



## Newsletter

Gulf Meadows is a Deed-Restricted Community

# Gulf Meadows Civic Club

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

**March**

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

**2015**

### 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**.

### General Membership Meeting

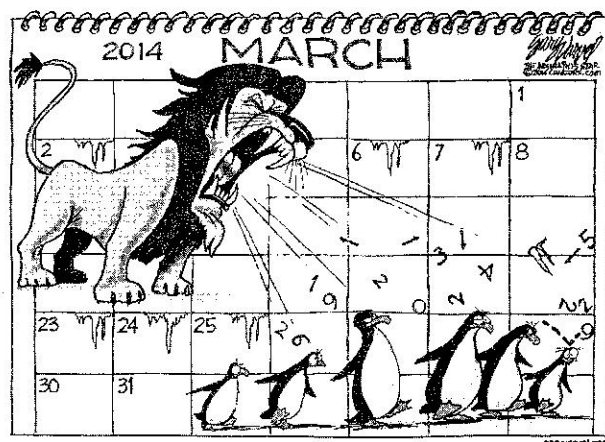
Tuesday, March 24<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 p.m.  
Covenant of Faith United Methodist Church  
7900 Fuqua

### Guest Speaker

Child Protective Services  
**Ledra Carter Johnson (C.I.S.)**

Ms. Johnson will be coming to share information with us that will make us aware of some of the challenges our young people may experience during their development in our and surrounding communities. Please be present to welcome her at our March 24<sup>th</sup> meeting.

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



This is 2014 but very appropriate for this year.  
Let's hope March leaves like a lamb in 2015.

### President's Message

**Attention!!** We have already experienced **two (2)** dog mauling incidences within our community, one resulting in a death.

As much as you say you love your dogs, I am quite sure that you do not want to be responsible for the death or the maiming of one or your neighbors, or for that matter, anyone. Not to mention that it can become a very expensive situation for YOU. 'Love' your dog, CARE about your neighbor.

**Neighbors**, would that that is what we truly are towards one another. I've seen actions contrary to what being a good neighborly person is. Some of our 'neighbors' allow their dogs to run loose within our community to the distress and detriment of others. I understand that dogs will do what dogs will do, so their owners are obliged to exercise heightened accountability and responsibility for their pets.

**Robert Simmons, Jr.**  
President

### Dues are now \$40

The dues were raised to \$40 this year. If you are generous enough to pay more (thank you, thank you!) please **write on your check** how you want the extra funds used, such as for next year's dues, donation, etc. We want to follow your wishes.

### 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.....\*March 27<sup>th</sup> and  
April 10<sup>th</sup> & 24<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. Secretary	713-991-1164
Daryle Schultz	Treasurer	713-991-3615

### 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

In February I did not receive any calls. It was quiet all month. That's what makes me grateful to live in the neighborhood that we have, where we can all feel safe.

If you are interested in volunteering some of your time to keep our neighborhood safe, please 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 are 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 and I will get you set up.

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

## Membership

We need your support!!!  
Please pay your dues!!!  
Thanks to all who have paid!!!

It's been a cold and wet winter. Spring forward has arrived! Summer's on the way. Everyone be safe and watch out for the neighborhood children. Be proud of our community; it's a great place to live and raise a family. **Come and check out our General Monthly Meetings.** Be safe and God Bless.

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

## Hospitality

Cheers and good luck to all this month of March! I hope that all of you little Leprechauns had a Happy St. Patrick's Day! We had a good turn out last month for our Civic Club meeting. Thank you to our members who show up and share their support for our community. **We truly need everyone's support in helping.**

Keeping up Gulf Meadows residents that includes "you renters". Gulf Meadows is your community also. So please get your \$40 Civic Club dues in ASAP. The dues are for extra police patrol and extra mosquito spraying in our neighborhood.

Thank you to Rosalyn Waddleton for the awesome homemade cookies, Maria Garcia for the mini-orange cranberry scones and white confetti Cake [Yummy], and Deahann Grant for the muffins and cookies.

**May God bless!**  
**Dovie Gonzales, Chairman**  
**Hospitality Committee**

## Walter Jones Park

**Parks and Recreation Department...832-395-7000**  
**Park Rangers.....832-395-7100**

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

## Welcome

Hope everyone is staying warm and dry. I would like to welcome **Raymond and Amy Wei** at 8407 Gulf Springs. If there are any new neighbors moving in, please let the Civic Club know. Hope to see our new family at our monthly meetings.

**Deahann Grant**  
**Welcome Committee**

## Deed Restrictions

Gulf Meadows has become over crowded with cars on our streets, and they have made it next to impossible for emergency vehicles, as well as regular cars to drive down the streets safely without maneuvering around parked cars. Not only are our streets crowded, but they are potentially dangerous as well. According to Jennifer Lava, a professional organizer, in an article, "Make the Most Out of Your Space," she stated, "If you can't park in the garage due to clutter, then you risk damage to your car from the elements. A study done by the University of California - Los Angeles concluded that three out of four American families can't park their cars in the garage due to clutter. That's losing money, and can also create a dangerous fire hazard, as a potential escape route is taken up by mess." As always, we are working to keep Gulf Meadows a place where people want to live and raise their families.

**Betty Earl**  
*Deed Restrictions*

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### Texas Transportation code

Sec. 683.071. DEFINITION. In this subchapter, "**junked vehicle**" means a vehicle that is self-propelled and:

**displays an expired license plate or invalid motor vehicle inspection certificate or does not display a license plate or motor vehicle inspection certificate; and is:**

a wrecked, dismantled or partially dismantled, or discarded; or inoperable and has remained inoperable for more than: **72 consecutive hours, if the vehicle is on public property; or 30 consecutive days, if the vehicle is on private property.**

**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

Our membership count as of March 3, 2015 is 105, which is lagging quite a bit behind last year's total of 143 at the same time. In spite of that, I want to thank all of you for taking the time to pay your dues promptly. I'm sure we will catch up with last year in no time. Again this year we had quite a few members who sent in more than the normal \$35 dues amount, and I want to send a very special "thank you" out to each of them. We will do our best to put your donation to good use working for your neighborhood. For those of you who are still unpaid, we will be conducting our annual membership drive again this spring. This year our membership drive will be held on **Saturday, April 11<sup>th</sup>**, and if you are unpaid at that time, a volunteer should be stopping by to see you. If one of our wonderful volunteers comes by to visit you, please take advantage of the opportunity to pay your dues without having to mail them in. Thanks so much for your support!

**Daryle Schultz**  
*Treasurer*

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### Secretary

I have reviewed our by-laws from 1967 forward. During the early years of our Gulf Meadows Civic Club very, very few did not pay dues. I found that the dues started at \$6, were later increased to \$15 (2½ times more than the \$6). They have never been changed since. In 1967 a loaf of bread cost 25¢, today it averages \$2.50, 10 times greater. If our dues had kept up with this rate increase the \$6 would now be \$60. **\$60 is not being asked for, only \$40.** We need to change our by-laws to remove a set limit.

The following is my resolution that has been presented to our Civic Club Board and which I am now presenting to the membership for approval or disapproval by majority vote at the May General Meeting.

**I resolve** that the last sentence in bold print below of Article V, Section B be deleted entirely.

#### Article V, Section B

Delinquent members may be reinstated upon payment of dues for which the member was in arrears for the current year. **Provided, however, the dues may not exceed fifteen dollars (\$15) per individual or family membership, payable on or before January of each fiscal year.**

**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 March 25<sup>th</sup> and April 8<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>. We also take day trips. Call **713-944-4474** for more information.

### Happy April Birthdays

Ruth Tollesfsbol	04-01	Ruth Scotton	04-08	Derek Boyd	04-26
Brenda Bailey	04-04	Kourthlandt Akins	04-10	Anthony Clark	04-26
Damion Oliver	04-05	Hank Galny	04-13	Wanda Wamsley	04-26
Laura Cabrera	04-06	Willie Brady	04-17	Steve Bonham	04-30
Bonnie Holt	04-07	Patsy Hebert	04-17		

### Happy April Anniversaries

James & Mirthy Woodruff    04-05                      Yulanda & Michael Ijeh            04-20

### Heavy Trash Program

**Heavy trash pickup:** tree trash, mixed with junk will not be picked up.

**Junk waste pickup:** includes furniture, appliances, other bulky material (lumber, fence material, etcetera.). Appliances containing refrigerant must be tagged to certify that a qualified technician has removed the refrigerant.

**Trash or junk** put out too early (**before the weekend of the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month**), will be reported to 311 and you will be fined by the city of Houston.

**Place for pickup close to the curb**, for easy access by the collection vehicle. Place by the **Friday before**, and no later than 7:00 a.m. on the scheduled collection day (**4th Monday of each month**).

If you have a trash question call 311.

Heavy Trash schedule 4th Monday		Horario de basura pesada - 4th el lunes	
<u>Month</u>	<u>Collection</u>	<u>Mes</u>	<u>Recoleccion</u>
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

### Thomas Jefferson

**President Kennedy** once said to an assembled group of scholars at the White House, "I think this is the most extraordinary collection of talent that has been gathered here - with the possible exception of Thomas Jefferson".

- Democracy ceases to exist when you take from those willing to work and give to those who would not. - Thomas Jefferson
- I predict happy Americans if they prevent the government from wasting the labors of the people under the pretense of taking care of them. - Thomas Jefferson
- Banking institutions are more dangerous to our liberties than armies. If they control the currency by inflation, then deflation; leading to the deprivation of the people of all property until their children wake-up homeless on this continent their fathers conquered. - Thomas Jefferson.

**Gulf Meadow Civic Club**  
**Membership as of March 16, 2015 = 145**

2	Arendale St.	Christian, Jamerson
1	Arrowhead Ln.	Henderson
3	Ballantine St.	Henshaw, Persad, Rodriguez
5	Catalina Ln.	Acrey, Barnes, Gordy, Nelson, Thomas
8	Coastway Ln.	Bonham, Colbert, Daniels, Hulsey, McDowell, Simmons, Turner, Wooley
2	Fairgate Ln.	Lombrana, Mixon, Stepchinski
0	Folkstone Ln.	
19	Garden Park Dr.	Baldon, Cerro, Cline, Coleman, Curry, Cushman, Deming, Elizondo, Emmite, Jenkinson, Keener, Kliesing, Lawless, Nava, Norwood, Perry, Stanley, Walker, Williams
2	Greenswarth Ln.	Carter, Carter
2	Gulf Meadows Dr.	Jones, Thompson
8	Gulf Spring Ln.	Boone, Ellington, Fisher, Joubert, Martinez, Muzyka, Simmons, Witt
13	Gulf Tree Ln.	Davis, Dewberry, Elliott, Galny, Hall, Langham, Lindley, Martin, Reyna, Richter, Thomas, Wade, Wiggins
1	Gulf Valley St.	Chaudoir
2	Gulfdale Dr.	Copeland, Corolla
15	Gulfwood Ln.	Banda, Bonno, Chapman, Fontenot, Garcia, Garcia, Garcia, Kozel, Rall, Rodriguez, See, Singleton, Thompson, Vance, Wiggins
5	Lettie St.	Bledsoe, Ginikanwa, Huerta, Rosales, Skinner
24	Misty Vale Ln.	Antoine, Arellano, Casey, Esparza, Garcia, Grant, Halliman, Ibarra, Jeter, Lane, Lucas, McCauley, Morales, Noriega, Oliver, Pardue, Santos, Schultz, Schultz, Tisby, Trevino, Waddleton, Wallace, Williams
3	Palm Shadows St.	Chavez, Gonzalez, Samuel
4	Peekskill Ln.	Bussey, Davidson, Gonzales, Luckey
5	Quiet Valley Ln.	Holloway, Miller, Pemberton, Rueda, Spillers
3	Red Robin Ln.	Brantley, Croce, Rodriguez
1	Saylynn Ln.	Scotton
12	Springtime Ln.	Adams, Benson, Cardenas, Earl, Greene, Houser, Lee, Murray, Prescott, Rios, Russo, Stevens
3	Wayfarer Ln.	Boyd, Fals, Turrentine
2	Wingtip Dr.	Garcia, Riley
145	Total pd. members	

**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 \$40.00.

Please send this form and payment to: **Gulf Meadows Civic Club, PO Box 751023, Houston, TX 77275-1023** or bring it in person to our next Civic Club meeting.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_, Houston, Texas 77075

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work or cell phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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