

GULF HILLS NEWS

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Looking to 2020! John Fleming, President, Gulf Hills Civic Association

When referring to where we live, what is our response? Ocean Springs? That is your general area and post office zip code. St. Martin? More people on our coast know where that is as the population has soared in the last 14 years and it is the name of our public-school sub-district. How often do you say Gulf Hills? Mentioning Gulf Hills to locals easily lets

them know where you go after work, after school, eat breakfast, rake leaves, walk your dog, dock your boat, and sleep. Gulf Hills has a distinct look, reputation, set of challenges, and opportunities. Now, what will 2020 bring you and me, your family and mine?

After eight months of anxiety for the future, change of leadership in the civic association, and new golf club owners, the Gulf Hills community can start to settle into a somewhat normal paradigm. There will be a nine-hole golf course, the Capone's facility is moving forward with great enthusiasm, the hotel is looking for just the right new owner, and construction is continuing in and around our neighborhood. Issues will still need attention, but our community is certainly a collection of assets, not liabilities. When you identify an issue or opportuni-

ty, contact one of the directors of the civic association listed on this page. They will put the item on the board agenda for discussion and action, gathering the necessary information and resources. To have a larger voice, join the Gulf Hills Civic Association and participate in one of its working committees.



Beginning at the Annual Membership Meeting on March 24th, the Gulf Hills Civic Association Board of Directors will start managing more of the activities of Cont. page 7 Looking to 2020

Gulf Hills 2020 Annual Membership Meeting



The 2020 Gulf Hills Civic Association Annual Membership Meeting will be held in the ballroom of the Gulf Hills Hotel and Conference Center on Tuesday, March 24th. This meeting is for residents of households that have paid

their 2020 annual dues. Many have already paid, but you still have several weeks to pay via a check or using your credit card at our site <u>https://checkout.square.site/pay/6cc5a16d98484560993ee1494ff177e2</u> Of course, you can pay at the door, but please come early.

We will start this year's meeting with a time of social interac-

tion, starting at 5:30 p.m. with refresh- Cont. page 5 Annual Meeting

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Membership in the Association



As we move at a fast pace into 2020, being a dues paying member of the Gulf Hills Civic Association will become more critical to the implementation and progress of our

programs promoting wellbeing and opportunities in our community. We have a vibrant group of residents that help with events, but the Board of Directors needs to be able to pull more volunteers and leaders from a list of registered, community minded members. Additionally, funds are raised for association expenses only by the annual membership dues and advertising in the Gulf Hills News. Increasing programs will depend on available funds. Please consider joining Gulf Hills Civic Association with your \$30 annual fee and help us reach our 2020 goal of 200 households fully participating in our endeavors.



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Christmas Decorating Winners

Ho Ho in the Hills produced so many great decorations of all sorts and sizes. Alas, we planned on awarding only 7 overall winners. There could easily have been 10 presented for outstanding contributions to our Christmas Spirit in 2019. Funds for prizes were provided by the Gulf Hills Civic Association. Thanks to one and all for putting effort into making our community special.

A big thanks to the Gulf Hills Garden Club for coordinating the judging, winners' signs, and mailing the \$50 gift certificates.

Congratulations to

Dave & Haley Chatham	14105 West El Bonito
Chris and Patti Cason	13612 Fairway Dr.
Joey & Susan Jurich	13716 Mesa Rd
Alan & Jolie Grenn	13809 Paraiso Rd
Philip & Tina Demoran	13705 Paraiso Rd
Matt & Susan Muzslay	6304 Poco Rd
Colleen Cutler & Jackie	Parker
6336 Porteaux Rd	

Kayak Launching in Gulf Hills Jason Armstrong, GHCA Board member

As a new resident to Gulf Hills, I hope I never take for granted the view I get when crossing the bayou on my way home to Shore Drive. Old Fort Bayou is not only beautiful to look at as you cross over the bridge, it's also a great place to kayak. It may seem inaccessible if your home is not waterfront, however, there is a place to access the bayou and launch your kayak. Access can be achieved by visiting the front desk of the Gulf Hills Hotel and asking the desk clerk. He or she will have you sign a liability waiver and a visitors log, then provide you with directions and a combination to get you in the gate and right up to the edge of the water. From there it's an easy launch at water level via the shore or kayak slide; be careful it can be a little slippery. So as the weather turns more 'kayaker friendly', please get out and enjoy one of the best amenities of our neighborhood; the bayou.

Support your community newsletter while informing your neighbors about your business!



Buy this advertisement spot in the Next edition of the Gulf Hills News to be published around May, 2020



Horses in Gulf Hills Bob Manley, GHCA Board member



By now, most everybody has heard that there are horses in Gulf Hills. They belong to the new owners of the golf club, Reagan and Don Pfeiffer. They have only closed on the purchase at the end of January and have a long way to go to be able to reopen it. Raegan Pfeiffer has stated that there are four horses in a barbed wire fenced pasture on the 13th fairway, just off Little Church Road. Three of them are rescue horses. The fourth horse belongs to Raegan's granddaughter and was put there to help steady the others. Raegan wants us to know that in one picture, circulating on social media showing a woman in the pasture, the woman is her granddaughter. Raegan says she has reviewed all the photos taken by her cameras and has seen nobody else in the pasture with the horses. Now, a few notes on the issue. First, it is not illegal to keep horses on private land in an R-1 residential neighborhood in non-city Jackson County. The animals must be for your own use and you must have enough acreage. They must be fenced and have a shelter, food, and water. There is no shelter there now, but such can be provided if they were to be there long term. Raegan did not discuss the shelter, but she says that if the horses ended up staying long term, the barbed wire fence would be replaced with a safer, wooden fence. At the moment, the horses are to be there on a temporary basis. but there is no guarantee they won't stay longer. There is nothing physically preventing people from walking up to the fence, but doing so places you on private property. The pasture is being monitored by cameras.

Launch of GulfHills.Org

The Board of Directors of the Gulf Hills Civic Association is developing a Gulf Hills community web site that will be a launching spot for all our associated events, community partners, and latest news. Included in the comprehen-



sive site will be a running blog to read the latest in articles as well as previous offerings. The Gulf Hills Newsletters will be concurrently published on the web site, sent to your email and preferred mailing address, as requested.

A highlight of this web interface will be the ability to take credit cards to pay your annual membership fees. It has come to our attention that there are an increasing number of the population not using checks and/or never having cash on them. If this works for businesses, it can certainly work for us. Until the launch of the full website, you can pay your annual membership dues at our Square site... h t t p s : //checkout.square.site/pay/6cc5a16d98484560993ee1494ff177e2.

We'll be highlighting the website during our Annual Membership Meeting program on March 24th. If you have any nice pictures of Gulf Hills that you would offer for use on Gulfhills.org, please send them to john.s.fleming.3@gmail.com or vanmarnold@gmail.com.

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4 LOCATIONS COVERING THE COAST

Early Spring Speckled Trout Bob Manley, GHCA Board member

As many of you know, there are two time periods when there are a lot of speckled trout in Back Bay and the bayous of Gulf Hills. Those are late October to mid-December and late February to mid-April. Specs are generally offshore between those times. The date they show up in numbers in the spring are a function of how severe the winter was. Based on my experience, the colder it was, the later they show up in February. This winter has been very mild. We had one hard freeze that lasted several days in early winter, but it was too short a time to impact the water temperature very much. It is in the midfifties, Fahrenheit, now. When it gets up to 60 degrees F, the fishing picks up a lot.

The opening of the Bonnet Carre Spillway last summer seriously impacted our spec fishing last November and December. Specs did come in to the bay and marsh, but a lot fewer than in past years. I do not know how many specs will show up this month and next. I'm hoping for a lot, but expecting another mediocre season.

I believe that the specs will show up in mid-February. Unfortunately, live shrimp are often still hard to find then. Bull minnows may be available and specs will take them. One year, I found live shrimp in February in a bait shop on Dauphin Island. They had brought them in from Florida. Most people use lures when live shrimp aren't available. A lot of people use lures all the time for specs. Generally, they troll, constantly fishing new areas. I like Gulp

Shrimp and Gulp Pogies (baby menhaden), but many lures will work.

I have found that there are a lot of 18" to 20" specs caught in this period, but I have caught specs up to 24" long, and my wife caught a 26" spec in late February in our bayou. You can catch redfish in our waters anytime. I caught a 40" red off my dock about a year ago on a jigged dead shrimp.

Warning, the rest of this article includes information on how to hook live shrimp and minnows. If that will distress you, quit reading at this point.

I hook live shrimp crosswise in the head, just under the horn and ahead of the large dark spot, which is its brain. They stay alive and swimming longer that way. I put the hook about 2' below a popping and rattling cork, and pop it three or four times a minute, and every other pop is two pops, one immediately after the other.

Popping corks do make a difference. A pop is performed by twitching the tip of your rod quickly to get the cork to make a gulping sound. That mimics the sound of a spec hitting a minnow or shrimp at the surface by opening his mouth fast just before hitting the prey. That sucks water into its mouth, including the prey, and makes the gulping sound. The rattling sound mimics the sound of a lot of shrimp flicking their tails down at the same time. Cont. page 7 **Speckled Trout**

Capone's Restaurant, Bakery & Speakeasy

13700 Paso Rd, Located at the Gulf Hills Golf Course and Hotel

Capone's is a locally owned and operated family-oriented restaurant & bakery that offers freshly prepared food at a great price, a large selection of bakery products, daily specials throughout the week. We feature a welcoming staff, atmosphere, full-service bar and patio. Reservations are recommended but not required.

Hours of operations
MondayClosed
Tuesday10:30am – 2pm
Wednesday10:30am – 2pm
Thursday10:30am – 2pm
Friday — 10:30am — 9pm
Saturday 9 am — 9 pm
Sunday Brunch 10 am — 2pm



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Call (228) 341- 1940

Homemade Desserts made daily from our StirCrazyBakery

From Our Sheriff - Mike Ezell

Happy New Year and Happy Mardi Gras!! We are right in the middle of the carnival season and it won't be long before we welcome spring, and hopefully, some nice weather.



Just as it was in 2018, the St. Martin community remains our highest crime spot, with 30% of all crimes last year occurring there. Be each other's eyes and eyes. If you see any suspicious activity, no matter how minor you think it might be, please call it in to our dispatchers. Car thefts continue to decrease countywide. However, 149 last year compared with 161 in 2018, isn't much of a drop. In 99% of the vehicle thefts our investigators work, the cars are unlocked. Car thieves canvas neighborhoods looking for easy targets, so **PLEASE LOCK ALL YOUR VEHICLES AND REMOVE ALL VALUA-**

BLE ITEMS. Congratulations to our traffic officers, Sgt. Scott Hawkins and Deputy



Donnie Moore. On January 27, they graduated from a three week police instructor/operator class sponsored by Northwestern University. The class in Gulfport taught both basic motorcycle training and instructor certification. Scott and Donnie completed the instructor certification course. Also, we wish ten new deputies

good luck in their assigned duties in the Adult Detention Center. They were sworn in on February 7.



I probably sound like a broken record, but we're in tax season now and the scammers and con artists are hard at work. Remember, the **IRS DOES NOT call people.** They send letters if they need to contact you. Never give personal information to anyone over the phone. If you receive a call that just doesn't sound right to you, simply hang up.

Thank you for your confidence in me as your sheriff. If you ever need help from your sheriff's department, please don't hesitate to call. My staff and I are here to serve you. Enjoy your spring and summer.

Annual Meeting (Cont. from page 1)

ments provided by the association. Our business meeting will start at 7:00 p.m. and last no more than one hour. Included in this year's meeting will be the election of 4 Directors as the class of 2020 to serve 3 years; a treasurer's report of expenses in 2019 and budget for 2020; a review of events since our last membership meeting; proposed changes in the bylaws; a look at the new Gulfhills.org website; and a discussion of "where do we go from here" in the Gulf Hills community and civic association.



Protect the home you love. Proposed By-Law Changes



In accordance with our by-laws, the following bylaw changes will be voted on at the annual meeting. Changes are **in Blue.**

Article III Membership

Section 1. The affairs of this association shall be Members: All adult persons who are residents in **the** Gulf Hills community and expansions thereof, and adult non-residents who own real estate in Gulf Hills, are eligible to **become members** in the association **upon payment of dues.**

a) Members in good standing are entitled to attend general and special meetings; to vote on all questions coming before the membership; to hold office and serve on standing or special committees.

b) Members are welcome to attend meetings of the Board and to participate in discussions on matters before the Board, but without a vote on matters before the Board.

c) Membership dues and privileges are determined by the Board. Only those persons whose membership is paid for the current year will be members in good standing. (Amended March 2017) (Proposed March 2020)

Article VII Directors

Section 1. The affairs of this association shall be managed by its Board of Directors. All projects of the Civic Association will be approved by a majority of the Board **at which a quorum is present** at its monthly meeting or at a Special Board Meeting prior to the start of the project.

Section 6. Honorary Directors may be elected by and from the Board of Directors for distinguish service to the Board or Community and have non voting rights and privileges of membership on the Board of Directors. (Amended March 2017) (Proposed March 2020)

Section 7. A quorum shall exist when a majority of the members of the voting board are present at any monthly or special meeting. (Proposed March 2020)

If you need home coverage, I can help.

live and work right here in our community. I know what the homes are like in the area. So I can offer advice you can trust to help you get he protection that fits your needs.

you're ready to talk home insurance or need some advice abou •otecting all that's important to you, call me today.



Felix Rodrigue Tri County Agency 228-364-6911 6911 Washington Ave., Ste. A Ocean Springs, MS 39564



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Golf Tournament



While the Gulf Hills Golf Club is designing their 9 hole makeover of the golf course, they, along with Capone's is hosting the 2^{nd} Annual COASTAL MISSISSIPPI PATRIOT 9-hole Golf Tournament on Saturday, April 25, 2020. This tournament is promoted by American Legion Post 42 of Ocean Springs, will begin at 7:30 am and conclude at12 noon. The tournament has a special design that allows non-golfers to only need a 7 iron, putter, and golf balls. Of course, full set of clubs are allowed. Trophy awards are for 3 or 9 holes (your choice) using low ball and two team score. Ticket cost includes cart, green fees and breakfast at Capone's buffet (must bring your ticket) at 7:30 am. Call Richard at 228-875-5233 for tickets and further information. Post 42 takes sponsorships for the tournament which will appear for one year on their Facebook page for one vear.

In conjunction with this golf tournament, Friends of the Jackson County

Animal Shelter will be on site with adoptable animals and information on volunteering with their organization. The Gulf Hills Golf Club appreciates your patience as plans for the new



course are developed and the greens are made new again. Drop by the club house area during the American Legion Post 42 tournament, visit with the adoptable pets, and enjoy the progress of the current renovations.

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**. or go to gulfhills.org and pay by credit card. There is a **\$2.00** service fee when paying by credit card.

If the mailing label has PAID by your name, you have paid your 2020 dues.

Please fill in your name,

Address, phone number, and

Email address.

Mail to the address above.

Cut Along the dotted lines

Speckled Trout (Cont from page 4)

That flick propels the shrimp away from the predator quickly, but does attract more specs to the site. If all you can find are popping corks without a rattle, use one. They're better than a plain bobber.

You can use a Gulp Shrimp, or a Voodoo Shrimp, under a popping cork, and Bull Minnows as well. I use a plain hook for a Gulp Shrimp, threaded on from the head back, when fishing with a cork. I hook bull minnows upward through the lips, making sure the hook exits the top of the head in the hard part of the head just behind the lips. They'll usually stay on the hook, and alive, during a hard cast that way. You can hook them just under the dorsal fin and above the backbone, but they may come off the hook in a hard cast.

Dead shrimp usually don't work very well for specs, unless they're very fresh. Frozen shrimp generally are soft and fall off the hook quickly when you pop the cork. Don't try to hook a dead shrimp through the head. It falls off the shrimp easily. When I am fishing on the bottom for reds, I usually string dead shrimp on the hook (like a worm) from the front (minus the head) and out through the tail joint. That joint is the strongest joint in a dead shrimp. If the dead shrimp are fresh and I'm fishing for specs, I hook the shrimp through the tail joint, from the bottom to the top of that joint. Good luck.

Going Green –Spring Fling

Treva Goff, President, Gulf Hills Garden Club

Gulf Hills residents are invited to Gulf Hills Garden Club's annual fundraiser, "Going Green - Spring Fling (Silent Auction and Luncheon)." Plants, Bulbs, Bird Houses, Bird Baths, Bird Feeders and Other Wonderful Spring Items will be available for purchase via a silent auction (cash or check ONLY, please) and a hot, sitdown lunch will be provided to all attendees.

THE DEETS:

Thursday, March 19,2020 11:00 a.m-1:00 p.m. Ocean Springs Yacht Club - Upstairs Lunch (and silent auction admission) will be provided free-of-charge, but--to ensure we have prepared enough food--you **MUST** reserve your attendance with GHGC Member Priscilla Taylor, ptgrand@cableone.net - or - 228-875-8708. SEE Y'ALL THERE!!!

Looking to 2020 (Cont. from page 1)

the association through committees. Much can be done, but your participation is needed. What is to be done? Basically, take Gulf Hills into its next existence. Our community has always been in the county (just over Fort Bayou from downtown Ocean Springs) but it was not always a Dude Ranch, an 18-hole golf course, 400 plus houses, or the center of a busy suburban economic zone. Whether you live on Shore, Poco, Mesa, in the interior or on the water, we share many common roads. Join me in moving forward in 2020.

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.

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			
	-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			

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 <u>groups.yahoo.com/</u> <u>group/gulfhills</u>

- 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 Jackie Parker, You will receive an approval notice in Facebook

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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
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Upcoming Community Dates

Presidential Primaries: Tuesday March 10 Garden Club's Going Green: Thursday March 19 Gulf Hills Annual Meeting: Tuesday March 24 Ocean Springs Arts Festival: Saturday March 28 Easter: Sunday April 12 9-hole Golf Tournament: Saturday April 25 Hazardous Waste Collection: Saturday April 25 Memorial Day: Monday May 25 Independence Day: Saturday July 4