

Newsletter

Gulf Meadows is a Deed-Restricted Community



Gulf Meadows Civic Club

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

January

www.neighborhoodlink.com/houston/gmcc

2015

Parking in Yard City Ordinance

Houston City Ordinance prohibits the parking of vehicles (having axle/s and/or wheels) in the front or side yards of residences in **Gulf Meadows Subdivision**. Fines can be as much as \$150.00 per day. Report parking violations to the Telephone Road Police storefront **Ph. 713-991-3504**.

General Membership Meeting

Tuesday, January 27th, 7:30 p.m.
Covenant of Faith United Methodist Church
7900 Fuqua

Guest Speaker

Reda Dixon, Nursing Counselor and Marketing

Adult day care and assisted living are her areas of concern. Her information and assistance is very important to all ages in need.

Robert Simmons, Jr.
President

President's Message

A very Happy New Year to you! May you be blessed and experience joyfulness, healthfulness and prosperity in 2015. We traditionally, at the start of a new year, wish to make a new beginning, and are determined to succeed with our New Year resolutions, hoping for the best.

I hope that this year you will endeavor to become interested in and actively participate in what transpires in our subdivision. It would be hard for us to keep Gulf Meadows the special place that it is without your cooperation and involvement. For the sake of your fellow residents don't be the problem, be the solution. Observe our **Deed Restrictions**. Attend the general meetings to know what is happening in our community.

We have a new 1st Vice President in Mr. Lorenzo Williams. Thank you Lorenzo for stepping up to help in leading the community.

Thanks to those of you who provided for our Pot Luck Dinner and who supported the Houston Police Department Blue Santa Program

Robert Simmons, Jr.
President

Pay Early and Save – Dues are Going Up!

After putting off an increase for as long as we could the Gulf Meadows Civic Club board has voted to increase the annual dues by **\$5., effective March 1, 2015**. It's just an economic fact that even as our dues have remained the same for the past seven years, our expenses have continued to increase. In spite of our best efforts, we have had three years in a row of operating with a negative cash flow. As many of you may know if you attend our meetings or read the newsletter, our paid membership last year of 333 is less than half of our households. That simply is not enough any longer to pay for the services that the Civic Club provides without an increase. To make this change a little less painful, we are giving everyone the opportunity to pay their dues before **February 28th** at the current rate, and the new rate of **\$40** will be effective **March 1st**. We hope you will all take advantage of this and will pay your dues early, and we thank you for your support

Daryle Schultz
Treasurer

Christmas Decorations Judging

Gulf Meadows outdoor Christmas decoration contest.

1st prize \$25 8214 Coastway
2nd prize \$15 8455 Garden Park
3rd prize \$10 7426 Wayfarer

Honorable mention

8211 Springtime

Thank you for making the holiday special.

Heavy Trash Pickup (4th Monday of each month)

Tree Waste.....January 26th
Junk Waste.....February 23rd

Trash collection

Garbage collection.....Friday Mornings
Yard Trimmings (clear logo bag)... Friday Mornings
Green Bin Recycling..*January 30th & February 13th
(*every other Friday)

Officers and Directors - 2014

Officers

Robert Simmons, Jr.	President	713-991-2937
Lorenzo Williams	1 st Vice Pres.	713-991-0760
Mark Schultz	2 nd Vice Pres.	713-991-3615
Ruth Scotton	Secretary	713-991-0579
Patricia Lee	Asst. Secty.	713-991-1164
Daryle Schultz	Treasurer	713-991-3615

Directors

Betty Earl	Deed Restrictions	713-991-7226
Dorothy Vance	Historian	713-991-2085
Dovie Gonzales	Hospitality	713-806-4167
Michael Gonzales	Membership	713-806-5610
Steve Bonham	Walter Jones Park	713-991-7404
Deahann Grant	Welcome	713-987-0073

Help us to Help You

Animal Regulation & Control	713-229-7300
Auto Theft	713-308-0900
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 (non-emergency)	713-884-3131
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

* Houston Independent School District

** Telephone Rd. at Red Robin

Call 9-1-1 only if a life is at risk, a fire or crime is in progress.

Citizens' Patrol

Happy New Year to everyone! It was relatively quiet here over the holidays with the exception of one major incident. A resident was out walking their dogs and was viciously attacked by a large dog that was running loose. The attack happened on Misty Vale near the corner of Wingtip. It is sad and scary to hear about things that are happening. Thank you to the person who came to the rescue and helped the person being attacked. If you notice any dogs running loose, please use caution and do your best to stay safe.

It's a new year and time to make resolutions. How about getting involved in your neighborhood? The Citizens' Patrol can always use more volunteers. You can be those valuable eyes and ears in the community. We have a very diligent group but have lost a few good members and we can always use more volunteers. Once again, if you would like to get involved, please give me a call.

Thanks,
Mark Schultz, 2nd V.P.
713-991-3815

Membership

We need your support!

Please pay your Civic Club Dues!

Thanks to all who have paid!

Happy New Year Gulf Meadows residents. We hope every one of you had happy and safe holidays. **Reminder** – it is that time of year to pay those Club dues. It's a small price to pay for what you receive.

Congratulations to those who won the Christmas decorations contest.

We want to see new faces at our monthly Civic Club meetings.

Be safe and God Bless.

Thank you.

Michael Gonzales, Chairman
Membership Committee

Hospitality

Hello Gulf Meadows residents. I hope that everyone had a Merry Christmas and has a Happy New year in 2015. Well it's time for us to make those New Year resolutions and be sure to follow through with them! Good luck to all! Ha Ha 😊

It's time for Gulf Meadows residents to start paying their Civic Club membership dues. It's only \$40.00 for the entire year. Please get your dues in ASAP. Thank you and may God bless you all with joy and peace in this New Year! Hope to see you all at this month's meeting.

Dovie Gonzales, Chairman
Hospitality Committee

Walter Jones Park

Happy New Year from me to you. A New Year with the same neighborhood park. So, let's enjoy it and at the same time keep it safe. We all must be alert to our surroundings. Various sport teams are using our park, but that does not keep us from enjoying it also. Whenever we use it let us remember to keep it clean and remind others to do the same. A clean and safe park is more inviting and enjoyable. If you notice anything out of the ordinary at the park, please contact any officer or board of director listed in the newsletter or a park official listed below.

Thanks for your cooperation.

Parks and Recreation Department 832-395-7000
Park Rangers.....832-395-7014

Stephen Bonham
Chairman
713-991-7404

Deed Restrictions

The Deed Restrictions Committee would like to thank all residents who work so very hard to maintain our neighborhood, yet many violations are still being repeated by some residents.

We remind residents:

- Not to park on the grass! **Some still do.**
- Not to store broken down cars on the driveway! **Some still do.**
- Not to store trash cans out in the open! **Some still do.**

As volunteers in our community, we need your support in following the **Deed Restrictions and City of Houston's Ordinances**. It makes our jobs easier when residents work to keep Gulf Meadows a place where people want to live and raise their families. **Remember all neighborhoods have rules and regulations that must be followed. Why not follow our neighborhood rules?**

Betty Earl Chairman
Deed Restrictions Committee

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.

**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!**

Welcome

Hope everyone had a great holiday. I would like to welcome three new families to Gulf Meadows

7727 Wayfarer
10223 Palm Shadows
10203 Gulf Meadows).

If there are any new neighbors moving in, please let the Civic Club know. Hope to see our new families at our monthly meetings.

Deahann M. Grant
(713)987-0073
Deahann @sbcglobal.net

Gulf Meadows Booklet

We now have a Gulf Meadows booklet with information about our Civic Club and surrounding area. It contains a copy of the Bylaws, **Deed Restrictions** and other helpful information.

Ruth Scotton
713-991-0579
rscotton@sbcglobal.net

Treasurer's Report

Happy New Year neighbors! 2015 has arrived at last and it's a time for most people to take stock and make plans for the coming year. Why not make a new year's resolution to pay your Civic Club dues promptly this year? Making an investment in your neighborhood is like investing in yourself. 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 their never-ending efforts to improve and protect your neighborhood, but can't be done without your support. Last year our total paid membership was 333, down a little from our 2013 total of 346. That leaves plenty of opportunity to improve our numbers in 2015. Remember, all the money we collect goes straight back into making Gulf Meadows a better place to live, and the investment for you is so small. Please take advantage of the grace period and get your dues in early before the increase to **\$40** goes into effect on **March 1st**. Even in these troubling economic times, an investment in your neighborhood is still money well spent. 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

Parking Regulations

1. Vehicle parked in driveway cannot block the sidewalk.
2. A car should park 15 feet from a hydrant. This allows clear access by Firemen in the case of an emergency
3. Crosswalk park 20 feet prevent a parked car from blocking the line of vision if anyone is in the crosswalk
4. Park 30 feet from a stop sign or traffic signal
5. Vehicle passenger side wheels should be less than 18" from the curb.
6. Vehicle parked more than 24 hours is considered a neighborhood blight.
7. Park the same direction as the traffic flow to prevent driving into oncoming traffic. Passenger side wheels must be next to the curb.

Parking Management Division
2020 McKinney Houston, TX 77003
parking@houston.tx.org
832-393-8690

Neighborhood News

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 January 14th and 28th. We also take day trips. Call **713-944-4474** for more information.

Happy 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
Mollie Richters	02-07	David Bates	02-20	Doris Rall	02-24
James Duggar	02-10	Janice Carter	02-20		

Congratulations

Michael and Dovie Gonzales are the proud grandparents of Victoria Corina Gonzales. Michael, II and Letty Gonzales welcomed their 2nd child January 8th at Herman Memorial. Victoria weighed in at 8 lbs. 8 oz. and was 20" long. Mother and baby are doing fine.

Our Sympathy

We are deeply saddened by the loss of a long time resident and faithful; Civic Club member, who lived in Section one. **Edna "Ophelia" Thigpen** was born on December 14, 1926 and passed away on Wednesday, December 31, 2014. She was preceded in death by her husband Leon. Burial took place at the Old Palestine Cemetery in Alto.

Heavy Trash Program

Heavy trash pickup: tree trash, mixed with junk will not be picked up. Trash put out too early (**before the weekend of 4th Monday of the month**), will be reported to 311 and you will be fined by the City of Houston.

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

Place the items close to the front curb, for easy access by the collection vehicle. Items may be place the **Friday before, and on the scheduled collection day (4th Monday of each month), by 7:00 a.m.**

If unsure what or when to put out trash call 311.

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	Sepiembre	Desechos de arbol
October	Junk Waste	Octubre	Basura pesada
November	Tree Waste	Noviembre	Desechos de arbol
December	Junk Waste	Diciembre	Basura pesada

Gulf Meadows Civic Club
Membership as of January 1, 2015 = 19

	Arendale	
	Arrowhead	
	Ballantine	
	Catalina	
1	Coastway	Bonham
	Fairgate	
	Folkstone	
3	Garden Park	Cerro, Emmite, Norwood
	Greensworth	
	Gulf Meadows	
2	Gulf Spring	Ellington, Simmons
1	Gulf Tree	Davis
	Gulf Valley	
1	Gulfdale	Corolla
2	Gulfwood	Bonno, Vance
1	Lettie	Bledsoe
5	Misty Vale	Epps, Oliver, D. Schultz, M. Schultz, Tisby
	Palm Shadows	
	Peekskill	
	Quiet Valley	
	Red Robin	
1	Saylynn	Scotton
2	Springtime	Earl, Lee
	Wayfarer	
	Wingtip	

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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 \$35.00.

Please send this form and payment to **Gulf Meadows Civic Club, PO Box 751023, Houston, Texas 77275-1023** or bring it in person to our next Civic Club meeting.

Name: _____ **Spouse's Name:** _____

Address: _____ **City:** _____ **Zip:** _____

Home Phone: _____ **Work or cell Phone:** _____

New Membership: ____ **Membership renewal:** ____ **Own residence:** ____ **Rent:** ____

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

PERSONAL SAFETY

Having lived in this neighborhood for more than thirty years, I am cognizant of how important it is to be aware of my personal safety. There are more people, more animals and faster traffic. We need to exercise caution at all times whether walking or driving. We can no longer leave our cars unlocked or garage doors up.

People are watching us if we are not watching them. We have to be aware of our surroundings entering and leaving our homes and cars.

Pat Lee
Assistant Secretary