



GULF HILLS NEWS



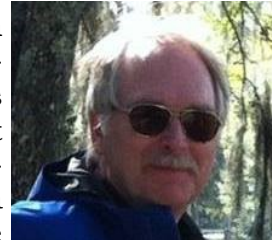
A Neighborhood Watch Community
A Bird Sanctuary Community

September 17, 2019



Where Do We Go from Here? John Fleming, President, Gulf Hills Civic Association

This summer, long time Director and President of the Board, Dave Philo, retired from his formal civic duties and resigned from his leadership of our Gulf Hills Civic Association. Please join me in thanking Dave for his commitment to our neighborhood. He was always ready to give of his time and talents. The Board of Directors have put their trust in me to fill his chair and move forward in the work of the Board. Thirty years ago, Donna and I had been in our newly built house on the northeast corner of Corto and Mesa for almost one year; Billy and Penny Davis were starting their house on the opposite corner; Mesa, Plano, and Orchard roads would soon be fully developed, and the future was in front of us. Now, living in the future as grandparents, we often reflect on how Gulf Hills has gone through many changes and challenges. With a diversity of talented, energetic neighbors, our community has thrived with amenities in close proximity, good utilities, and roads.



Within the confines of Gulf Hills are several amenities we have come to appreciate and expect over the years. Each of these them play a part in making Gulf Hills a desirable place to live. Articles on the current status of the hotel, golf course, racquet club, and the new *Sandtrap Grill* are included in this edition of Gulf Hills News.

It is with all earnestness that I appeal to fellow residents to do what they can to support each of these amenities, all private businesses, but they are certainly tied to our community. Of particular need is an increase in support for the Golf Course. They are on a rebound from a couple of unfortunate years. I am certain that most of us would not want our community golf course to go the way of several on the Gulf Coast and others throughout the country. These situations are highlighted in a June 5th Wall Street Journal article on failing neighborhood golf courses. Unlike the golf course in the lead story, the Gulf Hills Golf Course has already been purchased by residents and friends. We just have to keep it going. There are many ways we can help the golf course through this short-term challenge. While they would certainly take a cash donation at the club house, they have offered a nice gift certificate of 3 rounds (with cart) for \$100.00. Take a look at their membership schedule and the other related articles for more information on the golf course status and how you can help.

While change is inevitable, accepting a certain outcome is not. As residents, we can make a difference with our patronage and support of our "built in" amenities. We can make a difference with our collective efforts to improve our neighborhood.

Gulf Hills Golf Course — Status Check-In

Our neighborhood golf course is the second oldest on the Mississippi Gulf Coast, dating back to 1927. Only the Great Southern Course, on the beach in Gulfport, is older. The Gulf Hills Golf Club has managed our home course since 1998, having brought residents and community-minded citizens together to purchase the course that year from a Taiwanese corporation. Recently, residents have been concerned with the health of the course, both physically and financially. To summarize, here are a few points:

The Fiscal Year of 2019 (Aug2018-Jul2019) was a rebuilding year with several specific challenges. While Jimmy Fayard returned to manage the facilities and put the course into a tournament ready state (particularly the greens), extensive rains and harmful wildlife gave extra work to the grounds' crew and deterred reasonable play. Income wise, every golf course looks at maximizing the rounds played and paid in a year. For the Gulf Hills course, this was a challenge while the course condition improved and rounds of golf dropped below the acceptable minimum.

Although now improving, the big climb is in both the course condition and the confidence of the area golfers. While Jimmy Fayard improves the course, George Canaga is actively leading a Gulf Hills Golf Course marketing committee to identify and put into place new strategies to reach the golfing community, individuals and tournaments. This committee is of a diverse background from our community, giving their time and talents to highlight one of our biggest assets.

Gulf Hills Civic Association

2020 Membership Campaign

October 1st starts our annual membership campaign for 2020. If you would like to catch up on your 2019 dues, please send \$30 by September 30. After that, any dues received go toward the next year. Please support the civic association with your official dues. The annual membership meeting will be held in March when directors will be elected, issues discussed, and opportunities highlighted.

So now that you're asking "why should I be a paid member?" Let's look at a few interesting points for clarification.

- The Gulf Hills Civic Association (GHCA) is not an HOA; we are a 501(c)3 non-profit organization chartered with the State of Mississippi.
- The Association is managed by 12 Directors, elected 4 each year from the membership for a 3-year term.
- The GHCA Board of Directors elect officers at its April meeting.
- The GHCA represents all residents of Gulf Hills and businesses associated with this community, as needed, to government and utility interests.
- The GHCA partners with other community entities, such as the Gulf Hills Hotel, Gulf Hills Golf Club, Gulf Hills Racquet Club, and Gulf Hills Garden club to maintain what is desired and improve what is needed.
- The annual membership meeting attendance and voting are allowed only to paid members. Whereas all Gulf Hills residents are represented by charter, only annually paid residents and associates are members of the GHCA.
- Membership is for each household, and each household receives one vote at the annual meeting for whatever action comes before the general membership.

A question was recently asked concerning what authority does the GHCA and/or its Directors have in the community. Authority? None. Influence, yes. The Jackson County Board of Supervisors, Planning Commission,



West JC Utility Authority, and other entities look to the Civic Association for guidance on things that matter to the Gulf Hills community.

The GHCA annual budget includes the publication and distribution of 4 quarterly community newsletters; maintenance of 2 trail cameras on the Memorial Gardens; an allocation toward payment of utilities for the Memorial Gardens; annual lease payment on the state land used for the community sign at the south entrance; costs of the annual membership meeting, community cleanup, community yard sale, Christmas Decorations contest; and appropriate support for our local first responders and West Jackson County government workers.

As we move into 2020, I urge you to become a full member of our community by being active in you Civic Association not just as a paid household membership; but as a participant in the activities of the association; as a member of working committees; by promoting our neighborhood and its amenities; and by speaking openly with your neighbors about your concerns for our neighborhoods. So, why become a member? Simply put, it is funding the programs and becoming more of an influence on the direction and plans of our community.

Little Free Library

Sue Adams, Library Steward

Gulf Hills Little Free Library (charter #60234) is located in Gulf Hills Memorial Garden near the seating area and can be found on the world map by using the link www.littlefreelibrary.org/ourmap.



The goal of the Little Library is to welcome participation, create and maintain a friendly place in and around the Library, and encourage people of all ages and backgrounds to share books. This is an opportunity to promote reading and literacy as well as share some good quality favorites you might have with your neighbors. The books are not for resale and the library steward can be reached through sueadams2001@yahoo.com. Sue has previously posted information concerning the library in gulfhills@yahoo.com

Gulf Hills Civic Association presents
“**Halloween in the Hills!**”

Trunk or Treating on the Gulf Hills Golf Club parking area and grounds 5:30 to 8:30pm on Halloween night. There will be plenty of treats and fun. Follow us on Facebook – Halloween in the Hills.

Let's Ghoul Have Some Fun!


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Gulf Hills Hotel

Donna Brown, GM, Gulf Hills Hotel

Gulf Hills Hotel is for sale and the current owners are actively seeking and pursuing eager, qualified buyers. The listing is with Southeastern Commercial and Monte Luffey is the Agent of record. All inquiries are being directed to communicate with Mr. Luffey.



At this point in this soon to be 100 year old locally historic hotel, we are open and operating. It's... one day at a time; one room at a time; one project at a time just as we've recently completed a major overhaul of the swimming pool. We as a staff are doing the best we can do with what we have got. We are similar to a tired and worn older woman (myself included!) but we try really hard to offer and provide an impeccably clean room and a staff that'll go above and beyond to help our guests experience Gulf Hills in a positive light. For us, it's **BUSINESS AS USUAL**. We are booking group business and making individual reservations well into 2021 and beyond. We sincerely mean it when we say "You arrive as a Guest. You leave as a member of our family." Our rates are extremely competitive. Gulf Hills residents receive special attention and special rates all year long based on our availability. All you have to do is call the hotel direct. Please keep us in mind for your family and friends visiting with you. We'd love to take care of them. We'd love to do business with you.

Gulf Hills Annual Community Yard Sale

Our **2019** Community Yard Sale is scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 9th at 8 AM. It is held on the Saturday after the Peter Anderson Festival. This is always a popular community event and we certainly hope that this year will



be no exception. Last year, we had 200+ eager buyers show up for the sale and we would love to surpass those numbers this year.

By November 4th, Ads will be placed in: the Sun Herald, Craigslist and BiloxiYardSales.com. We also put together and distribute a handout that includes a Gulf Hills map and the plotted addresses of all registered participants. To have your yard sale location listed in the handout, send your name and address to john.s.fleming.3@gmail.com by Saturday, November 2nd. The Gulf Hills Civic Association sponsors this event and there is **NO** cost to the participants. Of course, we certainly encourage all Gulf Hills residents to join the Gulf Hills Civic Association.

Successful Yard Sales generally require some thought and pre-planning. Be sure to have price stickers on most items and have lots of change and small bills. It's not unusual for someone to pull out a \$100 bill to pay for a \$2.50 item.

YARD SALE TIPS

Be an early bird: Get started by 8:00, as yard sale customers like to start early to get the best deals.

Be visible: Join together with a pal who has a visible, accessible home—Shore Dr., of course, is ideal. More stuff attracts more customers—another good reason for friends to sell together.

Signage: If you don't live on Shore Dr., put up signs at intersections directing customers to your home. Set out a sign on your lawn that advertises what you have for sale, for example, tools, clothes, books, and so on.

Mark items: Have your prices clearly marked or tagged, but be prepared to negotiate. This is part of the fun for many yard sale customers, so try to be flexible!

Have cash ready: It's a good idea to have ones, fives and tens handy in order to give change in case a customer wants to pay with a large bill. Don't leave your money unattended, of course.

Insist on cash: Accept checks only from someone you know.

Organize your items: Try bagging small, single items that you want to sell together—such as children's blocks--in clear plastic bags.

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RESURGENCE



To increase the number of rounds of golf played, encourage the return of those golfers who were disenchanted with course conditions, and stabilize the club's financial position, several positive actions are underway at the Gulf Hills Golf Course.

- Jimmy Fayard is now the course custodian. Since his return last fall, a remarkable transformation has occurred.

- Green fees have been adjusted to be more attractive and competitive. Check the course web-site, <http://www.gulfhillsgolf.com/>, click on the tee times tab for current rates.

- There has been direct correspondence and email with golfing groups to encourage their continued patronage.

- New course publicity has been distributed to popular areas of patronage by golfers.

- Course stockholders were solicited for individual contributions and have responded with donations to help with the near-term budget.

- Visits to managers of commercial venues to have them encourage guests and visitors to utilize the course.

- The Course Management team is an all-volunteer unit, thus maintaining payroll only at the level needed for proper course maintenance.

- A monthly bank withdrawal system has been developed to facilitate the payment of member dues.

- Utilization of the Carlisle House next door to the clubhouse for non-golfer events.

- More frequent use of the social media

- A marketing committee meets regularly to consider the effectiveness of current initiatives and look for new possibilities.

Tennis Anyone?

“Play clay court tennis along the bayou in Ocean Spring.”

This is the header on the Home page of the Gulf Hills Racquet Club web-site. How about “Come have a lot of fun, get some exercise, learn tennis from 3 pros, spend time with great people, then watch the sunset over Biloxi Bay!” And, yes, there are clay courts. Awesome!



The Gulf Hills Racquet Club is a thriving asset to our Gulf Hills Community. Tennis Pro and Club Manager Doug Hague has put together a winning organization that leases the necessary grounds for the courts from the Gulf Hills Hotel and has hotel pool usage benefits for its club members. Clay courts and a pool. Absolutely awesome.

An increasing number of tennis clubs have started incorporating the game of Pickleball in their program. Take a look at the web-site play-pickleball.com to see how it's played. Gulf Hills Racquet Club is completing plans for their courts. There are several reasons this addition is awesome.

The Gulf Hills Racquet Club is a private, members and guests only facility, but joining is easy and prices are competitive and family friendly. Basically, you pay \$59/month for a single membership and \$69/month for a family. Discounts, payment options, and seasonal rates are offered. For more information on rates, amenities, the staff bios, calendars, and much more, go to their web-site at <https://gulfhillsracquetclub.com/>.

A golf course, a hotel, a racquet club, and a restaurant in our community. It feels like we live in a resort. Super awesome!

Sandtrap Grill & Bakery

At the Gulf Hills Golf Club house

(228) 341- 1940

Dine-in or Take-out

Delivery Available in Gulf Hills Only

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Hours of Operation:

Monday Through Thursday 7:30am-7pm

Friday & Saturday 7:30am - 9pm

Sunday Brunch 8am - 2pm

Stircrazybakery@gmail.com



Daily Plate Lunch Specials:

Monday - Red Beans & Rice

Tuesday - Fried or Grilled Pork chop

Wednesday - Hamburger Steak

Thursday - Country Fried Chicken Breast

Friday - Farm Raised Catfish

Homemade Desserts made daily from the Stir Crazy Bakery

www.crazyforbaking.com

WHAT CAN THE RESIDENTS DO?

Support the course in any way possible within your means:

Our Gulf Hills Community is synonymous with the historical Gulf Hills Dude Ranch, the current Gulf Hills Hotel, the new Gulf Hills Racquet Club, and the ever-present Royal Gulf Hills Golf Course. Developed as a resort community in 1927, our neighborhood has grown into a unique area, nestled between the fast-paced world and the sunset over Biloxi Bay.

Recently, the "Sun Herald" newspaper published their annual "People's Choice" awards. Your Gulf Hills course was ranked number 3 on the coast. Individuals and groups are working to improve the health of the Gulf Hills Golf Course and Club. While their strategy for a great future is developed, each of us can find a way to help in the physical and fiscal health of the Gulf Hills Golf Course, our course, our common area, our wide open space, our after-hours walking path, our night time star gazing spots, our "cut across to the neighbor's house", our "Hole in One!"

- **Purchase a \$100 certificate**, or several. Each certificate will go towards **three rounds of golf**, cart included, any time except tournaments. Giving these certificates to friends and family will help the course increase the "rounds of golf" .

- Utilize your home course. The course is competitively priced and plenty challenging. Bring a friend. Bring a group. Start a charity tournament.

- If you are not a member, there are several ways to become one. Information is presented on page #. Membership has its advantages.

- Visit the "Sandtrap Grill." It's better than watching golf on TV.

- Get a room at the Gulf Hills Hotel and have a golf/tennis/hotel **staycation**.

- Help Jimmy Fayard. Watch out for and report vandalism on the course. If you see something out of place, let him know. It's a big place.

- Speak well of the course and encourage people to play Gulf Hills. It really is a nice outing.

Let's keep it healthy and elevate it to number #1!!

Sandtrap Grill - You got to Go!

The Gulf Hills Golf Club café area has now been rented and re-invented by restauranteurs Pete and Lisa Manley. They are fellow residents of Gulf Hills who have put their talents and capital into bringing our community a unique dining experience.

The Sandtrap Grill is attached to the course Club House, looking over the sand trap on the 18th green. All great golf courses have a great grill for ending or starting a round of golf. For not so frequent golfers, it's an excellent place to eat and relax while watching players finish their round.

For more information, please see the Sandtrap Grill ad above. Better yet, just drop by for a drink, snack, or meal.



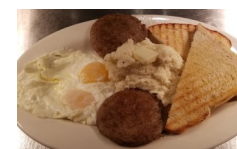
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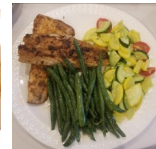
Catfish Dinner



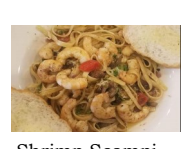
Country Fried Chicken Dinner



Breakfast Starts @ 7:30



Grilled Mahi Dinner



Shrimp Scampi

A Single Effort - Arnold Verhoeven

Edited from an interview by George Canaga

In the mid 1990's circa 1995, the Royal Gulf Hills Hotel and Golf Course was under the ownership of the Treasure Bay Casino, who, after a short time, sold it to a Taiwanese industrial organization. At the same time, this Taiwanese group also purchased a course in another state with hopes to turning both locations into money making enterprises. Before long, the Taiwanese decided to liquidate and word soon spread that they were entertaining proposals from developers.

Concerned about the future of the Gulf Hills Resort, Arnold Verhoeven and a golfing buddy made a trip to Houston, Texas, where the Taiwanese business contact with whom Arnold had befriended at Gulf Hills, had been transferred. When the Gulf Hills golfers arrived and started discussions, they learned that their Taiwanese contact had several proposals from developers on his desk and were reviewing for awarding the sale of the Gulf Hills Resort.

Time was of the essence, since the Taiwanese owner was planning on making that decision very soon. A price had been established at 3.5 million dollars for purchasing the entire complex: golf course, hotel, tennis courts, and adjoining lands. Arnold requested some time to ascertain if there was any possibility that the funds could be raised. Arnold's contact originally gave them 30 days, but then extended it to 60 days. He really wanted Arnold to be successful and keep the property in its existing state as a complete resort. In exchange for a 60-day window to raise the funds, the Taiwanese asked for \$100,000 up front. The \$100,000 would be forfeited should Arnold be unable to meet the \$3.5M purchase price.

Arnold returned to Ocean Springs, and with the help of another interested golfer, developed a letter appraising all of the residents of Gulf Hills about the opportunity. This information was hand delivered to every resident of the Gulf Hills community. Next, a local attorney and a local bank were contacted to determine the appropriate steps needed to raise the large and significant funds. It was then that he learned that in addition to the money, he should form a corporation with a CEO and Board of Directors, then locate interested parties to purchase shares of stock in the newly formed corporation.

Soon after, meetings were held with residents of the Gulf Hills community and other interested parties. At one of these meetings, Arnold set-out a "yellow tablet" and asked attendees to pledge their support, if willing, to purchase stock at \$5000/share with a maximum of ten shares. He then ad-

joined the meeting and asked everyone to think about their pledge and come back in one week prepared to commit. From this initial effort, the \$100,000 security deposit was raised and remitted to the Taiwanese owner to retain the resort package. With commitments in hand, Arnold sought a loan from the M&M Bank, whereby the bank would provide a 50% matching loan.

During the initial fund-raising effort, George Sliman contacted Arnold on behalf of the Mavar family and offered to buy the hotel, tennis courts, and associated property separately from the golf course. The Taiwanese owners needed the \$3.5M for the resort package, but they were willing to sell the hotel complex without the golf course. However, it was clear that securing the golf course sans the sale of the hotel would not be an option.

Arnold was able to raise \$1M through selling of the \$5,000 stock shares to those signing the "yellow tablet" and others that came forward later. In purchasing the stocks, individuals went themselves to the M&M Bank to arrange for a loan if not outright using their own funds. In the meantime, Arnold proceeded to develop a "Prospectus" for the new corporation, establish a Board of Directors and create the job of Chief Executive Officer, to which he entitled himself, until his retirement 10 years ago.

With the Gulf Hills Golf Club corporation established, the course loan approved, the properties separated, and the Taiwanese corporation paid, the Gulf Hills Golf Course and Gulf Hills Hotel took on new lives in 1998. Arnold Verhoeven's singular effort twenty-one years ago to secure our neighborhood's valuable assets has provided us the opportunity in 2019 to move forward with making our community the best ever.

Trick or Treat (Cont from page 7)

(including a haunted house.) For more information on this, see the special information section for "Halloween in the Hills!"

If you are a "treater" especially looking forward to Trick or Treating this year, let us know on the Gulf Hills Facebook and/or the Yahoo Group. When walking the streets, remember to follow the basic rules: have plenty of eyes on the group and surroundings while making sure traffic can see you; look for houses that have their lights on or a designated place to receive costumers; check your treats at home; be respectful of the places doing the treating – no tricks.

Please return this form with
Your membership dues to:

Gulf Hills Civic Association
P.O. Box 475
Ocean Springs, MS 39566-0475

I have enclosed payment in the amount of **\$30.00** for my Gulf Hills Civic Association membership dues for the year **2020**.

Please fill in your name, _____

Address, phone number, and _____

Email address. _____

Mail to the address above. _____

Cut Along the dotted lines

Gulf Hills Garden Club

Treva Goff, President, Gulf Hills Garden Club

Are you a fun-loving, social person who loves to garden? Maybe formal gardens are not your thing, but you love and appreciate the natural world? Perhaps you have never been exposed to gardening and/or nature, but would like to learn more. If you fall into any of these categories, then membership in Gulf Hills Garden Club could be your new leisure activity!!!



GHGC members are actively seeking new members for the upcoming 2019-2020 freshman class. If you are interested in joining this prestigious, historic and award-winning club, please join us at the Ocean Springs Yacht Club on **Thursday, October 17 at 11:00 a.m.**

The guest speaker for the October meeting will be Moss Point Garden Club member and floral designer, Di Faccini. Di has run a small floral design business out of her home for many years and her unique and striking designs are in high-demand. Di will show us how to blend natural elements found in our gardens/yards with purchased flowers for unique fall and **Christmas** displays.

Please contact, Treva Goff, 228-218-6172, if you are interested in becoming a GHGC member and would like to attend the October meeting. A light lunch will be provided. Prospective members will receive a GHGC new member packet which details membership requirements.

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Trick or Treating in Gulf Hills

Halloween in the Hills! That's kind of catchy. There's not a Great Pumpkin Patch, but there are several good spots for kids of all ages to dress in costume, visit their neighbors, grandparents, or friends.

Recently, a Facebook discussion thread was started by a new resident wondering if Gulf Hills did Trick or Treating. The responses were varied, as is typical of any discussion about Gulf Hills. While some regretted that they never get a Halloween participant, others said they get some visitors, yet some like to go to downtown Ocean Springs where they can maximize their treats to steps ratio. While the Trunk or Treats, Fall Festivals, downtown and mall events provide an energetic and fruitful experience, they do not compare to the experience of visiting welcoming houses.

Gulf Hills mostly has residents living on narrow streets that have a fair amount of traffic between 6 and 8 p.m. However, there are several sections that are open, slower paced, and perfect for young ones, family groups, and teenagers hanging on to their childhood. Consider the following areas:

El Camino Real/Puerto/Hermosa
Mesa/Orchard/Plano/Corto/Paraiso
Cerro Verde
Paso/Gulf Hills Hotel/Gulf Hills Golf Club/
Windlo

In this last area, The Gulf Hills Civic Association is sponsoring a first for the community. There will be a centralized Trick or Treating in the golf club parking lot and nearby grounds. This event is intended to provide a place for residents to participate in a safer location and have some centralized fun

[Cont. page 6 Trick or Treat](#)

Rubbish Reminder

Rubbish (no-household garbage) pickup is scheduled for the second week of every month and all limbs and debris need to be put out by 7:00 am Monday of that week.

Use the landfills whenever possible -- especially during the dry spells in an effort to prevent fire hazards - Plus the Seaman Landfill is free to residents!

Limitations of Rubbish Pick-Up

The maximum volume of trash, trees, debris and/or vegetation that Jackson County may remove per pick-up per month is 3 cubic yards.

Garbage Pickup Reminder



Household garbage pickup is scheduled each Tuesday. On **THREE** major holidays (New Years, Thanksgiving, Christmas) pickup will be postponed a day. Check the holiday schedule in the newspaper or on TV.



Lighting District Reminder

Gulf Hills Lighting Commissioners, ask that you report outages or malfunctioning streetlights to Mississippi Power at 800-487-3275. Give the address closest to the light. The District is being charged for each light, working or not.

Join Gulf Hills Yahoo/Facebook



Join Gulf Hills [Yahoo Group](#) and/or the Gulf Hills Civic Association [Facebook Group](#). These two social media groups help keep each other informed of activities -- from neighborhood watch observations of suspicious characters/vehicles/animals to community activities/needs and sharing of ideas. So if you have not already, please join one or both. **It's easy:**

- 1) You will need an email address to join -- a Yahoo email is needed for Yahoo Groups.
- 2) For Yahoo Groups, go to groups.yahoo.com/group/gulfhills
 - * Click the blue button that says "Join this group"
 - * Request membership using your Yahoo email
 - * The moderator, Van Arnold (vanmarnold@gmail.com ,228-380-4055), will send approval.
- 3) For Civic Association Facebook Group,
 - * Log into Facebook (get an account using your current email)
 - * Search in Facebook for the group, then click a request to join.
 - * The administrator is Colleen Cutler, (crcutler113@gmail.com). You will receive an approval notice in Facebook

Helpful Phone Numbers

UTILITIES

Cable: (Sparklight)	374-900
Electric: (MS Power)	800-532-1502
Power outage/trouble	800-487-3275
Natural Gas: (Center Point)	896-7500
Phone: (AT&T)	888-757-6500
Water & Sewer: (WJCUD)	872-3898

COUNTY SERVICES

Animal Shelter	497-6350
Health Department	875-1336
Justice Court	875-4125
Planning Department (Zoning)	769-3112
Road Department	875-4545
Rubbish Disposal (Landfill)	872-8340
Sheriff- Hwy 609 substation	875-6963

PUBLIC SERVICES

Ambulance (Acadian)	762-0214
Northwest Fire Dept. 911 or	818-0370
Refuse (Waste Management)	832-3144
St Martin Community Center	392-7361

HEALTH CARE

Singing River Hospital	809-5000
Ocean Springs Hospital	818-1111
Bethesda Free Clinic	818-9191

Gulf Coast Center for Nonviolence 875-5433

OTHER

Wild at Heart (Wildlife)	669-7907
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EMERGENCIES DIAL 911

LIBRARIES

Ocean Springs Library	875-1193
St Martin Library	392-3250

COUNTY OFFICIALS

Troy Ross, District 4 Supervisor	769-3457
Brian Fulton, County Administrator	769-3088
Josh Eldridge, Chancery Clerk	769-3124
Randy Carney, Circuit Clerk	769-3040
Angel McIlrath, District Attorney	769-3045
Mike Ezell, Sheriff	769-3015
Vicki Broadus, Coroner	769-3197
Joe O'Neal, Road Manager	826-2547
Nick Elmore, Tax Assessor	769-3070
Janice Sharp, Tax Collector	769-3074

Upcoming Community Dates

Community Trick or Treat: Thursday October 31
 Daylight Savings Time Ends: Sunday November 3
 Peter Anderson Festival: Sat-Sun Nov 2 & 3
 Election Day: Tuesday November 5
 Community Yard Sale: Saturday November 9
 Community Cleanup: Saturday November 16
 Thanksgiving Day: Thursday November 28
 Christmas Decorating Judging: December 14