



# Gulf Meadows Civic Club

## Newsletter

*Gulf Meadows is a Deed-Restricted Community*

P.O. Box 751023 – Houston, TX 77275-1023

July

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2014

[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 an axle 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 22, 7:30 p.m.

Covenant of Faith United Methodist Church  
7900 Fuqua

#### Guest Speaker

Center Point Energy Service Consultant  
"Ryan Duggan"

Mr. Duggan has graciously agreed to come this month after being rained out in June.

If you have questions that need to be answered regarding your electric bill, come and join us Tuesday, June 24<sup>th</sup>.

Janice Carter  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice President

#### Gulf Meadows Treasurer

Lou Ellington fell Wednesday, July 2<sup>nd</sup> and broke her hip. She is hospitalized at:

Windsong Village - Rehab Rm. 217  
3400 E Walnut  
[angles between 518 & Hwy 35]  
Pearland, Texas 77089  
832-448-6676

Cards, calls and visits will let her know how very much she is missed.

Ruth Scotton, Secretary

#### Gulf Meadows Secretary

I'm back as secretary and will be handling the Newsletter as well in Lou's absence. Help with information, corrections and any changes, please call 713-991-0579; as grammar, punctuation and proof reading are not what I'm best at. I have served as secretary for various organization since in high school and still need all the help I can get.

Ruth Scotton, Secretary  
713-991-0579

#### President's Message

For the life of me, I cannot understand why some of our neighbors would intentionally litter and trash their own neighborhood. What is so difficult about holding that glass, or plastic bottle, fast food container, snack bag, aluminum can, and such until it can be disposed of in a convenient trash RECEPTACLE? Our community is too nice a place to be rendered ugly by unsightly litter. Do your part to keep Gulf Meadows beautiful!

Yards and the neighborhood streets look great when the lawns are mowed; how about finishing the job; edge the curbs and sidewalks, then blow or sweep up the grass clippings. A suggestion: instead of blowing the grass clippings out onto the street, blow them back on the lawn [grass clippings become food for your lawn] and our drains don't become clogged when it rains.

Robert Simmons, Jr.  
President

#### Home Improvement Funds

Councilman Boykin, Dist. D has been working for families in the dist. to receive up to \$500, regardless of income for home improvements. Council Service Funds are the distributors.

Reported by: Dorothy Vance

#### Heavy Trash Pickup

(4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month)

Tree Waste.....July 28<sup>th</sup>  
Junk Waste.....August 25<sup>th</sup>

#### Trash collection

Garbage collection.....Friday mornings  
Yard Trimmings.....Friday mornings  
Green Bin Recycling.....\*July 18<sup>th</sup> & August 1  
(\*every other Friday)

## Officers and Directors – 2014

### Officers

|                     |                            |                  |
|---------------------|----------------------------|------------------|
| Robert Simmons, Jr. | President                  | 713-991-2937     |
| Janice Carter       | 1 <sup>st</sup> Vice Pres. | 713-991-7226     |
| Mark Schultz        | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice Pres. | 713-991-3815     |
| Ruth Scotton        | Secretary                  | 713-991-0579     |
| Lou Ellington       | Treasurer                  | No calls out ill |

### Directors

|                  |                  |
|------------------|------------------|
| Rose Mary Acrey  | No calls out ill |
| 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     |

## 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 Country 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, a fire or crime is in progress.**

### Police Contact Numbers

|               |                     |
|---------------|---------------------|
| Emergencies   | 911                 |
| Non-emergency | 311 or 713-884-3131 |
| Storefront*   | 713-991-3504        |

**Your Children will become  
who you are; so be who you  
want them to be.**  
**Anonymous**

## Citizens' Patrol

June was a quiet month. We're half way through the year and we're still lacking Civic Club dues. We haven't added any new members to the Citizens' Patrol. A portion of the dues goes toward paying a Houston Police Officer to patrol. I think that it is very valuable to the neighborhood to have that added Police presence. I personally would like to see us break the 400 paid members mark this year. But, even more than that, I would really like to see a few more of our residents join the Citizens' Patrol. It's never too late to get involved in patrolling. We have a very dedicated group but our numbers are small and we could be much more effective if we had more volunteers. The police are only able to keep an eye out on a limited basis, but our residents can be much more observant. A nosy neighbor is the best deterrent to crime. Once again, if you would like to get involved and keep your neighborhood safe, please give me a call.

Mark Schultz, 2<sup>nd</sup> VP

**Get involved-Join  
Citizens' Patrol  
Call 713-991-3815**

## DOGS

**City Ordinance, 3 dogs per household**, or they can be reported and picked up by Animal Control.

**City Ordinance: Dogs are not to run loose, without a collar and without a leash; even when with someone.**

Big dogs if upset enough will attack and this is happening too often in our city; resulting in death or horrible injuries.

The heat of the summer may upset animals. Be concerned for both your pets and neighbors.

**If you want to feel rich, count all the things you have that money cannot buy.**

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### **Deed Restrictions**

**RODENTS! RODENTS! RODENTS!** Neighbors are experiencing rats and mice all over our community. Many calls and complaints have been received concerning this problem. Some are reporting that their neighbors behind and beside them have lots of junk, and they have seen those critters coming from their immediate neighbors property.

The truth is many of us have **JUNKED UP FRONT and BACK YARDS, GARAGES, and FARM ANIMALS** living in back yards (horses) that are against our Deed Restrictions. Until we clean up our properties, rodent infestation is going to get worse, and our neighborhood will eventually turn into a **GHETTO**, and I for one, **DO NOT** want our community to go down.

I will be working with the city and turn in neighbors who are not in compliance with the **CITY'S ORDINANCES** and our **DEED RESTRICTIONS**.

**PLEASE JOIN IN AND HELP US KEEP OUR NEIGHBORHOOD CLEAN.**

Betty Earl, Chairman

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**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.**

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**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 numero para llama res (713) 991-2873**

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### **Walking Houston Streets**

Sidewalks are to be used whenever available. If vehicles are approaching you are to leave the street to an easement, 6 feet back on either side of the street {even if it's a resident's yard}. **Always walk facing oncoming traffic.**

### **Welcome Committee**

The Civic Club would like to welcome two families: **8222 Gulf Spring and 8211 Sprintime.** If you hear of a new family moving in please let the Civic Club Welcome Committee know, please contact us.

Deahann Grant  
832-971-4733 (cell)  
[deahann@bcglobal.net](mailto:deahann@bcglobal.net)  
Elly Rueda  
713-894-8854 (Spanish)

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### **Animal Feces**

Animals are leaving piles of feces behind. A bag needs to be taken to clean up after the animal/s. Horses as well as dogs are the culprits. It takes little effort to turn a bag back over your hand to pick up the pile and then reverse it back over the feces. Mowing can splatter it or stepping in it, neither are pleasant. The bigger the animal the bigger the mess. **Horses are not to be kept within 100 feet of a residence, City Ordinance.**

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### **Hospitality**

Well due to the bad weather, we unfortunately had to cancel June's Civic Club meeting. We missed out on all of our "sweets" for the month. Thank you to everyone who was ready for our meeting. We would like to wish Lou Ellington a "speedy recovery"!!! Rose Mary Acrey "we miss you dearly!!!"

A big thank you to Ruth Scotton for stepping up when we needed her the most. May God Bless you all and keep y'all cool this summer.

Dovie Gonzales, Chairman  
Hospitality Committee

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### **Membership**

Hello, wonderful Gulf Meadows residents. I hope everyone had a Happy and safe 4<sup>th</sup> of July. Summer is here; stay hydrated while working on those lawns. Let's keep our neighborhood a great place to live.

We need your support!!!

Please pay your Civic Club Dues!!!

Thanks to all who have paid!!!

310 out of 800!!!

Michael Gonzales, Chairman  
Membership Committee

## 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 the month at 10 a.m. at the Covenant of Faith United Methodist Church, 7900 Fuqua. Join us for fun and games on July 9<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>. We also take day trips. **Call 713-944-4474** for more information.

### Happy August Birthdays

|                 |       |                  |       |                     |       |
|-----------------|-------|------------------|-------|---------------------|-------|
| Raymond Collins | 08-01 | Florence Henshaw | 08-11 | Mark Chaudoir       | 08-23 |
| Gloria Williams | 08-01 | Wesley Carter    | 08-13 | Jennifer Cafferatta | 08-23 |
| Milton Davis    | 08-02 | Vernon Wright    | 08-14 | James Moore         | 08-24 |
| Bettie Raska    | 08-04 | Barbara Venable  | 08-15 | Ralais Harper       | 08-26 |
| Paul Scherier   | 08-04 | Frederick Mosley | 08-17 | Amos Lavine         | 08-29 |
| Clyde Brown     | 08-07 | Doris DeJean     | 08-18 | Mary Hulsey         | 08-31 |
| Daryle Schultz  | 08-09 | Jose Ayala       | 08-19 |                     |       |

### August Wedding Anniversaries

|                                    |              |                                 |              |
|------------------------------------|--------------|---------------------------------|--------------|
| <b>Lorenzo and Elnora Williams</b> | <b>08/14</b> | <b>Donald and Nora Dewberry</b> | <b>08/31</b> |
| <b>Irene and Leonel Alvarez</b>    | <b>08/30</b> | <b>Wesley and Janice Carter</b> | <b>08/31</b> |

### Our Sympathy

**Shirley Rae Lavine died April 18, 2014.** She was born March 9, 1935 in Crowley, Louisiana. She worked at St. Theresa Hospital, Beaumont, Texas, where she met the love of her life, Amos Lavine, Jr.; they were married for 54 years.

Shirley leaves her husband Amos Lavine Jr; daughters **Shirlynda** Ferguson (Charlie) and **Amye** Lavine; son **Kevin** Lavine (LaTanja); several grandchildren, and many friends.

The Lavine's are faithful longtime members of the Gulf Meadows Civic Club.

**Nancy Kramer Luckey died June 1, 2014.** She was born February 21, 1936 in Union Town, Pennsylvania, married Ivan Luckey in 1956. They were married 58 years.

Nancy is survived by husband Ivan, three sons: **Alan Mark** and wife Mary Kate, **David Wesley** and wife Dee, **Jeffrey Paul** and wife Renee; brother **David Kramer**; sister **Jane Dudine** and husband Jim; four grandchildren: **Eric** and wife Heather, **Ashley**, **Amber**, and **Zachery** and wife Daisy.

Nancy was an artist and taught art in the area for many years. Her water colors and oils are treasured by many.

Nancy and Ivan moved to Houston, Texas in 1967. Their residence in Gulf Meadows has been since 1968. Ivan is a Past President of our Gulf Meadows Civic Club.

**Memorial service is July 26<sup>th</sup>, 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm** Deer Park Funeral Services, 336 E San Augustine, Deer Park, TX. [To accommodate family traveling from a distance].

### Heavy Trash Program

The Heavy Trash Program requires that tree waste be bagged, separate from other types of trash and will not be picked up if included with other trash. Tree waste, **if tied in bundles of 3-5 foot**, will be picked up with bagged tree waste. Junk waste is furniture, appliances and other bulky material (lumber, fence material, etc.). Appliances containing refrigerant must have a tag attached to certify that a qualified technician has removed the refrigerant. Place the items close to the front curb, for easy access of the collection vehicle. Items may be placed the **Friday before and by 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 or Junk Waste will be reported to 311 and you will be fined by the City of Houston.**

| 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 | Agsto      | 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     |

# **Gulf Meadows Civic Club** **Membership as of July 2014 = 317**

|    |                      |  |
|----|----------------------|--|
| 03 | <b>Arendale:</b>     | Christian, Palomares, Raska  |
| 06 | <b>Arrowhead:</b>    | Diaz, Gonzales, Henderson, Rochford, Serrano, Williams   |
| 06 | <b>Ballantine:</b>   | Gilford, Jass, Henshaw, McGinty, Persad, Rubio-Lara  |
| 09 | <b>Catalina:</b>     | Acrey, Caudle, Davidson, Gordy, Nelson, Nguyen, Schieble, Schwerdtfeger, Thomas  |
| 15 | <b>Coastway:</b>     | Aziegbe, Bonham, Colbert, Daniels, Dawson, Glapion, Henderson, Holmes, Hulsey, Huntsberry, McDowell, Ritcherson, Simmons, Thomas, Wooley   |
| 06 | <b>Fairgate:</b>     | Brady, Drouet, Holt, Melendez, Mixon, Stepchinski  |
| 07 | <b>Folkstone:</b>    | Contreras, Frand, Latty, Rodriguez, Thigpen, Trujillo, Virgin  |
| 30 | <b>Garden Parks:</b> | Alvarez, Baldon, Burckardt, Cerros, Clark, Cline, Coleman, Curry, Cushman, Debose, Deming, Dublin, Elizondo, Emmite, Flores, Fry, Jenkinson, Keener, Kliesing, Lawless, Martinez, Moraw, Nava, Norwood, Perry, Phillips-Herbert, Stanley, Taylor, Walker, Williams   |
| 04 | <b>Greenswarth:</b>  | Carter, Carter, Flores, Riley  |
| 04 | <b>Gulf Meadows:</b> | Byer, Jones, Thompson, Torres  |
| 23 | <b>Gulf Spring</b>   | Ayala, Bautista, Bennett, Bolden, Boone, Brillantes, Coffey, Donath, Ellington, Fahnert, Harper, Harris, Jacobs, Johnson, Joubert, Muzyka, Perez, Rodriguez, Simmons, Slovacek, Sosa, Witt, Trigueros  |
| 28 | <b>Gulf Tree:</b>    | Behrens, Campbell, Carter, Davis, Dewberry, Dixon, Dixon, Elliott, Galny, Gipson, Glenn, Hall, Johnson, Langham, Lavergne, Lindley, McCann, Martin, Powell, Reyna, Richter, Ruffin, Stevens, Thomas, Wade, Walters, Wiggins, Wright  |
| 06 | <b>Gulf Valley:</b>  | Chaudoir, Coleman, Edwards, Hammond, Idlebird, Woods   |
| 04 | <b>Gulfdale:</b>     | Copeland, Corolla, Ijeh, Wise  |
| 24 | <b>Gulfwood:</b>     | Baeza, Bonno, Bradford, Chapman, Fontenot, Garcia, Gutierrez, Harrysingh, Kozel, Landin, Montanez, Mosley, Paz, Rail, Robinson, Rodriguez, Rojas, Salazar, See, Singleton, Stewart, Vance, Thompson, Wiggins   |
| 20 | <b>Lettie:</b>       | Anderson, Ben, Bledsoe, Cortes, Cruz, Ginikanwa, Guituit, Harris, Howell, Huerta, Johnson, Jones, Jurado, Khan, Maldonado, Martinez, Martinez, Rosales, Skinner, Villa   |
| 55 | <b>Misty Vale:</b>   | Abbott, Antoine, Aranda, Arellano, Arias, Avila, Blanco, Burns, Casey, Chaires, Collum, Epps, Esparza, Garcia, Grant, Grooms, Guerrero, Halliman, Hendricks, Hernandez, Howell, Ibarra, Jeter, Kelley, Lane, Lavine, Lucas, Mays, McCauley, McKellar, Miller, Mitchell, Moore, Morales, Morris, Neal, Noriega, Oliver, Pardue, Perez, Robinson, Rodriguez, Santos, Schultz, Sims, Taylor, Tisby, Trevino, Venable, Waddleton, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Williams, Young |
| 09 | <b>Palm Shadows:</b> | Cantu, Chavez, Gonzales, Moreno, Saavedra, Samuel, Sigler, Velez, Woodruff   |
| 10 | <b>Peekskill:</b>    | Avilez, Brady, Bussey, Carter-Hall, Davidson, Gonzales, Luckey, McGaughey, Tippi, Turcios  |
| 08 | <b>Quiet Valley:</b> | Barrientez, Cruz, Hamilton, Miller, Pemberton, Rivas, Rueda, Spillers  |
| 09 | <b>Red Robin:</b>    | Brantley, Brown, Cabrera, Croce, Garcia, Norton, Rodriguez, Schlitzberg, Williams  |
| 03 | <b>Saylunn:</b>      | Scotton, Segovia, Vincent  |
| 19 | <b>Springtime:</b>   | Adams, Alcantar, Alviar, Arboleda, Benson, Cardenas, Collins, Duplechain, Earl, Grijalva, Hickmon, Houser, Johnson-Brady, Lee, Murray, Ocampo, Prescott, Rios, Russo, Stevens  |
| 05 | <b>Wayfarer:</b>     | Boyd, Fals, Sjogren, Stanley, Tollesfsbol  |
| 03 | <b>Wingtip:</b>      | Garcia, Riley, Sherman   |

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Call Ruth Scotton if any name is missing or misspelled 713-991-0579

## **Your Civic Club Need You!**

We encourage all residents of our community to join to stay in touch with local and regional issues that improve our neighborhood. Yearly dues are \$35.00

Please send this form and payment to **Gulf Meadows Civic Club, PO Box 71023,, 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 home: \_\_\_\_\_ Rent: \_\_\_\_\_  
I am interested in Citizens' Patrol: \_\_\_\_\_ Notary: \_\_\_\_\_ Volunteering: \_\_\_\_\_