



# Gulf Meadows Civic Club

**Newsletter**

Gulf Meadows is a Deed Restricted Neighborhood

P.O. Box 751023, Houston, TX 77275-1023

**March 2018**

Gulf Meadows area, per city ordinance, prohibits parking on your yard. You can be fined.

## Heavy **Junk** Trash Pickup

4<sup>th</sup> Monday

April 23<sup>rd</sup> and

February 26<sup>th</sup>

Junk even number month, tree odd number month

## Weekly Trash Collection

Garbage collection.....Friday Mornings

Green bin Recycling.....Friday Mornings

Yard Trimmings.....Friday Mornings

**Yard trimmings in city logo bags**

**Small tree branches in tied bundles**

## Electronics recycling

**NO COST** to the resident to drop-off 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.

**What:** televisions, computers, monitors, printers, hard drives, old phones and other electronic devices.

### President

Robert Simmons, Jr.  
713-991-2937

### 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President

Lorenzo Williams  
713-991-0760

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President

Mark Schultz  
713-991-3815

### Acting Secretary

Patricia Tisby

### Treasurer

Daryle Schultz  
713-991-3815

### Directors

### Deed Restrictions

Betty Earl  
713-991-2673

### Flood Control

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

### 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](mailto:districtd@houstontx.gov)

713-832-393-3001

### Storefront Police

Telephone at Hwy. 35  
73-991-3504

## General Membership Meeting

**Tuesday, March 27, 2017, 7:30 p.m.**

Covenant of Faith United Methodist Church  
7900 Fuqua

## Guest Speaker

The City of Houston **Councilman District D, The Honorable Dwight A. Boykins** will be our guest speaker on March 27th 7:30 p.m. at our regular meeting location. He is anxious to meet with us after wrestling with many issues before and subsequent to our most recent and past hurricane season. His saying in the past has been that "a squeaking wheel gets the oil". Mr. Boykins has been a tremendous help to our community during his tenure of serving our District D, and he is available to see us through during this most difficult time. I ask that you plan now to attend.

. Lorenzo Williams, Sr., 1<sup>st</sup> V.P.

## President's Message

In some parts of the neighborhood it looks as though Tropical Storm Harvey had struck again, what with all of the debris piling up at the curbs. This is a good sign though, because it means that more of our friends and neighbors are able to begin the process of returning to their homes. In putting out your flood debris, be advised to keep it separate from the scheduled Heavy Trash: Junk Waste and Tree Waste. Check the newsletter for the pickup schedule.

Due to the ongoing efforts of returning to our homes, the Board has decided to forgo our Annual

Membership Drive, which usually is conducted during the month of April. We are, however, still very much committed to saving our Gulf Meadows community and maintaining the viability of the Gulf Meadows Civic Club. Do your part by paying of your dues in support of our efforts. **We need you.** As Always, if possible make it a point to attend our monthly general meetings and share your concerns and insights with us.

Thank you Mrs. Tisby for consenting to be our acting secretary. The secretarial position is very import to the functioning of the Civic Club.

Congratulations to our District 6 State Senator Sylvia Garcia on her primary win.

**Robert Simmons, Jr.**  
**President**

# Happy Easter



## Deed Restrictions

### Important Information for Residents

Before Harvey, many broken down vehicles were stored on driveways and in backyards. If they are no longer usable, we ask that you remove them. **REMEMBER:** When we purchased our homes years ago, the neighborhood was well kept and it looked very nice. Why not keep it that way? **JUNK CARS ARE HAZARDOUS TO A COMMUNITY!**

It has been noted that some residents are bringing junk vehicles into the neighborhood **SINCE HARVEY, JUNK VEHICLES ARE NOT WELCOME! WE ARE TRYING TO CLEAN UP! PLEASE REMOVE ASAP!**

Before you hire contractors to work your home, make sure and check them out well. Some residents have been hoodwinked and have lost a lot of money.

**ASK YOURSELF THIS QUESTION** – "How would Gulf Meadows look if everybody kept their property looking like I Keep mine?"

Let us work to keep Gulf Meadows a place where all want to live and raise their families.

**Betty Earl, Chairman**

### Walter Jones Park

We still need to be aware of damaged equipment in the play area and anything that appears out of the ordinary. Please contact myself or the officers and directors listed in the newsletter.

**Stephen Bonham, Chairman..713-991-7404**  
Park and Recreation.. Dept..832-395-7000  
Park Rangers...832-395-7100

### Inspection & Public Services

Inspections & Public Service (IPS) cleans up neighborhoods using building codes, sign codes, nuisance violations, and beautification projects.

**DEED RESTRICTION COMPLAINT FORM** for use in reporting alleged violations of deed restrictions. Finally, there is also a section containing a deed restriction violation activity log to assist in the documentation of suspected deed restriction violations.

**OVERGROWN LOTS**-Overgrown weeds, shrubs, grass, and vegetation are fire and safety hazards. The property owner/occupant is responsible for maintaining weeds and grass at 9 inches or less and brush and shrubbery at 7 feet or less.

#### Fines:

1st	Offense:	\$50	-	\$1,000
2nd	Offense:	\$100	-	\$1,500
3rd	Offense:	\$200	-	\$2,000

**DANGEROUS BUILDINGS** Windows, doors and other openings on vacant buildings and structures must be kept locked and covered to prevent unauthorized entry. A property owner may be required to board up a building/structure if it becomes vacant and is not secured. **Storage sheds and garages must also be secured.**

**Fines:** \$200 - \$2,000

### CONDITIONS THAT MAY ATTRACT RATS

A property owner/occupant may not **accumulate lumber, boxes, barrels or similar materials** that may be used as a harborage for rats. Control of rat infestations is the responsibility of the occupant/owner.

**Fines:** \$100 - \$2,000

**Fines:** \$200 - \$2,000

**STAGNANT WATER** Accumulation or collection of stagnant water may become a breeding place for mosquitoes and presents a health and safety risk.

#### Fines:

1st	Offense:	\$50	-	\$1,000
2nd	Offense:	\$100	-	\$1,500
3rd	Offense:	\$200	-	\$2,000

**GARBAGE, RUBBISH, AND TRASH** It is the owner/occupant's responsibility to keep the property free from any garbage, trash or rubbish. Junk, trash, litter and rubbish cannot be deposited or allowed to accumulate on the lot or street. It is a violation to place heavy trash or any oversized items on the curb line prior to the Friday before the scheduled collection date.

#### Fines:

1st	Offense:	\$50	-	\$1,000
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**JUNK MOTOR VEHICLES** A junk motor vehicle is any vehicle, visible from a public place or public right-of-way, that is:

- wrecked, dismantled, discarded, or
- is inoperable and remains inoperable for a continuous period of more than 30 days on private property and displays an expired license plate or does not display a license plate.
- Any such vehicle must be screened by completely enclosing the vehicle in a building.
- car covers, tarps, bamboo shades and other types of materials are not acceptable screening.

**Fines:** \$200 - \$2,000

**These are only a few regulations that are happening in Gulf Meadows. Be a responsible home owner and adhere to these common-sense regulations.**

**Ruth Scotton, Editor.**



## Treasurer's Report

Our membership count as of March 7, 2018 is 90, which is down 30% from last year's number of 127 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 this year of recovery started in a positive way. Many, many of our members sent in extra amounts this year to help out and I can't tell you how much that is appreciated. When you are trying to survive a year like this, every little bit helps and I want to send each of them a very special "Thank You". 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 unfortunately NOT be conducting our annual membership drive this spring. In addition to so many of our homes still being empty or under repairs, several of our board members and volunteers are still not back in their homes. We hope to resume the membership drive next year when our club is back to full strength. Thanks so much for your continued support. If you have not yet paid your dues, please send them in the envelope attached to this newsletter. Your help is both needed and appreciated

**Daryle Schultz, Treasurer**

## Citizens' Patrol

February was a quiet month. I've noticed that more and more of the homes in the neighborhood are finished with their remodeling or are getting very close to it. It will take some time to completely recover from the damaged caused by Harvey, but I know we have a lot of resilient folks living here and they are coming back. Good luck to all of you with your repairs.

We are still looking for new patrollers for the Citizens' Patrol program that we have in Gulf Meadows. If you are interested in volunteering some of your time, however much or little, give me a call. We have a very diligent group of volunteers that patrol but we can always use more people. Once again, if you would like to get involved, please give me a call.

**Thanks,  
Mark Schultz  
713-991-3815**

## Welcome

If you have a new neighbor please give me a call.  
Thanks a bunch,

**Deahann Grant  
832-971-4733  
[deahann@sbcglobal.net](mailto:deahann@sbcglobal.net)**



# Happy Easter

# Happy Spring

# Love and Joy in Everything.



**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 24<sup>th</sup> and February 14<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>**. We also take day trips, call 713-944-4474 for more information.

### Deaths

**Florence Thompson** section one of Gulf Meadows died in January 2018. She was a faithful long time Civic Club Member who as long as she was able gave of time and energy. An excellent bowler until her eye sight began to fail. Missed by many of us in the Gulf Meadows area

**LeRoy Davidson** section one of Gulf Meadows died March 2018 at age 98. A longtime resident and supporter of Gulf Meadows. His family have some of his poetry. Former military in WWII and after; will be burial at the Veterans' Cemetery, Houston, Texas

### Birthdays

#### April

Brenda Bailey	04-04	Kourthlandt Akins	04-10	Anthony Clark	04-26
Damion Oliver	04-05	Willie Brady	04-17	Wanda Wamsley	04-26
Laura Cabrera	04-06	Patsy Hebert	04-17	Steve Bonham	04-30
Ruth Scotton	04-08	Derek Boyd	04-26		

### Anniversaries

#### April

James & Mirthy Woodruff  
Yulanda & Michael Ijeh

### Neighborhood Recycling Centers

Electronic recycling drop-off once a month

Drop-off site: Ellington Airport--5100 Sunbeam 713-738-1936 about 7 mi.

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- **Where:** Ellington Airport/Clear Lake Neighborhood Recycling Center [last traffic light on hwy. 3 left, on left behind chain link fence.
- **Time:** 9:00 am till 3:00 pm.

Heavy Trash Schedule 4 <sup>th</sup> Monday		Horario de Basura Pesada 4 <sup>th</sup> el Lunes	
Month	Collection	Mes	Recoleccion
January	Tree Waste	Enero	Desechos de Abol
February	Junk Waste	Febrero	Basura Pesada
March	Tree Waste	Marzo	Desechos de Abol
April	Junk Waste	Abril	Desechos de Abol
May	Tree Waste	Mayo	Basura Pesada
June	Junk Waste	Junio	Desechos de Abol
July	Tree Waste	Julio	Basura Pesada
August	Junk Waste	Agsto	Desechos de Abol
September	Tree Waste	Sepiembre	Basura Pesada
October	Junk Waste	Octubre	Desechos de Abol
November	Tree Waste	Noviembre	Basura Pesada
December	Junk Waste	Diciembre	Desechos de Abol



## Gulf Meadows Civic Club Member – March 2018

0	Arendale St.	
1	Arrowhead Ln.	Gonzalez
1	Ballantine St.	McGinty
2	Catalina Ln.	Gordy, Ly
2	Coastway Ln.	Bonham, Glapion
0	Fairgate Ln.	
0	Folkstone Ln.	
13	Garden Park Dr.	Abraham, Baldon, Emmite, Fry, Fry, Jenkinson, Kliesing, Lawless, Perry, Sealey, Stanley, Walker, Williams
1	Greenswarth Ln.	Zuniga
3	Gulf Dale Dr.	Copeland, Corolla, Ijeh
0	Gulf Meadow Dr.	
5	Gulf Spring Ln.	Brillantes, Joubert, Murzyka, Simmons, Witt
6	Gulf Tree Ln.	Davis, Dixon, Langham, Lindley, Wiggins, Wright
0	Gulf Valley St.	
11	Gulf Wood Ln.	Banda, Bonno, Chapman, Fontenot, Garcia, Kozel, Rall, Robinson, Singleton, Vance, Wiggins
5	Lettie St.	Brown, Ginikanwa, Guitguit, Newsome, Skinner
18	Misty Vale Ln.	Anonymous, Esparza, Grant, Grooms, Halliman, Lucas, McCauley, Miller, Moore, Oliver, Santos, D. Schultz, M. Schultz, Shuman, Tisby, Trevino, Waddleton, Young
1	Palm Shadow St.	Gonzales
2	Peekskill Ln.	Bussey, Tippit
3	Quiet Valley Ln.	Alaniz, Miller, Rueda
1	Red Robin Ln.	Brantley
3	Saylynn Ln.	Collins, Perkins, Scotton
6	Springtime Ln.	Adams, Alviar, Cardenas, Collins, Earl, Johnson
4	Wayfarer Ln.	Boyd, Falks, Sjogren, Tollefsbol
2	Wingtip Dr.	Garcia, Riley
90	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: \_\_\_\_