

GARDEN VILLAS

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.

NEWS

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Holiday Party
December 14 @ 7 pm

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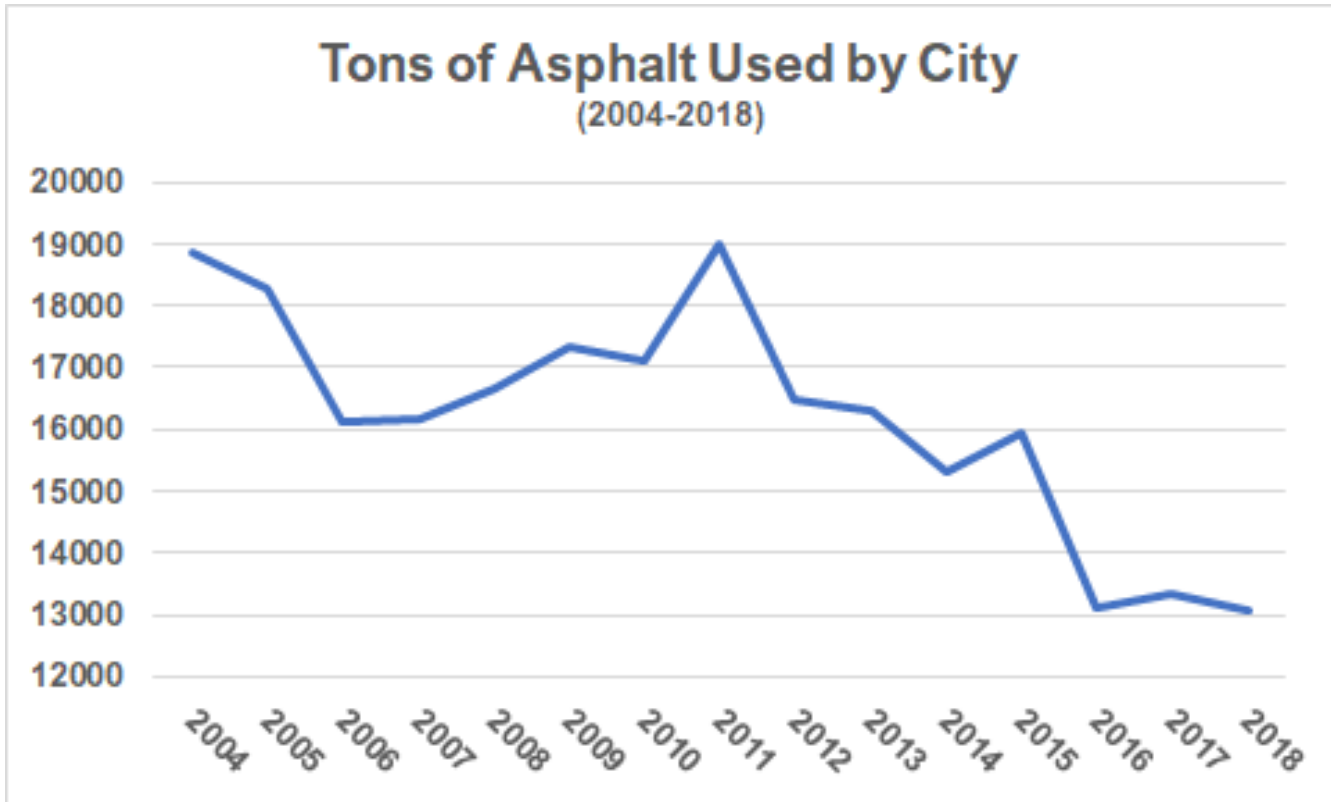
City Continues to Skimp on Garden Villas Spending

Last November the City Department of Public Works committed to a surface reconstruction for Garden Villas streets. The entire City street infrastructure program is now delayed at least until 2023.

The recently issued annual financial report for the City shows that it is continuing to cut back on street recon-

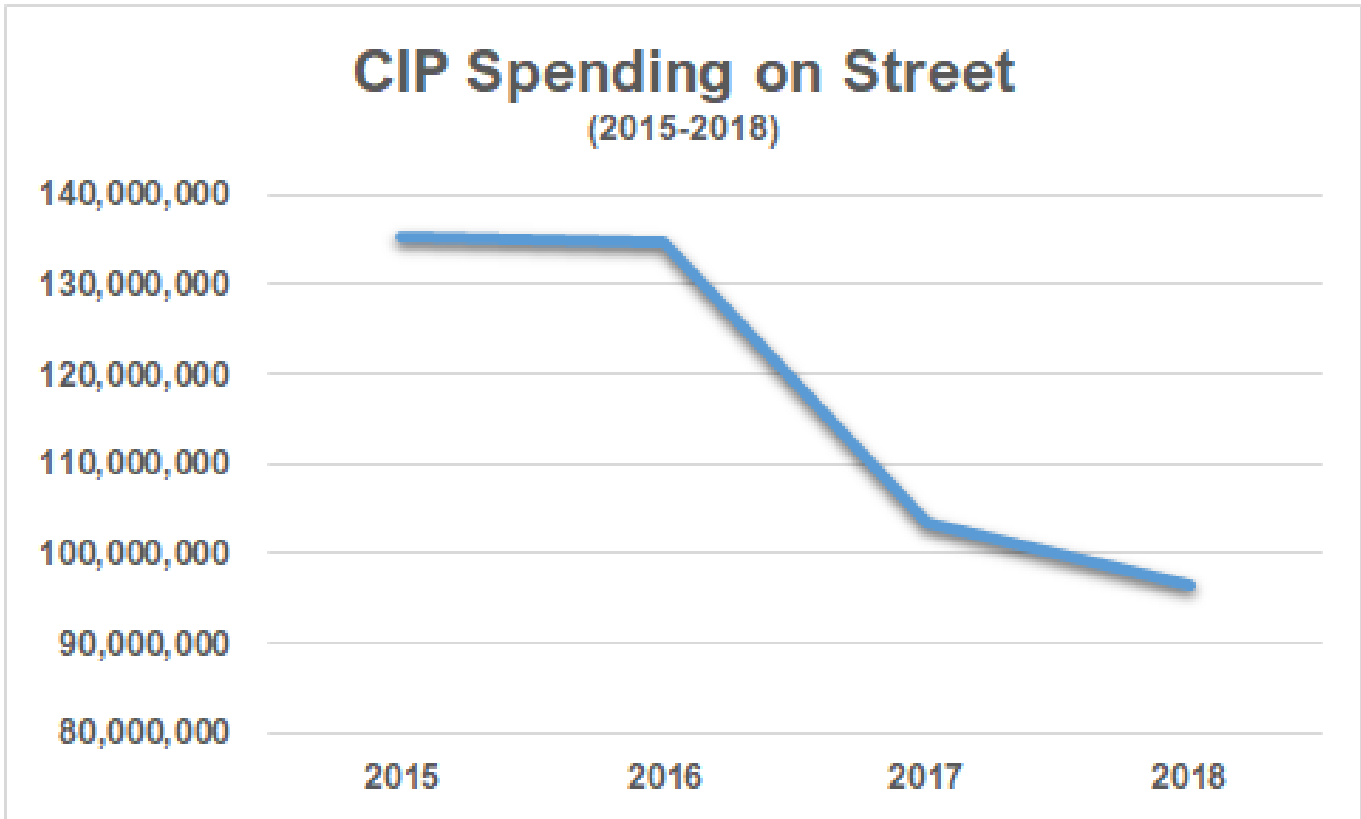
struction and repair, a fact that is of no surprise to Garden Villas residents.

That report shows that the amount of asphalt used in street repairs is the lowest in over a dozen years: some 3,000 tons less in 2018 than in 2004!



It also reports that the number of miles of streets reconstructed last year fell by 24% (186 in 2018 vs. 142 in 2017). To put that in some historical perspective, in 2004 the City reconstructed 435 lane miles.

This report is consistent with the data obtained by Ted Oberg at Channel 13 early this year on the City's Capital Improvement Program ("CIP") spending, which showed that Mayor Turner has reduced spending on streets by 26% since taking office.



The residents of Garden Villas have paid their taxes and waited patiently for new streets. It is past the time the Public Works should have addressed this issue. In the last

six years, the City's revenues have increased by 29% (4.8% annual average) and property taxes have increased by 35% (5.9% annual average).

	2012	2018	Annual Increase	
Charges for Service & other program revenues	1,752	2,125	21%	3.5%
Other Program Revenues	338	507	50%	8.3%
Property Taxes	866	1,172	35%	5.9%
Sales Taxes	547	674	23%	3.9%
Other Taxes	272	310	14%	2.3%
Other	195	323	66%	10.9%
	3,970	5,111	29%	4.8%

During this past holiday period the entire City experienced a crisis on trash and recycle pickups. In January there were several major issues in Garden Villas with the City sewer system. February brought a revisit by Public Works of not clearing the ditches. GVCA is still working with Council Member Gallegos' office on these issues and will report the outcome. It is now eighteen months since Hurricane Harvey, and the City has yet to determine what infrastructure is needed to prevent flooding under the Houston Rebuild program.

Managing a city is more than photo ops. It is 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. It is about prioritizing spending decisions and working to find efficiencies. This is a City election year.

Tom Brents
Garden Villas Community Association President



FUN DAYS AT MOUNT CARMEL ACADEMY

MCA's fun season started with Spirit Week. Shown is Dr. Tolman, the college counselor, and Mrs. Giacchino, the principal, dressed up for Tacky Tourist Day (bottom left).

A spirited Pep Rally followed with a student from each class participating in a Thanksgiving scavenger hunt. Unknown to the volunteers, the students were served a scavenger hunt whipped cream pie.

The students were all sports and continued with the spirit of the pep rally. They dove full face into the pies to find the treasures. A good time was had by all.

Happy Holidays from Mount Carmel Academy



Garden Villas Radio Programming Schedule

Weekdays:

12am-12pm - Fun Oldies 24/7
 6pm-9pm - Greatest Hits USA hosted by Chuck Taylor (Friday Evenings only)

Weekends:

Saturday

12am-5am - Classic Hits
 5am-8am - That Thing Radio Show with Rich Appel (oldies)
 8am-10am - Rosebud's All Request Show
 10am-12pm - Sergio's All Request Show
 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 - 5am - Classic Hits (If no GVCA meeting)
 5am-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
 2pm-4pm - Rosebud's All Request Show repeat
 6pm-12am - Classic Country Show



Request Line - 713-641-4022



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February 2020
NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
Friday, January 17th

The February newsletter will be mailed and also available on-line at Garden Villas' [website](#). A few printed copies will be 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.

No Newsletter in January

Crime Report

The following crimes were reported in Garden Villas during November from the websites Spotcrime.com and the Nextdoor Garden Villas website.

11/21	7300 block of Kopman	Assault
11/21	7000 block of Fauna	Assault
11/22	6800 block of Prentiss	Theft
11/23	6900 block of Dillon	Assault
11/23	7200 block of Cayton	Theft
11/24	6900 block of Ashburn	Other
11/24	7500 block of Allsup	Other

If you are the victim of a crime, report it to the authorities. If you have crime information concerning Garden Villas, contact Peggy@gardenvillas.org to include it in the Garden Villas newsletter crime report.

Peggy Taylor

ELECTION NEWS

Yes, there are elections in December! December 14 is the "Joint Runoff Election" which includes the mayor's race, and others.

Why wait until December 14 to vote? Take advantage of the eleven Early Voting days and vote early! On November 27 and December 2 through 10, you may cast your ballot at any of the 31 locations throughout Harris County.

The voting locations will be open 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. daily, except for Sunday, December 8, when they will be open 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. One location convenient to Garden Villas residents is the Houston Community College Parking Garage at 6960 Rustic.

Go to harrisvotes.com prior to voting to view or print your ballot and to find voting locations.



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, Texas 77061



Helen Guillory Real Estate

713-643-4611

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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

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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| Mon | 7:30 pm | Every Monday, Scout Troup 16 meeting (contact Mark Pacheco at 713-206-4715 email: masterpt16@aol.com) |
| 6 | Fri | Recycling |
| 12 | Thu | 7 pm PIP meeting, 8300 Mykawa police station (2nd Thursday each month) |
| 13 | Fri | Okay to put out heavy trash (tree and junk waste only 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. |
| 14 | Sat | 7 pm GVCA holiday party at Maria Rita's |
| 16 | Mon | Heavy trash pickup (tree and junk waste) |
| 20 | 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

[Bruce Moffett](#), Treasurer.....

[Teresa Ezell](#), At Large Member.....

[Sonia Pérez](#), Social Secretary.....

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

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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