



# Newsletter

## Gulf Meadows Civic Club

P. O. Box 751023, Houston, TX 77275-1023  
*Gulf Meadows is a Deed-Restricted Community*

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**February**

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

**2016**

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### Mosquito Invasion

Mosquito-borne illnesses that affect both humans and pets, include:

- Zika Virus
- Dog Heartworm
- West Nile Virus
- Encephalitis
- Malaria
- Yellow Fever
- Filariasis
- Dengue Fever
- Elephantiasis
- Chikungunya Virus

Houston mosquitoes are considered to be some of the worst in the United States. Of the 2,500+ mosquito species throughout the world, 80 of the most aggressive live in Texas. Mosquitos are arriving by worldwide transportation into the USA via vehicles, planes, ships and immigration. The new Zika virus in pregnant women causes babies to have brain damage and it spreads sexually. The City of Houston sprays ditches, esplanades, vacant land, etc, BUT if we are to protect our housing area, additional spraying is a must. To do your part, clean up trash, junk, and supplies stored or kept outside, and keep your weeds and grass short. If you notice any tall grass or trash on property near your home call 3-1-1 for help from the city to take care of the problem. **THIS IS WAR AGAINST THE MOSQUITOS.**

Please pay your dues. \$40 a year is a cheap investment. If you see an area that needs attention, please, please, please contact us or the city.

**Ruth Scotton**  
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713-991-0579

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### General Membership Meeting

Tuesday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 7:30 p.m.  
Covenant of Faith United Methodist Church  
7900 Fuqua

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#### Guest Speakers

**Ms. Alyce Coffey and Mr. Zach Cavender**

Hello G.M.C.C. I am happy to announce that on February 23<sup>rd</sup> we are to expect two guests. Mr. Cavender is the Director of the Mark-Dana Corporation who we welcome to come share with us the current proposal for new construction in our area at Fuqua and Monroe. Ms. Coffey, Community Outreach Manager of the Solid Waste Department of the City of Houston, has assured me of her presence this month. Let's be there and give them a Gulf Meadows welcome.

**Lorenzo Williams, Sr,**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Vice President**

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### President's Message

We have not had, to this point in time, what we would normally consider winter weather. It will not be long before spring arrives and we all are doing our spring thing in our gardens and yards. We have, however, experienced a wetter winter than usual. All of our creeks, bayous and ditches are full of standing water - a breeding environment for mosquitos. Now we must add another disease virus to the lengthening list of illnesses and diseases caused by mosquito bites.

The city of Houston and Harris County spray for mosquitos, BUT only in areas where there is confirmation of the disease carrying insects. Your Civic Club, on the other hand, sprays regularly during the spring and summer when the mosquitos are most active and prevalent. This is a benefit provided only in our Gulf Meadows subdivision. We sometimes have to spray outside of our contract and spray as needed. We have 300 families (1/3) who pay dues to help maintain our program which protects all of our residents from these mosquito borne diseases.

You are urged to do your part in bearing the cost by paying your dues.

**Robert Simmons, Jr., President**

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### Gulf Meadows Spring or Fall Yard Sale

A successful yard sale by residents of section one was held a few years ago. Since funds are needed to continue to provide our Civic Club's services, we are considering sponsoring a community yard sale. The participating residents would sell their items and only be required to make a contribution to the Gulf Meadows Civic Club. There are vacant land areas that can be considered for the sale. Please let us know what you think would be a fair contribution; contact us with your thoughts.

**Ruth Scotton, Secretary**  
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## Officers and Directors - 2016

### 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
Don Carolla	Flood Control	713-991-0169
Dovie Gonzales	Hospitality	713-806-4167
Michael Gonzales	Membership	713-806-5610
Dorothy Vance	Telephone	713-991-2085
Steve Bonham	Walter Jones Pk.	713-991-7404
Deahann Grant	Welcome	713-987-0073

### Other Helpful Phone Numbers

Auto Theft	713-308-0900
Animal Regulation & Control	713-229-7300
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	713-884-3131
(non-emergency)	
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
Dist D - Councilman, Dwight Boykin	832-393-3001
Asst., Andre Wagner	

**March often is in like a lion out like a lamb.**



**Time change - March 13, 2016**

**St. Patrick's Day - March 17, 2016**

Time for wearing of the green.

**March on Crime - Officer Harris will have the March date soon. 713-991-3504**

## Citizens' Patrol

January was quiet. If you are interested in volunteering some of your time, 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 20 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.

**Mark Schultz, 1<sup>st</sup> VP**  
713-991-3815

### Membership

**We need your support!!!**

**Please pay your dues!!!**

**Thanks to all who have paid!!!**

Hope all of our Gulf Meadows residents are doing well. Let's get those dues turned in. Forty dollars (\$40) is a small fee to pay for what we get. Come to a general meeting to see what we're all about.

Be safe and God bless.

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

### Hospitality

To all of you love birds, hope you had a Happy Valentine's Day. It was time to recharge our "Loved Ones" who we are blessed to know and love.

Thank you to Deahann Grant for the strawberry scoop cake. It was scrumptious! Yummy! Yummy! Thank you to Betty Earl for the lemon pound cake, mm mm good

I hope to see some new faces and old ones too at our next civic club meeting.

PS: Don't forget to get those dues in A.S.A.P.

Thank you and take care.

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

### Walter Jones Park

The winter weather is here. However, we should enjoy the park whenever the weather permits us to do so. It has been reported that someone with a 4-wheeler or truck is driving on the park grounds, tearing up the grass. If you see anyone not following the rules of the park, please do not hesitate to report to any officer or director listed in the newsletter. The park department has put down new sawdust on the playground area. This will help eliminate unwanted holes. Playing in the area will be a little more pleasant and safe.

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

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



**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.**

### **Heavy Trash Pickup**

Every 4<sup>th</sup> Monday, see page 4 for the schedule.

### **Household Trash Pickup**

(green and black bins)

Every Friday morning - black bin  
Green bin included March 11<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>

### **Parking in the Yard City Ordinance**

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

### **Deed Restrictions**

Kudos to all Gulf Meadows residents who work so very hard keeping their property junk free in this community! The more rubbish we get rid of, the more rodents go away. I challenge all neighbors to join in and continue the fight on RODENTS!!

#### **Important Things to Remember:**

1. Only put **HEAVY TRASH** out a couple of days before the pickup date.
2. Please do not put **HEAVY TRASH** out on any day that you clean up. Keep it out of sight until it is time for pickup.
3. **HEAVY TRASH** has a specific time to be put out. **PLEASE** get the scheduled time for heavy trash pickup from your neighborhood **NEWSLETTER** that we put on your porch.
4. The Deed Restriction Committee is asking all residents to report all broken down vehicles and/or vehicles with expired tags parked on the street to the police non-emergency number or call our neighborhood police sub-station to report. **713-991-3504**.

### **Treasurer's Report**

To date I have received dues payments from 102 members for 2016. We are very grateful to everyone that took the time to pay early. Thanks so much for your support. It really helps to start the year out on such a positive note. The \$40 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. Like everyone, we face new challenges this year with the slowdown of our local economy, and we are being forced to make changes to accommodate our decreased revenues. We hope to make changes that allow us to continue to serve you and have a minimal impact on our residents. We appreciate the investment that you make in us, and we will do our best to put your dues to good use. Every year is a new start and with your help we are hoping to make 2016 one of our best.

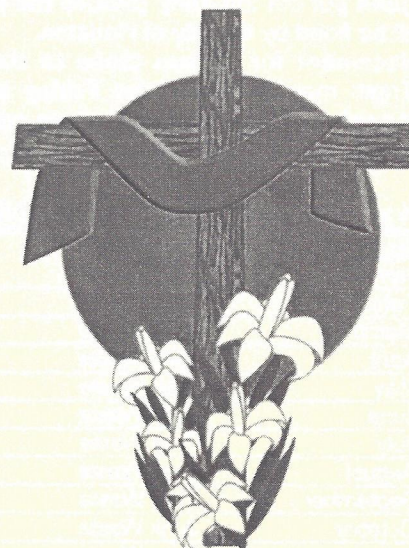
**Daryle Schultz,**  
*Treasurer*

### **Welcome**

If there are any new neighbors moving in, please let any officer, director or myself in the Civic Club know.

**Deahann Grant, Chairman**  
**Welcom Committee**  
**713-987-0073 or 832-971-4733**  
**Deahann@sbcglobal.net**  
**Elly Rueda (Spanish) 713-894-8854**

### **Easter - March 27, 2016**





## 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 February 24<sup>th</sup> & March 9<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>. We also take day trips. Call 713-944-4474 for more information.

### March Birthdays

Clifton Colburn	03-01	Charlotte Dixon	03-08	Vincent Thomas	03-21
Yulanda Ijeh	03-03	Kaitlin Gage	03-10	Morris Dixon	03-24
Ruth Harper	03-03	Robert Simmons, Jr.	03-11	Doris Evans	03-27
Tommy Glenn	03-04	Arthur Ray Henderson	03-12	Patricia Lee	03-30
Barbara Lantz	03-07	Carolyn Cook	03-14		

### March Anniversaries

Thedro and Shirlene Oliver	03-01
Clifton and Odella Colbert	03-03

### Our Sympathy

#### **Billy Joe Muzyka 1938-2016**

Billy Joe Muzyka, passed away on Sunday, January 17, 2016. He was born on June 27, 1938 to Anton and Theresa Muzyka. Billy retired after working over 30 years for Firestone.

He was preceded in death by his loving wife of 54 years, Barbara Muzyka and grandson Zachary. Billy is survived by his three children, Kim Vega and husband Alex, Steven Muzyka and Amanda Muzyka and husband Salvatore; four grandchildren, Jase, Megan, Madison and Michele; numerous other loving family and a host of friends. He was buried at the South Park Cemetery. Published in Houston Chronicle on Jan. 21, 2016.

#### **Clifton "CJ" Colbert 1942-2015**

Clifton J. Colbert, 73, died Monday, December 14, 2015. He is survived by his wife Odella and children Desmond, Denisea, Detra and DeAndrea. Clifton retired from Union Pacific Railroad after 31 years of service. Memorial service was Saturday, December 19, 2015 at Mt Olive Baptist Church, 106 W Park Avenue, Orange Texas 77630. Published in Houston Chronicle on Dec. 18, 2015

## 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.**

**Trash placement for pickup close to the curb NOT IN THE STREET, for easy access by the collection vehicle. Trash may be placed the Friday before, and by 7:00 a.m. on the scheduled collection day (4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month). Any questions 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	Agosto	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 Meadow Civic Club Paid Members – February 2016

1	Arendale St.	Christian
1	Arrowhead Ln.	Henderson
1	Ballantine St.	Henshaw
2	Catalina Ln.	Gordy, Nelson
5	Coastway Ln.	Bonham, Dawson, Holmes, McDowell, Simmons
3	Fairgate Ln.	Drouet, Mixon, Stepchinski
0	Folkstone Ln.	
15	Garden Park Dr.	Cerro, Cline, Curry, Cushman, Deming, Elizondo, Fry, Gonzalez, Kliesing, Lawless, Moraw, Perry, Stanley, Walker, Williams
4	Greenswarth Ln.	Carter, Carter, Riley, Zuniga
1	Gulf Dale Dr.	Carolla
0	Gulf Meadows Dr.	
6	Gulf Spring Ln.	Ayala, Bennett, Joubert, Muzyka, Simmons, Witt
8	Gulf Tree Ln.	Davis, Dixon, Galny, Garcia, Hall, Lindley, Reyna, Richter
2	Gulf Valley St.	Chavez-Chaudoir, DeLong
9	Gulf Wood Ln.	Bonno, Fontenot, Harrysingh, Kozel, Landin, Rall, Robinson, Rojas, Vance
7	Lettie St.	Bledsoe, Guitguit, Howell, Huerta, Rosales, Skinner, Villa
23	Misty Vale Ln.	Aranda, Avila, Casey, Collum, Esparza, Grant, Halliman, Howell, Jeter, Lane, Lucas, Moore, Neal, Noriega, Santos, D. Schultz, M. Schultz, Tisby, Trevino, Waddleton, Wallace, Watson, Williams
3	Palm Shadows St.	Chavez, Gonzalez, Saavedra
3	Peekskill Ln.	Bussey, Davidson, Gonzales
2	Quiet Valley Ln.	Miller, Rueda
1	Red Robin Ln.	Brantley
2	Saylynn Ln.	Scotton, Vincent
10	Springtime Ln.	Adams, Alviar, Cardenas, Earl, Houser, Lee, Prescott, Rios, Russo, Stevens
2	Wayfarer Ln.	Boyd, Tollefsbol
1	Wingtip Dr.	Riley
112	Total pd. members	

**Let's see your name on the next membership list.**

#### 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:** \_\_\_\_