



Gulf Meadows Civic Club

Newsletter

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

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2013

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

Program Annual Pot – Luck Dinner

We will have a short business meeting to elect our officers for next year and then will adjourn for our annual Pot-Luck Dinner. Bring a covered dish to share with neighbors and friends (salad, vegetable, dessert, etc.) – meat will be furnished by the Civic Club.

(Don't forget your unwrapped Christmas gift for a child for the Blue Santa Program.)

Happy Holidays

There will be no General Meeting or Newsletter in December.

The next Gulf Meadows Civic Club Meeting will be Tuesday, January 28, 2014.

Merry Christmas!
Happy New Year!
Feliz Navidad!
Blessed Hanukkah!

Heavy Trash Pickup

4th Monday of each month

Tree Waste.....November 25th
Junk Waste.....December 23rd
Tree Waste.....January 27th

Blue Santa Program

The Civic Club is once again participating in the Blue Santa Program sponsored by the Houston Police Department.

Everyone is asked to bring a new unwrapped Christmas toy to the November covered dish get-together.

Don't Forget! Gulf Meadows Annual Outdoor Christmas Decorating Contest

1st Place Award - \$25.00

2nd Place Award - \$15.00

3rd Place Award - \$10.00

Be sure and have your lights turned on Saturday, Dec. 21st from 7pm to 9pm.

Recycling Will Be Easier

We will be getting green, 96 gallon carts. See article on Page 4 for more information.

President's Message

The year is fast coming to an end and a few thank you's are in order.

Thank you, Pastor Walker and the Covenant of Faith United Methodist Church for all that you do for the Civic Club and the residents of Gulf Meadows.

Thank you to our newsletter advertisers. You (residents) are encouraged to please patronize our advertisers.

Thank you to those who work to put together one of the best community newsletters in Houston and to those who hand - deliver them.

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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

2013 has been a relatively quiet year. I'm hoping that as we enter into the holiday season that trend will continue. This will be the last newsletter for the year. I would like to take this time to wish all the residents of Gulf Meadows a safe and pleasant holiday season.

The holiday season is also a favorite time for thieves to strike while you are shopping or away from home. Please be extra diligent and do not make this easy for them. Be sure you never leave your home or car unlocked and use your eyes and ears to protect yourself when you are out shopping. Take advantage of the security personnel at the malls if you do not feel safe for any reason.

Just a reminder that a portion of your civic club dues goes toward paying for our Police patrol. Be the first to pay your Civic Club dues for 2014.

As we start the New Year, I'm hoping that we will have people interested in getting more involved in the Civic Club. One of the best ways to do that is to join our Citizens' 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

Gulf Meadows History (Correction to Last Month's Article)

The Citizens on Patrol began in 1988. Victor D. Croom was the president of the Citizens on Patrol. Robert Simmons, Jr., who is now president of the Civic Club, was the editor of the Citizens on Patrol Newsletter.

Dorothy Vance,
Historian

Membership

Welcome, New Members!
Keep Those Dues Coming In!
HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

Hello, Gulf Meadows Residents! We had a good turnout at last month's meeting. It was nice to see you all, so keep showing up. This month we're having our annual Pot- Luck Dinner. Bring your favorite side dish or dessert. Come break bread with us. Hope to see you at this month's meeting. Be safe and God Bless.

Michael Gonzales, Chairman
Membership Committee

Hospitality

Thank you to everyone who brought refreshments to our meeting last month Deahann Grant brought sugar cookies and white mini cupcakes. Betty Earl brought yummy lemon pound cake. Mark and Daryle Schulz brought delicious Shipley donuts. Peggy Boone brought sweet Danish cheesecake. I would like to thank Tommy Schlitzberger (one of the ex-presidents of the Civic Club) for attending our monthly meeting and bringing delicious guacamole dip and chips, as well as cookies and chocolate covered pretzels.

I hope everyone has a Happy Thanksgiving, a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Dovie Gonzales, Chairman
Hospitality Committee

Welcome Committee

Hello, Neighbors! I am glad to welcome a new family to our neighborhood, Alex and Lisa Alfaro of 8455 Springtime. Hope to see you at our monthly meetings. If you see a family moving in, please let us know.

Deahann Grant, 832-971-4733 (cell)
Deahann@sbcglobal.net
Elly Rueda, 713-894-8843 (Spanish)

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

President's Message

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Thanks to our printer for the wonderful effort put forth in getting out our newsletter. A special thank you to those who paid their dues. There will be a short meeting on the 26th of November at which time we will vote for the Directors and Officers of the Civic Club for the coming year. Afterwards, we will have our annual Pot-Luck Dinner. You are asked to bring your favorite side dish or dessert. The Civic Club will provide the meat.

The Civic Club again will participate in the BLUE SANTA PROGRAM. At the November 26th General meeting, you are asked to please bring an unwrapped toy.

**Robert Simmons, Jr.,
President**

Deed Restrictions

Lately, Gulf Meadows has had an influx of loud noises in the late hours of the night and the wee hours of the morning. The loud roaring sounds are coming from a few cars and motorcycles. Sometimes, it sounds like they are racing, and other times it sounds as though they are joy riding. If you know of anyone doing those kinds of things, we ask that you talk with them about that issue and/or call the civic club. Any number in the newsletter can be called for the nuisance to be reported. As well as being a nuisance, driving fast through a neighborhood anytime is very dangerous. Losing control of the vehicle is highly probable, and it could cause serious bodily injuries to homeowners as well as to the drivers of those vehicles. Neighbors, please take these concerns seriously, and work with us in making Gulf Meadows a place where people want to live and raise their families.

**Betty Earl, Chairman
Deed Restrictions Committee**

Walter Jones Park

It appears that all is well in the park and this is a good thing for us since the park is a place of enjoyment for us. Thanksgiving holidays are in the near future and if you plan to have a large gathering in the park, be sure to get a permit from the City Park Department. Thank you for helping to maintain our park so that it is a clean, useable, and safe environment.

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

Civic Club Election

The election of Civic Club officers and board of directors will be finalized at our general membership meeting on November 26th. The slate was presented by the nominating committee at the October 22nd meeting. No further nominations will be accepted. The slate of candidates is as follows:

President.....Robert Simmons, Jr.
1st Vice President.....Janice Carter
2nd Vice President.....Mark Schultz
Secretary.....Veronica Barrientez
Treasurer.....Lou Ellington

Directors nominated for 2014 are:
Steven Bonham, Betty Earl, Deahann Grant,
Dovie Gonzales, Michael Gonzales and Dorothy Vance



**Wishing you Joy and Happiness to warm
your heart and home. Officers and Board of
Directors.**

Treasurer's Report

Our membership count remains at 346, although several residents have already paid their dues for 2014. I want to thank all of you who paid your dues this year. As you know, your money goes to provide services that benefit all of the residents of Gulf Meadows. Many thanks to those of you who have supported the Gulf Meadows Civic Club and will continue to do so. Have a Joyous Thanksgiving, a Blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year!

**Lou Ellington,
Treasurer**

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

Members as of November 18, 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
GULFDAL: Copeland, 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, Hatcherson, Huerta, Jurado, Khan, Martinez, Martinez, Newsome, Richards, Rosales, Shaw, Skinner, Taylor
MISTY VALE: Abbott, Antoine, Aranda, Areliano, 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 only once in December. On December 11th we will have our Christmas Pot-Luck Dinner. The meeting begins at 10 a.m. at the Covenant of Faith Methodist Church, 7900 Fuqua. Join us for fun, games and fellowship. We also take day trips. Call 713-991-3517 for more information.

Happy December Birthdays

Donald Newberry	12/03	Kathryn Lane	12/09	David Christian	12/19
Mark Schultz	12/03	Clyde Brady	12/13	Michael Gonzales	12/20
Brandi Collins	12/05	Nellie Galny	12/14	Delfino Maldonado	12/24
Iryna Hicks	12/07	Graciela Garza	12/18	Donald Young	12/24
				Ivan Luckey	12/26

Happy January Birthdays

Joyce Stevens	01/02	Lorena Maldonado	01/09	Monica Maldonado	01/20
Tommy Schlitzberger	01/03	Odella Colburn	01/13	Don Corolla	01/21
Richard Haner	01/05	Barbara McKellar	01/15	Lewis Robinson	01/21
Isela Maldonado	01/06	Doris Davidson	01/15	Felicia Elliot	01/30

Happy December Anniversary

Lewis and Morgann Robinson 12/28

New Recycling Program

On or about November 5, 2013, each Gulf Meadows resident received a letter from City of Houston Solid Waste Management stating that each resident will receive a green, 96-gallon cart (similar to the black automated cart used for regular garbage collection) for your recycling collection. Along with the cart will be program information such as the collection schedule and answers to frequently asked questions. **The service will begin on December 6, 2013.** The curbside recycling service day will be on our regular garbage day, Friday, except it will occur every other week. Recycling carts should be set on the curb by 7 a.m., along with the black garbage can.. Leave 3 feet between each cart and other objects such as cars, trees and mailboxes. The carts' handles should face the house. You must not put garbage or other waste such as yard trimmings and tree waste in the recycling container. Recyclable items that can be placed in the new containers include newspapers, magazines, office paper, junk mail, cardboard, paperboard, paper bags, glass bottles and jars, aluminum cans, tin and steel cans and plastic 1-5 and 7. The 18 gallon green bin will be retrieved on our last collection day under that program, November 22, 2013. Every resident has recyclable items and we need your support in making Houston a cleaner, greener place to live. **Please participate in this new program.**

**Wishing you holidays with happiness to
warm your heart and home with special joy!**

**Officers and Board of Directors
Gulf Meadows Civic Club**