

# Gulf Meadows Civic Club

Gulf Meadows is a Deed Restricted Neighborhood

Newsletter

Halloween is coming

September 2017



Mosquito Spraying

Spraying is needed, and your Civic Club dues of \$40. Is greatly need to cover the expense. Mail or drop off your dues to any board member. HELP is needed now. Spraying is late, after 10:30 so it settles evenly and affects as few of our people and pets as possible.

Heavy Trash Pickup

4th Monday October 23rd ..... Junk Trash Not the last Monday!!!

City trash trucks availability, hurricane trash first.

Green bin Recycling......when city reschedules **General Membership Meeting** Tuesday, October 24, 2017, 7:30 p.m. Covenant of Faith United Methodist Church 7900 Fugua

**Guest Speaker** No speaker till January. November 28th General Meeting, will have a brief agenda, followed by our Annual Pot luck supper.

Lorenzo Williams, Sr., 1st V.P.

President's Message

Hello neighbors. What can I say? There is so much that can be said. Where do I start? Hurricane Harvey was a horrific disaster and we will suffer the effects of it for sometime. Many of us have not yet been able to return to our homes due to flood damage. With all the devastation, we have to endeavor to keep a hopeful, positive attitude about our circumstances.

I am pleased to see that those who are able are doing the best they can to start to bring the subdivision back to its previous state of appeal and pleasantness.

During the storm, I noticed four (4) young men walking in the water going east on Gulf Spring in the 8300 block. They took it upon themselves to try to keep the drains open using long sticks that they were carrying. This is just one of many acts benefitting the community and neighbors. Thank you,

In trying to get back to normalcy, because we missed having the August and September General Meetings.

**Weekly Trash Collection** Garbage collection......Friday Mornings Yard Trimmings.....when city reschedules

> We will have our General Meeting held on October 22, 2017 at 7:30 pm at the newly refurbished Covenant of Faith Methodist Church.

> Nominations for Officers and Directors of the Civic Club for 2018 will be held

> Many thanks to Johnny and Una Cardenas for hosting Gulf Meadows' observance of National Night Out on October 3, 2017. You helped keep intack our string of successive National Night Out observances.

> > Robert Simmons, Jr. President

Each year on the fourth Thursday in November, Americans gather for a day of feasting, football and family. While today's Thanksgiving celebrations would likely be unrecognizable to the attendees of the original 1621 harvest meal, it continues to be a day for Americans to come together around the table-albeit with some updates to pilgrim's menu.



President Robert Simmons, Jr. 713-991-2937 1st Vice President Lorenzo Williams 713-991-0760 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Mark Schultz 713-991-3815 Secretary open position----Treasurer Daryle Schultz 713-991-3615 Directors

**Deed Restrictions** Betty Earl

713-991-2673 **Flood Control** Don Corolla 713-991-0169 Hospitality

Lula Tippit 713-991-1242 Membership

-open position----Telephone **Dorothy Vance** 

713-991-2085 Walter Jones Park

Steve Bonham 713-991-7404

Welcome Deahann Grant 713-987-0073

At Large Ross Brillantes 713-461-1894 713-991-6560

Dist. D Councilman **Dwight Boykins** 

districtd@houstontx.gov 713-832-393-3001

Storefront Police Telephone at Hwy. 35 73-991-3504

# Treasurer's Report

For the months of August and September, we added a total of 7 members, so thanks to them our total for the year now stands at 263. We are running a little behind last year, when we had a total of 281, but with the month we have just endured, that is not surprising. Thanks to all of you who have paid for your support, and we will keep working to make your neighborhood a better and safer place to live. As we work to put our homes back together after the devastating storm, there is no better time to invest in our neighborhood. We are still working hard to increase our membership this year, so please send in your dues and help us with your support.

Daryle Schultz, Treasurer

#### **BRAG ON THOSE THAT HELPED YOU!**

The Civic Club would like to give all of our residents a chance to submit an article highlighting the help you received from your family members, neighbors or friends after the devastation of the storm. If you have someone you would like to brag on and acknowledge publicly, please contact Ruth Scotton or any board member with the information and we will be happy to share it with your neighbors. Let everyone share in your gratitude to those that went above and beyond to help.

Daryle Schultz

School has started watch out for the buses and children.



#### Citizens' Patrol

September was another quiet month. I don't have anything to report on crime in the neighborhood.

I'm deeply saddened by all the devastation left after Hurricane Harvey. It will be a long road to recover from all the flood damage. Gulf Meadows has always been a strong community of hard working families. It will take time but I think Gulf Meadows can make a full recovery. Once again, if you would like to get involved, please give me a call.

Thanks, Mark Schultz 713-991-3815

#### Flood Control

Call 311 any time there is flooding in the area. Give the address of the flooded area/s and get a report number for follow up if needed. Keep a check on Hurricane Harvey areas that flooded, lets help improve our area.

Ruth Scotton for Don Corolla, Chairman

# Saylynn Ln. Brag

We live on the south side of Saylynn Ln in section one; during Hurricane Harvey we had no electricity for 4 days; nor did Gulf Meadows Dr. and the north side of Peekskill Ln A minor inconvenience in comparison to other residences in the Gulf Meadows Civic Club area.

Now to my brag a Saylynn Ln resident on the south side, with electricity: charged cell phones, stored frozen food in their freezer and assisted a neighbor with health problems.

We felt very lucky as from our garage driveway to Fuqua it was a lake. For a flat city that was once a swamp with many bayous, our house site is high.

There are neighbors and friends who have helped during and after the Hurricane Harvey storm. We live in a great neighborhood and city.

**Ruth Scotton** 

#### Welcome

Hi, Gulf Meadows neighbors!

Hopefully, everyone is sorting out their residence problems. It has been a problem affecting everyone; some far worse than others, by the obvious damage piles in front of their residence/home.

If a new family moves into our neighborhood, please let us know, by contacting myself or any board member.

Deahann Grant 832-971-4733 deahann@sbcglobal.net

#### Gardners

The entrance signs and crepe myrtles in the Fuqua esplanade need to be routinely cleaned up. Sign up with **Dorothy Vance 713-991-2085** or **Ruth Scotton 713-991-0579.** You can sign up for one time or hopefully an ongoing time.

# **Christmas Outdoor Decoration Judging**

Start thinking about Christmas decorations for our judges to evaluate. Be a volunteer judge.

# **Blue Santa toys**

Bring unwrapped toys for the many underprivileged children in Houston. The police distribute these toys and this year will have many more in need. Bring the toys to the November General Meeting, the Police storefront on Red Robin or to any board member.

**Ruth Scotton, Editor** 

# **Hurricane Harvey Debris**

Mayor Turner commented "I commend the hard work of Solid Waste Management employees

The City of Houston Solid Waste Management Department has substantially completed its first pass of storm debris collection services.

The second city wide pass is needed as many are still cleaning out damaged home areas. It is expected to take up to 60 days to complete and end by December 1, 2017.

Residents should move their debris curbside by 7 a.m. placing items away from fire hydrants, mailboxes, power lines and other objects that impact the overhead operations of the equipment used for collection. Residents are also strongly encouraged to remove vehicles away from debris piles. If access to the debris is blocked, crews cannot collect the debris.

# Debris separation piles:

- Normal Household Trash Normal household trash and bagged debris of any kind will not be picked up with storm debris as part of this program. Garbage (black container) will be collected on its normal weekly schedule.
- 2. Vegetative Debris leaves (do not put in bags), logs, plants, and tree branches.
- Construction & Demolition Debris building materials, carpet, drywall, furniture, lumber, mattresses and plumbing.
- Appliances & related goods air conditioners, dishwashers, freezers, refrigerators, stoves, washers, dryers and water heaters.
- **5. Electronics** computers, radios, stereos, televisions, and other devices with a cord.
- Household Hazardous Waste cleaning supplies, batteries, lawn chemical, oils, oilbased paints, stains and pesticides.

Solid Waste Management & Mayor Sylvester Turner

#### **Deed Restrictions**

Betty's home is being refurbished and deed restrictions although still important this month have taken second place on her priority list, as have many of our families.

Ruth Scotton for Betty Earl, Chairman

### Walter Jones Park

The park was flooded and is slowly getting back into shape. Trash was hanging on the school yard fence, across the street, about 3 feet high.

Steve's family is out of their home due to flooding. If anything appears to be out of the ordinary, please contact the officers or directors listed in this newsletter. Thanks for your awareness

Ruth Scotton for Stephen Bonham, Chairman ..713-991-7404
Park and Recreation.. Depart..832-395-7000
Park Rangers...832-395-7100

#### Scrap Tire Problems

Over 24 million scrap tires are discarded in Texas every year. It costs the City of Houston Solid Waste Management Department \$1 million annually to collect and dispose of illegally dumped tires. Our taxes increase to pay to cover the expense.

# A Risk to Public Health and the Environment Scrap tires exposed to the elements can:

Provide good living conditions for mosquitoes that can spread diseases such as Encephalitis, West Nile Virus and Zika Virus.

Provide breeding grounds for rats, snakes, ticks and other vectors.

Become a **fire hazard** since tire fires are difficult to extinguish.

Could release dangerous contaminants into the air, water and soil.

If you have a tire swing or dock tire bumpers, etc.; puncture holes in the tires so they won't hold water.

Some tire sales will accept your old tires, whether you buy tires from them or not.

**Solid Waste Management** 

# Parking in a big city - Houston??

A man walked into a bank and asked for a \$5,000 loan. The loan officer required collateral and was given the keys to a new expensive car, the title and everything checked out. The loan officer apologized for charging 12% interest.

The man left on a 2-week vacation. He returned and paid off the loan and interest of \$23.07. The loan officer said "Sir, we are happy to have your business, but are puzzled why you would bother to borrow \$5,000.?".

"Where else can I park my car for two weeks for only \$23.07 and expect it to be there when I return."

Seniorific News Oct. 13, 2017 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 October 25<sup>th</sup> and November 8<sup>th</sup>. We also take day trips, call 713-944-4474 for more information.

		/s – September, C	)ctober	and November	
Kathleen Black	09-04	Lynne Black	09-10	Nenita Brillantes	09-21
Ana Rodriguez	09-06	Nora Dewberry	09-13	Mark Slovacek	09-25
Tony Henshaw	09-07	Irene Alvarez	09-18	Wally Curry	09-30
Felicia Johnson	09-07	<b>Thedro Oliver</b>	09-19	,	30 00
Annette Mickel	09-09	Lee Brantley	09-21		
Deborah Mosley	10-06	<b>Dorothy Wiggins</b>	10-14	Hazel Carter	10-21
Kim Norwood	10-07	Juan Cardenas	10-16	Michael Anderson	10-24
Michael ljeh	10-09	<b>Donald Lane</b>	10-17	Lorenzo Williams, Jr.	10-27
Veronika Linska	10-09	Yolanda Thomas	10-18	Fred Henshaw	10-28
Anna Holmes	10-11	Sandra Baldon	10-21	Charley Earl	10-29
Carlos Garza	11-04	Isiah Skinner	11-14	Darrell Frand	11-26
Shirlene Oliver	11-11	Linda Halliman	11-24	Rosa Williams	11-27

#### **Anniversaries**

September	NONE	
October	Michael & Yolanda Thomas	10-18
	Mark & Daryle Schultz	10-18
November	Charley & Betty Earl	11-04
	Lee & Betty Brantley	11-09

## Death Ruth Tollefsbol 1925-2017

Ruth Tollefsbol, 92, passed away peacefully on August 18th, 2017. She joins in death her husband of 56 years, Orion Tollefsbol. She is survived by her children Terry and wife Veronica, Petra McCarthy, Tony and wife Janis, Trygve and wife Lucy, Orie Harris, Tracey and Tia; grandchildren Tara Elliot, Jeremy Tollefsbol, Trevor Tollefsbol, Jeffrey Tollefsbol, Ryan McCarthy, Lyndsay Longley, Jacob Harris, Kara Harris, Stephanie Kohl, 13 great grandchildren and very special friend Cagle Bernard.

Ruth was born in Franklin, Virginia to Albert and Ruth Wade. She worked on the Manhattan Project during WWII in Oak Ridge, Tennessee where she met her husband Orion, an engineer who worked on the same project. After the war, she devoted herself to her family and raising seven children. She retired from a successful career with JC Penney. Ruth loved her family, cooking, playing the piano and her beloved dog Prancer. She was a member of Covenant of Faith United Methodist Church, pastored by Luthur Walker, a long time Gulf Meadows Civic Club member and the original owner of her Wayfarer home. Burial -- South Park Cemetery.

# **Neighborhood Recycling Centers**

Houston residents, please remember that due to the disaster debris collection efforts, the only regularly scheduled solid waste service is garbage collection. All other scheduled services – curbside recycling, yard waste and junk/tree waste – are suspended until further notice.

Texas ID, drivers license, current utility bill or city property tax receipt.

Southeast- 2240 Central Street 77017 Southwest- 10785 SW Freeway 77074

Environmental-batteries. light bulbs, chemicals, paint, etc.

11500 S. Post Oak Lane 77035

The following are places where the green bin trash may be taken. It does have to be sorted for placement.

Glass, Paper, Cardboard, plastic and cans can be taken to Ellington Airport via the last entry south, back north behind green fencing. The green fencing can be seen from Hwy. 3

or 5100 Sunbeam 713-738-1936 Both are about 7 mi.

# Gulf Meadows Civic Club Member – October 2017

3	Arendale	Christian, Peckham, Zuniga			
3	Arrowhead	Diaz, Gonzalez, Williams			
5	Ballantine	McGinty, Perez, Persad, Torres, Wright			
4	Catalina	Gordy, Nelson, Reyes, Schedtfeger			
9	Coastway	Bonham, Colbert, Dawson, Glapion, Holmes, McDowell, Reynolds, Simmons, Williams			
4	Fairgate	Drouet, Hall, Mixon, Stepchinski			
0	Folkstone				
32	Garden Park	Abraham, Alvarez, Baldon, Burkhardt, Carrentino/Gomez, Cerro, Clark, Cline, Coleman,			
		Curry, Cushman, Doublin, Elizondo, Emmite, Fry, Gonzalez, Gutierez, Herpin,			
		Jenkinson, Kliesing, Lawless, Mickel, Moraw, Nava, Norwood, Parker, Perry, Rodriguez,			
		Stanley/Boswell, Turcios, Walker, Williams			
3	Greenswarth	L. Carter, W. Carter, Zuniga			
4	Gulf Dale	Copeland, Corolla, Ijeh, Perez			
2	Gulf Meadows	Byer, Jones			
17	Gulf Spring	Ayala, Banda, Bautista, Bennett, Boone, Brillantes, Fisher, Harper, Hughes-Fahnert,			
ļ		Jasso, Joubert, Martinez, Mejia, Muzyka, Simmons, Sosa, Witt			
25	Gulf Tree	Behrens, Campbell, Davis, Dixon, Dixon, Elliott, Galny, Garcia, Gipson, Gonzalez, Hall,			
		Johnson, Langham, Lindley, Lopez, Martin, Powell, Reyna, Richter, Ruffin, Stevens,			
		Thomas, Wade, Wiggins, Wright			
4	Gulf Valley	DeLong, Edwards, Quirey, Wilson			
20	Gulf Wood	Banda, Bonno, Bradford, Esqueda, Fontenot, Garcia, Garcia, Harrysingh, Kozel, Landin,			
45	1 - 11.	Paz, Rall, Robinson, Rodriguez, Rojas, Salazar, Singleton, Thompson, Vance, Wiggins			
15	Lettie	Anderson, Ben, Bledsoe, Conner, Ginikanwa, Guitguit, Huerta, Johnson, Jurardo,			
	B 8: - 1 - 1 / - 1 -	Maldonado, Martinez, Rosales, Sin, Skinner. Villa			
55	Misty Vale	Abbott, Anonymous, Antoine, Aranda, Arrellano, Arias, Avila, Beacham, Beck, Blanco,			
		Burns, Casey, Castillo, Chaires, Collum, Esparza, Flores, Garcia, Grant, Grooms,			
İ		Guerrero, Halliman, Hendricks, Howell, Ibarra, Jeter, Kelley, Lane, Lavine, Lucas,			
		McCauley, Molina, Moore, Morales, Morris, Noriega, Oliver, Pardue, Robinson, Santos,			
		D. Schultz, M. Schultz, Shuman, Sims, Taylor, Tisby, Trevino, Veal, Venable, Waddleton,			
7	Palm Shadows	Walker, Wallace, Watson, Williams, Young Cantu, González, Moreno, Saavedra, Samual, Velez, Woodruff			
9	Peekskill	Avilez, Brady, Bussey, Davidson, Gonzales, Hall, Hurtada, Luckey, Tippet			
4	Quiet Valley	Hamilton, Miller, Pemberton, Rueda			
6	Red Robin	Brantley, Brown, Cabrera, Croce, Mendoza, Norton			
4	Saylynn	Collins, Scotton, Segovia, Vincent			
22	Springtime	Adams, Alviar, Arboleda, Cardenas, Collins, Duplechain, Earl, Greene, Grijalva,			
		Hickman, Houser, Johnson, Lee, Miller, Murray, Ocampo, Prescott, Rios, Rios, Russo,			
		Stevens, Vega			
4	Wayfarer	Boyd, Falks, Sjogren, Tollefsbol			
2	Wingtip	Garcia, Riley			
263	Total paid membe				

Your Gulf Meadows 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:Souse's name:						
Address:Houston, Texas 77075						
Home phone:Work or cell phone:						
New membership: Membership renewal: residence: Own Rent	.					
am interested in Citizens' Patrol: Notary: Volunteering:						