



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, September 23, 7:30 p.m.
Covenant of Faith United Methodist Church
7900 Fuqua

Guest Speaker

Mr. Alton Brown

World Financial Group

This month's Civic Club meeting, we will have two distinguished guest speakers providing information to help families invest, secure, and protect their finances.

Mr. Alton Brown, an associate of World Financial Group, will share information on understanding, planning, securing, and protecting your income or finances by providing solutions that best fits your needs and goals.

In addition, we'll have a second speaker discussing ways to manage student loans, obtain employment and become debt-free. Please come out to hear ways of obtaining and securing your financial future.

Janice Carter
1st Vice President

Nominating Committee

A nominating committee has been established. Contact any board member with possible nominees. Nominations will also be accepted from the floor at both the September and October General Meetings. The committee will present a slate of officers and directors for 2015 with any additions included for vote at the November General Membership Meeting.

Mosquitos

The Mosquito spraying has gone through the area, the weekend of September 6th or 7th. Yes we still have lots of them from other areas and due to recent rain in our area. Take care as Pearland has had a case of West Nile.

President's Message

On Tuesday, September 2, I received a call from a subdivision resident who was upset about the number of **UNLEASHED** dogs running around the neighborhood. I wrote about this last month; I am again writing about it because it is a very serious matter. You dog owners say that you love your four (4) legged 'family members'; if that is so, then love them enough to keep them from getting hurt or killed and from hurting or possibly killing someone who is just trying to enjoy their own home environs and neighborhood. The consequences of your animal being loose are very serious. Protect your dogs and keep them tied (restrained) or on leashes when not confined in a yard or building.

The Gulf Meadows subdivision will observe National Night Out on Tuesday, October 7, 2014. If you would like to participate in this event (it does not have to be a big affair, and several neighbors can host together), just notify any of the officers and directors. Get to know your neighbors. HPD (Houston Police Department) will be patrolling the neighborhood.

The students of the community are wished a happy, safe, and successful learning experience this 2014-2015 school year

Robert Simmons, Jr.
President

Heavy Trash Pickup

(4th Monday of each month)

Tree Waste.....September 22nd
Junk Waste.....October 27th

Trash collection

Garbage collection.....Friday mornings
Yard Trimmings.....Friday mornings
Green Bin Recycling.....*September 12th & 26th
(*every other Friday)

Officers and Directors – 2014

	Officers	
Robert Simmons, Jr.	President	713-991-2937
Janice Carter	1 st Vice Pres.	713-991-7226
Mark Schultz	2 nd Vice Pres.	713-991-3815
Ruth Scotton	Secretary	713-991-0579
Daryle Schultz	Treasurer	713-991-3815

Directors

Steve Bonham.....	713-991-7404
Betty Earl.....	713-991-2673
Michael Gonzales.....	713-806-5610
Dovie Gonzales.....	713-806-4167
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 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
713-991-0579

**Common sense is a flower that
doesn't grown in everyone's
garden.**

Citizens' Patrol

In August, I did not receive any calls. It was quiet all month, which for the last month of summer is a really good thing. Thanks to everyone for keeping an eye on your neighborhood and helping to keep Gulf Meadows a safe place to live.

If you are interested in volunteering some of your time, think about the Citizens' Patrol. There is some 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 that patrol, but we can always use **you**. Once again, if you would like to get involved, please give me a call. I'll be happy to get you started and your neighborhood will thank you.

Thanks
Mark Schultz, 2nd VP
713-991-3815

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

Hoarding Stuff

Do you own your STUFF or does it own you?

The City of Houston passed an ordinance against hoarding in apartments, and condominiums, [conjoined residences]. Stuff includes animals of all kinds. This is a city wide problem reported on TV, the internet, and in newspapers.

Animals can be badly abused to the point of death. Don't add to the animal problem by feeding strays outdoors. Have the animals neutered or spayed, there are too many strays.

General STUFF attracts vermin, mice, rats, cockroaches, termites and filth. **STUFF not stored or cared for properly deteriorates;** so take care of it or get rid of it.

Cars and trucks can't be as easily vandalize in a garage.

A few of our residents have been cited for not taking care of their STUFF.

Take care of your STUFF if it is a problem, inside or out. Don't wait to have concerned neighbors and friends report the problem.

I found good stuff I forgot I had; now it is better organized, taken to Goodwill, Salvation Army, simply given away, or trashed. Yes, I still have STUFF to get rid of.

Ruth Scotton
Editor

Deed Restrictions

Neighbors, we are asking all residents to help us watch our neighborhood. We are finding out about more unusual things, going on every day. Just over the Labor Day Weekend, one of the members of the Deed Restriction Committee discovered a herd of goats on the corner of Fuqua and Ballantine grazing in the yards of several residents. That is not right! We have worked too hard to pay for our homes and to keep our neighborhood safe and attractive. The police were called, and an officer stayed with the goats until animal control picked them up. Yes, we live in a diverse society, and all must obey laws of this community.

This is not good for our neighborhood. As volunteers of the Gulf Meadows Civic Club, we need more watchful eyes from all residents. Sometimes, being a little nosey in a discreet manner could help keep our community from turning into a "GHETTO". Call any officer or board member in the civic club and report things that you know are wrong. Your name will not be used. We turn in complaints all the time. Some are corrected immediately and others are not. BUT, be sure that ALL complaints are turned in; we try to get them solved no matter how long it takes. We are never going to give up on our neighborhood and we hope that you feel the same!

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

Membership

We need your support!!

Please pay your civic club dues!!

Thanks to all who have paid!!

I would like to thank all residents who show up to the General monthly meeting. It's always nice to also see new faces. I would like to challenge all Gulf Meadows residents to come to a meeting. Who knows you might like it. We have excellent speakers and delicious refreshments. See you there. Thanks and God Bless.

Michael Gonzales, Chairman
Membership Committee

Treasurer's Report

This was one of the worst years ever, with a grand total of 1 new member in August. This gives us a total for the year of 321. We are now only 19 members below our total at this time last year, but we would certainly like to be caught up or ahead. If you help us reach our goal, please take a minute and send your dues today.

I am happy to be back as your treasurer this year and I look forward to working with the board again to keep our financial affairs in order. We all miss Lou terribly and I can only hope to be a competent replacement for her. She left big shoes to fill with her tireless work for the civic club.

Thanks to each and every one of you that helped us reach this level by investing in your neighborhood. Your civic club works tirelessly to make this a better, safer place to live.

Daryle Schultz,
Treasurer

Hospitality

"Thank you!" to Dignity Memorial Providers of Houston for supplying refreshments for August's civic club meeting. We had chocolate pudding cake, a sock-it-to-me cake, 2 variety packs of mini-muffins, orange juice, sweet tea, and Minute Maid fruit punch. Thank you for all of the valuable information regarding memorial planning.*

I would like to thank Deahann Grant for the cinnamon crumb cake and thanks to Maria Garcia for the hojarascas cookies.

A big "CONGRATULATIONS" TO Maria Garcia for winning "2 door prizes." What a Blessing!! We have some wonderful door prizes at our civic club meetings. So come to a meeting and maybe you will be Blessed with a door prize too!!!

Be careful and watch out for the kiddos, remember the school - zones!!!

Take care and "God Bless" you all.

Dovie Gonzales, Chairman
Hospitality Committee

Walter Jones Park

Summer (per the calendar) is almost over and Fall begins on September 23rd (per the calendar) but normally not by our weather. We had a good summer at the park. It was very active with the soccer games, while the neighborhood used the park and court. This is our park and we want to continue to use and enjoy it. So let us keep it safe and clean for all to enjoy. If you have concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the officers and directors listed in this newsletter.

Stephen Bonham
Walter Jones Park Committee

Neighborhood News

Gulf Meadows Young at Heart – The "Young at Heart" Senior Group meets the 2nd and 4th 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 27th and September 10th. We also take day trips. **Call 713-944-4474** for more information.

Happy September and October Birthdays

Kathleen Black	09-04	Lynne Black	09-10	Nenita Brillantes	09-21
Ana Rodriguez	09-06	Nora Dewberry	09-13	Joy Corolla	09-24
Tony Henshaw	09-07	Irene Alvarez	09-18	Mark Slovacek	09-25
Felicia Johnson	09-07	Thedro Oliver	09-19	Wally Curry	09-30
Annette Mickel	09-09	Lee Brantley			
Deborah Mosley	10-06	Juan Cardenas	10-16	Lorenzo Williams, Jr.	10-27
Kim Norwood	10-07	Donald Lane	10-17	Fred Henshaw	10-28
Michael Ijeh	10-09	Sandra Baldon	10-21	Charley Earl	10-29
Veronika Livinska	10-09	Hazel Carter	10-21	Adelina Cafferatta	10-29
Dorothy Wiggins	10-14	Michael Anderson	10-24		

October Wedding Anniversaries

Hank and Nellie Galny	10-14	Mark and Daryle Schultz	10-18
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Congratulations

Mom Estella, dad Jose, and brother Alejandro Sosa, who reside on Gulf Spring, have welcomed into their family a baby girl Aranza, born August 6th. Welcome to the neighborhood Aranza.

Sympathy

Marie Donath died September 14th in Lake Jackson, at the age of 90. Marie had moved there recently to live with her son Calvin, Jr.. Marie and Calvin Donath, Sr. moved to Gulf Spring in April 1974, 40 years ago. Calvin died in 2007; they had been married 63 years. They were faithful members of the Civic Club and Marie often attended our Civic Club meetings. Our sympathy to sons Calvin, Jr. and Joseph, and other family members and friends.

Heavy Trash Program

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

The Heavy Trash Program requires that tree waste be City of Houston clear logo 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 logo 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 (**4th Monday of each month**), by 7:00 a.m., **as the trucks start collection very early. If unsure what or when to put out trash call 311.**

Heavy Trash Schedule – 4 th Monday		Horario de basura pesada – 4 th el lunes	
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 September 16, 2014 = 323

02	Arendale:	Christian, Raska
07	Arrowhead:	Diaz, Gonzales, Henderson, Palomares, Rochford, Serrano, Williams
06	Bailantine:	Gilford, Jass, Henshaw, McGinty, Persad, Rubio-Lara
08	Catalina:	Acrey, Caudle, Davidson, Gordy, Nelson, Nguyen, Schwerdtfeger, Thomas
16	Coastway:	Aziegbe, Bonham, Colbert, Daniels, Dawson, Glapion, Henderson, Holmes, Hulsey, Huntsberry, McDowell, Reynolds, Ritcherson, Simmons, Thomas, Wooley
07	Fairgate:	Brady, Drouet, Holt, Melendez, Mixon, Schieble, Stepchinski
07	Folkstone:	Contreras, Frand, Latty, Rodriguez, Thigpen, Trujillo, Virgin
31	Garden Park:	Abraham, 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	Greenswarth:	Carter, Carter, Flores, Riley
04	Gulf Meadows:	Byer, Jones, Thompson, Torres
24	Gulf Spring	Ayala, Bautista, Bennett, Bolden, Boone, Brilantes, Coffey, Donath, Ellington, Fahnert, Harper, Harris, Jacobs, Johnson, Joubert, Martinez, Muzyka, Perez, Rodriguez, Simmons, Slovacek, Sosa, Witt, Trigueros
28	Gulf Tree:	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	Gulf Valley:	Chaudoir, Coleman, Edwards, Hammond, Idiebird, Woods
04	Gulfdale:	Copeland, Corolla, Ijeh, Wise
25	Gulfwood:	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	Lettie:	Anderson, Ben, Bledsoe, Cortez, Cruz, Ginikanwa, Guitguit, Harris, Howell, Huerta, Johnson, Jones, Jurado, Khan, Maldonado, Martinez, Martinez, Rosales, Skinner, Villa
56	Misty Vale:	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	Palm Shadows:	Cantu, Chavez, Gonzales, Moreno, Saavedra, Samuel, Sigler, Velez, Woodruff
10	Peekskill:	Avilez, Brady, Bussey, Carter-Hall, Davidson, Gonzales, Luckey, McCaughey, Tippet, Turcios
08	Quiet Valley:	Barrientez, Cruz, Hamilton, Miller, Pemberton, Rivas, Rueda, Spillers
09	Red Robin:	Brantley, Brown, Cabrera, Croce, Garcia, Norton, Rodriguez, Schlitzberg, Williams
03	Saylynn:	Scotton, Segovia, Vincent
21	Springtime:	Adams, Alcantar, Alviar, Arboleda, Benson, Cardenas, Collins, Duplechain, Earl, Greene, Grijalva, Hickmon, Houser, Johnson-Brady, Lee, Murray, Ocampo, Prescott, Rios, Russo, Stevens
05	Wayfarer:	Boyd, Falks, Sjogren, Stanley, Tollesbol
03	Wingtip:	Garcia, Riley, Sherman
323	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: _____