lane, December 14, 1988; with reinstatement of incorporation completed January 2, 1989.

*Dorothy Vance, Historian*

**Membership**

Happy New Year to all of you! I'm a new member on the board. Let's start the New Year off with more Civic Club Members. Dues are due in January. Thirty-five dollars is a small price to pay for the benefits provided. Let's make this year a better one for our neighbors and our community.

*Michael Gonzales, Chairman  
Membership Committee*

**Trash Collection Days**

Garbage Collection .....Friday Mornings  
Yard Trimmings .....Friday Mornings  
Green Bin Recycling.....Every other Friday\*  
(\*February 1<sup>st</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> and March 1<sup>st</sup>)

**Heavy Trash Pickup  
(4th Monday of each month)**

Tree Waste.....January 28<sup>th</sup>  
Junk Waste.....February 25<sup>th</sup>



## Deed Restrictions

The Deed Restrictions Committee would like to thank all residents who work so very hard maintaining our neighborhood.

During the month of January:

- Take down all Christmas lights from the roof of the house.
- Clean up, edge and mow front yards.
- Remove accumulated junk from front, side and backyards of your home.

### A Very Serious Concern

Cars are racing through the streets of Gulf Meadows after 10:00 p.m. into the wee hours of the morning. It is very disturbing and dangerous for all. Talk to your young drivers about this concern.

Let's make this year the best ever!

Let's KEEP Gulf Meadows a place where people want to KEEP living and RAISING their families.

**Betty Earl, Chairman**  
**Deed Restrictions Committee**

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**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.**

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**Antes que usted empiece cualquier reformas o para modelar del 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**

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### Welcome to Gulf Meadows

**If you are new to our neighborhood, welcome to the Gulf Meadows subdivision. This is now your community as well as ours. Take pride in preserving its beauty and improving its quality. Attend the Civic Club meetings so we can get acquainted and exchange ideas and information.**

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**Spend less time worrying about**  
**who's right, and more time deciding**  
**what's right.**

## Animal Control

**Animal Control will pick up trapped animals.**

**Houston ordinances:** (in part)

**Sect. 6-3 – Running at large of domestic animals or fowl prohibited.**

(a) The running at large of domestic animals or domestic fowl, within the city limits is unlawful.

**Sect. 6-22 – Congregations of unconfined and unlicensed stray cats and dog.**

It shall be unlawful for any person to intentionally permit an attractive placement of dog or cat food. "Congregation of unconfined and unlicensed stray cats or dogs" means any **three or more dogs or cats** which:

1. Are **not confined** so they cannot enter an area where food is placed to trap a cat or dog.
2. Are **not wearing valid city license tags.**

Cat or dog food **is allowed** for the purpose of apprehending stray cats and dogs and having them picked up or delivered to the animal control center or a humane organization or to vaccinate them against rabies and license them.

**Ruth Scotton,**  
**Secretary**

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### Welcome Committee

We would like to welcome new families to our neighborhood. If you see or know of a family moving in please contact us.

**Deahann Grant, 832-971-4733 (cell)**

**Deahann@sbcglobal.net**

**Elly Rueda, 713-894-884 (Spanish)**

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### Walter Jones Park

Happy New Year to Gulf Meadows! Last year was a good year; this year we hope to continue to keep the park a safe, clean and enjoyable place for our families and friends. If anything, yard or equipment, pertaining to the park needs our attention, please call the officers or directors listed or call the park ranger at 713-845-1055. We want to maintain the park in a safe and clean environment. Please use and enjoy our park.

**Stephen Bonham, Chairman**  
**Walter Jones Park Committee**

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<b>Join the parade to</b>		<b>Membership renewal</b>	
<b>Membership</b>		<b>New memberships please</b>	
Civic Club Dues	\$20.00	<b>mail to</b>	
Police Patrol	\$15.00	<b>P. O. Box 751023</b>	
Total per year	\$35.00	<b>Houston, TX 77275-1023</b>	



(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. 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 removed 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 (fourth Monday of each month).

#### 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	Deschos verdes
April	Junk Waste	Abril	Basura pesada
May	Tree Waste	Mayo	Deschos verdes
June	Junk Waste	Junio	Basura pesada
July	Tree Waste	Julio	Deschos verdes
August	Junk Waste	Agosto	Basura pesada
September	Tree Waste	Septiembre	Deschos verdes
October	Junk Waste	Octubre	Basura pesada
November	Tree Waste	Noviembre	Deschos 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 on the line  
or a fire or crime is in progress.



## Neighborhood News

**Gulf Meadows Young at Heart** - The "Young at Heart" Senior Group meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month at 10 a.m. at the Covenant of Faith Methodist Church, 7900 Fuqua. Join Us for fun and games on January 23<sup>rd</sup>, February 13<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>. We also take day trips. Call 713-991-3517 for more information.

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### Happy February Birthdays

Lois McCauley 02/03  
Tommy Connely 02/03  
Mollie Richters 02/07  
James Duggar 02/10

Morgan Robinson 02/13  
Betty Brantley 02/18  
David Bates 02/20  
Janice Carter 02/20

Alzina Fontenot 02/20  
Nancy Luckey 02/21  
Lillian D. Sanchez 02/23  
Doris Rall 02/24

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### Our Sympathy

We are deeply saddened by the loss of Rosemary Duncan at the age of 90 on December 23, 2012, a resident of Section II for almost 43 years. She and her deceased husband, Dick, were long time members of the Civic Club, concerned residents of our community and willing to help when called upon. Always smiling, Rosemary attended Civic Club meetings up until 7 or 8 months ago. She is survived by 2 sons: Richard and wife Lois Marie, Stephen and wife Kathryn; 2 daughters: Patricia Duran and husband Ignacio, Mary Catherine Roebuck and husband Jerry; 5 grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren. Our gratitude to, Rosemary and deceased husband Dick, for their many years of dedicated service to Gulf Meadows.

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### 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.

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### Thanks

Our thanks to Michael and Dovie Gonzales and Ruth Scotton, for judging the annual Outdoor Christmas Decorating Contest on December 22, 2012. With so many beautifully decorated homes, it is not an easy task.

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### 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 Meadow 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: \_\_\_\_\_

I am interested in Citizens' Patrol: \_\_\_\_\_ Notary: \_\_\_\_\_ Volunteering: \_\_\_\_\_