



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 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, October 22, 2013

Covenant of Faith United Methodist Church, 7900 Fuqua

CANDIDATES FOR CITY OF HOUSTON MAYORAL RACE

The Civic Club is sponsoring a MAYORAL CANDIDATE FORUM at the meeting tonight. The purpose of this forum is to give the candidates an opportunity to meet you, the public, and discuss their platforms and plans on improvements for our great city. So please come out, meet the candidates, and voice your concerns about important issues facing our city. PLEASE ATTEND – SHOW YOUR SUPPORT FOR GULF MEADOWS, YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD!

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 puede enviar el dinero a P.O. codigo postal 751023, Houston, TX 77275-1023.

Robert Simmons Jr.,
El Presidente

Heavy Trash Pickup

(4th Monday of each month)

Junk Waste.....Oct. 28th
Tree Waste.....Nov. 25th

Trash Collection Days

Garbage Collection	Friday Mornings
Yard Trimmings	Friday Mornings
Green Bin Recycling	Every Other Friday
(Oct. 25 th Nov. 8 th & 22 nd)	

President's Message

It was disappointing that only one block party (out of 800 homes) was held in our subdivision in observance of the National Night Out on October 1. My thanks to Paul and Anna Scheible and Victor and Monica Torres who hosted the party for the 7700 block of Catalina. The food was delicious, especially the fajitas. I met two new residents (neighbors) who promised to attend the next civic club meeting.

Thank you, Janice Carter, our 1st Vice President, for the wonderful job you did in pulling the Candidate Forum Night together. We had decent attendance at our Candidate Forum Night at last month's General Meeting, but it should have been packed with more of you. These candidates took the time to come out and present themselves to you so that you might see them and hear what they had to say about how you would be represented by them.

At our October 22 general meeting we have invited the mayoral candidates to speak. Please let us have a much better showing this time.

Robert Simmons, Jr.
President

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

I had a couple of calls in September. Both involved abandoned motor vehicles. To report an abandoned vehicle, please call the storefront at 713-991-3504 or call the HPD non-emergency number – 713-884-3131. They are the ones to contact so that they can check to see if the vehicle might be stolen or involved in some other type of crime.

If you are interested in volunteering some of your time to your community, I urge you to consider the Citizens' Patrol. There is some 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 who patrol, but we can always use you. Once again, if you would like to get involved, please give me a call and we can get started.

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)

Time Change

Daylight Saving Time ends Sunday, November 3rd at 2:00 a.m. Don't forget to set your clocks back one hour.

Membership

Welcome, New Members!
Keep Those Dues Coming In!
Thanks for Your Support!

Hello, Gulf Meadows residents. Hope everyone is well. All residents are welcome to attend the monthly civic club meetings. Hope to see you there!

Be safe and God Bless.

Michael Gonzales, Chairman
Membership Committee

Hospitality

Thank you to everyone who brought all of the delicious treats. They were so good and truly appreciated. I would also like to thank Ruth Scotton for all of the work she does for Gulf Meadows. If you happen to see her pushing a lawn mower and a trash can going down Gulf Meadows Drive, please give her a big shout: "Thank you, Ruth!"

Dovie Gonzales, Chairman
Hospitality Committee

Treasurer's Report

It's hard to believe that no residents paid their civic club dues in September of this year. We still had 345 members as of September 30. Five years ago, despite Hurricane Ike, our membership reached 400! Our expenses have increased, so we need all the dues we can get in order to pay for the services that benefit every resident of Gulf Meadows. Thanks so much to all of you who continue to support our civic club.

Lou Ellington,
Treasurer

GEM OF THE MONTH

**Don't expect others to listen to your
advice and ignore your example**

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

Deed Restrictions

Rat Infestation: Whether you know it or not, the rodent population is growing tremendously in Gulf Meadows. If we don't work with getting rid of those pests now, we are going to be sorry! We have had many suggestions from our residents, and here are some solutions that they have come up with:

- Residents should work to keep their property clean. All of us should have all grass cut frequently (front and back yards).
- Do not store unwanted junk in the backyard, the sides of the home, or even in the front yard. For example: couches, chairs, washers, dryers, tables, and other items that you discard and never get around to removing from your property.
- Junk Cars: Some people have continued storing old, junk, and wrecked cars in the backyards, which is totally unfair to the neighbors around them. Everyone knows that those old vehicles are havens for wild animals and rats to live in.
- Some of our residents are illegally running fix-it car garages in their backyards. That is most definitely a No! No!

NEIGHBORS, let us take responsibility for our junk and get it removed. We need to work and keep our community a place where people want to live and raise their families.

**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!

Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee will present its slate for the 2014 Officers and Board of Directors at the October 22nd general meeting.

Nominations from the floor will be recognized during this meeting and then nominations will be closed. Elections will take place at the November 26th general membership meeting.

Thanks to the Nominating Committee for their commitment in bringing this slate to us.

**Robert Simmons, Jr.
President**

Gulf Meadows History

The Citizens on Patrol began in 1988 and was initiated by Victor D. Croom, the president of the Gulf Meadows Civic Club. The organization was formed due to some burglaries in the neighborhood, thus making Gulf Meadows a safe subdivision. The editor of the Civic Club Newsletter at the time was Robert Simmons, Jr. who is now the President of the Gulf Meadows Civic Club.

**Dorothy Vance,
Historian**

Welcome Committee

I am so pleased to welcome Hortense, Francisca and Maria Morales to our neighborhood. They just moved in at 8219 Misty Vale. Please make our new neighbors feel welcome. If there is anyone new to our neighborhood, please let me know.

**Deahann Grant, 832-971-4733 (Cell)
Deahann@sbcglobal.net
Elly Rueda, 713-894-8854 (Spanish)**

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 October 10, 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: Arevalo, 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, Hatcherson, 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 October 23rd and November 13th. We also take day trips. Call 713-991-3517 for more information.

Happy November Birthdays

Carlos Garza 11/04
Rosa Williams 11/27

Shirlene Oliver 11/11

Linda Halliman 11/24

Happy November Anniversary

Betty and Charley Earl 11/04

Betty and Lee Brantley 11/09

Shirley and Amos Levine 11/14

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

Spotlight On Good Neighbors

Today our spotlight is on Paul and Anna Scheible & Victor and Monica Torres who again graciously hosted "A Fajita Party" for the residents on the 7700 block of Catalina for National Night Out on October 1st. This is their 4th year for hosting a National Night Out party. All your neighbors send you a big "Thank You". This was the only block party in Gulf Meadows this year.

Friendly Reminder

Don't forget to vote in the general election **November 5th**. This is to exercise your most important right as an American. Let your voice be heard!

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