



# Gulf Meadows Civic Club

## Newsletter

**August**

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**2014**

### Parking in Yard City Ordinance

Houston City Ordinance prohibits the parking of vehicles (having an axle and wheels) in the front of side yards of residences in **Gulf Meadows**. Fines can be as much as \$150.00 per day. Report parking violation to the Telephone Road Police storefront. Phone **713-991-3504**.

### General Membership Meeting

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

### Guest Speaker

**Tony Lauri, Pre-Planning Advisor Mgr.  
Dignity Memorial Providers of Houston**

Creating meaningful ways to pay tribute to a loved one begins with compassion and is shaped by the understanding that each life is truly unique. We believe there is no greater responsibility than honoring and preserving the story of the life of lost loved ones. Dignity Memorial providers care for more than 300,000 families each year and understands the importance of thoughtful, personalized arrangements and is dedicated in compassionately supporting families at a difficult time, celebrating the significance of lives that have been lived, and preserving memories that transcend generations, with dignity and honor. Please come out to hear guest speaker, Tony Lauri of Dignity Memorial, address questions and concerns regarding funerals, cremations, and cemetery services.

Janice Carter  
1st Vice President

### Gulf Meadows Board Member

Rose Mary Acrey has been ill and is residing with her daughter and son-in-law. Cards, calls, and visits will let her know how very much she is missed.

Rose Mary Acrey  
12612 Pelican Blvd.  
Willis, Texas 77318  
936-228-7440

### President's Message

We reported last month that Lou Ellington, our Treasurer, had fallen and broken her hip. She has been discharged from her physical therapy and rehabilitation and is well on the mend, but she will not be returning as Treasurer of the Civic Club. Besides being Treasurer, Lou did a number of other things that facilitated the smooth functioning of the Civic Club. Thank you Lou; you will be greatly missed.

I've noticed an increase in the number of unleashed dogs (some are strays) being walked by their owners in the community. I'm sure that you don't want your pet to be injured or killed by a passing automobile. Likewise, I can bet that you don't want to be sued by someone who was bitten by your dog. **Keep them on a Leash!**

Check the Heavy Trash Program calendar in your newsletter to determine the proper month to dispose of your junk or tree waste. Putting out the wrong waste at the wrong time will get you ticketed by the city.

Robert Simmons, Jr.  
President

### Treasurer Is Needed!!

The Civic Club, because of our Treasurer, Lou Ellington's incapacitation, is in need of a Treasurer. If you have any suggestions for a replacement for this office, please contact any board member or officer.

### Heavy Trash Pickup

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

Junk Waste.....August 25<sup>th</sup>  
Tree Waste.....September 22<sup>nd</sup>

### Trash collection

Garbage collection.....Friday mornings  
Yard Trimmings.....Friday mornings  
Green Bin Recycling.....\*August 15<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>  
(\*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
	Treasurer	

### 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.**

## Texas Senator, Sylvia Garcia

Texas State Senator, Sylvia Garcia is still planning to visit a general meeting probably Sept. to Nov.

To prevent duplications, please email to Ruth Scotton [rscotton@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rscotton@sbcglobal.net) or send to **Gulf Meadows Civic Club, PO Box 751023, Houston, TX 77075** any questions or concerns to be forwarded to Ms. Garcia's District Director, Mr. Matala Iddi.

Ruth Scotton, Secretary  
[rscotton@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rscotton@sbcglobal.net)  
 713-991-0579

**Do something each week to simplify your life.**

## Citizens' Patrol

July was another quiet month. It's no secret what makes a neighborhood nice to live in - it's neighbors looking out for each other. We are the eyes and ears of the neighborhood and first line of defense for our property. Keep up the good work and take the time to call if you see anything suspicious.

School will be back in session this month requiring all of us to be extra observant. Don't forget to slow down for school zones and watch for the kids getting on and off the school buses. Just a little extra effort could be all it takes to prevent a tragedy.

If you have some free time and would like to get more involved by volunteering to help your neighborhood, please think about the Citizens' Patrol. Our group of dedicated patrollers has gotten smaller and replacements are desperately needed. The more people who can keep their eyes on things the better and any new volunteers would make a real difference. Once again if you would like to get involved please give me a call.

Thanks  
 Mark Schultz, 2<sup>nd</sup> VP  
 713-991-3815

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

## Officer Douglas, Houston Police

School is out but there is still a juvenile curfew. The curfew applies to juveniles under the age of 17.

Juveniles cannot remain, walk, run, drive or ride about in or upon any place in the city between the hours of **11 p.m. to 6 a.m.** Sunday through Thursday and **12 a.m. (midnight) to 6 a.m.** Friday and Saturday.

There are exceptions, such as being with parents, which are listed with the City of Houston website.

[www.houstontx.gov/police/juvenile](http://www.houstontx.gov/police/juvenile)

For more information, call the HPD Juvenile Division at 713-731-5335

**Crime and Safety report June 2014**

## Deed Restrictions

The Deed Restriction Committee would like to **Thank All Residents** who are working to keep our neighborhood a place where people want to live and raise their families.

All residents are expected to:

- To mow and edge yards regularly. Keep grass from growing onto the street and sidewalks.
- Sweep the curb in front of your home and side if you live on a corner. **Remember we do not have street sweepers. We must sweep. But not into the drain.**
- Stop storing things in the front and side of your house.
- Keep grass cut in the backyard and get rid of junk. We have a serious rodent problem.
- Stop parking broken down cars and cars with expired tags on the street.
- Remove broken down cars from your driveway. You are asked to store them in your garage.

We have a **GREAT NEIGHBORHOOD** in a **GREAT LOCATION!** Let's keep it that way.

Betty Earl  
Deed Restriction Chairman

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

**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**

## Welcome Committee

New residents at: 8034 Garden Park.  
8331 Lettie

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

## Membership

We need your support!!

Please pay your Civic Club Dues!!

Thanks to all who have paid!!

Hello wonderful residents of Gulf Meadows. Life is Good and Gulf Meadows is a Great place to live and grow; with everyone's help, we can keep our neighborhood a pleasant place to live. Let's be an inspiration to others. We live in a beautiful city.

Let's keep it that way. We hope to see more faces at the next meeting. Thanks and God Bless

Michael Gonzales, Chairman  
Membership Committee

## Hospitality

We had some awesome sweets this July. "Thank you" to Dorothy Vance for the 2 delicious cakes, Betty Earl for the butter loaf cake, Maria Garcia for the swirl cake "yummy-yummy", thanks to Deahann Grant for the bananas and muffins, and last but not least Michael Gonzales for the pecan sandies cookies and strawberry waffle cookies.

"We miss you" Lou Ellington and Rose Mary Acrey!!! Please pray for world peace!!! May God bless you all and keep your families safe this summer in this Texas Heat!

Dovie Gonzales, Chairman  
Hospitality Committee



## Shrubs Suffocating your House?

This is a common problem, shrubs can prevent window access, but they grow and can cause roof edge damage. Shrubs or plants too close to the house restrict airflow that plants and buildings need to prevent mold growth. Yard and trash waste accumulated above the cement foundation slab, provides easy access for termites and ants to enter through your weep holes or under siding.

## Grass, Weeds, Trash and Water

**Mosquitoes breed where it is moist** – tall grass, weeds, trash [anything that holds moisture], and water. Mow so that dew or rain water dries up quickly.

If you have standing water put cooking oil on the surface; a very small amount suffocates the mosquitoes.

If you have trash, **GET RID OF IT** as it breeds and attracts rats and other vermin.



Ruth Scotton, Secretary

## 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 August 27<sup>th</sup> and September 10<sup>th</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
Clyde Brown	08-07	Doris DeJean	08-18	Mary Hulsey	08-31
Daryle Schultz	08-09	Jose Ayala	08-19		

### August Wedding Anniversaries

Lorenzo and Elnora Williams	08/14	Irene and Leonel Alvarez	08/30
Sharon & Louis Taylor	08/25	Donald and Nora Dewberry	08/31
		Wesley and Janice Carter	08/31

### Our Sympathy

**Mandath Persad age 67**, died August 4<sup>th</sup> after a brief illness. He planned to retire and was closing down his business when he became ill and was hospitalized; he died shortly after. Mandath is survived by his wife Indra, 2 daughters, Indra's brother and 2 sisters; his family members are scattered throughout the United States, Canada and Trinidad. The Persads have been faithful Civic Club Members; we extend our sincere condolences to the family.

### 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 limbs, **if tied in bundles of 3-5 feet**, will be picked up with bagged tree waste every Friday. 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 by the collection vehicle. Items may be placed the **Friday before**, and on the scheduled collection day (**4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month**), by 7:00 a.m., **as the trucks start collection very early**.

**Heavy trash pickup** - tree trash mixed with junk [will not be picked up] but Junk [may be mixed with small tree trash]. Trash put out too early, will be reported to 311 and you will be fined by the City of Houston.

**If unsure what or when to put out trash call 311.**

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 August 2014 = 321**

02	<b>Arendale:</b>	Christian, Raska
07	<b>Arrowhead:</b>	Diaz, Gonzales, Henderson, Palomares, Rochford, Serrano, Williams
06	<b>Ballantine:</b>	Gilford, Jass, Henshaw, McGinty, Persad, Rubio-Lara
08	<b>Catalina:</b>	Acrey, Caudle, Davidson, Gordy, Nelson, Nguyen, Schwerdtfeger, Thomas
15	<b>Coastway:</b>	Aziegbe, Bonham, Colbert, Daniels, Dawson, Glapion, Henderson, Holmes, Hulse, Huntsberry, McDowell, Ritcherson, Simmons, Thomas, Wooley
07	<b>Fairgate:</b>	Brady, Drouet, Holt, Melendez, Mixon, Schieble, 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, Elizondo, Emmite, Flores, Fry, Jenkinson, Keener, Kliesing, Lawless, 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
24	<b>Gulf Spring</b>	Ayala, Bautista, Bennett, Bolden, Boone, Brillantes, Coffey, Donath, Ellington, Fahner, Harper, Harris, Jacobs, Johnson, Joubert, Martinez, 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
25	<b>Gulfwood:</b>	Baeza, Banda, Bonno, Bradford, Chapman, Fontenot, Garcia, Gutierrez, Harrysingh, Kozel, Landin, Montanez, Mosley, Paz, Rall, Robinson, Rodriguez, Rojas, Salazar, See, Singleton, Stewart, Vance, Thompson, Wiggins
20	<b>Lettie:</b>	Anderson, Ben, Bledsoe, Cortes, Cruz, Ginikanwa, Guitguit, Harris, Howell, Huerta, Johnson, Jones, Jurado, Khan, Maldonado, Martinez, Martinez, Rosales, Skinner, Villa
56	<b>Misty Vale:</b>	Abbott, Antoine, Aranda, Arellano, Arias, Avila, Blanco, Burns, Casey, Chaires, Collum, Epps, Esparza, Lee-Evans, Garcia, Grant, Grooms, Guerrero, Halliman, Hendricks, Hernandez, Howell, Ibarra, Jeter, Kelley, Lane, Lavine, Lee, 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, Tippit, 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
21	<b>Springtime:</b>	Adams, Alcantar, Alviar, Arboleda, Benson, Cardenas, Collins, Duplechain, Earl, Greene, Grjalva, Hickmon, Houser, Johnson-Brady, Lee, Murray, Ocampo, Prescott, Rios, Russo, Stevens
05	<b>Wayfarer:</b>	Boyd, Falks, Sjogren, Stanley, Tollesisbol
03	<b>Wingtip:</b>	Garcia, Riley, Sherman
321	Call Ruth Scotton if any name is missing, misspelled or on the wrong street 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: \_\_\_\_\_