

# Newsletter

Gulf Meadows is a Deed-Restricted Community



## Gulf Meadows Civic Club

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

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**February**

[www.neighborhoodlink.com/houston/gmcc](http://www.neighborhoodlink.com/houston/gmcc)

**2015**

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### Parking in Yard City Ordinance

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

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### General Membership Meeting

**Tuesday, February 24<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 p.m.**  
Covenant of Faith United Methodist Church  
7900 Fuqua

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### Guest Speaker

**Rachel Portnoy**, Community Initiatives Specialist from the Department of Protective Services. Ms. Portnoy will inform us of services available to adult citizens of the State of Texas whose rights and safety are questionable.

**Lorenzo Williams Sr.**  
**1st. Vice President**

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### President's Message

Hello, neighbors. As the new year gets underway, the Gulf Meadows Civic Club leadership will continue to do all that we can to keep our community an attractive and viable place to come **HOME** to. I can still remember turning off Fuqua into the neighborhood for the first time and the terrific feeling and sense of pride in being a resident of this wonderfully well-kept subdivision of **HOMES**. It has been over thirty (30) years now and I still take delight in calling Gulf Meadows **HOME**. I'm hoping that you also still have that sense of wonderment and accomplishment about your residence (**HOME**) in our community. Heed our **Deed Restrictions**, as they are for the benefit of us all. Respect your neighbors and treat them as you would want to be treated. Be considerate of one another. Pay your Civic Club dues and take a committed stake in your **HOME** and our community.

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

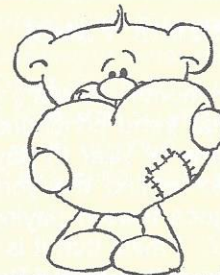
### Valentines' Day

Saint Valentine of Rome, Italy supposedly was imprisoned for performing weddings for soldiers who were forbidden to marry and for ministering to Christians.

During his imprisonment, he healed the daughter of his jailer, Asterius. An embellishment to this story states that before his execution he wrote her a letter signed "Your Valentine".

The day was first associated with romantic love in the circle of Geoffrey Chaucer (Canterbury Tales) in the High Middle Ages.

It evolved into an occasion in which lovers expressed their love for each other by presenting flowers, offering confectionery, and sending greeting cards (known as "valentines").



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### Heavy Trash Pickup

(4th Monday of each month)

Junk Waste.....February 23<sup>rd</sup>  
Tree Waste.....March 23<sup>rd</sup>

### Trash collection

Garbage collection.....Friday Mornings  
Yard Trimmings (clear logo bag)... Friday Mornings  
Green Bin Recycling.....\*February 27<sup>th</sup> &  
March 13<sup>th</sup> & March 27<sup>th</sup>  
(\*every other Friday)



## Officers and Directors - 2014

### Officers

Robert Simmons, Jr.	President	713-991-2937
Lorenzo Williams	1 <sup>st</sup> Vice Pres.	713-991-0760
Mark Schultz	2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice Pres.	713-991-3815
Ruth Scotton	Secretary	713-991-0579
Patricia Lee	Asst. Secty.	713-991-1164
Daryle Schultz	Treasurer	713-991-3815

### Directors

Betty Earl	Deed Restrictions	713-991-2673
Dorothy Vance	Historian	713-991-2085
Dovie Gonzales	Hospitality	713-806-4167
Michael Gonzales	Membership	713-806-5610
Steve Bonham	Walter Jones Park	713-991-7404
Deahann Grant	Welcome	713-987-0073

### Help us to Help You

Animal Regulation & Control	713-229-7300
Auto Theft	713-308-0900
Burglary & Theft	713-236-1313
Central Library	832-393-1313
City Dispatcher	713-247-1000
Crime Stoppers	713-222-8497
Harris County Sheriff	713-221-6000
*HISD Dispatch	713-892-7777
Houston Police Dispatch (non-emergency)	713-884-3131
Houston Fire	713-884-3143
Houston Ambulance	713-884-3144
Illegal Dumping	713-525-2728
Mosquito Control	713-440-4800
Neighborhood Protection	713-525-2525
Public Works(water & sewer)	713-207-2222
**HPD Storefront police	713-991-3504

\* Houston Independent School District

\*\* Telephone Rd. at Red Robin

Call 9-1-1 only if a life is at risk, a fire or crime is in progress.

### Citizens' Patrol

January was a quiet month. That's a great start to the New Year. I hope that trend continues throughout the year. It's also that time of year to pay your civic club dues. I would like to remind everyone to do so. A portion of the dues goes toward paying for a Houston Police Officer to patrol. I think that it is very valuable to the neighborhood to have that added Police presence. 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. Once again, if you would like to get involved and help keep your neighborhood safe, please give me a call.

*Thanks,*  
**Mark Schultz, 2nd V.P.**  
**713-991-3815**

## Membership

We need your support!!!

Please pay your dues!!!

Thanks to all who have paid!!!

We had a good meeting last month. It was a pleasure to see all the responsible residents who showed up. Hope more of you show up this month, to come see what we're all about. We need to take care of our neighborhood.

Thanks and God Bless.

**Michael Gonzales, Chairman**  
**Membership Committee**



### Hospitality

Cupid says, "Hello", to all of Gulf Meadows residents, and hopes everyone had a Happy Valentine's Day. January's monthly Civic Club meeting was a success and we had 26 members to show up! Hopefully we will have more members for February's meeting. Please come and see what we are all about. Gulf Meadows is our **HOME** and our Civic Club needs everyone's participation to keep our neighborhood up - so I am looking forward to seeing some new faces at our meeting. Please come and join us for some good ole coffee and cookies. "Thank you" to everyone who provided sweets last month.

Walk in faith and keep the peace!

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

### Walter Jones Park

The new year is here and the winter weather (rainy and cold) has been with us. However, when the weather is favorable, we should enjoy the park. I have noticed several street lights facing Coastway not working. I will make a report so this problem can be resolved. In the meantime, if you see anything unusual, please contact any of the officers or directors listed in the newsletter.

**Parks and Recreation Department...832-395-7000**  
**Park Rangers.....832-395-7014**

**Stephen Bonham**  
**Chairman**  
**713-991-7404**



## Deed Restrictions

Neighbors, if you see any violations in our neighborhood, it is okay for you to report them. No one will know. Many members have called me about problems, but are afraid to do so because they want to remain anonymous. I understand your concern, but the city does not give out anyone's name reporting violations in the neighborhood.

This month, we are asking all neighbors to clean up their driveways. Here are some suggestions:

- **Remove trash** that has been stored on the driveway, such as wood, bricks, trash cans, and other items that are considered a nuisance.
- **Remove broken down and/or wrecked vehicles from your driveway.** Nothing destroys the value of a community more than broken down cars and trash on the driveways and/or sides of a home.
- **Remove your trash can from the street promptly.** If your trash cans remain on the street after garbage pickup, you are waiting for an accident to happen. Since our street lights are not very bright, visibility is obstructed, and someone could run into those black cans on the street. It could possibly cause a serious accident.
- **Do not store old broken down kitchen appliances** on the sides or front of home. Call someone to pick them up. Please call (713) 991-2673 or (713) 991-6043 if you need a phone number.

**Betty Earl**  
*Deed Restrictions Chairperson*

**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 número para llamar es (713) 991-2673.**

## Treasurer's Report

To date I have received dues payments from 54 members for 2015. Congratulations to those of you who took advantage of the lower dues amount by paying early. Thanks so much for your diligence in paying your dues so promptly. It really helps to start the year out on such a positive note. The \$35 that you contribute helps us do so much good for so many, and you will have such a good feeling knowing that you are giving something back to your neighborhood. Every year is a new start and we are hoping to make 2015 our best year in a long, long time!

**Daryle Schultz**  
*Treasurer*

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## Secretary

### Paying it Forward!

**Paying dues.** January 2<sup>nd</sup> (1<sup>st</sup> is a holiday) is when dues for the Civic Club are to be paid. This can be a form of "**paying it forward**" for the good of everyone in the neighborhood.

When out in the neighborhood and you see an area that needs help, "**pay it forward**".

1. Pick up trash (put it in the nearest trash can. I've never had anyone say not to put it in their trash).
2. Mow an entry area or the areas the city gets to only after long periods of time.
3. Pull a few weeds.
4. Report to **311 by phone or computer**:
  - stray animals,
  - out-of-date license plates or stickers on cars and/or trucks,
  - parking in the yard violations,
  - street lights that are out,
  - building or renovation with no okay from Deed Restrictions and/or city permit.

Let's "**pay it forward**" so people going through our area are just a bit envious. We have a beautiful subdivision, so let's keep it that way.

**Ruth Scotton**  
*Secretary*

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## Welcome

Hope everyone is enjoying our good weather. I would like to welcome two new families to Gulf Meadows:

7719 Peekskill  
7710 Saylynn.

If there are any new neighbors moving in, please let the Civic Club know. Hope to see our new families at our monthly meetings.

**Deahann M. Grant**  
(713)987-0073  
**Deahann @sbcglobal.net**

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**Gulf Meadows Civic Club**  
**Membership as of February 13, 2015 = 70**

1	Arendale	Jamerson
1	Arrownhead	Henderson
	Ballantine	
2	Catalina	Nelson, Thomas
5	Coastway	Bonham, Colbert, Turner, McDowell, Wooley
2	Fairgate	Mixon, Stepchinski
	Folkstone	
14	Garden Park	Baldon, Cerro, cline, Curry, Elozondo, Emmite, Jenkison, Kliesing, Lawless Norwood, Perry, Stanley, Walker, Williams
	Greensworth	
	Gulf Meadows	
4	Gulf Spring	Ellington, Joubert, Muzyka, Simmons
5	Gulf Tree	Davis, Elliott, Galny, Martin, Wiggins
	Gulf Valley	
1	Gulfdale	Corolla
6	Gulfwood	Bonno, Chapman, Garcia, Kozel, Vance, Wiggins
1	Lettie	Bledsoe
9	Misty Vale	Esparza, Grant, Halliman, McCauley, Oliver, D. Schultz, M. Schultz, Tisby Waddleton
2	Palm Shadows	Chavez, Gonzalez
2	Peekskill	Davidson, Gonzales
3	Quiet Valley	Miller, Rueda, Spillers
2	Red Robin	Brantley, Rodriguez
1	Saylynn	Scotton
7	Springtime	Adams, Earl, Lee, Murray, Rios, Russo, Stevens
	Wayfarer	
2	Wingtip	Garcia, Riley

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**Your Civic Club Needs 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 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 or cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

New Membership: \_\_\_\_\_ Membership renewal: \_\_\_\_\_ Own residence: \_\_\_\_\_ Rent: \_\_\_\_\_

I am interested in Citizens' Patrol: \_\_\_\_\_ Notary: \_\_\_\_\_ Volunteering: \_\_\_\_\_