



Newsletter

Gulf Meadows Civic Club

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

March

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2016

• Heavy Trash Pickup

Every 4th Monday is pick-up in our area. You will be reported and fined if trash is put out early or left out more than 3 days. Call 311 to report early trash placement, if uncertain of the date and/or type of trash.

Junk Waste and Tree Waste schedule is on page 4 of this newsletter, cut it out and keep it with your calendar.

Weekly Trash Collection

Garbage collection.....Friday Mornings

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

Green Bin Recycling March 11th & 25th

(every other Friday)

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.

General Membership Meeting

Tuesday, March 22nd, 7:30 p.m.
Covenant of Faith United Methodist Church
7900 Fuqua

Guest Speaker

Hello GMCC! A representative of our own **Houston Fire Department** was invited to come out and speak to us on **Tuesday, March 22nd**. Three or four years ago, the fire department sent a speaker and assistants to our meeting and didn't we enjoy that presentation? Please personally remind your neighbors of this event and come out and show our fire department officers and personnel that we as a community are concerned about fire safety and prevention.

Lorenzo Williams, Sr.,
1st Vice President

Membership Drive

We need your support!!!

Please pay your dues!!!

Thanks to all who have paid!!!

Our Annual Membership Drive will be next month, the 1st **Saturday in April**, which is **April 2nd**. We need new members. Forty dollars (\$40) is a small price to pay for what we get. Let's keep Gulf Meadows a great place to live.

Be safe and God Bless.

Michael Gonzales, Chairman
Membership Committee

President's Message

I received a call from one of our residents who advised me that his schedule had changed, and that he now has time to become involved with the Civic Club. You are invited to imitate his example and, if nothing else, attend the General Meetings on the 4th Tuesday of each month.

Your community needs you!

Kudos to those of you, who during the break in the rain, went out and cleared your curbs of leaves and the pollen buildup. It helps prevent drain blockage and the resulting flooding.

Robert Simmons, Jr.,
President

Mosquito Invasion

Mosquito-borne illnesses that affect both humans and pets include: Zika Virus, Dog Heartworms, West Nile Virus, Encephalitis, Malaria, Yellow Fever, Filariasis, Dengue Fever, Elephantiasis and Chikungungunya Virus. Houston mosquitoes are considered some of the worst in the United States. Of the more than 2,500 mosquito species in the world, 80 of the most aggressive live in Texas. World wide transportation helps them to spread. The new Zika Virus in pregnant women causes babies to have brain damage and 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 and is a service provided by your civic club.

Ruth Scotton

Officers and Directors - 2016

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. 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	
Non-emergency	713-884-3131
Emergency	9-1-1
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	

Secretary

Recently, to avoid oncoming traffic, two of my tires on the passenger side of the car were flattened by an 18" curb piece that had broken away and into the street. The tires were new, less than 2 weeks old. I drove the car back to the garage on flat tires, went back with a crowbar and levered the 18" curb piece off the street. No one else needed to have this happen. My son's friend helped to remove and replace the tires.

The joys of big city living; it's not just the streets but not knowing who might be ready to attack. Within our Gulf Meadows subdivision we can work together to at least have somewhat of an idea of who, what and or where the problems are. The Storefront Police, the Mykawa Road Police, Councilman Boykin's and your Civic Club are all sources of assistance. Their phone numbers are listed above.

Ruth Scotton, Secretary

Hospitality

Thank you to the members who bring sweets and treats each month. They are greatly appreciated. Thank you Kelly Mixon for the peppermint candy and thank you Betty Earl for the chocolate chip cookies.

Come check out the next meeting you will enjoy it! Hats off to the IRISH!

Take care.

*Dovie Gonzales, Chairman
Hospitality Committee*

Walter Jones Park

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 City Park Department is responsible for the upkeep of our park.

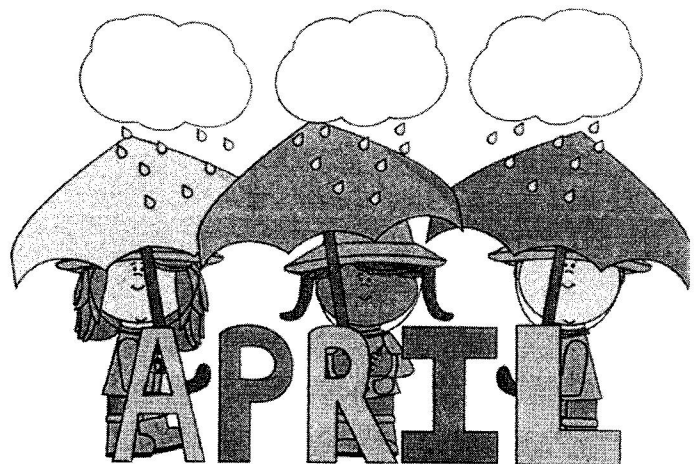
Parks and Recreation Department.....832-395-7000
Park Rangers.....832-395-7100

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

Family Language

Every family probably has sayings. I found myself laughing when a friend picked up on one of mine. "Donkeys years ago." Panic over not being well dressed "I look like who shot Lizzie!" [I wondered who shot Lizzie] or "I look like a wreck." If we needed to hurry we "Went like a house on fire." You were expected to go at projects with "Hammer and tong" and chores to be completed "In two shakes of a lamb's tail." It was felt "Hard work never hurt anybody!" no matter your health problem there was something you could work at. "There's more than one way to skin a cat!" "Good night don't let the bed bugs bite." Someone frugal was "Tight as Dick's hatband." "Wouldn't spend a dime." Rockefeller gave away dimes. "Penny wise and pound foolish." If you ate too much "Full as a tick." Coarse or vulgar "Rough as a cob." Delight or distress "Lord, have mercy!" If the minister was visiting it became "Law have mercy!"

Ruth Scotton



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.

Deed Restrictions

TREE WASTE/JUNK WASTE RECYCLING PROGRAM:

- The city will collect Tree waste exclusively on **odd months** on the resident's current tree waste collection day. Tree Waste is defined as "clean wood waste," which consists of tree limbs, branches, or stumps. No more than eight cubic yards per residence will be collected on the scheduled collection day (pickup load).

On **even months** - lumber, furniture, appliances, small tree waste and other bulk items are defined as **Junk Waste**. No more than four (4) cubic yards of building materials (not to include roofing, shingles, brick, plaster or concrete) generated by the resident in the maintenance of the residential property.

- A maximum of four (4) tires per month, per household may be placed curbside for collection.
- Sheet rock must be bagged.
- Appliances containing refrigerant must have a tag attached certifying a qualified technician has removed the refrigerant.
- Do not stack junk or tree waste to be picked up under low overhead cabling, signs, mailboxes, next to fences and, posts, on top of water meters, gas meters, fire hydrants, man holes or other exposed utility components.
- Tree, Junk, Green or Black Bins should not be placed in the street, on the sidewalk, or other right-of-way, or in any manner that would interfere with pedestrian or vehicular traffic.

*Betty Earl,
Deed Restriction Chairman*

Faith

"Now faith, is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen."

Hebrews: XI:1

Treasurer's Report

Our membership count as of March 5, 2016 is 151, which is quite a bit higher than last year's total of 73 at the same time. I am so grateful to all of you for taking the time to pay your dues promptly and help us get off to such a good start this year. As in years past, we had quite a few members who sent in more than the normal \$40 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 2nd, 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 that opportunity to pay your dues without having to mail them in. Thanks so much for your support!

Daryle Schultz, Treasurer

Citizen's Patrol

In February I received a call reporting a burglary in section two. Also, I have an update to last month's newsletter, it was reported to me that a vehicle had the wheels stolen. Let's work together to keep our neighborhood a safe place to live. We all need to be the eyes and ears of the neighborhood for each other.

If you or someone you know is interested in becoming a patroller, please let me know. We have a very diligent group of volunteers that patrol, but we can always use more people. Any amount of time you can give will be greatly appreciated.

*Thanks,
Mark Schultz
713-991-3815*

Welcome

Hope everyone is staying dry during this rainy month. I would like to welcome the new neighbors at 8407 Garden Parks. If you hear of a new family moving in, please let the Civic Club Welcome Committee know. Please contact us.

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

I believe that every right implies a responsibility; every opportunity, an obligation; every possession, a duty.

John D. Rockefeller, Jr.

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 March 23rd and April 13th & 27th. We also take day trips. Call 713-944-4474 for more information.

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
Darnion 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 Nebert	04-17		

April Anniversaries

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

Community Yard Sale

May is the month

Possible location: open land in section 1 off Gulf Meadows St.

Open to any dues paying member.

Sale profits are yours.

Advertising will be in the South Belt Leader, this Newsletter and posted signs.

Let's get ready for summer by cleaning out some of our trash that hopefully someone will treasure.

Call Ruth 713-991-0579 or email rsctotton@sbcglobal.net for further information.

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 4th 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 (4th Monday of each month). Any questions 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	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 – March 2016

1	Arendale St.	Christian
1	Arrowhead Ln.	Henderson
1	Ballantine St.	Henshaw
2	Catalina Ln.	Gordy, Nelson
6	Coastway Ln.	Bonham, Dawson, Holmes, McDowell, Simmons, Wooley
3	Fairgate Ln.	Drouet, Mixon, Stepchinski
0	Folkstone Ln.	
21	Garden Park Dr.	Alvarez, Baldon, Cerro, Cline, Curry, Cushman, Deming, Dublin, Elizondo, Emmite, Fry, Jenkinson, Keener, Kliesing, Lawless, Moraw, Norwood, Perry, Stanley, Walker, Williams
4	Greenswarth Ln.	Carter, Carter, Riley, Zuniga
3	Gulf Dale Dr.	Carolla, Ijeh, Perez
0	Gulf Meadows Dr.	
8	Gulf Spring Ln.	Ayala, Bennett, Joubert, Martinez, Muzyka, Simmons, Wei, Witt
13	Gulf Tree Ln.	Davis, Dewberry, Dixon, Elliott, Galny, Garcia, Hall, Jessie, Langham, Lindley, Reyna, Richter Wiggins
2	Gulf Valley St.	Chavez-Chaudoir, DeLong
15	Gulf Wood Ln.	Bonno, Fontenot, Harrysingh, Kozel, Landin, Paz, Rall, Robinson, Rodriguez, Rojas, Singleton, Stewart, Thompson, Vance, Wiggins
10	Lettie St.	Anderson, Ben, Bledsoe, Ginikanwa, Guitguit, Howell, Huerta, Rosales, Skinner, Villa
30	Misty Vale Ln.	Abbott, Antoine, Aranda, Arellano, Avila, Casey, Collum, Esparza, Grant, Grooms, Halliman, Howell, Jeter, Lane, Lucas, McCauley, Moore, Neal, Noriega, Pardue, Santos, D. Schultz, M. Schultz, Tisby, Trevino, Venable, Waddleton, Wallace, Watson, Williams
3	Palm Shadows St.	Chavez, Gonzalez, Saavedra
6	Peekskill Ln.	Brady, Bussey, Davidson, Gonzales, Hall, Luckey
3	Quiet Valley Ln.	Miller, Pemberton, Rueda
4	Red Robin Ln.	Brantley, Cabrera, Norton, Rodriguez
2	Saylynn Ln.	Scotton, Vincent
15	Springtime Ln.	Adams, Alviar, Cardenas, Collins, Earl, Grijalva, Houser, Lee, Maldonado, Murray, Ocampo, Prescott, Rios, Russo, Stevens
2	Wayfarer Ln.	Boyd, Tollefsbol
2	Wingtip Dr.	Garcia, Riley
157	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: ____