



Newsletter

Gulf Meadows Civic Club

Gulf Meadows is a Deed Restricted Neighborhood

November 2017

Happy Thanksgiving

Heavy Trash Pickup
4th Monday November 27th Junk Trash

Weekly Trash Collection
Garbage collection.....Friday Mornings
Yard Trimmings..... Friday Mornings
Green bin Recycling.....Resumes Fri. November 19, 2017

President

Robert Simmons, Jr.
713-991-2937

1st Vice President

Lorenzo Williams
713-991-0760

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Mark Schultz
713-991-3815

Secretary

-----open position-----

Treasurer

Daryle Schultz
713-991-3815

Directors

Deed Restrictions

Betty Earl
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Flood Control

Don Corolla
713-991-0169

Hospitality

Lula Tippet
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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

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Dist. D Councilman

Dwight Boykins

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Storefront Police

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73-991-3504

General Membership Meeting

Tuesday, November 28, 2017, 7:30 p.m.
Covenant of Faith United Methodist Church
7900 Fuqua

Guest Speaker

Hello to all the Gulf Meadows residences, we are going through a difficult period as a community yet we must look ahead to a brighter day when our homes are restored. Next year, **January 24, 2018** our guest speaker will be **Mr. David Edwards of the United National Insurance Agency** to assist us with any issues regarding our policies; advising us of the course to take if we are dissatisfied with insurance claims settlements. The road to restoration is a long road for many in our community but that day of restoration will come. My family and I wish all the best we pray for our community.

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

President's Message

Kudos and thanks to Mrs. Ruth Scotton who, although she is no longer our Civic Club, Secretary, is still Editor of our newsletter. Thanks, are in order because during the chaos that was Harvey, we missed printing one issue of our newsletter, because most of the Officers and Directors couldn't contribute their articles, they were compiled and written by Mrs. Scotton. Thank you, Ruth, for your continued dedication to the community.

It has been ten (10) weeks since Tropical Storm Harvey hit our city with its catastrophic and devastating rainfall. Some of you were blessed to not have had your homes flooded as most of us were. In some ways the flooding was a blessing in disguise because we discovered some major problems with our homes. I was surprised, when talking with some of our residents, to be told that many did not have flood insurance. I hope that will no longer be the case.

It was encouraging and heartening to

see, despite the piles of debris lining our streets, quite a few of our neighbors are trying to maintain their residences as best they can, and were helping their neighbors to do the same. To me this speaks to the spirit of commitment to returning our Gulf Meadow community to a great place to live.

At our monthly general meeting to be held November 28th, the slate for the election of Directors and Officers will be presented for 2018. Afterward we will hold our annual Pot Luck Dinner. As usual, you are asked to bring your favorite mouth-watering dishes and desserts. The Civic Club will supply the meat. Please remember to bring an unwrapped gift or toy for our participation in **HPD's Blue Santa Program** for the deprived and disadvantaged children of our city. Thank you.

It has been my pleasure with the last issue of the year of our newsletter to acknowledge and thank those who helped the Civic Club and our community.

Thank you, Pastor Luther Walker and the congregation of the Covenant of Faith United Methodist Church for your unwavering support.

Thanks to our patrons who support us by advertising in our Civic Club newsletter

Thanks to those of you who thought enough of our Gulf Meadows community to have paid your dues. You are surely special.

Thanks to Mrs. Pam Watson, who as acting secretary drove up from out of the county to record the minutes of our last general meeting and thanks to Directors and Officers who tremendously help me to do my job. And finally, I hope everyone experiences a Happy Thanksgiving, has a Merry Christmas and a very **HAPPY NEW YEAR.**

Robert Simmons, Jr. President

Treasurer's Report

For the month of October, we added only one new member, bringing our total for the year to 266. We are now 18 members below our total at this time last year, and quite a bit below our annual goal of 300 members. If you want to make a contribution to your neighborhood and are thinking of getting your dues paid before year end, this is your chance to really make a difference. I know what a tough year this has been for so many of our residents, and I am sure we will rebound in 2018 once everyone is back in their homes and hopefully doing better.

I want to personally thank all of our 2017 members for their support, and wish all of you the brightest of holiday seasons. I hope you all feel that your civic club has done a good job during 2017, and will continue to support us as we move forward into what we all hope will be much better year. Elections are coming up at this month's meeting and we do have some vacancies to fill, so please consider getting involved. If you would like to become a board member, please contact anybody on the board and they will be happy to submit your name. In the coming year, we will all do our best to continue to serve our community and help with the issues that are important to you. If I should be re-elected, I look forward to serving again as your Treasurer.

Daryle Schultz, Treasurer



Citizens' Patrol

August 2017 brought one of the highest rain producing hurricanes ever to Houston. Harvey hit us all very hard and left Gulf Meadows devastated. The neighborhood is still recovering. Fortunately, no one in Gulf Meadows lost their life due to the storm. It will take time but we will recover and rebuild. Our neighborhood is strong and it has come back before from this type of disaster.

This will be the last newsletter for the year. I would like to take this time to wish all of the residents of Gulf Meadows a safe and pleasant holiday season. As we start the New Year, I'm hoping that we'll have some new people interested in getting involved in the Civic Club. One of the best ways to do that is by joining the Citizens' 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.

*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 our Hurricane Harvey/Tropical Storm area that flooded, lets help improve our area.**

Ruth Scotton for Don Corolla, Chairman

Welcome

I do not have any new neighbors to report. However I would like to say **"Thank You" to the American Redcross for the wonderful meals** they prepared for us. I miss the truck coming in the neighborhood telling the residents to come out and get dinner. That made so many happy that they really cared about our neighborhood. **THANK YOU, THANK YOU.** Hope to see everyone at our Christmas Dinner at the November General Meeting. See you next year.

**Deahann Grant
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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

The judging will start the weekend of December 16th & 17th prepare your decorations for evaluation.

Blue Santa toys

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

Dogs

Over the years I have taken 5 or more dogs to the **Houston Humane Society, 14700 Almeda Rd.** this is about ½ mile south off Beltway 8. They accept stray animals, but are at capacity due to Hurricane Harvey with a lot complaint due to stressed employees.

The facility is well maintained and includes areas that accept strays, adoption center and a clinic. The clinic offers shots and other animal health needs. All are open to the public at a reasonable price. **Houston's only \$30 spay and neuter clinic.**

Phone 713-433-6421 to check when open, to make a clinic appointment or check when space is available to accept strays. Volunteers are always needed at this facility.

Our Gulf Meadows area seems to always have a few dogs running loose. My 2 schnauzers are escape artists, that I have chased down several times. Dogs running loose often can become mean as people chase them away with whatever is handy [stick, rock, foot, bottle] they die when a car hits them, become lost or stolen. Dogs should wear a collar with a tag having a phone number.

My favorite stray this past weekend was a chihuahua being pack dog leader followed by a much bigger young dog that wasn't letting a scruffy 3rd stray join their pack. The chihuahua and big dog hopefully were from the same residence. They looked well cared for.

Ruth Scotton, Editor

Deed Restrictions

Deed Restrictions will be fully activated once the greater majority of our Gulf Meadows residences are refurbished. Hopefully, early months of 2018.

Ruth Scotton for Betty Earl, Chairman

Walter Jones Park

Fall is here for us to appreciate. The signs of Harvey are still in our sight but with time our park and community will be full of life.

We still need to be aware of damaged equipment in the play area and anything that appears out of the ordinary. Please contact

the officers and directors listed in the newsletter. We are still thankful so have a Happy Thanksgiving.

Stephen Bonham, Chairman..713-991-7404

Park and Recreation.. Dept.832-395-7000

Park Rangers...832-395-7100

Gulf Meadow Houses

Our houses were built in the 1960s to 1970s and with care still have the strong basic structure in tact. Flood waters have horribly damaged many homes, but because the basic structure is strong are being refurbished.

One homeowner said it helped them get rid of a lot of STUFF they no longer used or wanted, but of course were saddened by the loss of a few things. We laughed and said we all keep too much stuff.

I am one of the fortunate few whose home is 3 feet above the curb. Only yard damage from the 50" of rain, washed soil and left a fungus destroying a lot of the grass. I feel very, very fortunate.

Ruth Scotton, Editor

Pot Luck Supper

All Gulf Meadows' residents are invited to take part in the very brief November 28th General meeting and holiday supper.

Newsletter

The next issue of the Gulf Meadows newsletter will be distributed in January 2018.

Yearly Dues

2018 annual dues are to be paid any time after January 1st.

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 December 13th and 27th. We also take day trips, call 713-944-4474 for more information.

Birthdays

December

Donald Newberry	12-03	Kathryn Lane	12-04	Delfino Maldonado	12-24
Mark Schultz	12-03	Clyde Brady	12-13	Ivan Luckey	12-26
Brandi Collins	12-06	David Christian	12-19		
Graciela Garza	12-18	Donald Young	12-24		

January

Joyce Stevens	01-02	Odella Colburn	01-13	Don Corolla	01-21
Richard Haner	01-05	Barbara McKellar	01-15	Lewis Robinson	01-21
Isela Maldonado	01-06	Doris Davidson	01-15	Kenneth Rall	01-23
Lorena Maldonado	01-09	Monica Maldonado	01-20	Felicia Elliott	01-30
Michael Thomas	01-11				

Anniversaries

Isiah & Effie Louise Skinner	12-03
Lewis & Morgann Robinson	12-28

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, driver's license, current utility bill or city property tax receipt.

Southeast- 2240 Central Street 77017

Southwest- 10785 SW Freeway 77074

Electronic recycling drop-off once a month drop-off site:

Ellington Airport–5100 Sunbeam 713-738-1936 about 7 mi.

Recycle unwanted **televisions, computers, monitors, printers, hard drives and other electronic devices**. There is NO COST to the resident to drop-off their electronics for recycling.

- **When:** 2nd (second) Saturday of each month
- **Where:** Ellington Airport/Clear Lake Neighborhood Recycling Center
- **Time:** 9:00 am till 3:00 pm.



Gulf Meadows Civic Club Member – End of year dues 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	
34	Garden Park	Abraham, Alvarez, Baldon, Burkhardt, Bryant, Carrentino/Gomez, Cerro, Clark, Cline, Coleman, Curry, Cushman, Dublin, Elizondo, Emmite, Fry, Gonzalez, Gutierrez, Herpin, Jenkinson, Kliesing, Lawless, Mickel, Moraw, Nava, Norwood, Parker, Perry, Rodriguez, Sealy, Stanley/Boswell, Turcios, Walker, Williams
4	Greenswarth	L. Carter, W. Carter, Moore, 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, 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, Paz, Rall, Robinson, Rodriguez, Rojas, Salazar, Singleton, Thompson, Vance, Wiggins
15	Lettie	Anderson, Ben, Bledsoe, Conner, Ginikanwa, Guitquit, Huerta, Johnson, Jurardo, 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, 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, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Williams, Young
7	Palm Shadows	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
266	Total paid members	

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 ____

I am interested in Citizens' Patrol: ____ Notary: ____ Volunteering: ____