



Gulf Meadows Civic Club

Newsletter

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

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www.neighborhoodlink.com/houston/gmcc

Parking in Yard City Ordinance

Houston City Ordinance prohibits the parking of vehicles (having an axles 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 Police storefront. Phone 713-991-3504

General Membership Meeting

Tuesday, July 23rd, 7:30 p.m.
Covenant of Faith United Methodist Church
7900 Fuqua

Guest Speaker

Ms. Candice Twyman
Better Business Bureau

Are you able to identify fraudulent business practices? The BBB Education has created four programs called Silver Sleuths that help older adults identify Medicare fraud, abuse and waste. There is also a young consumer program that educates ages 16-22 concerning scams that target that age group. Ms. Twyman has over 35 years of experience in program development. Please come join us and learn to identify the people we do business with.

Janice Carter
1st Vice President

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 dolares (\$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 piede enviar el dinero a P.O. codigo postal 751023, Houston, TX 77275-1023.

Robert Simmons, Jr.
El Presidente

President's Message

Hello, Neighbors:

One of our residents was walking her dog, on a leash, but allowing the animal to defecate and urinate on her neighbors' lawns and did not pick it up (as stated in the city ordinance). A couple of small dogs were let out, unleashed, to do their business and charged and harassed one of our residents who was just walking along the street. The owner eventually was able to get the dogs back into the house. Also, there are some dogs that bark incessantly and thus become nuisances and hindrances to people who are trying to get some sleep. Let those of us who own dogs be more responsible for them towards our neighbors and respectful of their property.

We had as our speaker at last month's general meeting, Councilmember Andrew C. Burks, Jr., At Large Position 2. Mr. Burks was a greatly informative and enlightening speaker.

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Secretary Needed!

The Civic Club has regretfully accepted the resignation of our secretary, Ruth Scotton. She will be greatly missed. If you have any suggestions for a replacement for this position, please contact any officer or board member as soon as possible.

**PLEASE HELP – WE KNOW OUR NEW
SECRETARY IS OUT THERE!!**

Trash Collection Days

Garbage Collection	Friday Mornings
Yard Trimmings	Friday Mornings
Green Bin Recycling	Every Other Friday
(August 2 nd , 16 th and 30 th)	

Year 2013 Officers & Directors

Officers		
Robert Simmons, Jr.	President	713-991-2937
Janice Carter	1 st Vice President	713-991-7226
Mark Schultz	2 nd Vice President	713-991-3815
	Secretary	
Lou Ellington	Treasurer	713-991-2922
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

June was very quiet, with no calls: one of those months when you are glad you live in such a quiet, safe neighborhood. If you are interested in volunteering some of your time to help keep it that way, please think about the Citizens' Patrol. There is a small amount of paper work involved. An officer will go over the instruction manual with you (this takes about 30-45 minutes) and then you're set to patrol. We have a very diligent group of volunteers that patrol, but we can always use you. Once again, if you would like to get involved, please give me a call.

Thanks,
Mark Schultz
713-991-3815

Police Contact Numbers	
Emergencies	9-1-1
Non-Emergency	713-884-3131
Store Front *	713-991-3504

(*Telephone Rd. @ Red Robin)

**Get Involved – Join
Citizens' Patrol
Call 713-991-3815**

The Fourth of July was great!

We hope everyone enjoyed and celebrated

Our Marvelous USA!

Membership

We Need Your Support!
Please Pay Your Civic Club Dues!
Thanks To All Who Have Paid!
A Hearty Welcome To All New Members!

Hope everyone is well and doing good. I would like to invite all residents to attend a Civic Club meeting. General Membership Meetings are held the 4th Tuesday of each month, 7:30 pm at Covenant of Faith United Methodist Church, 7900 Fuqua. We have interesting guest speakers with valuable information, tasty refreshments and drawings for door prizes. Come meet your neighbors and socialize. Hope to see you there. Be safe and God bless you!

Michael Gonzales, Chairman
Membership Committee

Treasurer's Report

Our paid membership as of July 13, 2013 is 339, which is a higher number than it has been on this date for the past several years. However, we still incur the same expenses that we always have: extra police patrol, mosquito spraying, printing of the newsletters to name a few, which are our largest expenses. Less than one-half of the residents of Gulf Meadows are paying for the services that benefit all of the 800+ residents who live in Gulf Meadows. Please help the civic club by paying YOUR dues, and many thanks to all of you who have already done so!

Lou Ellington,
Treasurer

It's time to pay your 2013 dues.

Welcome

We would like to welcome Diana Nickle at 8427 Garden Parks. Hope to see you at our monthly meetings. If anyone sees or knows of a family moving in, please let us know.

Deahann Grant – (832) 971-4733 (cell)
deahann@sbcglobal.net
Elly Rueda – (713) 894-8854 (Spanish)

Welcome to the Gulf Meadows subdivision! This is 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. ***There are no strangers – only friends you have not met yet.***

Deed Restrictions

Gulf Meadows is experiencing high volumes of FAST TRAFFIC and TRAFFIC JAMS all over the neighborhood, causing great concern for all. On Lettie and Springtime, where the new exits and entrances are located at Monroe, the traffic has become very dangerous for residents living in the 8400 blocks. On a daily basis, many vehicles leave or come into the neighborhood barreling down the streets at a very high rate of speed with no regard for children playing, residents trying to pull out of or into their driveways, or residents mowing, edging and/or sweeping up after doing their yards. IT HAS BECOME A TOTAL NIGHTMARE for our neighbors living near Monroe.

ADDITIONALLY, to add to our problems in the neighborhood, too many residents are parking their cars on the streets as opposed to using their own driveways or garages. Some single home residents have as many as six to eight cars on the street. This parking problem hinders emergency vehicles from entering the neighborhood. An issue this serious could determine the difference between life/death situations based solely on the time it takes to re-route emergency help. Please help us out with these issues. We urge you to SLOW DOWN and DRIVE SAFELY for your safety and others around you. We also urge you to park in YOUR GARAGES and on YOUR DRIVEWAYS, but please DO NOT PARK ON THE GRASS!

Betty Earl, Chairman
Deed Restrictions 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 número para llamar es (713) 991-2673.

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!

HEAVY TRASH PICKUP
4th MONDAY OF THE MONTH
JULY 22, 2013
TREE WASTE

President's Message, continued....

Those of us who are senior citizens and those of you who are children of senior citizens would have benefitted immensely from the information shared with us. The meetings are for your benefit. Please attend them.

Robert Simmons, Jr.
President

Walter Jones Park

Summer is definitely here and the children are enjoying the park. The park is a great place for enjoyment for your family and friends. So, make sure you and your families take the time out to enjoy the park together. At the same time, if any equipment needs to be repaired or replaced or there are any unfavorable activities, please do not hesitate to contact any board member. Their telephone numbers are listed in the newsletter.

Stephen Bonham, Chairman
Walter Jones Park Committee

Gulf Meadows History

Due largely to the efforts of Billie and Ellis Richey, the Houston Police Department Telephone Road Storefront held the grand opening June 7, 1997. The address was and still remains at 10201 Telephone Road, #1. The grand opening had several speakers and refreshments at the location, Quail Meadows Apartments. After extensive water damage due to Hurricane Ike, the storefront has been repaired and remains open for the safety and concerns of our community.

Dorothy Vance
Historian

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
Telephone Rd. Storefront*	713-991-3504

*Telephone Rd. at Red Robin

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

Gulf Meadows Civic Club

Members as of July 13, 2013

ARENDALE: Christian, Fontenette, Jamerson, Raska, Reyes, Salazar
ARROWHEAD: Hawkins, Henderson, Maki, Palomares, Rochford, Williams
BALLANTINE: Duncan, Gilford, Henshaw, McGinty, Persad
CATALINA: Acrey, Caudle, Davidson, Gordy, Ly, Nelson, Schwerdtfeger, Thomas
COASTWAY: Bonham, Colbert, Dawson, Gage, Garrett, Gil, Glapion, Holmes, Hulsey, Huntsberry, McDowell, Reynolds, Ritcherson, Simmons, Thomas, Tipps, Williams, Wooley
FAIRGATE: Holt, Mixon, Stepchinski
FOLKSTONE: Contreras, Latty, Rodriguez, Thigpen, Trujillo
GARDEN PARKS: Abraham, Alvarez, Baldon, Burckardt, Cerros, Clark, Cline, Coleman, Curry, Cushman, DeBose, Deming, Diaz, Dublin, Elizondo, Emmite, Fry, Gomez, Guajardo, Hernandez, Jenkinson, Keener, Kliesing, Lawless, Moraw, Nava, Norwood, Perry, Phillips-Herbert, Preston, Rodriguez, Scott, Sealey, Stanley, Taylor, Turcios, Walker, Williams, Williams
GREENSWARTH: Carter, Carter, Connely, Flores, Riley
GULF MEADOWS: Jones, Thompson, Torres
GULF SPRING: Ayala, Bennett, Bolden, Boone, Brillantes, Coleman, Connor, Donath, Ellington, Fahnert,, Fisher, Flores, Forbes, Harper, Harris, Jacobs, Johnson, Joubert, Martinez, Muzyka, Perez, Simmons, Slovacek, Tait, Trigueros, Witt
GULF TREE: Balque, Behrens, Campbell, Carter, Davis, Dewberry, Dixon, Dixon, Elliott, Galny, Garcia, Gipson, Glenn, Gonzalez, Hall, Langham, Lindley, Mamon, Martin, McCrea, Powell, Reyna, Richter, Stevens, Thomas, Wade, Walters, Wiggins, Wright
GULF VALLEY: Chaudoir, Coleman, Edwards, Hammond, Idlebird, Woods
GULF DALE: Corolla, Ijeh, Wise
GULFWOOD: Banda, Bonner, Bonno, Chapman, Daniels, Fontenot, Garcia, Gutierrez, Harrysingh, Kozel, Landin, Mosley, Paz, Rall, Robinson, Rodriguez, Rojas, See, Singleton, Thompson, Vance, Wiggins
LETTIE: Anderson, Ben, Bledsoe, Conner, Cruz, Ginikanwa, Guitguit, Huerta, Jurado, Khan, Martinez, Martinez, Newsome, Richards, Rosales, Shaw, Skinner, Taylor
MISTY VALE: Antoine, Aranda, Arellano, Arias, Avila, Blanco, Beacham, Burns, Calderon, Casey, Chaires, Collum, Epps, Esparza, Garcia, Garner, Grant, Griffin, Grooms, Guerrero, Halliman, Howell, Ibarra, Jeter, Kelley, Lane, Lavine, Lee, Lucas, McCauley, McKellar, Miller, Moore, Morris, Neal, Noriega, Oliver, Pardue, Robinson, Roder, Santos, Schultz, Sims, Taylor, Tisby, Trevino, Venable, Waddleton, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Williams, Young
PALM SHADOWS: Cantu, Chavez, Conner, Gonzalez, Moreno, Moreno, Saavedra, Samuel, Woodruff
PEEKSKILL: Brady, Bussey, Davidson, Gonzales, Hall, Luckey, Tippit
QUIET VALLEY: Barrientez, Bates, Hamilton, Holloway, Miller, Pemberton, Rivas, Rueda, Spillers
RED ROBIN: Brantley, Brown, Cabrera, Cafferatta, Croce, Hoke, Holt, Norton, Rodriguez, Schlitzberger, Tello
SAYLYNN: Acevedo, De La Cruz, Scotton, Segovia, Stapelfeldt, Vincent
SPRINGTIME: Adams, Arboleda, Arredondo, Banda-Grijalva, Bates, Benson, Cardenas, Collins, Duplechain, Earl, Gill, Hernandez, Hickmon, Houser, Ibarra, Johnson-Brady, Lee, Lopez, Maldonado, Manning, Miller, Murray, Ocampo, Prescott, Richey, Rios, Rios, Russo, Sanchez, Stevens, Tobar, Torres, Vega
WAYFARER: Boyd, Falks, Sjogren, Stanley, Tollefsbol, Turrentine
WINGTIP: Garcia, 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 (\$20.00 Civic Club dues & \$15.00 Police Patrol)

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 own 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 United Methodist Church, 7900 Fuqua. Join us for fun and games on July 24th, August 14th and 28th. We also take day trips. Call 713-991-3517 for more information.

August Birthdays

Raymond Collins	08/01	Daryle Schultz	08/09	Jose Ayala	08/19
Gloria Williams	08/01	Florence Henshaw	08/11	Mark Chaudoir	08/23
Milton Davis	08/02	Wesley Carter	08/13	James Moore	08/24
Bettie Raska	08/04	Vernon Wright	08/14	Ralais Harper	08/26
Paul Scherler	08/04	Barbara Venable	08/15	Amos Lavine	08/29
Clyde Brown	08/07	Doris DeJean	08/18	Mary Hulsey	08/31

August Wedding Anniversaries

Lorenzo and Elnora Williams	08/14	Donald and Nora Dewberry	08/31
Irene and Leonel Alvarez	08/30	Wesley and Janice Carter	08/31

Our Sympathy

As this newsletter is going to press, we are saddened to learn of the death of Mrs. Billie Richey on July 6, 2013. We will provide more information in our August newsletter.

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 (4th Monday of each month). Heavy trash put out too early or mixed with 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.

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