



Gulf Meadows Civic Club

Gulf Meadows is a Deed Restricted Neighborhood

Newsletter

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

April 2018

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

Heavy **Junk** Trash Pickup

4th Monday

April 23rd and

Junk even number month, tree odd number month

Weekly Trash Collection

Garbage collection.....Friday Mornings

Green bin Recycling..... Friday Mornings
May 11th & 25th

Yard Trimmings..... Friday Mornings

In city logo bags & small tree branches in tied bundles

Electronics recycling

NO COST to the resident to drop-off electronics for recycling.

Check 311 to sure they will be receiving.

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.

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Robert Simmons, Jr.

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

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Membership

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

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Dist. D Councilman

Dwight Boykins

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Storefront Police

Telephone at Hwy. 35

73-991-3504

General Membership Meeting

Tuesday, April 24, 2017, 7:30 p.m.

Covenant of Faith United Methodist Church

7900 Fuqua

Guest Speaker

Hello residents of Gulf Meadows, the **Honorable Judge Ed Emmet** has been invited to join us in our next meeting. He is **instrumental in planning and seeing through what will happen relative to the Houston and Harris County area.** Our greatest concern at this point however is how can he help with eliminating the massive flooding problem in our area. Plan to attend our next meeting to hear him.

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

President's Message

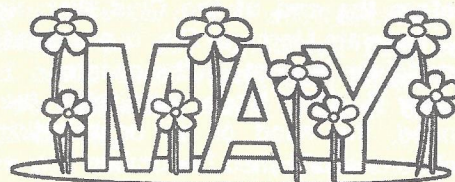
I was pleased to see the large number of residents who turned out to hear the speaker for our general meeting in March, District D Councilman Dwight Boykins. The business of the Civic Club was suspended to allow Councilman Boykins to address the complaints and concerns of the neighborhood about the effects of Tropical Storm Harvey. The Councilman stated that he would try to convene another meeting toward the end of this month with other City/County Department representative to see what can be done to alleviate our flooding situation.

Councilman Boykins also stated that he still conducts his **Coffee and Conversation** program. Call his office at **832-393-3001** for information.

There will be a **FREE** shredding event sponsored by AARP at Brentwood Baptist Church, located at 9000 Landmark on April 28, 2018 from 9:00 am until 12:00 pm. Here is your chance to safely rid yourselves of old documents and unwanted paper that clutters our homes.

Be advised – there are 4 months remaining that have 5 Mondays in them – April 23, July 23, October 22 and December. I state this so that there will be no confusion about when **heavy trash** occurs. Call 311 for information about December's pickup.

Robert Simmons, Jr.
President



Deed Restrictions

Driving on the streets of Gulf Meadows is hazardous. Since Hurricane/Tropical Storm Harvey, many vehicles are being parked on the street indefinitely. To add to that misfortune, some drivers are yielding to opposite traffic on crowded streets; nearly causing accidents. Therefore, we are asking all residents to drive more cautiously to protect our children, neighbors and ourselves.

Broken Down Vehicles

- If you are working on a vehicle, on your driveway, we ask that you keep it covered when you are not working on it.

Parking on the Grass

- is still a violation in Gulf Meadows. Exceptions are made for contractors delivering material, moving objects, etc. for restoring your home.

PODs

- Pods should not be parked on the street as they obstruct traffic. We ask that you park them on your property. [Preferably, the driveway.]

As always, we are working to keep our neighborhood a place where families want to live.

Betty Earl, Chairman

How Memorial Day Originated

On May, 1, 1865 in Charleston, SC, Twenty-eight black men from one of the local churches, built a suitable enclosure for the burial ground at the Race Course, to honor 257 dead Union Soldiers who had been buried in a mass grave in this Confederate prison camp. They dug up the bodies and worked for 2 weeks to give them a proper burial as gratitude for fighting for their freedom. In ten days, they constructed fence ten feet high, enclosing the burial ground, and landscaped the graves into neat rows. The wooden fence was whitewashed and an archway was built over the gate to the enclosure. On the arch, painted in black letters, the workmen inscribed "**Martyrs of the Race Course.**" A parade of 10,000 people led by 2,800 Black children marched, sang and celebrated.

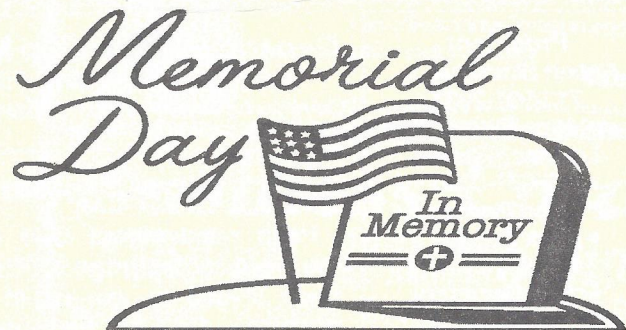
The women of Columbus, Ga., on April 12, 1866 organized a memorial association and began a campaign to have a special day for "paying honor to those who died defending the life, honor and happiness of the Southern women." **Southern women decorated the graves of soldiers even before the end of the Civil War.** April 26, the Confederate Memorial Day is observed widely, but unofficially, in most Southern states.

May 5, 1868 three years after the Civil War ended, the head of an organization of Union veterans established Decoration Day as a time for the nation to decorate the graves of the war dead with flowers. Maj. Gen. John A. Logan declared that Decoration Day should be observed on May 30. It is believed that date was chosen because flowers would be in bloom all over the country.

The first large observance was held that year at **Arlington National Cemetery**, once a part of Gen. Robert E. Lee's property, across the Potomac River from Washington, D.C.

The ceremonies centered around the mourning-draped veranda of the **Arlington mansion, once the home of Gen. Robert E. Lee.** Various Washington officials, including **Gen. and Mrs. Ulysses S. Grant**, presided over the ceremonies. After speeches, children from the Soldiers' and Sailors' Orphan Home and members of the Union veterans' organization made their way through the cemetery, strewing flowers on both Union and Confederate graves, reciting prayers and singing hymns.

Many Memorial Day ceremonies were claimed as the first by many states, cities and communities. This is a tribute to all who took part in organizing these now on-going ceremonies.



May Day

(May1st) was celebrated by some early European settlers. In parts of the United States. May baskets were made, usually small baskets filled with flowers or treats and left at someone's doorstep. The giver rang the bell or knocked and ran away.

It was always looked forward to in hopes you would receive at least a small paper cone of flowers and/or sweets.

The tradition continues at Bryn Mawr College and Brenau University to this day.

Walter Jones Park

Reminder: Although the park's main activity is soccer, please do not forget it is a public facility available to you. If you wish to use it for a birthday party or a large event, please get your permit from the Parks Department. You must show your permit if you are asked to do so by police or park authority. Otherwise, you will be fined. **Note:** A large dumpster and green bin was noticed on the walking track. This is the wrong place for these items. Questions about anything that appears to be inappropriate, please call the telephone numbers of 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

Treasurer's Report

Thanks to all of you, our membership count as of April 13, 2018 is 149. Last year at this time our total membership was 168, so we are running a little behind this year. Even though we were not able to conduct our annual membership drive this year, we still need your support. Thanks so much to all of you that have sent in your dues so far, and please make it a point to send yours in if you have not. It's time to start paying for our mosquito spraying for the warm months, so our expenses will increase next month. Every little bit helps and we will put your dues to work immediately working for you and for YOUR neighborhood. We appreciate your ongoing support very much.

Daryle Schultz, Treasurer

Beware

A friend recently reported, men in what appeared to be city attire, who claimed they were involved with work on the house behind. Entry to her backyard was padlocked and she couldn't immediately locate the key and let them pass through her home. They entered her and while one fellow distracted her the other did a quick run through of her house stealing items. Few things of value were taken, as she had been going through the house and getting rid of a lot of things she no longer wanted or used. They did their supposed work and leisurely left.

A neighbor had her purse grabbed after leaving a restaurant in the area. Two men parked their car leaving one space between her car. Police later found they had followed her from a shopping area. The shopping center surveillance showed them following her as she left. The restaurant surveillance showed them following her in and about 45 minutes after having lunch the car was still there. They pulled up hooded sweatshirts one fellow dashed to her, grabbed her purse off her arm and was quickly driven away.

The filling station at Monroe and Fuqua has had sliders steal from vehicles being fueled. While your fueling your vehicle, they duck down open your opposite car door grab whatever (usually a purse) and are gone. Often before it is realized what has happened.

Worry about our privacy being invaded by surveillance cameras is a small price to pay for preventing or catching criminals!!!

Ruth Scotton, Editor

Citizens' Patrol

In March I received two calls. The first call reported an armed robbery of a lawn crew on Ballantine. The bad guys were driving a black Saturn SUV. The second call was reporting a window broken out of a vehicle on Arendale. Thanks to those that reported this info to us and, are the eyes and ears of our neighborhood. Your help is very appreciated.

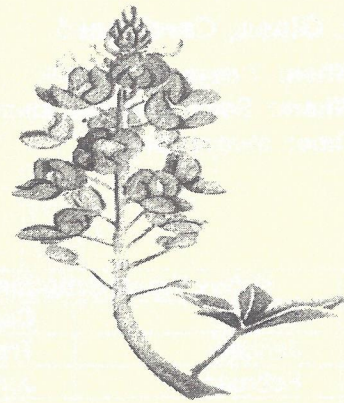
We are still looking for new patrollers for the Citizens' Patrol program that we have in Gulf Meadows. If you are interested in volunteering some of your time, however much or little, give me a call. We have a very diligent group of volunteers that patrol but we can always use more people. Once again,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



Blue bonnets suffered, due to weed invasion in a lot of areas. Be not concerned they will reseed and come back next year, when our lawns are not suffering from Tropical Storm Harvey's 42" of rain.

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 April 25th and May 9th & 23rd. We also take day trips, call 713-944-4474 for more information.

Deaths

Agatha Houser formerly of section two Gulf Meadows died **March 21**, 2018 at age 81. Aggie was born in Shiner on May 7, 1936, the daughter of August and Theresia (Vincik) Machart. She graduated from Shiner High School in 1954 as valedictorian of her class. After graduation, Aggie went to work in banking in Victoria and Houston. She later went to work for the Harris County Sheriff's Department and retired from there in 2001. Aggie will be remembered for her infectious laugh, jokes, and stories. Burial is at Shiner Cemetery in Shiner, Texas.

Derrick Perkins of section one Gulf Meadows died **March 23**, 2018, at age 32, of a prolonged cancer illness. Derrick had been residing with his Mom, Sandra Perkins. He was a former college graduate with an Architectural degree. A handsome gentle young man.

J. C. Jones of section one Gulf Meadows, died **March 25th** after a brief cancer illness, at age 78. J.C. was born in Buzzard Roost, Arkansas. He and his wife Helen have been faithful long time Civic Club Member. J C was a fifteen-year Army Veteran, serving the last 3 years in Vietnam. Worked for J.B. Hunt and spent the last few years working independently as a hot shot driver. His wife Helen will be living with her daughter and son, in the Alvin area. Burial is at Oak Park Cemetery in Alvin, Texas.

May Birthdays

Ethel Moore	05-04	John Taylor	05-15	Raymond Carter	05-29
Lorenzo Williams	05-06	Debra Vercher	05-16	Taylor Thomas	05-31
Aggie Houser	05-07	Dovie Gonzales	05-18		

Neighborhood Recycling Centers

Electronic Recycling

Recycle unwanted: televisions, computers, monitors, printers, hard drives and other electronic devices. **NO COST**

- **When:** 2nd (second) Saturday of each month [call 713-738-1936 or 311 to be sure they are receiving]
- **Where:** Ellington Airport/Clear Lake Neighborhood Recycling Center [last traffic light on hwy. 3 at Brantley (signal light) turn left, behind green chain link fence.
- **Time:** 9:00 am till 3:00 pm.

Paper, Glass, Cardboard

- **When:** 7 days of the week
- **Where:** Same as above; same location.
- **Time:** always open

Residential Trash Pickup

Odd number months **Tree Trash**

Even number months **Junk Trash**

Heavy Trash Schedule 4 th Monday			Horario de Basura Pesada 4 th el Lunes	
	Month	Collection	Mes	Recoleccion
1	January	Tree Waste	Enero	Desechos de Abol
2	February	Junk Waste	Febrero	Basura Pesada
3	March	Tree Waste	Marzo	Desechos de Abol
4	April	Junk Waste	Abril	Desechos de Abol
5	May	Tree Waste	Mayo	Basura Pesada
6	June	Junk Waste	Junio	Desechos de Abol
7	July	Tree Waste	Julio	Basura Pesada
8	August	Junk Waste	Agsto	Desechos de Abol
9	September	Tree Waste	Sepiembre	Basura Pesada
10	October	Junk Waste	Octubre	Desechos de Abol
11	November	Tree Waste	Noviembre	Basura Pesada
**	December	Junk Waste	Diciembre	Desechos de Abol

** Check holiday pickup.

Gulf Meadows Civic Club Member – April 13, 2018

0	Arendale St.	
1	Arrowhead Ln.	Gonzalez
1	Ballantine St.	McGinty
2	Catalina Ln.	Gordy, Ly
2	Coastway Ln.	Bonham, Glapion
1	Fairgate Ln.	Drouet
0	Folkstone Ln.	
21	Garden Park Dr.	Abraham, Alvarez, Baldon, Cerros, Coleman, Emmite, Fry, Fry, Guajardo, Jenkinson, Kliesing, Lawless, Nava, Penate, Perry, Sealey, Stanley, Turcios, Varner, Walker, Williams
3	Greenswarth Ln.	Carter, Carter, Zuniga
4	Gulf Dale Dr.	Copeland, Corolla, Ijeh, Wise
1	Gulf Meadows Dr.	Byer
10	Gulf Spring Ln.	Ayala, Boones, Brillantes, Harper, Joubert, Martinez, Muzyka, Simmons, Trigueros, Witt
10	Gulf Tree Ln.	Davis, Dewberry, Dixon, Hall, Langham, Lindley, Martin, Wade, Wiggins, Wright
0	Gulf Valley St.	
13	Gulf Wood Ln.	Banda, Bonno, Chapman, Fontenot, Garcia, Kozel, Landin, Montanez, Rall, Robinson, Singleton, Vance, Wiggins
9	Lettie St.	Brown, Conner, Ginikanwa, Guitguir, Huerta, Newsome, Sin, Skinner, Villa
32	Misty Vale Ln.	Anonymous, Aranda, Arellano, Arias, Avila, Casey, Collum, Esparza, Grant, Grooms, Guerrero, Halliman, Howell, Jeter, Lavine, Lucas, McCauley, Miller, Moore, Noriega, Oliver, Pardue, Santos, D. Schultz, M. Schultz, Shuman, Tisby, Trevino, Waddleton, Wallace, Watson, Young
6	Palm Shadows St.	Gonzalez, Moreno, Saavedra, Samuel, Velez, Woodruff
5	Peekskill Ln.	Brady, Bussey, Hall, Luckey, Tippit
5	Quiet Valley Ln.	Alaniz, Hamilton, Miller, Pemberton, Rueda
3	Red Robin Ln.	Brantley, Brown, Norton
3	Saylynn Ln.	Collins, Perkins, Scotton
11	Springtime Ln.	Adams, Alviar, Cardenas, Collins, Duplechain, Earl, Grijalva, Johnson, Ocampo, Prescott, Stevens
4	Wayfarer Ln.	Boyd, Falks, Sjogren, Tollefsbol
2	Wingtip Dr.	Garcia, Riley
149	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: _____ Spouse'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: ____