



Gulf Meadows Civic Club

Newsletter

Gulf Meadows is a Deed-Restricted community

Parking in the Yard 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

March

Web site [www.neighborhoodlink.com/Gulf Meadows Civic Club](http://www.neighborhoodlink.com/Gulf_Meadows_Civic_Club)

2013

General Membership Meeting

Tuesday, March 26th, 7:30 p.m.
Covenant of Faith United Methodist Church
7900 Fuqua

Guest Speaker

Vincent C. Morrison
Harris County Service Officer

Mr. Vincent Morrison, Veterans Harris County Service Officer, will be our guest speaker Tuesday, March 26th. Mr. Morrison has over twenty-five years as a VCS officer, and specializes in assisting military veterans with catastrophic paralysis to obtain their VA benefits. In addition, his office serves all veterans and their dependents of all theaters of war, as well as peace times. He will also provide information on "non-service" pensions. We realize that Gulf Meadows community is home for many veterans and their families, so please come out and learn more valuable information about VA rights and benefits. Remember, veterans made a sacrifice to serve and protect our country. Let's help to protect and serve them.

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

Annual Membership Drive

Hello, again, Gulf Meadows residents! Hope everyone is safe and doing well. If anyone has not paid their dues, please do so soon.

The **Membership Drive will be Saturday, April 6th**. We can sure use volunteers willing to help. If you were a volunteer last year and you feel moved to help this year, please let me or someone know. We are looking forward to having a good drive. Hope to see you!

Michael Gonzales, Chairman

President's Message

Hello, Neighbors:

We've had the subdivision's entry sign on Fuqua at Monroe knocked down late last month. A report about the incident was made to the HPD storefront. I'm very pleased to state that the sign has been re-erected, thanks to the efforts of one of our very own residents, Mr. Kelly Mixon.

It is heartening to see so many of you getting your lawns ready for spring even though it hasn't quite felt like spring. In no time at all, it will be time to judge the **Yard of the Month**.

Once again if you observe our neighbors acting in violation of our Deed Restrictions or of any City Ordinances, by all means please notify the Civic Club or the HPD storefront. We can only maintain our enjoyable quality of life in Gulf Meadows if you also do your part.

Robert Simmons, Jr.
President

Trash Collection Days

Garbage CollectionFriday Mornings
Yard TrimmingsFriday Mornings
Green Bin Recycling.....Every other
Friday*

(*March 29th, April 12th and 26th)

Heavy Trash Pickup

(4th Monday of each month)

Junk Waste.....April 22nd

Year 2013
Officers & Directors

OFFICERS

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

DIRECTORS

Rose Mary Acrey	713-991-3519
Veronica Barrientez	713-991-4375
Steve Bonham	713-991-7404
Betty Earl	713-991-2673
Michael Gonzales	713-806-5610
Deahann Grant	713-987-0073
Dorothy Vance	713-991-2085

Citizens' Patrol

Last month I received a call from a resident on Gulf Spring. There was someone racing down the street, and he says it is a recurring problem. I also received a call about the Welcome to Gulf Meadows sign on Fuqua near Monroe having been knocked down. The incident was investigated and the sign has been repaired.

This year, I would like to see the membership of the Citizens' Patrol increase. I would really like to see its members go back up to over a dozen, and with your help we can easily achieve this goal. We have a very diligent group of volunteers that patrol, but we would be even more effective with a few more good people. Someone like YOU. Once again, if you would like to sign up, please give me a call.

Mark Schultz

713-991-3815

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

Yard of the Month

We will be judging yards for our Yard of the Month awards beginning next month, April. As we drive through the neighborhood, we see that many of you have already begun planting flowers, working on your landscaping, etc. Yards will be judged in April, May and June.

Hopefully, we will be placing the "Yard of the Month" sign in front of your home in April.

Treasurer's Report

Our membership count as of March 17, 2013 is 117, compared to 169 on the same date last year. We're running behind, so if you were planning to send in your dues this year (and please do so), help us out and do this as soon as you can. Our expenses have not decreased since last year, as I am sure yours have not, either. We want to continue to keep our subdivision comfortable and safe and with your help we can do that. Thanks to everyone who keeps our civic club alive and running!

*Lou Ellington,
Treasurer*

Gulf Meadows Civic Club - History

Bridge Problem and Toll

The residents of Gulf Meadows in the late nineties were upset due to a toll of 75 cents required to use the overpass at Mykawa Road and Beltway 8 over a railroad track. To avoid further problems of having to go several miles out of the way, using narrow roads and poorly lighted railroad crossings, two residents of Gulf Meadows, Ivan Hudson and Don Corolla, who had complained to state officials, came up with a solution: a temporary feed onto the outside bridge lane in each direction, separated by concrete barriers. This would enable the feeder traffic to use the overpass without mixing with toll way traffic, and would be useful until the state built overpasses for two feeder roads, alongside the toll way. This plan proved to work and the problem of the toll road was solved.

Dorothy Vance, Historian

Police Contact Numbers

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

Web Site

Gulf Meadows Civic Club: on any search, check it out to add comments, check out recent happenings and to find links to our past minutes and newsletters, and city contacts. It is listed as zip code 77017. Don't ask us why, as it is clearly in zip code 77075.

Deed Restrictions

It has been noticed lately, that residents of Gulf Meadows or people from other areas are dumping tree waste, grocery baskets, furniture, cans, and other hazardous things in the ditch behind Misty Vale, Fuqua Way Gardens, and other houses directly behind the ditch near Gulf Meadows Church. Once the drainage is blocked, when it rains, there is no place for the water to go, but onto the streets. Since flooding is a major issue in our community and very unpleasant, we are working to help solve that issue as much as we can.

If you see anyone dumping in that ditch, please get the license plate number if possible, and report it to (713) 991-2673.

Thanks for all that you do in helping us keep our neighborhood a safe and clean place to live.

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 emiece 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.

Walter Jones Park

The Oelfke memorial plaque from the flag pole has been repaired by Mr. Tommy Schlitzberger. The cracked concrete slab around the base of the pole caused the plaque to break and come loose in pieces. The plaque now needs to be replaced in another area near the pole. Possibilities are being considered. Suggestions would be appreciated.

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

Elly Rueda, 713-894-8854 (Spanish)

Hospitality

Due to family illness Veronica Barrientez, Chairman and Dovie Gonzales, due to personal illness, were absent. The hospitality was handled by Michael Gonzales, Rose Mary Acrey and Ruth Scotton plus others. The snacks were delicious as always and our appreciation to all who furnished them.

Ruth Scotton,
Secretary

Heavy Trash

The program requires that **Tree Trash and Junk Trash** be separated. Small tree trash may be included with junk trash (no large logs), but **junk trash will not be picked up if included with tree trash.** There is a **\$2,000.00 fine for trash placed at the curb earlier than the week before trash pickup.**

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
Hwy 35 Storefront.....713-991-3504*

***Telephone Road at Red Robin**

Call 9-1-1 only if a life is on the line or a fire or crime is in progress.

Join the parade to

Membership

Civic Club Dues \$20.00
Police Patrol \$15.00
Total per year \$35.00

Membership renewal

New memberships please mail to:

P. O. Box 751023

Houston, TX 77275-1023

Gulf Meadows Civic Club

Members as of March 17, 2013

ARENDALE: Fontenette, Raska
ARROWHEAD: Henderson
BALLANTINE: Henshaw, McGinty
CATALINA: Acrey, Caudle, Gordy, Nelson, Thomas
COASTWAY: Bonham, Simmons, Wooley
FAIRGATE: Holt, Mixon, Stepchinski
FOLKSTONE: Thigpen, Trujillo
GARDEN PARKS: Cerros, Cline, Curry, Cushman, Deming, Elizondo, Kliesing, Moraw, Perry, Stanley, Turcios, Walker, Williams
GREENSWARTH: Carter, Connely, Riley
GULF MEADOWS: Thompson
GULF SPRING: Boone, Donath, Ellington, Joubert, Simmons, Witt
GULF TREE: Aranda, Davis, Elliott, Galny, Glenn, Lindley, Richter, Thomas, Wiggins
GULF VALLEY: Chaudoir, Coleman, Woods
GULF DALE: Corolla
GULF WOOD: Bonno, Chapman, Fontenot, Garcia, Kozel, Landin, Mosley, Rall, Singleton, Vance, Wiggins
LETTIE: Bledsoe, Huerta, Richards, Skinner
MISTY VALE: Aranda, Avila, Casey, Collum, Epps, Grant, Halliman, Jeter, Lane, Lavine, Lucas, McCauley, Moore, Neal, Noriega, Roder, Schultz, Taylor, Trevino, Waddleton, Williams
PALM SHADOWS: Chavez, Saavedra
PEEKSKILL: Bussey, Davidson, Gonzales, Luckey
QUIET VALLEY: Barrientez, Miller, Rueda, Spillers
RED ROBIN: Brantley, Brown, Hoke, Rodriguez
SAYLYNN: Scotton, Vincent
SPRINGTIME: Adams, Cardenas, Earl, Houser, Lee, Rios, Russo
WAYFARER: Boyd, Falks, Sjogren, Stanley
WINGTIP: Riley

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: ☐

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 27th and April 10th and 24th. We also take day trips. Call 713-991-3517 for more information.

Happy April Birthdays

Ruth Tollesfsbol	04-01	Bonnie Holt	04-07	Patsy Hebert	04-17
Brenda Bailey	04-04	Kourthlandt Akins	04-10	Derek Boyd	04-26
Damion Oliver	04-05	Hank Galny	04-13	Anthony Clark	04-26
Marie Donath	04-06	Willie Brady	04-17	Wanda Wamsley	04-26

Happy April Anniversaries

James and Mirthy Woodruff 04-05

Yulanda and Michael Ijeh 04/20

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

Farewell, Frances Gaudiano

We are deeply saddened by the loss of Frances Gaudiano who died during the night of 03-12-2013. A longtime resident who many will remember as David Christian's grandmother. Our condolences to the family.

(Please keep this page for future reference)

City Biodegradable Bag Program

For Yard Trimmings

Small branches may be tied in bundles of 4 feet in length and 18 inches in diameter, weighing less than 50 lbs. and placed several feet from your garbage container for pickup. **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 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