

# 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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## Garden Villas Streets

(The following is the response letter to Steven Loo, Managing Engineer, Street & Bridge Maintenance Branch, Transportation & Drainage Operations, City of Houston Public Works, 611 Walker, 20<sup>th</sup> Floor, Houston, TX 77002. Robert Gallegos, City Council District I, was CC'd.)

Dear Mr. Steven Loo,

We don't understand the priority issue with street repairs for Garden Villas. After all, it was indirectly caused by the City of Houston Public Works Department oversight. Here are just a few of the issues we had with the last Public Works street project (1998) in Garden Villas:

Every street in Garden Villas was laid down with crushed oyster shell. For over 50 years this remained in place until the City of Houston's contractor (Brown Root) removed all of it and replaced it with stabilized fill.

The stabilized fill was never fully compacted in the haste to complete the work delayed by rain days.

A fiber underlayment woven mat was approved by PWE and installed with few attachments.

This underlayment was then covered in hot tar and then a thin layer of asphalt paving.

Within three years all the streets were showing signs of movement and surface cracks.

The City "settles" with Brown Root over the defective underlayment mat and other warranty issues.

In several places the fill has fallen into the ditches causing the asphalt paving to support itself, and, of course, it will not. In addition, the underlayment mat has migrated causing humps, valleys, and cracks. Our cars have difficulty traveling at 30 mph with the humps and bumps. Since we don't have sidewalks, our residents are forced to walk to school or other places in the neighborhood on uneven pavements. These street conditions can't continue to exist. We voted for improved drainage and streets.

Managing a city is more than photo ops. It is really about the hard work of understanding the long-term financial impact of hundreds of small decisions, many of which have contributed to the mess in which the City currently finds itself. Most of all it is about prioritizing spending decisions and working to find service improvements.

Tom Brents  
Garden Villas Community Association President



## Construction is Underway on the Sims Bayou Greenway by the Kroger Shopping Center



The Sims Bayou Greenway begins in southwest Houston and will continue east toward the Houston Ship Channel passing through the new Botanical Garden. The construction will be completed to Law Park by July and to the Botanical Garden by October.

Through Bayou Greenways 2020, Houston Parks Board and its project partners are transforming Sims Bayou into Sims Bayou Greenway, a public green space and hike-and-bike trails connecting surrounding communities to parks, nature, and one another.

Parks along the way include Townwood Park, the Houston Sports Park, Margaret Jenkins Park, Sims Bayou Park, Stewart Park, Robert C. Stuart Park, Reveille Park, Glenbrook Park, and Milby Park. We are reviewing a connection to Garden Villas Park to the Swallow Street Bridge in the near future. There's plenty to do and see along the way.

*Tom Brents*  
GVCA President



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## June 2019 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Friday, May 24th

The June 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.

If you would like to be added to the newsletter deadline reminder email, please email Peggy Taylor.

## Crime Report

The month of April crime report shows the following information obtained from [Spotcrime.com](#) and the [Nextdoor Garden Villas website](#).

4/6/19 Theft                      6700 block of Dillon

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](mailto:Peggy@gardenvillas.org) to have it included in the crime report.

*Peggy Taylor*



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

## Helen Guillory Real Estate

713-643-4611  
[HGuillory1@aol.com](mailto:HGuillory1@aol.com)



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# Mount Carmel Academy Valedictorian



Mount Carmel Academy's Valedictorian, Cesar Lara, has received two outstanding full scholarship offers to two prestigious universities:

Yale University and the University of Notre Dame.

These schools have flown him in to experience life on their campuses and he has had a difficult time choosing between the two. This is a win-win situation, no matter where he decides to go. Mount Carmel Academy is very proud of Cesar for working very hard to achieve this recognition from two top schools.

Mount Carmel Academy is now accepting applications for 9th - 12th grade. For more information call (713) 643-2008.

## Spring Safety Tips

Hi Neighbors,

As temperatures increase over the next several weeks, the Houston Police would like to remind you to take the following precautions as you enjoy the spring season:

1. Always keep your home's doors and windows locked when you go to bed or leave your house, even if you are leaving for a short period.
2. Secure all lawn and gardening equipment in your garage or a storage shed, and keep your garage doors closed at all times (even when you're doing work around the house).
3. Put all ladders and other tools back into a secure storage area after you use them.
4. Be aware of home improvements scams. If you did not solicit the contractor or salesman who shows up at your door unannounced, do not do business with that person.
5. Always remember to close your car windows, take any valuables out of your car, and lock your doors every time you exit your vehicle, even if your vehicle is parked in your driveway.

6. Get to know your neighbors! Let a trusted neighbor know if you are planning to travel this spring. Neighbors who know each other look out for each other.

Stay safe!

*Trenesia Harris*  
Sr. HPD Police Officer



## LET'S MEET AT MARIA RITA'S

There is no GVCA general meeting on May 14. We are celebrating Cuatro de Mayo, Saturday, May 4, at the new Mexican restaurant Maria Rita's at 8445 Gulf Freeway from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. Garden Villas residents get 10% off their bill at that time.



## 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)

#### Weekends:

##### *Saturday*

12am-6am - Classic Hits

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

10am-6pm- Classic Hits

6pm-9pm - Greatest Hits USA hosted by Chuck Taylor

9pm-12am - Classic Hits

##### *Sunday*

12am-4:30am - Classic Hits

4:30am - 5:30am Garden Villas Civic Association Meetings (as announced)

4:30am - 5:30am - Classic Hits (If no GVCA meeting)

5:30am-6am - License To Parent

6am - 9am - Sunday Morning Memories with Johnny Goyen

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

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

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

1pm-6pm - Classic Hits

6pm-12am - Classic Country Show



Request Line - 713-641-4022

## Garden Villas Community Center Activities

### FREE ACTIVITIES

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

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



## ATTENTION: PARENTS

Houston Parks and Recreation Department will be having several free Summer Youth Sports Camps at the North Wayside Sports and Recreation Center (NWSRC) and the Lee and Joe Jamail Skatepark (JSP). NWSRC is located in northeast part of Houston and JSP is in downtown. There will be baseball, basketball, and skateboarding

Spaces are limited, so be ready to register online on the first day of registration. Click on the link below to obtain more information and to register:

[https://apm.activecommunities.com/houstonparks/Activity\\_Search?txtActivitySearch=camps&applyFiltersDefaultValue=true&cat=Activities](https://apm.activecommunities.com/houstonparks/Activity_Search?txtActivitySearch=camps&applyFiltersDefaultValue=true&cat=Activities)

Should you have questions, call the North Wayside Sports and Recreation Center at 713-633-0281.

Louis Moore  
[www.houstonparks.org](http://www.houstonparks.org)  
 City of Houston Parks and Recreation (AS)  
 6200 Wheeler Street  
 Houston 77023

## 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

## CE FEDERAL CREDIT UNION

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*"Neighborhood Credit Union"*

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



# Gateway Ace Hardware and Rental

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Houston, TX 77061  
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Saturday: 8:00am - 6:00pm  
Sunday: 10:00am - 4:00pm  
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**Contact Us**  
713-643-0623  
Fax: 713-643-5104  
Email Us



## Neighbors Helping Neighbors

[www.gardenvillas.org](http://www.gardenvillas.org)



- Mon 7:30 pm Every Monday, Scout Troup 16 meeting (contact Mark Pacheco at 713-206-4715 email: [masterpt16@aol.com](mailto:masterpt16@aol.com))
- 9 Thu 7 pm PIP meeting, 8300 Mykawa police station (2nd Thursday each month)
- 10 Fri Recycling
- 17 Fri Okay to put out heavy trash (tree waste only in odd-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 waste only this month)
- 24 Fri Recycle

## 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](#), At Large Member.....

[Sonia Pérez](#), Social Secretary.....713-641-3127

[Oscar Alvarado](#), At Large Member.....832.607.6409

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[Webmaster@gardenvillas.org](mailto: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

Airport Noise Compliance Hotline.....281-233-3900

Garden Villas Elementary School.....713-845-7484

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713-641-4022