

# Gulf Meadows Civic Club

## Newsletter

Gulf Meadows is a Deed-Restricted community

February

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

2013

### 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, February 26<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 p.m.

Covenant of Faith United Methodist Church  
7900 Fuqua

#### Guest Speaker

H & R Block

Samantha Mosely

It's that time of year again: "Tax Season". This year the speaker is Samantha Mosely, an enrolled agent representative from H & R Block. She will discuss tax concerns for homeowners, investors, self-employed, rental property owners and small businesses. If you would like to get your questions answered pertaining to any of these topics, please attend this meeting. Don't forget about all the new tax laws. Hope to see you there.

#### 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 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 P.O. código postal 751023, Houston, Texas 77275-1023.

Robert Simmons, Jr.  
El Presidente

#### Trash Collection Days

Garbage Collection ..... Friday Mornings  
Yard Trimmings ..... Friday Mornings  
Green Bin Recycling..... Every other Friday  
(\*March 1<sup>st</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>)

#### Heavy Trash Pickup

(4th Monday of each month)

Tree Waste.....March 25<sup>th</sup>  
Junk Waste.....April 22<sup>nd</sup>

#### Membership

Hope everyone is having a good and safe year. It's not too late to join the Gulf Meadows Civic Club. Dues are to be paid in January or soon after. A reasonable \$35.00 is a small price to pay for what we get from being a member. Just the mosquito spraying alone is worth that.

We are planning a membership drive in early April. We hope to receive new members. Come to a general meeting to see what we are all about. Remember, we can keep our community safe and clean with your support.

The attached envelope is for your dues. Mail or drop it off at any board member's home.

Michael Gonzales

Chairman, Membership Committee

#### President's Message

Hello, neighbors: As we start 2013 with new beginnings, resolutions and hope, it is my hope that more of my fellow residents resolve to become more involved with what happens in our Gulf Meadows community. It cannot be stressed enough how important and necessary your participation is needed to maintain our jewel of a community. As I have stated previously, you chose Gulf Meadows in which to live and raise your families because you liked what you saw when you home hunting. You saw a neighborhood that was and is proud of what we have here in Gulf Meadows. You are asked to help us maintain our standards of excellence and pride in our community. This can be done by observing our **DEED RESTRICTIONS AND CITY ORDINANCES**, keeping up the place you call home (in order to maintain your property values), respecting each other as neighbors, attending the monthly Civic Club meeting, joining the Citizens Patrol and last, but certainly not least, becoming a member by paying your dues (\$35.00 for the entire year!) Let's attain a record membership this year.

Robert Simmons, Jr.

President

Mail your dues in the envelope provided.

## 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 received several calls last month. One was from a resident on Catalina who had some fence pickets stolen off the fence. I had a call from a resident on Gulf Valley who had the back glass broken out of the vehicle. I also had a call from a resident who had someone knock on the door late at night. The crime rate in Gulf Meadows seems very low according to the number of calls that I get. I think that having the Citizens' Patrol helps a great deal. Also, the fact that we have neighbors looking out for each other. I received three calls this month from people who reported an incident. If you call to report something and cannot reach me immediately, please take the time to leave a message and I will return your call as soon as possible. It's very important that I know what is happening in the neighborhood in order to be aware of any problems.

Unfortunately, I did not receive a single call from anyone who wanted to volunteer to become a patroller. This is a wonderful little neighborhood to live in, in the big city of Houston. It's your neighborhood, so please get involved! Come to the Civic Club meetings, serve on the board, or become a patroller. You'll be glad you did.

We have a very diligent group of volunteers that patrol. But we can always use a few more people. Someone like YOU. Once again, if you would like to sign up, please give me a call

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

## Treasurer's Report

Many thanks to the residents of Gulf Meadows who have paid their dues this year. We have started off the year more slowly than we did last year. As of February 14, we have 51 members. On this same date in 2012, we had received dues from 100 members. The \$35.00 that you contribute is used to make our neighborhood a safe and comfortable place to live. Let's all try to keep it that way!

*Lou Ellington,*  
**Treasurer**

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**It's time to pay your 2013 dues.**

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### Hospitality

Our January meeting had a great variety of trays (meat, fruit & vegetable) along with crackers and iced tea provided by our speakers from Baylor College of Medicine. Steve Bonham brought some wonderful hot cocoa-flavored mini cupcakes which went great with Deahann Grant's very tasty oatmeal cookies.

As your new Hospitality Chairman, I will be open to any and all ideas or suggestions. Let's make this a great year!

*Veronica Barrientez, Chairman*  
**Hospitality Committee**

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**Welcome to the Gulf Meadows subdivision. This 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.**

### 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>
<b>(Telephone Road at Red Robin)</b>	

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

## Deed Restrictions

Being a responsible neighbor is what keeps a neighborhood running smoothly. However, we still have some who continue to violate deed restrictions and city ordinances in our community.

### FOR EXAMPLE:

- Storing one's garbage can(s) on the driveway and/or street instead of keeping the can(s) out of sight until garbage pick-up day.
- Storing junk cars on the driveway instead of in the garage.
- Storing lumber, bricks, tires, shelves, old mattresses and other kinds of junk on the front and sides of the home.
- Repairing cars with oil running from the driveway onto the street.
- Parking cars on the street with expired stickers.
- Frequent loud gatherings where the police must be called.
- Parking on the sides of the home and across the front yard.
- Goats, chickens, horses, calves and other kinds of livestock living in backyards.
- Unattended yards with weeds, junk and whatever else.
- Putting out any kind of heavy trash anytime that one wants to, regardless of the schedule.

Neighbors, please, work with us and help us make our neighborhood a place where people want to live and raise their families. **DON'T LET OUR NEIGHBORHOOD TURN INTO A GHETTO!** No matter how old a neighborhood becomes, it can still be beautiful and well kept, which will add to our home values.

**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.**

**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**

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

## Walter Jones Park

The Park is for our enjoyment and we should keep it clean, safe and with a friendly atmosphere. However, we are beginning the year with an act of destruction of a park marker. I received a phone call from one of our neighbors who discovered the damaged marker dedicated in the memory of Charles Oelfke. This type of negative action is not acceptable and should be reported to any board member or officer immediately. Thank you, good neighbor. I now have the marker and will take the appropriate action.

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

## Welcome Committee

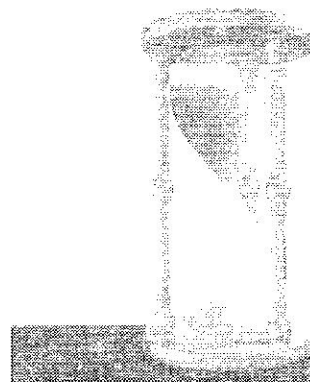
We would like to welcome new families to our neighborhood. If you see or know of a family moving in, please contact us.

**Deahann Grant, 832-971-4733 (cell)**  
[Deahann@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Deahann@sbcglobal.net)  
**Elly Rueda, 713-894-8854 (Spanish)**

## Time Change

**Daylight Savings Time begins early**  
**Sunday morning, March 10<sup>th</sup>.**

**SPRING FORWARD**  
**--- set clocks ahead one hour.**



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

(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	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 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 and fellowship on February 27<sup>th</sup> and March 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 March Birthdays

Clifton Colburn	03/01	Barbara Lantz	03/07	Arthur Ray Henderson	03/12
Yulanda Ijeh	03/03	Charlotte Dixon	03/08	Carolyn Cook	03/14
Ruth Harper	03/03	Kaitlin Gage	03/10	Morris Dixon	03/24
Tommy Glenn	03/04	Robert Simmons	03/11	Doris Evans	03/27
		Betty Earl	03/12	Shirley Lavine	03/09

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### March Happy Anniversaries

Thedro and Shirlene Oliver 03/01  
Odella and Clifton Colburn 03/03

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

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### Farewell, Charlie Roder

We are deeply saddened by the loss of Charlie (Mr. Hospitality) at the age of 86 on January 12, 2013, a resident of Section II for over 40 years. Longtime residents may also remember him as "The Bread Man" (retired from Rainbo Baking Co.) who supplied the bread, buns, etc. for the Gulf Meadows Fourth of July picnics many years ago. He has served as Mr. Hospitality, making his leaded and unleaded coffee at our Civic Club meetings since 1994. He and his deceased wife, Nita were active members of the Civic Club; Charlie also was a member of the Citizens' Patrol for many years. Known to his family as "Pops", he was preceded in death by his wife Nita (Meme) and a brother, "Cap" Roder and is survived by his sister Ruth Roder, daughter Dianne Ball, son Charlie Roder, Jr. and their spouses, several grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Farewell, Charlie, we will miss you.

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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 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: \_\_\_\_

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