

Newsletter

Gulf Meadows is a Deed-Restricted Community



Gulf Meadows Civic Club

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

April

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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, April 28th, 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 was unable to attend our March meeting to share her experiences regarding the challenges our young people may experience during their development in our, and surrounding, communities. Please be present to welcome her at our April 28th meeting.

Lorenzo Williams Sr.
1st. Vice President

President's Message

I hate to keep harping on this subject, but it is not being addressed as it should. I'm once again referring to the loose dogs within our community. Report **all** dog attacks, no matter how seemingly unimportant the attack may be. Call 311, HPD, or the HPD Storefront.

Read your newsletter, especially for the heavy trash pickup dates. See the Heavy Trash Pickups Schedule in each newsletter. March had 5 Mondays and a few residents were unaware and missed the 4th Monday pickup. There are 3 more months that will have 5 Mondays: June, August and November. If you missed the scheduled pickup day, do not allow your trash to remain on the curb - the city will cite (ticket) you and you will still have to remove it. Also, follow the schedule for Tree Waste and Junk Waste. The city will not pick up if the waste is not appropriate for the month.

Thanks for sprucing up your homes (and Gulf Meadows in general) for the beginning of the spring season and the Easter week.

Robert Simmons, Jr.
President



Yards of the Month for April

Section I 10203 Gulf Meadows
Section II 8311 Misty Vale
Section III 8227 Gulf Spring
Section IV 8434 Gulf Spring

Heavy Trash Pickup

(4th Monday of each month)

Junk Waste.....April 27th
Tree Waste.....May 26th

Weekly Trash collection

Garbage collection.....Friday Mornings
Yard Trimmings (clear logo bag)... Friday Mornings
Green Bin Recycling.....*April 24th May 8th
and 22nd. (*every other Friday)

Officers and Directors - 2015

Officers

Robert Simmons, Jr.	President	713-991-2937
Lorenzo Williams	1 st Vice Pres.	713-991-0760
Mark Schultz	2 nd 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.

Walter Jones Park

Spring is here and it welcomes you to begin your outside activities at the park. Everyone is invited to use the park. For our children and youth, we have the basketball court, playground equipment, soccer and other activities.

Let's not forget about picnics. We must have those; however, you must get a permit from the City Parks Dept. for a large group. If you omit getting a permit, there is a fine for those who do not follow rules regarding securing permits. At the same time, if you see any questionable activity in the park, please notify any officer or board member listed in our newsletter.

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

Stephen Bonham
Chairman
713-991-7404

Membership

We need your support!!!

Please pay your dues!!!

Thanks to all who have paid!!!

The Membership Drive was April 11th. Thank you to all who gave up their time to volunteer. The Membership Drive each year makes a big difference in keeping our residents informed and our membership strong and involved.

Be safe and God Bless.

Michael Gonzales, Chairman
Membership Committee

Hospitality

"Thank you" to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ for he has risen! I hope that everyone had a Blessed and Happy Easter.

I would like to thank everyone who brought all the sweets and treats last month. Thank you to: Brenda Perry for the home made peanut butter, chocolate chip and pecan, oatmeal and raisin cookies! (Yummy). Felicia for the Olde Southern pecan cookies, Deahann Grant for the brownies and Mark & Daryle Schultz for the Shipley donuts.

Remember to get your membership dues in ASAP. We need the support of all of Gulf Meadows!

Thank you, take care and remember to walk in Faith and Jesus loves you.

Dovie Gonzales, Chairman
Hospitality Committee

Mosquitoes

They are back so get prepared!

To protect yourself and your pets:

Put some Vegetable oil on standing water. A few drops of oil goes a long ways on a fish pond, rain barrel, standing water, and endangers only mosquitoes and a few other bugs.

Gulf Meadows Civic Club will start spraying regularly soon to helping protect us all.

If the mosquitoes only sucked fat instead of blood!

Ruth Scotton

Police Contact Numbers

Emergencies	9-1-1
Non-Emergency	713-884-3131
Store Front *	713-991-3504

(*Telephone Rd. @ Red Robin)

Deed Restrictions

Often times, the deed restriction committee sends notices to residents identifying city ordinances and deed restriction violations at your home. We ask that you work with us and maintain your property so that our Gulf Meadows community can keep up its standards and quality of life that we share. REMEMBER:

- Mow and edge your yards regularly.
- Sweep up the debris at the curb in front of your home.
- Do not park on the grass!
- After trash pickup, gather cans up promptly.
- Remove broken down cars from the driveway.

As always, we are working to keep Gulf Meadows a place where people want to live and raise their families.

Betty Earl
Deed Restrictions

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.

May 10th

Happy 
Mother's
Day

Treasurer's Report

Thanks to all of you, our membership count as of April 1, 2015 is 165. We remain quite a bit behind our total last year at this time of 195, but I am hopeful that our numbers will improve after our membership drive this month. Please feel free to take advantage of our drive to pay your dues. This year our membership drive will be held on Saturday, April 11th, and if you are unpaid at that time, a volunteer should be stopping by to see you. Please answer your door and visit with us and feel free to ask any questions about the civic club that you have. We're all working for you and for **YOUR** neighborhood.

Daryle Schultz,
Treasurer

GARAGE SALES INFORMATION

As warmer weather approaches, garage sale season will be in full swing. I thought it might be a good time for us to review some rules that apply to garage sales. There are both state and city laws, as well as deed restrictions, that address the sales of items in situations that are commonly called "garage", "yard", "estate" or any similar type of sale. At the state level, an individual is allowed to have two sales within a 12-month period. A third sale is recognized by the state as operating a business. Each day of operation is counted as a "sale day". For any sales on the third day in a 12-month period, state law requires that the seller must collect and remit sales tax on all subsequent sales.

The position that the civic club has taken is that residents may have two garage or similar sales in a 12-month period. If the resident conducts a third sale, they may be reported to the state and to the city.

Be aware that our security patrollers keep records on the garage sales that occur in the neighborhood. As a result, if you have already conducted two garage sales in the past 12 months, having a third within a 12-month period may result in a municipal or state citation. Be careful with your dates and there should be no problem with your sales. Good luck, and good weather!

Daryle Schultz

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 April 8th and 22nd and May 6th and 20th. We also take day trips. Call 713-944-4474 for more information.

Happy May Birthdays

Ethel Moore	05-04	John Taylor	05-15	Raymond Carter	05-29
Lorenzo Williams	05-06	Debra Vercher	05-16	A Kelly Mixon	05-31
Aggie Houser	05-07	Dovie Gonzales	05-18		

Memorial Day

Memorial Day is May 25th. In the United States, Memorial Day is always celebrated on the last Monday of May. The custom of honoring ancestors by cleaning cemeteries and decorating graves is an ancient and worldwide tradition, but the specific origin of Memorial Day, or Decoration Day as it was first known, are unclear.

GULF MEADOWS HERO

In December, I was walking with my two (2) dogs, which I have been doing for four (4) years. A pit-bull dog on the loose attacked one of my dogs. I tried very hard to hit him, praying he would leave my dog alone. A good friend of mine "My Hero" grabbed a pole and started beating the pit-bull which finally released my dog from his mouth.

For several days, I was not sure if my dog was going to live or die. If it had not been for "My Hero" who came to our rescue, I am not sure if my dogs and I would be alive or would have been found dead in the street.

I owe "My Hero" more than words can express and could never repay him for putting his life in danger to help me and my dogs. It is without a doubt, "My Hero" was in the right place at the right time. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Many thanks to all of the people in the neighborhood who provided so much support to me during this difficult experience. I am going to truly miss seeing and talking to many of you throughout our neighborhood since I have had to make the difficult decision to take my dogs to a safer place to walk them. I have lived in this neighborhood for over 40 years, and will never put my dogs or myself in danger by walking them in this neighborhood again.

I am writing this letter in hopes that something can be done so this does not happen to anyone else in this neighborhood. There are entirely too many dangerous dogs running unattended throughout this neighborhood.

Thank God for sending "My Hero" to save my dogs and my life!

Mary Catherine Elizondro

Heavy Tree and Junk Trash

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

Junk trash 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.

Tree or junk put out too early (before the weekend of the 4th 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). Any question call 311.

Heavy Trash schedule 4th Monday		Horario de basura pesada - 4th 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	Sepiembre	Desechos de arbol
October	Junk Waste	Octubre	Basura pesada
November	Tree Waste	Noviembre	Desechos de arbol
December	Junk Waste	Diciembre	Basura pesada

Gulf Meadow Civic Club
Membership as of April 10, 2015 = 177

2	Arendale St.	Christian, Jamerson
2	Arrowhead Ln.	Diaz, Henderson
4	Ballantine St.	Henshaw, McGinty, Persad, Rodriguez
6	Catalina Ln.	Acrey, Barnes, Cuadle, Gordy, Nelson, Thomas
9	Coastway Ln.	Bonham, Colbert, Daniels, Dawson, Hulsey, McDowell, Simmons, Turner, Wooley
3	Fairgate Ln.	Drouet, Mixon, Stephchinski,
0	Folkstone Ln.	
20	Garden Park Dr.	Baldon, Cerro, Cline, Coleman, Curry, Cusman, Deming, Elizondo, Emmite, Fry, Jenkinson, Kenner, Kliesing, Lawless, Nava, Norwood, Perry, Stanley, Walker, Williams
3	Greenswarth Ln.	L Carter, W Carter, Riley
4	Gulf Dale Dr.	Copeland, Corolla, Ijeh, Perez
2	Gulf Meadows Dr.	Jones, Thompson
11	Gulf Spring Ln.	Ayala, Bennett, Boone, Ellington, Fisher, Joubert, Martinez, Muzyka, Simmons, Sosa, Witt
15	Gulf Tree Ln.	Behrens, Carter, Davis, Dewberry, Elliott, Galny, Hall, Langham, Lindley, Martin, Reyna, Richter, Thomas, Wade, Wiggins
2	Gulf Valley St.	Chavez, Woods
17	Gulf Wood Ln.	Banda, Bonno, Chapman, Fontenot, O. Garcia, J Garcia, M Garcia, Kozel, Rall, Robinson, Rodriguez, M Salazar, See, Singleton, Stewart, Thompson, Vance, Wiggins
5	Lettie St.	Bledsoe, Ginikanwa, Huerta, Rosales, Skinner,
31	Misty Vale Ln.	Antoine, Arellano, Avila, Casey, Collum, Epps, Esparza, J Garcia, Garcia, Grant, Halliman, Howell, Ibarra, Jetter, Lane, Lucas, Morales, McCauley, Moore, Noriega, Oliver, Pardue, , Santos, D. Schultz, M. Schultz, Tisby, Trevino, Waddleton, Watson, Wallace, Williams
5	Palm Shadows St.	Cantu, Chavez, Gonzalez, Samuel, Saavedra
6	Peekskill Ln.	Bussey, Davidson, Gonzales, Hall, Luckey, Tippet
5	Quiet Valley Ln.	Holloway, Miller, Pemberton, Rueda, Spillers
4	Red Robin Ln.	Brantley, Croce, Norton, Rodriguez
3	Saylynn Ln.	Scotton, Segovia, Vincent
13	Springtime Ln.	Adams, Brandon, Cardenas, Earl, Greene, Houser, Lee, Murray, Ocampo. Prescott, Rios, Russo, Stevens
3	Wayfarer Ln.	Boyd, Falks, Turrentine
2	Wingtip Dr.	Garcia, Riley
177	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, P O 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:** ____