



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, August 27th, 7:30 p.m.
Covenant of Faith United Methodist Church
7900 Fuqua

Guest Speaker Mrs. Victoria A. Lane VL Investments

Retirement is just around the corner either for ourselves or someone else we're acquainted with. This month's speaker, Mrs. Victoria Lane of V.L. Investments, will discuss different financial strategies of managing retirement savings and income. She will talk on long term financial security as well as investment opportunities. So please come out, bring family and friends and join us as we learn more about retirement income, benefits and investments.

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

In just a couple of months, our community will observe National Night Out. It is another opportunity for fellowship with our friends and neighbors. If you are interested in hosting a small gathering, just notify any Officer or Director of the Civic Club. Last year there were only 2 block parties (both in Section I); we would like to increase participation this year.

While driving and walking through our subdivision, I can't help but notice how much litter seems to have increased in our area. I am sure that I am not the only one who is perturbed by people who use our neighborhood as an open receptacle for their discarded trash. If you observe any litter around your residence, picking it up goes a long way toward keeping our community a neat place to live. It is also not too late to pay your dues.

Robert Simmons, Jr.
President

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
(September 13 th and 27 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

July was a quiet month. However, I failed to report an incident last month. In June, there was a burglary of a residence in the 8200 block of Garden Parks. Please be extra careful that you leave your house secure when not at home during the summer.

School is back in session and the school buses are picking up and dropping off children. Please be very cautious when you see one stopped. Observe the school zones and remember – no cell phone usage in a school zone.

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**

**HOPE pushes you ahead when it would be so
easy to quit!**

Membership

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

Hello, Gulf Meadows Residents! I hope everyone is well and safe. Again, I would like to invite residents to our General Meetings on the fourth Tuesday of each month. Bring a neighbor. More residents are coming to the monthly meetings. A big THANK YOU for the increase in attendance. Come see what we are all about! Hope to see you there! Be safe and God bless!

Michael Gonzales, Chairman
Membership Committee

Treasurer's Report

Our paid membership as of August 18, 2013 is 344. This is higher than our total membership for the year 2012. We would truly like to encourage everyone who has not renewed for this year to do so now. It is never too late to do your part. If you are a new resident of Gulf Meadows, this is a great way to become involved in your new neighborhood. Welcome to Gulf Meadows and thank you to our newly enrolled members!

Lou Ellington,
Treasurer

It's time to pay your 2013 dues.

Welcome

Gulf Meadows Civic Club would like to welcome two new families to the neighborhood. A big welcome to Mr. and Mrs. Santibanez at 8234 Misty Vale Lane and to Mr. Sergio Gomez and "Tank" at 7714 Peekskill. If you see any new families in the neighborhood, please let the civic club 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 yet met.***

Deed Restrictions

FENCES: Residents are not required to have a fence surrounding their backyards in Gulf Meadows. However, if you have a fence, you must keep it repaired. According to the Neighborhood Protection Division of the City of Houston, it is the property owner's/occupant's responsibility to keep all fences and accessory structures, including detached garages and sheds, in structurally sound condition and in good repair.

Since a home is a liability that demands continuous upkeep, let us continue to obey city ordinances and maintain our property. **It is not a CHOICE in GULF MEADOWS FOR ANYONE TO LIVE IN SUBSTANDARD LIVING CONDITIONS.** We will keep working with ALL RESIDENTS, so that our community will continue being a place where people want to live and raise their families.

IT IS GREAT LIVING IN A COMMUNITY WHERE PEOPLE ARE WILLING TO WORK WITH THE CIVIC CLUB IN MAKING OUR NEIGHBORHOOD BETTER. DON'T YOU JUST LOVE WHERE WE LIVE? I DO!

*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!

Gulf Meadows History

One of the long time residents, Richard Segler, now deceased, was the builder of 14 houses in Section I in the early 1960's. His wife, Charlotte Segler, still owns their home on Palm Shadows.

*Dorothy Vance
Historian*

Billie Richey (1932 – 2013)

Our neighborhood and all of her friends lost a real treasure last month. Our good friend and fearless leader, Billie Richey, passed away on July 6th. Billie was a wonderful advocate for Gulf Meadows and was instrumental in setting up many of the advantages it enjoys today. She worked tirelessly to establish and maintain ties between Gulf Meadows and the police department who protect us along with the officials at city hall who had the power to help us. She and her husband, Ellis Richey, were instrumental in setting up the Citizens' Patrol and getting an HPD storefront opened to give us more complete police support. She was a wonderful newsletter editor and always did her best to make it informative and interesting, with a touch of her own wonderful sense of humor added in. She served on the GMCC board of directors for numerous years, many of them as president, and was always ready to lend her support to further its goals. Those of us who knew her well will miss her dearly. Rest in peace, Billie.

Walter Jones Park

Summer is still here; however, school is back in session. We can still, however, enjoy the park during our spare time. The park is for our enjoyment and not for us to use in a detrimental manner. On a Sunday afternoon, I happened to see a young person using the ropes on the flagpole for a swing. This is not permissible and has been reported to the Park Ranger. Let's enjoy the park and use the equipment properly.

*Stephen Bonham, Chairman
Walter Jones Park Committee*

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 August 19, 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, Frand, 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: Byer, 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: Copeland, Corolla, Ijeh, Wise
GULF WOOD: 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: Abbott, Antoine, Aranda, Arellano, Arias, Avila, Blanco, Beacham, Burns, Calderon, Casey, Chaires, Collum, Epps, Esparza, Garcia, Garner, Grant, Griffin, Grooms, Guerrero, Halliman, Hendricks, 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 _____

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 August 28th, September 11th and 25th. We also take day trips. Call 713-991-3517 for more information.

September Birthdays

Kathleen Black	09/04	Lynne Black	09/10	Lee Brantley	09/21
Ana Rodriguez	09/06	Nora Dewberry	09/13	Nenita Brillantes	09/21
Tony Henshaw	09/07	Ann Russo	09/17	Joy Corolla	09/24
Felicia Johnson	09/07	Irene Alvarez	09/18	Mark Slovacek	09/25
Annette Mickel	09/09	Theatro Oliver	09/19	Wally Curry	09/30

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

Yard of the Month

Yards were judged during April, May and June. To all Gulf Meadows residents who have worked so diligently to beautify their yards and homes, we appreciate your efforts to make this a beautiful community.

New School Year

School starts August 26th so please slow down, drive carefully and observe the school zone signs.

Our Sympathy

We are saddened by the death of Mrs. Patricia J. Smith on July 14, 2013. She was a resident of Section 2 for over 30 years – referred to as "Ms. Pat", "Memaw", or "Ms. Smith". We send our condolences to her family.

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