

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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Proposed GVCA Top 10 For This Year

1. IMPROVE STREETS

City taxes should be spent on a simple common need: if you plan cities for cars and traffic, you must maintain the streets for cars and in this neighborhood also pedestrian traffic. If you plan for people and places, you will get people and places. More traffic and greater road capacity are not the inevitable results of growth. They are products of very deliberate choices made to shape our communities to accommodate the private automobile. We have the ability to make different choices on spending — starting with the decision to design our streets as comfortable and safe places for everyone — for pedestrians and bicyclists as well as drivers.

2. CREATE PARKS AS MULTI-USE DESTINATIONS

A great urban park is a safety valve for the city, in which people living in dense urban areas can find breathing room. A poorly planned or maintained park can be a place of fear and danger, thus repelling people, business, and investment. A great park, on the other hand, can be a source of civic pride, and it can help citizens feel better connected to their cultural and political institutions.

3. BUILD LOCAL ECONOMIES THROUGH STORES AND SHOPS

Stores can provide a structure and a regulatory framework that helps grow small businesses, preserve safety, and make a more attractive destination for residents.

4. LET'S ALL SUPPORT CHANGING OUR IMAGE

On the west side of Houston, new buildings are going up at an unprecedented pace. Massive gated communities are being built for the middle class, exacerbating the gulf between rich and poor. Traditional neighborhoods like the Heights are being replaced by townhouses. This trend has spread around the country and it is damaging the fabric of cities everywhere. Let's promote what we have here and make it better. Clean up the ditches, put trash out on scheduled pick dates, and get rid of those junk cars.

5. LINK A PUBLIC HEALTH AGENDA TO A PUBLIC SPACE AGENDA

A healthy city is one in which citizens have access to basic infrastructure such as clean water, sanitation, and storm water removal. It is also a place where healthy food is available to everyone, where women and children can walk without fear, where people can enjoy parks, squares, and other public spaces in safety and comfort. We are working to improve our parks, schools, and stores.

6. REINVENT COMMUNITY

The starting point in developing a concept for any public space agenda should be to identify the talents and resources within the community — people who can provide historical perspective, insights into how the area functions, and an understanding of what is truly meaningful to the local people. Tapping this information at the beginning of the process will help to create a sense of ownership in the project that can ensure its success for years to come. We need volunteers to promote Garden Villas and better community involvement to prevent crime.

7. UTILIZE THE POWER OF 10+

What if our neighborhood area had 10 places that were great community spaces with activities and events? Our area would then achieve a critical mass — a destination where residents and others alike would become immersed in the life of the community for days at a time. Taking the next step, what if Garden Villas could boast of being such a destination neighborhood? Your property value and our quality of life here would greatly improve. Then every resident would have access to outstanding restaurants and stores within walking distance of their homes. That's the sort of goal we need to set for Garden Villas if we are serious about enhancing/revitalizing urban life and cleaning up Telephone Road. It starts with our own Garden Villas park and the New Houston Botanical Garden and spreads out from there.

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Proposed GVCA Top 10 Needs For This Year

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8. CREATE A COMPREHENSIVE PUBLIC SPACE AGENDA

A comprehensive approach to developing, enhancing, and managing public space requires both “top-down” and “bottom-up” strategies. Leadership at the highest level of the city is essential if transformation of public spaces is to occur on a large scale. A “bottom-up” grassroots organizing strategy is also integral to the strategy.

The first step in developing a citywide agenda is to make an honest assessment of **how existing public spaces are performing** — or under-performing. Our communities should make note of a schoolyard that often sits empty, for instance, a lifeless plaza, a dilapidated park. The assessment should involve the people who live there as well as other key stakeholders like those who represent us.

9. START SMALL AND EXPERIMENT, USING A “LIGHTER, QUICKER, CHEAPER” APPROACH

The issues affecting Garden Villas are complex, organic things. You can’t expect to do everything right initially. The best spaces evolve by experimenting with short-term improvements that can be tested and refined over many years. Places to sit, a sidewalk café, community events, a garden, painted crosswalks are all examples of **Lighter, Quicker, Cheaper** changes that capitalize on the creative energy of the community to efficiently generate new uses

and revenue for places in transition. If one thing doesn’t work, try something else. If you have a success, build on it. Again, we need volunteers!

10. ADVOCATE FOR PUBLIC/PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS TO SUPPORT OUR NEIGHBORHOOD AND LOCAL BUSINESSES

Unfortunately, government is generally not set up to support public spaces. In fact, the structure of departments and the processes they require sometimes impede the creation of successful public spaces. Transportation departments view their mission as moving traffic; parks departments are there to create and manage green space; community development agencies are focused on development of projects, not the spaces in between them.

If the ultimate goal of governance, urban institutions, and development is to make places, communities, and regions more prosperous, civilized, and attractive for all people, then government processes need to change to reflect that goal. This requires the development of consensus-building, city consultation processes, and institutional reform, all of which enhance citizenship and inclusion. In cities where renewal has taken hold, local government is often not directly involved, for example, in implementation, but relies on community development organizations, business improvement districts, and developer partnerships to take the

lead in making community change happen.

*Tom Brents
GVCA
President*



PROTECTING OUR TREE-LINED STREETS

If you witness the removal or trimming of trees from street easements, please call **832-395-7100** immediately so we can check for permits and avoid unnecessary street tree loss. This phone line is answered 24 hours a day.



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WHAT TO DO IF YOU FIND ORPHANED OR INJURED WILDLIFE

Hello everyone! My name is Ashley Sullivan, and I work with a local non-profit group called Bay Area Wildlife Rehabilitation (BAWR.org), which is dedicated to the rescue, rehabilitation, and release of injured and orphaned Native Texas Wildlife.

As you all know, we share our amazing neighborhood with a variety of wildlife. Over the past 18 months, five opossum, three eastern screech owls, two fox squirrels, and five gray squirrels were rescued by Garden Villas residents, rehabilitated, and then released through BAWR.org.

If you find orphaned or injured wildlife, I am here to help. My contact information is provided at the bottom of this article. I will do my best to get back to you right away. However, until I can get to you, here are a few tips and guidelines:

- If the animal is an adult rabies vector (raccoon, fox, coyote, bat, or skunk) please do not touch it.
- Infant animals that are injured or covered in ants or flies need your help. Place a towel over the animal; put it in a box/animal carrier for transport. Try to remove any ants/flies if you are able to safely touch the animal.
- Do not attempt to feed any wildlife until you have consulted a rehabilitator. Doing so, can cause the animal more harm than good.
- Never pick an animal up by the tail.

The Wildlife Center of Texas also accepts injured/orphaned wildlife, so feel free to reach out to them for assistance as well. <http://www.houstonspca.org/wildlife/>

Ashley Sullivan
832-782-7134

General Guidelines

- Please put your pets inside and/or restrain them while you deal with injured or orphaned wildlife.



Day of Rescue



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Crime Report

Spotcrime.com and the Nextdoor Garden Villas website reported three crimes in August and September in Garden Villas: 9/10, theft, 6900 block of Cayton; 8/28, theft, 7200 block of Brace; and 8/19, burglary, 7000 block of Brace

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 to have it included in our crime report.

Peggy Taylor

MIDTERM ELECTIONS Tuesday, November 6th

The Midterm Elections are fast approaching! You can view or print your ballot by going to Harrisvotes.org. It also lists election locations and hours of operation. If you have any questions about voting, this website has a wealth of information, accessible 24/7!

Election Day is Tuesday, November 6. You can vote at your own precinct only on that day.

Early Voting is from October 22 to November 2. You can vote at any voter site in Harris County. The last day to register to vote for this election is Tuesday, October 9.



Scout Troop 16 meets each Monday at 7:30 p.m.
Contact Mark Pacheco at 713-206-4715
email: masterpt16@aol.com

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



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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November 2018 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Friday, October 19th, 2018

The November 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. Send pictures as an attachment with the emailed article.

If you would like to be added to the newsletter deadline re-

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

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Neighbors Helping Neighbors

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- Mon 7:30 pm Every Monday, Scout Troup 16 meeting (contact Mark Pacheco at 713-206-4715 email: masterpt16@aol.com)
- 4 Thu 10 am Garden Club meets at Garden Villas park
- 9 Tue 7 pm GVCA general meeting at Garden Villas Park, 6720 S. Haywood
- 11 Thu 7 pm PIP meeting, 8300 Mykawa police station (2nd Thursday each month)
- 12 Fri Recycling
- 12 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.
- 15 Mon Heavy trash pickup (tree and junk waste this month)
- 26 Fri Recycling

Contact Numbers

- GVCA voicemail.....832-268-4822
- BOARD MEMBERS:
- [Tom Brents](#), President.....713-645-2702
- [Bob Parker](#), Vice President.....713-643-3023
- [Peggy Taylor](#), Secretary.....713-454-1863
- [Stacey Merritt](#), Treasurer.....713-376-5677
- Cathy Rascoe.....
- [Sonia Pérez](#), Social Secretary.....713-641-3127
- [Joe Virant](#), At Large Member.....281-928-4940

- Webmaster@gardenvillas.org.....713-539-4170
- Newsletter Editor, [Peggy Taylor](#).....713-454-1863
- 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
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