



# Newsletter

## Gulf Meadows Civic Club

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

January

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

2017

### 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 or traffic circles within our subdivision**. Fines can be as much as \$150.00 per day. Report parking violations to the Telephone Road Police storefront Ph. 713-991-3504.

### Heavy Trash Pickup

**4<sup>th</sup> Monday January 23<sup>rd</sup> -- Tree trash.**  
**Not the last Monday**

### Weekly Trash Collection

Garbage collection.....Friday Mornings  
Yard Trimmings.....Friday Mornings  
Green bin Recycling ---- **January 13<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>**

### General Membership Meeting

Tuesday, January 24, 2017, 7:30 p.m.  
Covenant of Faith United Methodist Church  
7900 Fuqua

### Guest Speaker

Happy New Year to all GMCC residents. We are looking forward to another interesting and productive year of working together and encouraging greater participation of residents of our community. I am happy to invite **David L. Edwards**, owner of a renowned insurance agency in downtown Houston, to speak at our January meeting. Mr. Edwards is a person with extensive experience that will more than satisfy any questions you may have and offer competitive coverage. Here is a range of insurance topics: homeowners, auto and life insurance that he will discuss with us. Let's get off to a good start. Come out Jan 24th at 7:30 pm.

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

### President's Message

Once again, Happy New Year! If things were good for you last year I hope that they will continue to be so in 2017. If things were rough for you last year, here is wishing you a much better year in 2017.

We begin 2017 with a clean slate. Let us write on it that we (residents) will do all that we can to showcase our Gulf Meadows community. We can do this by maintaining the upkeep of our homes and property, thereby maintaining the value. Another action that we could take is to make an effort to attend some of the (11) monthly general meetings. Observing the Deed Restrictions and the City of Houston Ordinances are some ways of keeping Gulf Meadows attractive and vibrant. Of course, becoming dues paying members of our

Gulf Meadows community Civic Club will benefit all of us. The more members the stronger we are.

We have added two new members to our Board: Mr. Ross Brillantes, Assistant Vice President Officer and Mark Melendez, Assistant Deed Restrictions Director. Thank you both.

Thank you Mark Melendez and Javier Gonzales for judging the Christmas decorations.

**Robert Simmons, Jr., President**

### Deed Restrictions

The Holidays have come and gone, and we now have the cumbersome task of removing the beautiful decorations that we took so much pride and time in putting up. As you take your decorations down, an idea below might be useful to you.

- It is recommended that you remove ALL Christmas lights placed on your home for the holidays.
- If some of your Christmas decorations include batteries, it is a great idea to remove the batteries, so that they will not corrode during storage.
- If you have a live Christmas tree, it would be great to donate for recycling. The city's 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Holiday Tree Recycling Collections are underway. The city will use the trees to make mulch. Our depository is at the Sunbeam Center on 5100 Sunbeam and the drop off time is from 8:00am to 5:00 pm., Monday through Saturday.

**We hope that all of us in Gulf Meadows will have A GREAT NEW YEAR!**

**Betty Earl and Mark Melendez**

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.**

## Officers and Directors - 2016

### Officers

Robert Simmons, Jr.	President	713-991-2937
Lorenzo Williams	1 <sup>st</sup> Vice Pres.	713-991-0760
Ross Brillantes	1 <sup>st</sup> Vice Pres.	713-991-6560
		713-461-1894
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
Mark Melendez	Asst. Deed Rest.	281-979-0011
Don Corolla	Flood Control	713-991-0169
Dovie Gonzales	Hospitality	713-806-4167

### Membership

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	311
Emergency	911
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 Boykins	832-393-3001

### Contacts for Help

Trenesia Harris, Officer HPD Telephone Rd. Storefront

Dwight Boykins : [districtd@houstontx.gov](mailto:districtd@houstontx.gov)

Mike Knox [atlarge1@houstontx.gov](mailto:atlarge1@houstontx.gov)

David Robinson [atlarge2@houstontx.gov](mailto:atlarge2@houstontx.gov)

Michael Kubash [atlarge3@houstontx.gov](mailto:atlarge3@houstontx.gov)

Amanda Edwards [atlarge4@houstontx.gov](mailto:atlarge4@houstontx.gov)

Jack Christie [atlarge5@houstontx.gov](mailto:atlarge5@houstontx.gov)

*Happy  
New Year*

## First Lady Quotes

"The greater part of our happiness or misery depends on our disposition not our circumstances."

Martha Washington

"Great minds discuss ideas; average minds discuss events; small minds discuss people."

Eleanor Roosevelt

"We should all do something to right the wrongs that we see and not just complain about them."

Jacqueline Kennedy

"Never lose sight of the fact that the most important yardstick of your success will be how you treat other people - your family, friends, coworkers, and even strangers you meet along the way."

Barbara Bush

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!

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## Walter Jones Park

2017 is here so **HAPPY NEW YEAR** everybody. This is a new year but our park is the same and is waiting for us to enjoy it. We still must obey the park rules and please be aware of your surroundings. Be mindful of your trash. **Please use the trash barrels for your trash.**

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

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

## Hospitality

Thanks to all who helped with the hospitality during my absence at the General Meetings.

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

## Treasurer's Report

Happy New Year, neighbors! 2017 has arrived and the beginning of a new year is a time for most people to take stock and make resolutions to improve on things for the year. Deciding to pay your Civic Club dues and pay them early would be a great resolution. Not only will it help the Civic Club, but making an investment in your neighborhood is like investing in yourself. Thanks to those who pay their dues, we all get the benefit of the police patrols that keep our streets safer and the mosquito sprayer who makes it more comfortable to be outside on those hot summer nights. All of these things come to you courtesy of your Civic Club and the never-ending efforts to improve and protect your neighborhood. We can't do any of it without your support. Last year our total paid membership was 287, lower than 2015 by 14 members and down a whopping 46 members from our 2014 total of 333. That means over 500 of our residents are content to let their paying neighbors shoulder the cost of all of the services that we enjoy. Your officers and directors give tirelessly of their time and energy with no expectation of reward. Every bit of the money that you pay in dues goes straight back into making Gulf Meadows a better place to live, and I believe we get a lot for such a small investment. So please make this the year that you give more back to your neighborhood. Pay your dues promptly, support your Civic Club, and make this the year you commit to attend our fun and informative monthly meetings. You'll meet neighbors who care about your community just as much as you do, and have a chance to share ideas and information that will help all of us. **You CAN make a difference** - try it and you'll see!

*Daryle Schultz, Treasurer*

## Welcome

Happy 2017! We have a new neighbor at 8027 Garden Parks. If anyone knows of a new family moving into our neighborhood, please let us know. I hope to see everyone at the monthly meetings. Also, it is time to pay our dues....

*Deahann Grant*

713-987-0073 or 832-971-4733

[Deahann@sbccglobal.net](mailto:Deahann@sbccglobal.net)

*Elly Rueda (Spanish) 713-894-8854*

**Happy  
Valentine's  
Day**

## Citizens' Patrol

Happy New Year to everyone! I hope everyone had a safe celebration ringing in 2017. I had several calls over the holidays. There was an attempted theft of a pickup tailgate on Garden Parks. Fortunately, a neighbor noticed the guys trying to steal the tailgate and got involved. I also had a call about large pit bull dogs loose on Gulfwood. If you are letting your dogs roam free, especially large dogs, please be aware that they are endangering your neighbors and can be picked up.

It's a new year and time to make a few resolutions. How about getting involved in your neighborhood? The Citizens' Patrol can always use more volunteers. We have a very diligent group but we would like to see some new faces in the group in 2017. Once again, if you would like to get involved, please give me a call.

*Thanks,  
Mark Schultz  
713-991-3815*

## City of Houston Ordinances

Sec. 6-4. - **Running at large of domestic animals or fowl prohibited.** (a) The running at large of domestic animals or domestic fowl is hereby declared to be a nuisance. It is unlawful for an owner to permit any animal or fowl to run at large.

(Ord. No. 2014-244, § 2(Exh. A), 3-26-2014)

Sec. 6-16. - **Storage, disposal, etc., of manure.** It is unlawful for any person to throw or deposit any manure in any street or public place, or to allow manure from any animal under the person's care, control, or custody to remain in any street or public place. No person hauling manure through the streets shall permit the manure to litter the streets. (Ord. No. 2014-244, § 2(Exh. A), 3-26-2014)

Sec. 6-24. - **Defecation by dogs or cats.** (a) Any person in control of a dog or cat is required to promptly remove and dispose of, in a sanitary manner, feces left by the dog or cat.

(b) Any person in control of a dog or cat is required to be in possession of materials to remove feces left by the dog or cat.

(c) It is an affirmative defense to prosecution under this section that the person in control of the dog or cat is the owner of the premises, or the owner's agent of the premises, where the dog or cat deposits feces.

(d) Violation of this section is unlawful and any violation shall be punishable upon conviction by a fine of not less than \$75.00 or more than \$500.00. Each act in contravention of this section is a separate offense.

(Ord. No. 2014-244, § 2(Exh. A), 3-26-2014)

## 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 **January 25<sup>th</sup> and February 8<sup>th</sup>**. We also take day trips, call **713-944-4474** for more information.

### February Birthdays

Lois McCauley	02-03	Morgan Robinson	02-13	Alzina Fontenot	02-20
Tommy Connely	02-03	Betty Brantley	02-18	Lillian D. Sanchez	02-23
Justine Bonham	02-04	David Bates	02-20	Clarissa Frand	02-23
Mollie Richters	02-07	Janice Carter	02-20	Doris Rall	02-24

### February Anniversaries

Stephen & Justine Bonham    02-14

## Neighborhood Depositories/Recycling Centers

### Neighborhood Depository/Recycling Centers South Locations

User must provide proof of residency: a Texas Driver's License or ID, a current utility bill or city property tax receipt.

**Southeast** - 2240 Central Street 77017

**Environmental Service Center - South**

**South** - 5100 Sunbeam 77033

11500 S. Post Oak Lane Houston, TX 77035

**Southwest** - 10785 SW Freeway 77074

call 713.551.7355 [left off 610 at Meyerland area]

### Accepted recyclable materials:

Clothing and shoes [three (3) locations only], concrete, glass bottles & jars, mattresses, steel cans, up to ten (10) automobile tires [rims not accepted] per month per household, anti-freeze, batteries, fluorescent lights, lawn/garden chemicals, medical waste, mercury, paint, and pharmaceuticals.

### South Drop-Off Recycling Centers

#### 5100 Sunbeam 713-738-1936

Turn right onto Telephone Rd (TX-35) 0.5 mi

Turn left onto E Orem Dr. 4.4 mi

Turn right onto Cullen Blvd (FM-865) 1.6 mi

Turn right onto Sunbeam St 0.4 mi

Turn right onto Jutland Rd 52 ft (on the left)

about 7 miles

#### Ellington Field Airport

Fuqua to Hwy 3

Turn left at last Ellington Field entry Brantley

Turn left at stop light, over the railroad tracks back left

First street to the left, entry is a short distance left,

**about 7 miles.**

## Heavy Tree and Junk Trash Schedules

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

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

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

**Junk and small tree trash** may be put out the Friday before the weekend of the **4<sup>th</sup> Monday** of the month, **BUT separate the junk from the small tree trash.** Trash put out before then or left out should be reported to 311 and is subject to fine by the city of Houston.

## Gulf Meadow Civic Club Paid Members – January 2017

	Arendale St.	
	Arrowhead Ln.	
	Ballantine St.	
	Catalina Ln.	
1	Coastway Ln.	Bonham
	Fairgate Ln.	
	Folkstone Ln.	
2	Garden Park Dr.	Cerro, Herpin
	Greenswarth Ln.	
1	Gulf Dale Dr.	Corolla
	Gulf Meadows Dr.	
1	Gulf Spring Ln.	Jasso
	Gulf Tree Ln.	
	Gulf Valley St.	
1	Gulf Wood Ln.	Vance
1	Lettie St.	Rosales
5	Misty Vale Ln.	Grant, D. Schultz, M. Schultz, Tisby, Young
	Palm Shadows St.	
	Peekskill Ln.	
	Quiet Valley Ln.	
	Red Robin Ln.	
1	Saylynn Ln.	Scotton
1	Springtime Ln.	Earl
	Wayfarer Ln.	
	Wingtip Dr.	
14	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: \_\_\_\_