

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.

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Metro Proposes Two New Rail Extensions to Hobby Airport Public Meeting on February 12, 6:30 pm. to 8:30 pm.

METRO is conducting a public meeting on the MetroNext plan and soliciting your comments and concerns on February 12, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., at the Doubletree Hobby Airport Hotel, 8181 Airport Blvd. Garden Villas Community Association will cancel our February 12 monthly meeting because this one meeting will have a major impact on our residents. We want everyone to attend and be fully informed on this plan for the Hobby Area.

Metro recently released a draft \$7.5 billion 2040 transit plan they've labeled A Plus (the previous Plan A plus some additions). The A+ plan proposes to add 20 miles of new light rail for \$2.45 billion, or a third of the overall plan's cost, to serve only 18,900 trips per day. That means we're spending \$130,000 per daily trip.

Metro is proposing two rail line extensions on the Purple and Green lines to Hobby Airport. The two redundant light rail routes to Hobby will serve a trivial 7,200 boardings per day at a projected cost of a quarter-million dollars per daily boarding, totaling \$1.8 billion or around

\$129 million per mile.

The proposed Purple rail line could continue to Long Drive along Telephone Road to Airport Blvd. If that is truly the final plan, then the esplanade and two lanes on Telephone would be needed for the rail. The proposed Green line would most likely continue from Harrisburg down Broadway as the most direct route wiping out the recently completed landscape project.

Unfortunately, we're already all too familiar with low ridership on light rail. The \$1.4 billion Green and Purple lines have dismally low patronage. The Green Line had only 5,077 weekday boardings, and the Purple Line had only 7,416 weekday boardings. For comparison, the Red Line along Main Street has 53,412 weekday boardings in 2017. So why is the ridership estimate so low on the Purple and Green lines? It might have something to do with the fact that light rail averages 13 miles per hour - so slow that it would take almost an hour to get from Hobby Airport to Downtown. The smarter plan would instead rely upon the far cheaper and faster express lane bus rapid transit service like Bush Intercontinental Airport is getting.

Metro is planning a multi-billion-dollar bond referendum in 2019. Whatever gets passed is likely to shape Houston transportation for better or worse for decades to come amid rapid technological change. It's a plan we really need to get right. I encourage every Garden Villas resident to get involved through the MetroNext website and attend the public meeting at the Doubletree on February 12 to help make it a truly A+ plan.

*Tom Brents
Garden Villas Community Association President*



Road Rage Safety

Road rage is an ongoing issue in many communities. Everyday driving presents many potential dangers as is, and we don't want to escalate the potential with road rage. I just want to share a few tips to avoid running into issues with angry drivers, or even to avoid becoming angry drivers ourselves.

1. Most road ragers are usually dealing with some sort of emotional crisis, so if you yourself are dealing with an unfortunate life event (job loss, death in family, overall stress), try to avoid getting behind the wheel right away. Give yourself some time to defuse before driving.
2. Always check your blind spots and use your signals when you change lanes so you don't turn anyone else into a road rager. Checking all the views around your vehicle and being a considerate driver should help with preventing road rage.
3. If it's rush hour or you find yourself in a traffic jam due to an accident, listen to music and just come to terms with the fact that you're going to be late. Being inconsiderate or speeding won't change that.
4. Avoid mad motorists if at all possible. If a driver gives

you an obscene gesture or says something unkind towards you, ignore it. Don't fight fire with fire.

5. Honk your horn only if you really have to and only for defensive driving purposes. Don't use your horn if you're simply annoyed because you're sitting in traffic.
6. Don't be afraid to report aggressive drivers to the authorities. You could save a life and prevent road rage from causing a bigger issue.
7. If an aggressive driver starts following you, don't go home. Call the police and drive to the nearest police station. You don't want to become the victim of a road rage attack.

Please share these tips with friends and family!
Have a wonderful day!

Trenesia Harris
Sr. Police Officer
Houston Police Department



Join in the Fun!

SCOUTING OPEN HOUSE

Saturday, February 23 12 – 3 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 Cubs, Scouts and Leaders of
Pack and Troop 16

ALSO VISIT US AT ANY REGULAR MEETING

Scouts (ages 11-17) Mondays 7:30 PM

Cubs (grades K-5th) Wednesdays 7 PM

Garden Villas Scout House

Sponsored by Garden Villas Community Association

Call Mark Pacheco phone: 713 206-4715 email: masterpt16@aol.com

Crime Report

This report includes almost four months of crime and averages out to three a month, which is the usual number of incidents. Spotcrime.com and the Nextdoor Garden Villas website reported the following for October 2018 through this month.

10/15	Burglary	7100 block of Fauna
10/17	Theft	7000 block of Dillon
10/23	Assault	7000 block of Brace
11/02	Theft	7400 block of S. Santa Fe
11/03	Theft	7100 block of Sims
11/20	Theft	6800 block of Evans
12/14	Theft	7200 block of Sims
12/21	Theft	7100 block of Ashburn
12/27	Burglary	7200 block of Sims
01/10	Theft	7200 block of Fauna
01/15	Burglary	7100 block of Santa Fe

If you are the 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 the crime report.

Peggy Taylor

March 2019

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Friday, February 15th, 2019

The March newsletter will be mailed and also 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 reminder email, please email Peggy Taylor.

Helen Guillory Real Estate

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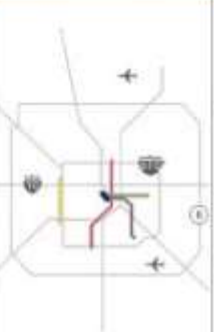
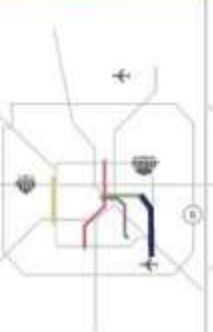
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METRO Next Moving Forward Plan A Plus

HIGH CAPACITY RAPID TRANSIT PROJECTS

- LEGEND**
-  LRT
 -  BRT
 -  REGIONAL EXPRESS
 -  EXISTING LRT & BRT

RED LINE TO N. SHEPHERD	PURPLE LINE TO HOBBY AIRPORT	GREEN/PURPLE LINE TO COURTHOUSE	GREEN LINE TO HOBBY AIRPORT
LIGHT RAIL EXTENSION Northline Transit Center/HCC to N. Shepherd Park & Ride	LIGHT RAIL EXTENSION MLK Blvd/Griggs Rd to Hobby Airport	LIGHT RAIL EXTENSION Theater District to Courthouse	LIGHT RAIL EXTENSION Magnolia Park Transit Center to Hobby Airport
 5.9 MILES	 7.4 MILES	 0.1 MILE	 6.4 MILES
 5 STATIONS	 9 STATIONS	 1 STATION	 9 STATIONS
			

METRO Next GOALS	IMPROVE MOBILITY	 Ridership (Daily Boardings)	9,000	2,800	2,700	4,400
	ENHANCE CONNECTIVITY	 Population + Employment Density (sq mi)	15.2	12.3	53.7	13.9
		 Major Activity Centers Served	0	3	1	1
	SUPPORT VIBRANT COMMUNITIES	 Frequent Routes Connected	2 ROUTES	3 ROUTES	7 ROUTES	2 ROUTES
		 Ease of Bike/Pedestrian Access	HIGH	HIGH	HIGH	HIGH
ENSURE RETURN ON INVESTMENT	 Economic Growth Potential	MEDIUM	HIGH	MEDIUM	HIGH	
	 Low-Income Population Served	1,769	3,559	143	3,171	
	 Cost (2017)	\$634M	\$881M	\$19M	\$900M	

¹ Includes ridership for both Westheimer Signature and Westheimer BOOST local service.



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NO GVCA GENERAL MEETING IN FEBRUARY

Everybody needs to attend the
Metro Rail meeting at Doubletree
Hotel, 8181 Airport Blvd.
from 6:30-8:30

ATM Safety Tips

Here are 10 tips to keep you safe at the ATM. Please read and share with family and friends.

1. Always pay close attention to the ATM and your surroundings. Don't select an ATM at the corner of a building. Corners create a blind spot. Use an ATM located near the center of a building. Do your automated banking in a public, well-lighted location that is free of shrubbery and decorative partitions or dividers.
2. Maintain an awareness of your surroundings throughout the entire transaction. Be wary of people trying to help you with ATM transactions. Be aware of anyone sitting in a parked car nearby. When leaving an ATM, make sure you are not being followed. If you are, drive or walk immediately to a police or fire station, or to a crowded, well-lighted location or business. If you feel you are in danger, call 911!
3. Do not use an ATM that appears unusual looking or offers options with which you are not familiar or comfortable.
4. Do not allow people to look over your shoulder as you enter your PIN. Memorize your PIN; never write it on the back of your card. Do not re-enter your PIN if the ATM eats your card — contact a bank official.
5. Do not wear expensive jewelry or take other valuables to the ATM. This is an added incentive to the assailant.
6. Never count cash at the machine or in public. Wait until you are in your car or another secure place.
7. When using a drive-up ATM, keep your engine running, your doors locked, and leave enough room to maneuver between your car and the one ahead of you in the drive-up line.
8. Maintain a supply of deposit envelopes at home or in your car. Prepare all transaction paperwork prior to your arrival at the ATM. This will minimize the amount of time spent at the machine.
9. Closely monitor your bank statements, as well as your balances, and immediately report any problems to your bank.
10. If you are involved in a confrontation with an assailant who demands your money, COMPLY.

Trenesia Harris
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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

Round out your Saturday afternoon by listening to Rosebud's live broadcast on Garden Villas radio, 99.7 FM. You'll hear fun and interesting interviews and great music, as always.



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 email gvbaptist@sbcglobal.net

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: Tuesdays, 6:30 to 7:30 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
- Family Fun Day, Nov. 17th, 10:00 to 2:00
- Family Fun Day, Dec. 15th, 10:00 to 2:00

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

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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

- 1 Recycling
- Mon 7:30 pm Every Monday, Scout Troup 16 meeting (contact Mark Pacheco at 713-206-4715 email: masterpt16@aol.com)
- 7 Thu 10 am Garden Club meeting at Garden Villas park
- 12 Tue 6:30 pm Metro Rail meeting, Doubletree Hotel, 8181 Airport Blvd., 6:30-8:30
- 14 Thu 7 pm PIP meeting, 8300 Mykawa police station (2nd Thursday each month)
- 15 Fri Recycling
- 15 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.
- 18 Mon Heavy trash pickup (tree and junk waste this month)