

# 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.

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## Spring Has Arrived in Garden Villas

This winter was a tough one for Houston and Garden Villas in terms of weather. An early freeze late in 2017 gave our outdoor tropical plants a good strike, and then a multi-night freeze in early 2018 seemingly sealed the deal for any remaining tropicals along with many other younger or weaker plants in the ground. My wife and I had a late crop of butternut squash in our raised bed garden that we hoped to enjoy, but Mother Nature had other plans!

Judging by the piles when the City finally resumed tree waste pickup, we have all been out with our machetes and loppers cleaning up the mess. However, now spring is here and it is such a relief to see green leaves appearing again. It seems every tree species except our lazy pecans have at least started to leaf out (crossing fingers and knocking on wood that this will be a good pecan crop year). Many of us are sneezing and sniffing our way through the pollen extravaganza, skimming our swimming pools daily and cleaning the filters, and even watering lawns a bit since we have had a few weeks without much appreciable rainfall.

As I'm writing this article, our red amaryllis (pictured right) are blooming in multiple locations as they do each March, and I take time to appreciate the previous owners of our home for taking the time to plant these and so many other perennials at some point in history. Roses are flowering now too, and next will be the Crinums and other lilies.

Last year we had a couple volunteer native sunflowers pop up in our front yard in an existing bed and opted to let them do their thing—they were a nice, rustic touch to all the intentionally planted species out there. This year, there many more sunflower plants that have popped up, ostensibly from last year's seeds, and for the most part we're taking a laissez faire approach. I had never taken the time to read about the benefits and uses for our native sunflowers, and I encourage you to

do so. They're good for wildlife, and parts of the plant were used for centuries in Native American remedies. Information is available on several sites, including that of the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center (they are in Austin and worth the visit if you haven't been) at [www.wildflower.org](http://www.wildflower.org).

I encourage everyone to make some time to be outdoors, enjoy your yard, meet your neighbors, and have a great spring!

*Joe Virant*  
GVCA Board Member





# Annual Easter Sunrise Service

## Garden Villas Baptist Church

7403 Fauna

Sunday, April 1, 6:45 a.m.

**We will be serving a pancake breakfast after the service.**

## A&P Mechanic Derrick Ford Saves Elderly From Fire

An explosion preceded a large fire that swept through the home of the Landry family in the southeast Houston neighborhood of Overbrook on Hirondele Circle on Thursday afternoon.

The fast-moving fire destroyed the home and two late model BMWs in the driveway. Before the fire and heavy smoke took any lives, neighbor Derrick Ford jumped into action.

"I was inquiring about a job on the phone. Afterwards, I heard the explosion. It was much louder than a blown fuse. We initially thought it (the explosion) came from Hobby Airport which is not far from us. But after the second explosion, I saw the smoke and we knew it was in the neighborhood," Ford said.

Lora Landry was struggling to pull a black sleeping bag while leaving the burning home. Neighbors watched in shock and horror as the fire spread. Ford raced to Landry's aid while white smoke rushed from the structure. He discovered inside the black sleeping bag rested the frail and

elder mother of Landry. Ford carefully lifted and carried the elderly mother to safety.

Some neighbors began moving their cars parked in the circle while others ran to take cover not knowing what to expect. Others began praying to console each other.

"It is sad we could not save the two dogs. It was surreal," said Ford.

Meanwhile, the Houston Fire Department came to extinguish the ravaging blaze. In a short time the fire was under HFD's control.

Meanwhile, neighbors claimed hearing over six explosions. The cause of the fire is under investigation.

*Contributed by Darlene King*

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# Why I Like Scouts

Troop 16 is great because we go on great camping trips, do cool activities, and have fun. When we go camping, we cook, hike, and explore. We always have a great time when we camp. We never had a fight. We always talk about it and work it out.

The cool activities we do is throw tomahawks, cut wood, learn knots, and more.

The ones who teach us these things are Mr. C. A. Pressler and Mr. Mark Pacheco. Mr. Pacheco has been a scout leader since 1987. They are like my dad. They teach us and help us out and cheer us up. They are very experienced scout leaders. They always teach and help us in the meetings.

We welcome boys age of 11 through 17 to join the Boy Scout Troop 16. We meet almost every Monday evening from 7:30 to 9:00 at the Scout house in Garden Villas Park. It's at the corner of Santa Fe and Ashburn Spur.

For more information, you can call Mr. Mark Pacheco at 713-206-4715.

*Juan H. Urbano*

# Crime Report

[Spotcrime.com](http://Spotcrime.com) and the [Nextdoor Garden Villas website](http://Nextdoor Garden Villas website) reported two crimes in March — a theft in the 7400 block of Station on March 1st and a robbery in the 7100 block of Evans on March 2nd.

If you are a victim of a crime, always report it to the authorities. If you have crime information concerning Garden Villas, please contact [Peggy@gardenvillas.org](mailto:Peggy@gardenvillas.org) to have it included in our crime report.

*Peggy Taylor*

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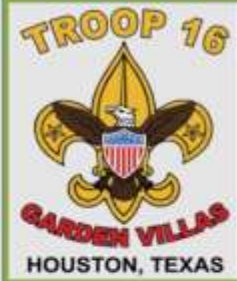
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Join in the Fun!

**TROOP 16's OPEN HOUSE**  
 Saturday April 7th 1 – 4 pm  
 At the Scout House in Garden Villas Park  
 on the corner of Santa Fe and Ashburn Spur



Enjoy Camp Cooking ☺ ☺ ☺ ☺ ☺ Try Out Scout Skills  
 Meet the Scouts and the Leaders of Troop 16



The climbing tower at Camp Brosig is awesome.



Climbing a lashing bridge at Scout Fair



Troop 16 in 1949



Leap into the fun of Troop 16 camping.



Members of Troop 16 enjoy the Garden Villas Festival!

**Did You Know that Troop 16 is One of the Oldest in the Houston Area?**

First chartered in a another part of town in 1912, it found a home in Garden Villas after World War II. It's been meeting in GV Park since the leaders built the Scout House there in 1951. From 1952 to the present, Troop 16 has produced 84 Eagle Scouts.

Scouting helps youths to:

- Develop leadership & teamwork skills
- appreciate the environment
- become confident campers
- perform community service
- understand & fulfill citizenship responsibilities
- explore occupations & professions



Come Join Us!



Garden Villas radio station interviews a Troop 16 scout

**ALSO PLEASE VISIT US AT ANY REGULAR MEETING**  
 Mondays 7:30 PM  
 Garden Villas Scout House  
 Sponsored by Garden Villas Community Association  
 Scoutmaster Mark Pacheco 713 206-4715

## Garden Villas Park Project Goals

The park project will enhance Garden Villas park and promote area redevelopment. Funding for the project would come from applying for private and public grants instead of waiting for capital funding.

A multi-disciplinary team including local professional resources for design and construction plans will be used. GVCA has conducted several community input meetings and will continue to keep the public involved.

The project will lead to a better understanding of the urban environment and natural drainage systems. It will be an example of a green storm water infrastructure installation.

Economic, educational, and health benefits for Garden Villas and Southeast Houston will come from the project.

Park use will be increased by creating a safe environment for exercise and walking. There will be a system of accessible pathways connecting the park's assets and connecting to the Sims Bayou Greenway.

By using local qualified professionals, GVCA will conduct constructability reviews at key schedule mile stones so that there are no surprise cost overruns or compromised construction standards.

*Tom Brents  
GVCA  
President*



## Garden Villas Radio Programming Schedule

### Programming Schedule:

#### Weekdays:

12am-12pm - Fun Oldies 24/7

6pm-9pm - Greatest Hits USA hosted by Chuck Taylor (Friday Evenings only)  
Mt. Carmel Sports Games (as announced)

#### Weekends:

##### Saturday

12am-6am - Fun Oldies

6am-10am- That Thing Radio Show with Rich Appel (oldies)

10am-7pm- Fun Oldies

7pm-12mn - Saturday Night Party-time - Guest Djs (requests from 7-9pm)

##### Sunday

12am-7am - Fun Oldies

7am-8am - Garden Villas Civic Association Meetings (as announced)

7am-8am - Fun Oldies (If no GVCA meeting)

8am-8:30am - Inspirational Music

8:30am-9am - License To Parent

9am-9:30am - Garden Villas Baptist Church

9:30am-10am -Fun Oldies (time also reserved for special programs of community interest)

10am-1pm - That Thing Radio Show with Rich Appel (oldies)

1pm-6pm - Fun Oldies

6pm-12mn - Classic Country Show

11pm-12pm - Witching Hour (1st and 3rd Sunday of each month)



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

## Garden Villas Community Center Activities

- Morning Fitness Classes: Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, 8:00 to 10:00 am.
- Evening Fitness Classes: Monday and Wednesday, 7:00 to 8:00 pm and Friday, 6:00 to 7:00 pm
- After School Enrichment Program: Monday through Friday, 3:00 to 6:00 pm
- Tae Kwon Do Classes: Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday, 6:00 to 7:00 pm
- Meal program for youth 18 years old and under: Monday through Friday (18 and under)
- Adult Soccer Fitness: Wednesday, 7:00 to 8:00 pm
- Adult Softball: Thursday, 6:30 to 8:00 pm

For more information, call:  
Garden Villas Community Center  
713-847-5168  
6720 S. Haywood  
Houston, TX 77061

## 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

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



## May 2018

### NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

#### Friday, April 20th, 2018



The May newsletter will be mailed and also available on-line at Garden Villas' [website](http://www.gardenvillas.org), 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.



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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

Garden Villas Radio Request Line  
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|----|-----|-------|--|
| 5  | Thu | 10 am | Garden Club meeting  |
| 10 | Tue | 7 pm  | Civic club meeting at Garden Villas Park, 6720 S. Haywood  |
| 12 | Thu | 7 pm  | PIP meeting, 8300 Mykawa police station (2nd Thursday each month)  |
| 13 | Fri |       | Recycling  |
| 13 | Fri |       | Okay to put out heavy trash (tree waste and junk 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. |
| 16 | Mon |       | Heavy trash pickup (tree waste and junk in even-numbered months)   |
| 27 | Fri |       | Recycling  |