

# 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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## Remember Harvey?

Well, it has been over 575 days since Hurricane Harvey and just two months before the next hurricane season begins. A lot of Houston, including our 68 Garden Villas neighbors, flooded from aged infrastructure and clogged stormwater piping. Not one house flooded due to the Sims Bayou. All the flood water came from the City's stormwater system. So what is the City of Houston doing to resolve the impact of another flooding hurricane?

Starting with Rebuild Houston that was approved by the voters again last November, the website still has not been updated since 2016. There are no Capital Improvement Projects listed. The webpage says "Under Maintenance." The scorecard dates from 2016, a year BEFORE Hurricane Harvey. The website also states that \$1 billion of debt have been paid out of the \$1.7 billion owed. A closer look shows there is no proof for this accounting. This program has been collecting fees since 2010. So at this rate, it will be another nine years before it funds another project. There is also NO sign of a promised lock box as advertised last November, nor is there any transparency. There have been no public meetings for all of 2018 and so far none in 2019 by the City's Rebuild Houston Department. Remember that up to 25% of drainage tax funds can be spent on maintenance expenses or City salaries. Since the City is now cash poor because of Prop B, look for even more salaries to be funded out of this tax. Maybe the City should stop paying on the debt first and start funding the fixing of miles of undersized and totally inadequate storm drainage?

Now, going to the last Capital Improvement Project (CIP) budget just released for the spring City Council town hall events. The CIP shows the only Harvey related projects listed for District I was for the City Hall (2021), a fire station (#26 in 2018), and the Police Headquarters roof (2021). Public Works listed just improvements to wastewater treatment projects and none for drainage infrastructure.

Since Harvey there have been several City of Houston community meetings on housing needs but NONE on drainage. Strange that the City is pushing more than \$1 billion of US taxpayer funds for housing in areas already impacted by poor or lacking adequate infrastructure drainage systems. Seems that the City should be fixing the drainage before building more housing in areas that are already at risk of flooding.

Recently Public Works approved the construction of a new elderly housing project in the Sims Bayou flood zone on Belfort Street which floods with a three-inch rainfall. Then there is the massive project for the City and TxDOT of combining I-45 north, I-10, and I-59, some 40 feet below grade just east of the George R. Brown downtown. But don't worry. TxDOT promises that they will be able to pump all the runoff water to Buffalo Bayou. What will be that impact on the City's East End drainage system?

After Harvey, we were promised by our City leaders, it would not be business as usual when it came to addressing flooding as a priority. It appears that the City's drainage infrastructure is just not a priority at all.

*Tom Brents, President  
Garden Villas Community Association*



## Best Friends or Public Nuisance

First, there was one. A white, short-haired, mixed-breed, medium-sized dog with a gregarious disposition. She began frequenting a vacant lot in the 7000 block of Brace in early February. Soon, she was joined by a second, smaller dog, then, a third, larger one, and so on, until a pack of nine had formed. The dogs were not strays. All appeared well-fed, and several wore collars.

At first, they simply wandered the streets, sniffing at whatever interested them, visiting other, penned dogs and apparently drawing amusement from the barking they prompted. Eventually, one (a yellow, medium-sized male) began showing aggressive tendencies (pictured below). He was joined by another. Passersby had to ward the dogs off with sticks. A woman reported an attack on her small dog in her yard. Another woman was chased until she threatened the dogs with a tree branch.

The dog pack is now gone, its members apparently kept at their respective homes after several posts appeared on the Nextdoor website in late February, but the problems they caused – late night barking, overturned garbage cans, attacks – are recurring ones in Garden Villas.

“It comes up all the time,” said Tom Brents, president of the Garden Villas Community Association. “I see loose dogs around my house frequently.”

And, while no one wants to cause a neighbor to lose a pet, Jarrad Mears, Animal Control Manager for the City of Houston, encourages residents to report any animal issues by calling 311.

BARC Animal Shelter, part of the city’s animal control division, maintains a 24/7 operation, 365 days yearly, said Mears. It has an annual intake of roughly 27,000 animals per year and receives more than 50,000 requests for service yearly.

If the animal is aggressive, he added, the caller

should dial 911. BARC cannot handle aggressive animals. If the dog is behaving viciously, police will be dispatched and will call BARC after securing the scene.

Mears explained that animals bearing identification are held for six days, during which time BARC will attempt to contact the owner. The staff checks for tags and microchips. “Every attempt is made to contact the owner to make them aware that we have possession of their animal,” said Mears. Strays without identification are held for three days.

“Hold limits are prescribed by City Ordinance,” Mears explained. “This does not mean that the animal will be euthanized. This allows the City to take ownership of the animal and assign it a disposition (adoption, rescue, etc.).”

Most dogs survive capture by the city, he said. BARC had an 84.6% live release rate during 2018, meaning those animals were turned over to adoption or rescue agencies. Still, their owners lost them.

In addition, there are fines associated with allowing your animal to run at large. During 2018, said Mears, “BARC Animal Enforcement Officers issues 5,284 animal related citations. The fines ranged between \$100 to \$500 per offense.” Even if a dog is picked up and returned without a fine being levied against the owner, there are still costs ranging up to \$160.

“There is a \$60 impound fee, \$25 vet services fee, a licensing fee if the animal is not current, and a \$75 sterilization fee,” said Mears. “All animals that are impounded at BARC have to be sterilized. That is per City Ordinance.”

And all that might be avoided simply by shutting the yard gate.

*Evan Moore  
Garden Villas resident*



The yellow dog is the one that attacked the little dog in the yard and threatened the woman on the street.



# Crime Report

The month of March crime report shows the following information obtained from [Spotcrime.com](http://Spotcrime.com) and the [Nextdoor Garden Villas website](http://Nextdoor Garden Villas website).

3/1/19 Theft                    7500 block of Allsup  
3/8/19 Burglary                6800 block of Fauna

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*

## May 2019

### NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Friday, April 19th, 2019

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

## Helen Guillory Real Estate

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## Mount Carmel Academy Student Awarded \$250,000 to Attend Colgate University

Mount Carmel Academy student, Daniel Dobelman, was awarded \$250,000 (a quarter of a million dollars) to attend Colgate University, an elite university in New York. His career interest is to be a surgeon. Daniel is more than a great student. He is a young man of character and an all-around good guy with phenomenal academic potential. He is President of the National Honor Society. He was a captain of the varsity football team and a four-year player. He also was a four-year member of the baseball team. He is a member of the Chick-fil-A leadership team, is in the top 10% of the class, and has taken the most rigorous coursework at MCA. As if that isn't enough, Daniel has over a 100 hours of volunteer service, is a member of the Newman Club (a spiritual club on campus), tutors and peer mentors students at MCA, and is a role model for all students.

Mount Carmel Academy, an HISD charter high school at 7155 Ashburn in Garden Villas, is currently taking applications for the 2019-2020 school year. For more information call 713-643-2008 or visit [mtcarmelacademy.net](http://mtcarmelacademy.net).



## Mount Carmel Academy Students Depart for Senior Retreat

Seniors at Mount Carmel Academy (MCA) are shown boarding the bus that will take them to visit the University of Houston and then two days at the Senior Retreat. This was a favorite remembrance from Mount Carmel High School students that no one wants to break. It is a wonderful way for the students to bond and reminisce about their high school experiences and express their thanks for the opportunity afforded to them. Mount Carmel High School and Mount Carmel Academy are truly united in this beautiful traditional experience.

## TAX SEASON SCAMS

Hi, Neighbors,

Every tax season, we receive reports of scammers attempting to impersonate IRS employees. Our elderly community members are typically the most vulnerable to these types of scams. Please take the time to warn your older family members, neighbors, and friends. Watch this short video to learn how to spot scammers: <https://youtu.be/i4nCy6Xs6R8>. It's important to remember the IRS will not call you to demand immediate payment. The IRS will not call you if you owe taxes without first sending you a bill in the mail. They will not demand that you pay taxes and not allow you to question or appeal the amount you owe. The IRS also will not require that you pay your taxes a certain way; for instance, requiring that you pay with a prepaid debit card. They will not ask for your credit or debit card numbers over the phone. **DO NOT GIVE ANY PERSONAL INFORMATION OVER THE PHONE!!** The IRS will not threaten to bring in police or other agencies to arrest you for not paying. Best advice when you or someone you know receives a suspicious call claiming to be the IRS is to **HANG UP. THE IRS DOES NOT MAKE PHONE CALLS!!**

*Senior Police Officer Trenesia Harris  
Houston Police Department*



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## 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

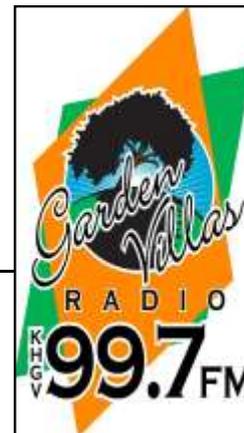
9:30am-10am -Fun Oldies (time also reserved for special programs of community interest)

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](http://www.gvbchurch.org)    email [gvbaptist@sbcglobal.net](mailto: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

### ATTENTION GVCA MEMBERS

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

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## Neighbors Helping Neighbors

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[Cathy Rascoe](#), At Large Member.....

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

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

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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  
713-641-4022

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|--------|---------|--|
| Mon    | 7:30 pm | Every Monday, Scout Troup 16 meeting (contact Mark Pacheco at 713-206-4715 email: <a href="mailto:masterpt16@aol.com">masterpt16@aol.com</a> )   |
| 4 Thu  | 10 am   | Garden Club meeting at Garden Villas park  |
| 9 Tue  | 7 pm    | GVCA general meeting at Garden Villas park   |
| 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 |         | Recycle  |