

# GARDEN VILLAS NEWS

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**Mission:**

To organize our residents for the purpose of preserving the standards of our single-family community and promoting the civic and social wellbeing of the residents.

**Garden Villas Community Association, Inc.**

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## Kimberly Thompson Named New Principal of Garden Villas Elementary

Kimberly Thompson has been selected as the principal of Garden Villas Elementary School. Ms. Thompson is a graduate of HISD, having attended Horn Elementary, Meyerland Middle School, and the High School for Performing and Visual Arts. She has been an educator in HISD for 10 years, serving in various instructional and leadership roles. Ms. Thompson began her career at Cornelius Elementary, teaching fourth and fifth grades before moving to Neff Elementary to be a teacher specialist supporting reading teachers in implementing balanced literacy and later an assistant principal. Ms. Thompson earned a Bachelor's degree in interdisciplinary studies from University of Houston and a Master's degree in educational leadership from Lamar University. She has been a participant in various leadership training opportunities within the district, including the Principal Academy for Collaborative Engagement, School Leadership Academy, and Principal Candidate Development Opportunity.



Due to heavy trash clean-up after Hurricane Harvey, the City of Houston has suspended green bin recycling until further notice. Put all trash in the black bins. The City will not pick up anything from the green bins.

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<http://www.houstontx.gov/citizensnet/>

MARK YOUR  
CALENDAR

GVCA GENERAL  
MEETING ON  
TUESDAY,  
OCTOBER 10



Council Member Amanda K. Edwards will speak at the next Garden Villas Community Association general meeting on October 10th at 7:00 p.m. at GardenVillas Park, 6720 S. Haywood.



## ELECTION INFORMATION

Please note that there are upcoming General and Special Elections in Harris County on Tuesday, November 7, 2017. Below are the voting times.

### EARLY VOTING

Oct. 23 - 27      8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
 Oct. 28            7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.  
 Oct. 29            1:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.  
 Oct. 30 - Nov. 3   7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Limited information is available at this time. Please check the website for further details. Information can be found at [www.harrisvotes.org](http://www.harrisvotes.org) or by calling 713.755.6965.

## Pet Emergency Plans

No one is ever 100 percent prepared for a disaster, but a good plan can make a huge difference for your pets if it's thorough and flexible. Here are some tips that will help prepare you and your pet for a disaster:

- Recognize the different types of natural and man-made disasters that can occur in your area and know how to effectively plan for them.
- Plan your response. Different disasters require different courses of action. The sooner you prepare a disaster plan, the more time you have to prepare.
- Update identification. Make sure your pet wears current identification at all times that includes his name, rabies tag, and a cell phone number.
- Keep your pet's records handy. Create a file for each pet that contains health history, vaccination dates, and a recent photo.
- Get a carrier. Have an appropriate sized pet carrier for each pet. A carrier should be large enough for the pet to stand up, turn around, and lie down comfortably.

Research animal friendly places. If a disaster forces you to evacuate, the best thing you can do to protect your pet is to evacuate them as well. Know where you can take your pet in the event of an emergency. Evacuation shelters and pet-friendly hotels outside a 60-mile radius of your home is a good place to start.

A little bit of pre-planning will go a long way to keep your pet safe in the event of a disaster.

*Cyndi McCauley*

### NEW GENERATION SENIORS TO CELEBRATE VETERANS DAY

On Friday, November 10, 2017, New Generation Seniors with Mt. Carmel Elementary School will celebrate Veterans Day with a program and brunch. This will begin at 8:30 a.m. at the flag pole in front of the school. For more information, please call Anita Serrano at 713-204-9321.



## Houston Proud All Over Again

The past three weeks have felt like a bad movie about the end of the world brought on by hurricanes. My wife and I were in New Mexico when Harvey struck Texas. We helplessly watched as the storm came ashore at Port Aransas where my family had just gathered at the first of August. Then there was all that never-ending rain at home as the storm sat over Houston.

In the days following the storm, our plans were obviously disrupted due to airport closures. We finally rented a car and drove home from Albuquerque, stopping to pick up our stranded daughters in Dallas.

We were fortunate to make it home soon after Harvey left town and felt so sad for our hometown when we returned. I stared at my city, absolutely mesmerized by the devastation. I found myself in awe, blankly staring at my surroundings like a tourist gawking at an unfamiliar city.

While we were blessed not to have any damage to our Garden Villas house, sadly we have many family members, friends, and, yes, some of our own Garden Villas neighbors who have been devastated by the wrath of this

massive storm. We've all seen the reports on the extent of damage and how many families have been displaced, so I won't dive into all that. This is more about what I experienced after I was home.

It's often said that Texans are a proud bunch of people, and that's still a massive understatement. I realized I am proud because of how much I love my city and the people who call it home. Even after all the terrible inconveniences that folks had gone through, they still just wanted to help out their neighbors, and it was a beautiful thing to see. I have cleaned out houses from Garden Villas to Bellaire to Meyerland to Forrest Oak. Everyone is pitching in and working incredible hours.

I found solace in the people of Houston and our very own hometown heroes who endlessly rallied together and reminded everyone that it's not just about being strong, it's about being Houston Strong. Houstonians have shown the world about neighbor helping neighbor.

*Tom Brents*

*President GVCA Board of Directors*

## MOUNT CARMEL ACADEMY BOOK SIGNING



Carletha Jackson, Assistant Principal at Mount Carmel Academy, held the book signing of her new book at the school. Ms. Jackson wrote an inspirational book, "Lessons My Mamma Taught Me," about her mother's sayings and how they continue to guide her in life. A large crowd attended the reception and book signing, including her sisters and their families. A beautiful reception followed. Pictured are Carletha Jackson signing Carmen Chavezvilla's book.

**November 2017**  
**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**  
**Friday, October 20th, 2017**

The November newsletter **will be mailed** and also be available on-line at Garden Villas' [website](#), along with printed copies at Gateway Hardware Store.

Send newsletter articles to [peggy@gardenvillas.org](mailto:peggy@gardenvillas.org). Send pictures as an attachment with the emailed article.

# MOUNT CARMEL ACADEMY SOPHOMORES SEMI-FINALIST WINNERS IN ARI CONTEST



Every year in Ms. Graham’s sophomore English class at Mount Carmel Academy (MCA), students read Ayn Rand’s thought-provoking novella *Anthem*, written about a city in the future where individuality is stifled and everyone in the society must live as a collective whole. The book showcases Rand’s philosophy Objectivism, which students must understand in order to thoroughly grasp the message she is trying to portray in her fiction.

This year MCA had three students who made it to the semi-finals. This is an amazing achievement considering that out of thousands of students worldwide, there are only 175 semi-finalist winners.. These students were required to read and write at a college level, and they succeeded with flying colors.

MCA is proud to announce this year’s ARI (Ayn Rand Institute) contest winners: Elias Talamantes (left), Linda Nguyen (center), and Cesar Lara (right).

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# Garden Villas Radio Programming Schedule

**Weekdays:**

Midnight - 12:00 pm - Fun Oldies 24/7  
 6:00 pm - 6:30 pm - The 60's at 6  
 Mt. Carmel Sports Games (Friday or Sat evenings as announced)

**Friday**

8:00 pm - 10:00 pm - Glen Stevens Show - Variety

**Weekends:**

**Saturday**

12:00 am - 6:00 am - Fun Oldies  
 6:00 am - 10:00 am - That Thing Radio Show with Rich Appel (oldies)  
 10:00 am - 7:00 pm - Fun Oldies  
 7:00 pm - Midnight - Saturday Night Party Time (requests from 7:00 to 9:00 pm)

**Sunday**

Midnight - 7:00 am - Fun Oldies  
 7:00 am - 8:00 am - Garden Villas Civic Association Meetings (as announced)  
 7:00 am - 8:00 am - Inspirational Music (If no GVCA meeting)  
 8:00 am - 8:30 am - Inspirational Music  
 8:30 am - 9:00 am - License To Parent  
 9:00 am - 9:30 am - Garden Villas Baptist Church  
 9:30 am - 10:00 am - Fun Oldies (time also reserved for special programs of community interest)  
 10:00 am - 1:00 pm - That Thing Radio Show with Rich Appel (oldies)  
 1:00 pm - 6:00 pm - Fun Oldies  
 6:00 pm - Midnight - Classic Country  
 11:00 pm - Midnight - Witching Hour (every first and third Sunday)



**Request Line - 713-641-4022**

## Houston Parks and Recreation Department Garden Villas Community Center FREE Activities

- Morning Fitness Classes, 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m., Monday, Wednesday, and Friday
- Evening Fitness Classes, Monday and Wednesday, 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., and Friday, 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
- After School Enrichment Program, Monday through Friday, 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
- Ballet Class, Thursday, 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- Meal program for youth, Monday through Friday, (18 and under)
- Adult Soccer Fitness, 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- Adult Softball, 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

For more information, call the Garden Villas Community Center at 713-847-5168.



**Garden Villas Community Center**

*Antonio Vilchez*, HPARD Recreation Supervisor  
 Garden Villas Community Center, 6720 S. Haywood  
[Antonio.Vilchez@houstontx.gov](mailto:Antonio.Vilchez@houstontx.gov)

# Crime Report

Spotcrime.com reported over the last few months several incidents of theft, one robbery, and one car break-in, all within Garden Villas.

- 7/24 Theft 7300 block of Brace
- 7/27 Theft 6900 block of Ashburn
- 7/31 Theft 6800 block of Evans
- 8/15 Robbery 6700 block of Brace
- 8/19 Theft 6900 block of Ashburn
- 8/31 Theft 7000 block of Evans
- 9/3 Theft 6700 block of Cayton
- 9/5 Car break-in 7500 block of Santa Fe

The theft on 7/31 was at a vacant home for sale on Evans. The homeowner reported theft of their patio and pool furniture and two attempts to steal pool equipment.

If you are a victim of a crime, always report it to the authorities. If you have crime information concerning Garden Villas, please contact me to have it included in our crime report.

*Peggy Taylor*

## Garden Villas Baptist Church

7403 Fauna St  
713-643-5554

Pastor: Rev. Ricky Moore  
Cell: 713-503-4690



Services Spoken in English and Spanish

Sunday Morning  
Sunday School: 9:45 am  
Morning Worship: 11:00 am

Sunday Evening  
Adult and Youth Bible Study: 6:00 pm

Wednesday Evening  
Adult Bible Study & Prayer: 7:00pm

Visit our web site or contact us by e-mail.

[www.gvbchurch.org](http://www.gvbchurch.org) email [gvbaptist@sbcglobal.net](mailto:gvbaptist@sbcglobal.net)

### ATTENTION GVCA MEMBERS

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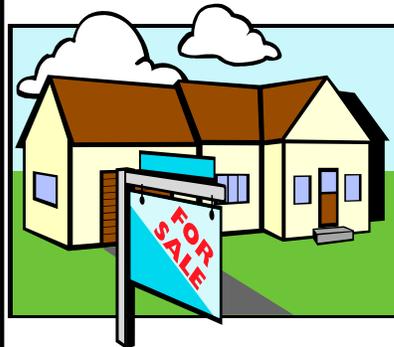
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GV residents must join the Association and have membership dues paid up to date.

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## Neighbors Helping Neighbors

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Recycling is suspended by the City for now. Do not put green bins out for pickup.

- 5 Thu 10 am Garden Club meets at GV Park
- 10 Tue 7 pm GVCA General Meeting at 6720 S. Haywood, Garden Villas Park
- 12 Thu 7 pm PIP meeting, 8300 Mykawa police station (2nd Thursday each month)

**The next GVCA meeting is October 10th, 7:00 p.m., at 6720 S. Haywood, Garden Villas Park. Speaker will be Council Member Edwards.**



## Contact Numbers

GVCA voicemail.....832-268-4822

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- [Tom Brents](#), President.....713-645-2702
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  - Garden Club, [Beverly Burns](#).....
  - Garden Villas Park, 6720 S. Haywood.....713-847-5168
  - Council Member [Robert Gallegos](#), Dist. I...832-393-3011
  - 3-1-1 Helpline (dial 3-1-1) or.....713-837-0311
  - SNAP (Spay/Neuter Assistance Program)...713-522-2337
  - Call 3-1-1 if you have a problem with stray or loose dogs
  - Parking enforcement (City of Houston).....713-837-0311
  - Mount Carmel Academy.....713-643-2008
  - HISD Charter Schools Office.....713-807-5181
  - Mayor Citizens' Assistance Office.....713-928-9585
  - Airport Noise Compliance Hotline.....281-233-3900
  - Garden Villas Elementary School.....713-845-7484

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