

# GARDEN VILLAS

## NEWS

**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.**

*A Deed-Restricted Community*

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## Harvey vs. Katrina



Parts of Houston have been devastated by flooding. An estimate from FEMA says that the economic damage from Hurricane Harvey could reach \$40 billion. Fortunately, the loss of life so far seems to be small compared with 2005's Hurricane Katrina, thanks in part to the brave efforts of city workers and private citizens. But many fear that the city will never be the same. There's a precedent for that worry. Even now, a dozen years after Katrina, New Orleans hasn't regained all of the population it lost. Even if it does eventually reach its old population level, the city has undergone permanent economic and demographic changes as a result of the storm.

Even though Harvey wasn't as devastating as Katrina, there are reasons to think Houston might also suffer permanent damage. There will certainly be calls to shift development away from the floodplain where much of the city rests. The city's sprawling layout makes it more vulnerable to flooding than people had previously realized. But you should be bullish on Houston's future. Though new flood protections may alter its geography, the city will rebuild and will resume the rapid growth that it has enjoyed in recent decades. The economic forces favoring a quick recovery are just too strong.

Texas has been one of the U.S.'s great growth stories for at least the past two decades, with big gains in population driven by the energy industry. Houston itself has also been growing strongly. For years, Harris County, which includes Houston, had the nation's fastest-growing population, and

before the storm was still No. 2. Growth like that is a sign that a city hasn't yet achieved its full economic potential—the node it occupies in the system of cities still needs more people. That means there will be no exodus of people or investment dollars from Houston. This is in contrast to New Orleans, whose population had been declining for decades before Katrina hit. New Orleans, according to the theory, was running on the economic momentum of long ago, while Houston hasn't yet reached its apex.

A second theory of why cities exist has to do with knowledge industries. Smart people living in close proximity form a deep pool of workers for companies to choose from, and employees moving from company to company cause ideas to spread. This theory especially applies to high-technology clusters like Silicon Valley and Austin, Texas. Although it's not known as a magnet for the software industry, Houston is a tech cluster too. It is, of course, the center of the U.S. energy industry, which has gone increasingly high tech in the past few decades. The city probably is home to more engineers than any other in the country. The same pool of skilled employees that sustains Houston's energy industry makes it appealing to other knowledge-based sectors as well—machinery manufacturing, chemicals, business and financial services, even information technology.

So Houston's favorable population trends, key location, concentration of smart workers, and knowledge-based industries indicate that it won't suffer New Orleans' fate.

The city will emerge from Harvey's devastation stronger than before. But because Houston is destined to rebound, it's even more important for the city, the state, and the federal government to invest in measures to prevent future floods from wreaking havoc on the millions who live here. That will no doubt be politically difficult. But with the economic future of one of the U.S.'s most important regions at stake, governments have little choice but to spend more and do better planning for the next deluge.

*Tom Brents*

*Garden Villas Community Association Board President*

## 2018 GVCA DUES REMINDER

GVCA dues for 2018 are payable from October 1, 2017, through September 30, 2018. GVCA annual membership dues are \$25 per household or \$15 if a member of the household is 65 or older.

You are invited to make a larger donation to GVCA in the following ways:

- Platinum level, donations of \$100 or more
- Gold level, \$75
- Silver level, \$50

These members will have their names printed in the newsletter and featured on a plaque (unless they wish to be anonymous). Platinum members may also be featured on the GVCA website. Donated amounts will include the minimum membership donation.

Please make your check payable to "GVCA" and mail it with this form. Please consider helping with any of the volunteer positions listed below.

Please disregard this notice if you have already paid, and thank you for your support of Garden Villas neighborhood.

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 Garden Villas Community Association, Inc.  
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**For the 2018 Membership Year**

Please fill out the following (PRINT, please) and return it with your check, payable to GVCA, in the enclosed envelope.

Dues are \$25 per family per year; \$15 if a family member is over 65.

Membership in GVCA entitles the household to membership in the C-E Federal Credit Union at 7002 Fauna (at Kopman), 713-645-4961, web page [www.cefedcu.org](http://www.cefedcu.org).

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Level of donation (circle one):    Normal (\$25)    Platinum (\$100)    Gold (\$75)    Silver (\$50)

Opportunities to volunteer:     Web site                       Citizen Patrol                       Hospitality  
     Neighborhood Standards                       Telephone Committee

I am interested in and would participate in the following:

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## Crime Report for Last Month

Spotcrime.com reported a theft in the 7100 block of Dillon on September 23rd, a robbery in the 7200 block of Santa Fe on September 25th, a burglary in the 7200 block of Santa Fe on October 5th, and another burglary in the 7000 block of Prentiss on October 15th. There was also a theft of bicycles at a residence on Fauna on October 4th, which was reported on the GardenVillas Nextdoor website by the residents.

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*



# THE SUCCESS OF ANGELA HOUSE

Pictured are Sister Maureen O’Connell (left) and Sarah Ward (right) of Angela House who attended our last GVCA general meeting. Sister O’Connell spoke about the program at Angela House and its success in helping young women gain the confidence and skills to return to the community after incarceration. Close to 40 women per year are able to live in the safe haven of Angela House and stay an average of four to six months.

Angela House can use donations and volunteers. It is located at 6725 Reed Road. The phone number is 281-445-9696. Their website is [www.angelahouse.org](http://www.angelahouse.org). Members of GVCA were happy to hear about Angela House and thankful for Sister O’Connell and Ms. Ward joining us.



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## MCA STUDENT KIUTZA LEIJA RECEIVES AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

Kiutza Leija, an 11<sup>th</sup> grade Mount Carmel Academy student, received an Award of Excellence from the National Academy of Future Physicians and Medical Scientists for her excellent participation in the Future Physicians program held in Boston last summer.

Kiutza was personally taught by some of the greatest living minds in medicine -- winners of the world's most prestigious international scientific prizes.

Students who are recommended for this program have outstanding GPAs and leadership potential.



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## Elias Martinez Crowned Word Search King 2017



The traveling Word Search Contest, Sopas de Letras, was held at Seguin Elementary School, 5905 Waltrip Street, September 30. Participants had a chance to win 1st, 2nd, or 3rd place, which included a prize from the exclusive retailer Fly High Little Bunny. The contest was open to ages 8 through 88 years.

The history of 'sopas de letras' dates back to the 1800s. The literal translation from Spanish to English is 'soups of letters'.

Elias Martinez, 10, won \$100 in cash and was crowned Word Search King 2017 during the autumn Sopas de Letras Contest hosted this year by Seguin Elementary School in Houston.

For more information contact: [sopasdeletrascontest.com](http://sopasdeletrascontest.com)

# 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**

## Garden Villas Flood Plain

The map to the right shows locations and number of houses that flooded during Harvey.





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)

**December 2017**

**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**

**Friday, November 17th, 2017**

The December newsletter will not be mailed but will 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.

**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**

Garden Villas Community Association members are eligible to apply for membership at

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**"Neighborhood Credit Union"**

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



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Houston, TX 77061  
**Hours**  
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Garden Club, [Beverly Burns](#).....

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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

Garden Villas Radio Request Line  
 713-641-4022

Recycling suspended until further notice

- 2 Thu 10 am Garden Club meeting at Garden Villas Park, 6720 S. Haywood
- 9 Thu 7 pm PIP meeting, 8300 Mykawa police station (2nd Thursday each month)
- 14 Tue 7 pm GVCA General Meeting at Garden Villas Park, 6720 S. Haywood
- 17 Fri Okay to put out heavy trash (tree and junk waste in even-numbered months). Starting at 6:00 p.m. on Friday, you can put out heavy trash. There is a \$200 per day fine from the City for each day heavy trash is placed out earlier.
- 20 Mon Heavy trash pickup (tree and junk waste in even-numbered months)
- 23 Thu Thanksgiving Day