

# Newsletter

Gulf Meadows is a Deed-Restricted Community



# Gulf Meadows Civic Club

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

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**August**

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

**2015**

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## Heavy Trash

**Every 4<sup>th</sup> Monday is pick-up in our area. Do not put trash out on the 5<sup>th</sup> Monday.** During the year there are months with 5 Mondays. This year March, June, August and November are 5 Monday months. You will be reported and fined if trash is put out early or left out more than 3 days. **Call 311** if you're not certain of the date and/or type of trash.

## Heavy Trash Pickup

(4th Monday of each month)

**Junk Waste.....August 24<sup>th</sup>      Tree Waste.....September 28<sup>th</sup>**

## Weekly Trash collection

**Garbage collection.....Friday Mornings**

**Yard Trimmings (clear logo bag or tied limb bundle).....Friday Mornings**

**Green Bin Recycling----Aug. 14 & 28<sup>th</sup> -- September 11<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> (every other Friday)**

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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, August 25<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 p.m.  
Covenant of Faith United Methodist Church  
7900 Fuqua

## Guest Speaker

Hello Gulf Meadows! We have a guest coming this month to speak about a future that we must all face. Ms. Dianna Ortha Solis will give us important information about expenses associated with making final arrangements and how we can make things less difficult for our survivors.

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

The American dollar is creating some interesting problems for the average American family. Europe is within reach---and the supermarket isn't.

**Robert Orben,**  
**American Legion Magazine**

No matter how serious your life requires you to be, everyone needs a friend to be goofy with.

**Andy Rooney**

## President's Message

I was delivering the newsletters on Friday the 24<sup>th</sup> of July on the 8200/8300 block of Gulf Tree. As I was going door to door, I couldn't help but notice that practically every home (with about four exceptions) had mowed lawns, edged curbs and sidewalks, trimmed shrubbery and clean curbs. I had a flashback to when we first moved into the subdivision, as this is what so impressed us with Gulf Meadows.

I finished Gulf Tree and began delivering on the 8200/8300 block of Gulfwood and I could not believe my eyes. The homeowners on Gulfwood mirrored Gulf Tree (with six exceptions). I felt good for and proud of my neighbors on these four blocks who showed what Gulf Meadow could and should look like.

I'd like to acknowledge the residents who were awarded the 'Yard of the Month'. Thanks to you winners and to those of you who are also showing how proud you are of your neighborhood by caring for your homes (investments).

Our neighborhood will participate in the observance of National Night Out on Tuesday, October 6, 2015. You're asked to think about being a host (on your block) for this event.

I wish the students of our community an enjoyable, safe and successful academic experience this 2015/2016 school year, and everyone is wished a relaxing and safe Labor Day.

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



## Officers and Directors - 2015

### 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	713-991-3815

### 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
Councilman Boykins	832-393-3001
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

July was a quiet month. I received another call about loose dogs in the neighborhood. Once again that seems to be a common occurrence and one that worries our residents. We are the eyes and ears of the neighborhood and the first line of defense. If you see anything suspicious, please call the HPD Store Front or the non-emergency number and report it. You never know how helpful that can be unless you take the time to report. Please also call me with any issues so that I can include them in my report and alert your neighbors. 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.

Recently there was a report that our neighborhood had a large gathering of young people at a residence. Many of the neighbors heard at least 5-6 gun shots at about 3:00 am. The fire and police arrived at the scene and as no one was injured or killed the situation was closed down. If you see or hear of a large gathering, please call 911, report the address, possible number gathered and any other pertinent information. Do not become involved

yourself! If you would like to become involved in the Citizens' Patrol and become better trained in how to help your community, please give me a call.

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

### Membership

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

Hello Gulf Meadows residents. Life is good and Gulf Meadows is a wonderful place to live and grow, with everyone's help. Let's be an inspiration to others. School will be starting. Watch out for the children and school zones. Hope to see you at our next meeting. Be safe and God Bless.

**Michael Gonzales, Chairman**  
Membership Committee

### Hospitality

We had some awesome sweets-n-treats this July. Thanks to you all!!! Thanks to Cassandra for the fresh fruit, a big thanks to Elonora for the homemade oatmeal cookies, Dorothy Vance for the sour cream pudding cake, Corina and Javier Gonzalez and Mark Schultz for the Shipley donuts, and Mary Catherine for coming through once again with the delicious cake.

Well, it's that time again for back to school. Please be careful and watch those school zones!!! Everyone make sure those children get plenty of sleep! Good luck with getting the kiddos back on track.

**Dovie Gonzales, Chairman**  
Hospitality Committee

### Welcome

Hope everyone is staying cool this summer. If you hear of a new family moving in please let the Civic Club Welcome Committee know. Please contact:

**Deahann M. Grant 832-971-4733 or 713-987-0073**  
[deahann@sbcglobal.net](mailto:deahann@sbcglobal.net)  
**Elly Rueda, (Spanish) 713-894-8854**

### Walter Jones Park

It is good to see our neighbors using the park, walking around and doing exercises. The appearance of the park is inviting as a place for enjoyment. It has been mowed and is waiting for us to visit it. It is very hot so please take precautions to protect yourself from sunburns and heat strokes. If anything appears out of line, please do not hesitate to contact the officers or directors listed in the newsletter.

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

**Stephen Bonham, Chairman**  
Water Jones Park  
713-991-7404



## Deed Restrictions

**HEAVY TRASH** – Many residents are ignoring heavy trash pickup dates and putting huge loads of trash out whenever they choose. Nothing is more of an eye sore than seeing huge loads of heavy trash in front of homes for more than four to five weeks at a time. It is important that you follow the schedules for the different kinds of trash pickups on designated times. Where do you get the schedule? It is located in the Gulf Meadows Monthly Newsletter or you may check with the city of Houston for information by phoning 3-1-1. So, be on the lookout for your newsletter near the end of each month. **REMEMBER: HEAVY TRASH CAN ONLY BE PUT OUT AS EARLY AS THE FRIDAY BEFORE THE 4TH MONDAY OF THE MONTH.**

Thank you for your continuous support and efforts in working to make Gulf Meadows an A+ place to live, raise families, and keep our property values up.

**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.

## The Real Meaning of Success?

To laugh often and much;  
To win the respect of intelligent people and the affection of children;  
To earn the appreciation of honest critics and endure the betrayal of false friends;  
To find the best in others;  
To leave the world a bit better, whether by a healthy child, a garden patch or a redeemed social condition;  
To know even one life has breathed easier because you have lived.  
**This is to have succeeded.**

**Ralph Waldo Emerson**

## Treasurer's Report

This July was sadly a very slow month for our membership, as we only added five new members. Last year we added 12 members during that same period, and we are still 50 members behind our total for this month last year. I want to thank all of you who sent your dues this month. Your payment is appreciated and we will put it to good use keeping Gulf Meadows a wonderful place to live. We are so lucky to live here and it's because we have supportive residents and an active civic club working together. If you have not paid your dues this year, please do so now and encourage your neighbors to do the same. Let's keep our neighborhood strong.

**Daryle Schultz,**  
*Treasurer*

## Secretary's Report

A reply to the Chicago Title Company email asking whether, "membership in your HOA is on a voluntary basis and that payment is not mandatory? The following is our reply:

Gulf Meadows is not an HOA (Home Owners Association). We have a very active Civic Club that works very hard to keep our residences and area maintained legally, per Houston City Ordinances, per our Deed Restrictions and with close support with our Houston Police Department Storefront (located in our immediate area) and separate Police Patrol.

Our Civic Club dues are non-mandatory at \$40 a year, BUT any new resident should be encouraged to pay and become a member.

The City of Houston is without zoning and HOAs and Civic Clubs are the neighborhoods' best protection against deterioration which can happen very quickly without any supervision.

**Ruth Scotton,**  
*Secretary*

## A few quotes by H. Jackson Brown, Jr.

- Understand that happiness is not based on possessions, power or prestige, but relationships with people you love and respect.
- Be honest.
- Be a self-starter.
- Stop blaming others. Take responsibility for every area of your life.

My thought is, "Before finding fault consider you're not perfect either, then speak."

**Ruth Scotton**



## 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 26<sup>th</sup> and September 9<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>. We also take day trips. Call **713-944-4474** for more information.

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## 2016 nominations

Please consider serving on the Gulf Meadows board. New board members make for a more involved community with fresh ideas and talents, so please share yours. Contact any board member regarding the positions available for 2016.

**Ruth Scotton, Secretary - [rscotton@sbccglobal.net](mailto:rscotton@sbccglobal.net)**

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## Our Sympathy

John Dubose and Douglas Preston, former members of the Civic Club, have recently died. We send our sincere condolences to the families and friends.

**Dorothy Vance**

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## Happy September 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	09-21		

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If you don't see your birthday or anniversary please call Ruth Scotton at 713-991-0579.

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## Heavy Tree and Junk Trash Schedules

**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 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, NOT IN THE STREET,** 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 (4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month).

**Any questions about the dates, please 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	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 Paid Members – August 2015

3	Arendale St.	Christian, Jamerson, Kelly
5	Arrowhead Ln.	Diaz, Gonzalez, Henderson, Palomares, Williams
4	Ballantine St.	Henshaw, McGinty, Persad, Rodriguez
7	Catalina Ln.	Acrey, Barnes, Cuadle, Gordy, Madrigal, Nelson, Thomas
11	Coastway Ln.	Bonham, Colbert, Daniels, Dawson, Glapion, Holmes, Hulsey, McDowell, Simmons, Turner, Wooley
4	Fairgate Ln.	Drouet, Granados, Mixon, Stepchinski,
3	Folkstone Ln.	Frاند, Latty, Virgin
32	Garden Park Dr.	Abraham, Alvarez, Baldon, Burkhardt, Cerro, Cline, Coleman, Curry, Cushman, Deming, Dublin, Elizondo, Emmite, Flores, Fry, Guajardo, Hernandez, Hernandez, Herpin, Jenkinson, Keener, Kliesing, Lawless, Moraw, Nava, Norwood, Parker, Perry, Stanley, Taylor, Walker, Williams
3	Greenswarth Ln.	L Carter, W Carter, Riley
4	Gulf Dale Dr.	Copeland, Corolla, Ijeh, Perez
3	Gulf Meadows Dr.	Byer, Jones, Thompson
15	Gulf Spring Ln.	Ayala, Bautista, Boone, Brilliantes, Davis, Ellington, Fisher, Johnson, Joubert, Martinez, Muzyka, Simmons, Sosa, Wei, Witt
18	Gulf Tree Ln.	Behrens, Carter, Davis, Dewberry, Dixon, Elliott, Galny, Gipson, Hall, Langham, Lindley, Martin, Powell, Reyna, Richter, Thomas, Wade, Wiggins
4	Gulf Valley St.	Chavez, Edwards, Idebird, Woods
21	Gulf Wood Ln.	Banda, Bonno, Chapman, Fontenot, O. Garcia, I Garcia, M Garcia, Gutierrez, Harrysingh, Kozel, Landin, Paz, Rall, Robinson, Rodriguez, See, Singleton, Stewart, Thompson, Vance, Wiggins
16	Lettie St.	Anderson, Bledsoe, Conner, Cruz, Gamblin, Ginikanwa, Guitguit, Hatcherson, Huerta, Jones, Martinez, Martinez, Newsome, Rosales, Skinner, Villa
53	Misty Vale Ln.	Antoine, Aranda, Arellano, Arias, Avila, Burns, Calderon, Casey, Castillo, Collum, Epps, Esparza, Flores, Garcia, Grant, Grooms, Guerrero, Halliman, Hendricks, Howell, Ibarra, Jeter, Kelley, Lane, Lavine, Lucas, Mays, McCauley, McKellar, Mitchell, Moore, Morales, Morris, Neal, Noriega, Oliver, Pardue, Robinson, Santos, D. Schultz, M. Schultz, Sims, Taylor, Tisby, Trevino, Vargas, Venable, Waddleton, Watson, Wallace, Williams, Young
9	Palm Shadows St.	Cantu, Chavez, Gonzalez, Moreno, Saavedra, Samuel, Sigler, Velez, Woodruff
8	Peekskill Ln.	Brady, Bussey, Davidson, Gonzales, Hall, Luckey, Maldonado, Tippet
7	Quiet Valley Ln.	Hamilton, Holloway, Miller, Pemberton, Rivas, Rueda, Spillers
6	Red Robin Ln.	Brantley, Cabrera, Chizer, Croce, Norton, Rodriguez
5	Saylynn Ln.	Acevedo, Collins, Scotton, Segovia, Vincent
21	Springtime Ln.	Adams, Alviar, Arboleda, Benson, Brady, Cardenas, Collins, Deplechain, Earl, Greene, Hickmon, Houser, Lee, Murray, Ocampo, Prescott, Qualls, Rios, Rios, Russo, Stevens, Torres
5	Wayfarer Ln.	Boyd, Falks, Sjogren, Stanley, Turrentine
2	Wingtip Dr.	Garcia, Riley
269	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: \_\_\_\_