



# 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](http://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, March 25<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 p.m.  
Covenant of Faith United Methodist Church  
7900 Fuqua

### Guest Speaker Senator Sylvia Garcia

Most people in the United States know senators represent them in the federal and state governments, but don't know exactly what senators do. They have many roles and responsibilities like making laws, of course, also talking to the residents of their home state about issues of importance to them for representation. Senator Sylvia Garcia has accepted the invitation from Gulf Meadows Civic Club to come out and address some of the concerns of the community. Aside from acquiring her education locally, Sylvia thrives on giving back to her community. We would like for you to come out and interact face-to-face with Texas State Senator, Sylvia Garcia, and let her know how she may better serve this community.

*Janice Carter,  
1<sup>st</sup> 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*

### Annual Membership Drive

Hello, Gulf Meadows residents. If anyone has not paid his or her civic club dues, please due so soon.

The Annual Membership Drive will take place on Saturday, April 5, 2014. We look forward to visiting with each of you. We can surely use volunteers to help with this drive. If you would like to help or know of anyone who would like to volunteer, please contact me at 713-806-5610 or Rose Mary Acrey at 713-991-3519. We are looking forward to having a good membership drive.

*Michael Gonzalez, Chairman  
Membership Committee*

### President's Message

Some Observations:

I noticed that lately people are not stopping at the STOP signs within the subdivision. Some are blowing through them and not really looking both ways. This is very dangerous and reckless behavior (I was almost hit by someone driving in this fashion at the intersection of Coastway and Wingtip one morning). No one can obtain his or her driver's license operating their vehicles in such a manner. For the safety of us all, let us observe the traffic rules and signs.

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### Trash Collection Days

Garbage Collection	Friday Mornings
Yard Trimmings	Friday Mornings
Green Bin Recycling	Every Other Friday
(March 28 <sup>th</sup> , April 11 <sup>th</sup> and 25 <sup>th</sup> )	

## Year 2014 Officers & Directors

Officers		
Robert Simmons, Jr.	President	713-991-2937
Janice Carter	1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President	713-991-7226
Mark Schultz	2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President	713-991-3815
Ruth Scotton	Secretary	713-991-0579
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

February was a relatively quiet month. I didn't receive any calls. If you have an incident to report or something that you think your neighbors need to be aware of, please leave a detailed message about it on my answering machine, even if you have already reported it to another board member. That will help me follow up with the police if warranted and allow me to give the neighborhood better information about any activities that are going on each month.

We are still looking for new patrollers for the Citizens' Patrol program that we have in Gulf Meadows. If you are interested in volunteering some of your time, however much or little, please give me a call. There is some paper work to fill out and an instruction manual to go over.

We have a very diligent group of volunteers that patrol but we can always use more people. Even if you do not patrol, each of you is the eyes and ears of our community. Please be vigilant and report any suspicious activities to someone, either the police or the civic club. With all of us working together, we can keep Gulf Meadows a safer place to live.

Once again if you would like to get involved as a patroller, please give me a call.

*Thanks,*  
**Mark Schultz**  
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

Believe it or not, 2014 has begun as one of the best years Gulf Meadows Civic Club has had in terms of membership. As of March 16, the number of residents who have paid their dues was 188, more than double the number as of this date last year.

The price of almost everything we spend money on has increased except our civic club dues. So, please encourage your neighbors who have not yet joined the civic club to do so. Everyone who lives in Gulf Meadows benefits from this small amount of money.

Thank you so much to all the residents who continue to support our civic club!

*Lou Ellington,*  
**Treasurer**

### Hospitality

Well, once again we had another successful civic club meeting in February. We had some delicious sweets and treats. I would like to give a special "Thanks" to Lou Ellington for those fancy Nothing Bundt Cakes and "Thank You" to everyone who brings sweets each and every month. They are truly appreciated! Gulf Meadows directors and officers hope that your St Patrick's Day and all the days thereafter are as grand as Irish blessings that bring health, much love and laughter to you all!

*Dovie Gonzales, Chairman*  
**Hospitality Committee**

### Walter Jones Park

We have had some wet and cold days as well as some sunny days. Spring comes in March 20th so please use and enjoy the park. However, we must remember to clean up the park after we enjoy it. It is a part of our neighborhood so it must be kept clean by its users. We should also be mindful of the equipment and lighting. Everything should be working properly. If it is not, please do not hesitate to contact any officer or board member listed in the newsletter. We thank you for your cooperation.

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

**We Need Your Support!!!**  
**Please Pay Your Civic Club Dues!!!**  
**Thank to all who have paid!!!**

Police Contact Numbers	
<b>Emergencies</b>	<b>9-1-1</b>
<b>Non-Emergency</b>	<b>713-884-3131</b>
<b>Store Front *</b>	<b>713-991-3504</b>
(*Telephone Rd. @ Red Robin)	

## Deed Restrictions

The Deed Restrictions Committee would like to thank all residents who work so faithfully and diligently in keeping their property very neat and tidy. We commend you! It makes me proud to live in a neighborhood where people actually love where they live and work hard to keep it pleasant.

Please be reminded of the following:

1. All Christmas decorations must be taken down by now.
2. Please help our neighborhood by sweeping up the leaves around your home and on the curbs in front of your house. Keeping all rubbish from entering the drains will help to prevent streets from flooding.
3. Keep trash cans out of sight until the day before pickup.
4. Refrain from storing junk in the front or sides of your home.
5. Mow and edge yards frequently.

Thanks for all that you do in making this neighborhood 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!**

## 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](mailto:Deahann@sbcglobal.net)

**Elly Rueda, 713-894-8854 (Spanish)**

**It's time to pay your 2014 dues.**

## President's Message (Continued from Page 1)

I've also noticed, with much dismay, the increased amount of LITTER deposited in our neighborhood by those who take the opportunity to regard our subdivision as an "open receptacle for their discarded trash". This, Gulf Meadows Subdivision, is your home. Let us do all that we can to keep our neighborhood a clean and neat place to live.

I've observed a few of our neighbors, when raking up leaves from their curbs and lawns, use bags that are not designated as acceptable by the City of Houston. The City will not pick up these unauthorized lawn and leaf bags and you can be ticketed until they are removed by you. If you are uncertain, contact the City for clarification.

**Robert Simmons, Jr.**  
**President**

## Gulf Meadows History

In 1972, Tommy Schlitzberger was elected President of the Gulf Meadows Civic Club and served as President several more times.

The Civic Club leased the then 7-11 Store (known later as CJ's) at Fuqua and Gulf Valley for \$1.00 a year for their meetings for ten years.

The Civic Club sponsored Halloween celebrations at Fuqua and Wingtip, which was woods at the time. They also sponsored parades and barbeque dinners at the park for the Fourth of July.

Charlie Oelfke, a Gulf Meadows resident, was instrumental in getting the playground equipment for Walter Jones Park for the Civic Club.

**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 crime is in progress and/or a life is in danger.**

## Gulf Meadows Civic Club

Members as of March 16, 2014

ARENDALE: Christian, Raska  
ARROWHEAD: Diaz, Henderson, Rochford, Williams  
BALLANTINE: Henshaw, McGinty, Persad  
CATALINA: Acrey, Caudle, Davidson, Gordy, Nelson, Thomas  
COASTWAY: Aziegbe, Bonham, Colbert, Daniels, Henderson, Holmes, Hulse, Huntsberry, McDowell, Simmons, Wooley  
FAIRGATE: Brady, Drouet, Holt, Mixon, Scheible, Stepchinski  
FOLKSTONE: Rodriguez, Thigpen  
GARDEN PARKS: Alvarez, Baldon, Cerros, Cline, Coleman, Curry, Cushman, Deming, Dublin, Elizondo, Emmite, Flores, Fry, Jenkinson, Keener, Kliesing, Lawless, Moraw, Norwood, Perry, Stanley, Walker, Williams  
GREENSWARTH: Carter, Carter, Flores, Riley  
GULF MEADOWS: Thompson  
GULF SPRING: Bennett, Boone, Brillantes, Donath, Ellington, Fahnert, Harris, Joubert, Muzyka, Simmons, Slovacek, Witt  
GULF TREE: Campbell, Dewberry, Dixon, Elliott, Galny, Hall, Lavergne, Lindley, McCann, Reyna, Richter, Thomas, Wade, Walters, Wiggins, Wright  
GULF VALLEY: Chaudoir, Hammond, Woods  
GULF DALE: Corolla, Wise  
GULF WOOD: Bonno, Chapman, Garcia, Gutierrez, Montanez, Rall, Robinson, Salazar, See, Stewart, Vance, Wiggins  
LETTIE: Anderson, Ginikanwa, Guitguit, Huerta, Skinner, Villa  
MISTY VALE: Abbott, Antoine, Avila, Burns, Casey, Chaires, Collum, Epps, Esparza, Garcia, Grant, Grooms, Halliman, Hendricks, Howell, Jeter, Lane, Lavine, Lucas, McCauley, Mitchell, Moore, Morales, Morris, Noriega, Oliver, Pardue, Santos, Schultz, Taylor, Tisby, Trevino, Waddleton, Wallace, Watson, Williams  
PALM SHADOWS: Chavez, Saavedra, Sigler, Velez  
PEEKSKILL: Brady, Bussey, Davidson, Gonzales, McGaughey, Turcios  
QUIET VALLEY: Barrientez, Miller, Pemberton, Rueda, Spillers  
RED ROBIN: Brantley, Cabrera, Garcia, Rodriguez  
SAYLYNN: Scotton  
SPRINGTIME: Adams, Arboleda, Benson, Cardenas, Earl, Houser, Johnson-Brady, Lee, Murray, Prescott, Rios, Russo, Stevens  
WAYFARER: Boyd, Falks, Tollefsbol  
WINGTIP: Garcia, Riley, Sherman

### 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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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 March 26<sup>th</sup>, April 9<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>. We also take day trips. Call 713-944-4474 for more information.

## Happy March Birthdays

**Vanessa Murillo 3/4    Trevor Murillo 3/23    Tyler Murillo 3/23    Vincent Hassell 3/21**

## Happy April Birthdays

Ruth Toilesfsbol	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	Luis Perez	04/12	Anthony Clark	04/26
Marie Donath	04/06	Hank Galny	04/13	Wanda Wamsley	04/26
Laura Cabrera	04/06	Willie Brady	04/17		

## Happy April Anniversaries

James and Mirthy Woodruff	04/05	Yulanda and Michael Ijeh	04/20
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**(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. Please put leaves in biodegradable bags.

## 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 (4<sup>th</sup> 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