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January 30, 2023



HAPPY NEW YEAR

Heather Wagner, President, Gulf Hills Civic Association

Happy New Year! I know I'm not alone in my disbelief that it is 2023! I'm slowly getting accustomed to writing 2023 on documents, and just when I get there, it will be time to write 2024!

2022 was a busy one for us, especially the last quarter of the year. The GHCA held a number of successful and fun community events, including "Halloween in the Hills" and "Christmas in the Hills." We had great community support for these events, and are excited about the growing sense of neighborliness and friendship these events garner. Several fundraisers were held to assist the efforts to renovate the main entrance sign to our neighborhood. We also resumed our community yard sale, in which a number of households participated. The GHCA also organized and participated in the neighborhood-wide yard sale with the generosity of neighbors who donated items, with great success in raising funds towards the renovation of the sign. Many thanks to everyone who participated, volunteered and donated at these events, and especially to our Events Committee chair, Tammy Lee, for her untiring work organizing the events and keeping us all in line! If you see Tammy, be sure to say a big "THANK YOU!" Speaking of the entrance sign, you'll be pleased to know that your efforts have helped us raise over \$8,000 dedicated solely to the updates! We could not even think of these updates without your support! We continue to work with the Gulf Hills Hotel and Gulf Hills Golf Course in finalizing plans for the improvements and look forward to a completely new sign in 2023.



Gulf Hills has a lot in store for the upcoming year! Once again, the GHCA is hosting a number of events for the Spring. In this issue you will find an article with more details on "Hoppin' in the Hills" on April 1, 2023, and our Spring Yard sale on April 22, 2023. Our other big Spring event is the Gulf Hills Civic Association Annual Meeting. Although members are welcome to any meeting of the GHCA Board, the Annual Meeting is our opportunity to educate our members on the operations of the Board, to elect new members

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ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING!

The 2022 Gulf Hills Civic Association Annual Membership Meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 14, 2023. The ballroom of the Gulf Hills Hotel and Resort have been secured for the event. We are very excited to be the first group using the newly renovated space! This meeting is for residents of Gulf Hills households that have paid their annual dues of \$50. Many have already paid, but you still have several weeks to pay via a check or using your credit card at Gulfhills.org. Of course, you can pay at the door, but please come early. If you pay at the event, we appreciate a check or cash and we also now have the ability to accept payment by credit card. A \$2 service fee will be accessed when paying by credit

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Continue page 1 **PRESIDENT** to the Board, and to vote on any proposed changes to the bylaws. Only paid members (households) may attend the meeting, and if you haven't yet paid your annual dues of \$50, you can do so at the event. **Our Annual Meeting this year will be held on Tuesday, March 14, 2023. Social hour will be from 5:30 – 6:30, and the business meeting will begin promptly at 6:30.** Please check out the article inside detailing the agenda. We are extremely excited to announce this year's meeting will be held in the newly renovated ballroom at the Gulf Hills Hotel! We will be the first booking using the newly refurbished meeting room and are very appreciative of this offer. We understand all construction may not be complete by then, but part of the fun will be seeing a work in progress! The Hotel will also have a newly re-decorated guest room available for viewing on that day. Refreshments will be provided.

Continue page 1 **MEETING** card. We will start this year's meeting with a time of social interaction, starting at 5:30 p.m. with refreshments provided by the GHCA. Our business meeting will start at 6:30 p.m. and we will try to limit the meeting to one hour. Items on the agenda include a review of the treasurer's report of expenses in 2022 and the proposed budget for 2023; a membership update; a review of events since our last membership meeting; and a discussion of opportunities in the Gulf Hills community and civic association. There will also be an opportunity for Members to discuss items of concern.

There will be several items which require a vote of the Members. The first is the election of 4 Directors to fill terms ending in 2023. Board members serve terms of three years. The Board will present a slate, and Members may make nominations from the floor as well. The second issue to be considered is a proposed change to the bylaws of the Association. A copy of the current by-laws with proposed amendments is included in this publication. The proposed changes relate to meetings of the Board of Directors, timing of annual dues and standards for Directors. Please plan to attend and let your voice be heard!

Gulf Hills Giving

It's great to live in a generous neighborhood! Y'all rallied around and ensured that many people received a Thanksgiving meal.

The Lord is My Help, in downtown Ocean Springs, serves 150 meals per day and deliver 150 meals per day to home-bound citizens. This is year-round but with increased demand with our current economic situation. For many years, our very own Pat Dehaan has donated her time to collecting Thanksgiving Turkeys for the needy from across our neighborhood.



This year, we took Pat's tradition online for 12 Days of Gulf Hills Giving. Our goal was 50 turkeys to be delivered to the Club House. And you stepped up! To be honest, we lost track of the number of turkeys that arrived at the Club House, the checks and donations that were handed in, the boxes of food stuff, and the several donations directly to the Lord is My Help website. But it was way more than our goal of 50 turkeys. Thank you, thank you, thank you, Gulf Hills. And many thanks to the Club House and the team at Capones for being a collection point.

Want to join in the Giving? You can donate year round at <http://www.thelordismyhelp.org/>.

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2023 Spring Community Yard Sale

The Gulf Hills Spring 2023 Community Yard Sale is scheduled for Saturday, April 22nd at 8 AM. If you are planning to participate as a seller, please register your address with Tammy Lee at tammysmith-lee@yahoo.com or 228.217.6633. The Gulf Hills Civic Association will handle the advertising in the Sun Herald and on-line listings, along with banners at the north and south entrances. You are welcome to place your own directional signs inside Gulf Hills. The list of homes participating, and a map will be available at gulfhills.org, listed on Facebook and in realtor boxes at each of the three entrances to Gulf Hills. Please be mindful of parking and traffic when visiting a sale.



Hoppin' in the Hills

The Gulf Hills Civic Association, The Gulf Hills Golf Club and The Gulf Hills Hotel will be sponsoring a Gulf Hills Community "Hoppin' in the Hills - Spring Festival" on Saturday, April 1st 10:00-1:00. The Easter Bunny will be hoppin' around the event for photo ops. There will also be games, face painting, DIY projects and food for the kids. Stayed tuned for updated information that will be posted on gulfhills.org, Gulf Hills Civic Association and Gulf Hills Living Facebook Pages. If you would like to help sponsor this event or have questions, please contact Tammy Lee at 228-217-6633.



The Pileated Woodpecker

Roy Lipscomb, Marine Patrol Officer, Mississippi Dept of Marine Resources

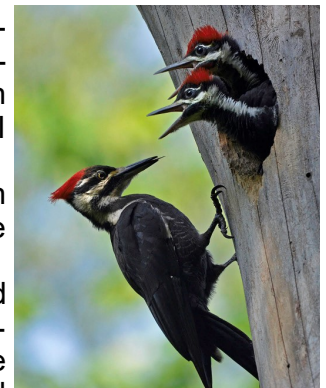
Although the Pileated Woodpecker is the largest woodpecker in the country, it is surprisingly hard to spot as they are shy birds. You're more likely to hear its high-pitched, piercing alarm call "cuk, cuk, cuk." as it disappears into the woods. Once you get familiar with its loud call and the hammering sound it makes on dead trees they are easier to notice. I have had old timers refer to them as "Log Gods".

They are year-round residents here and I see or hear them in Gulf Hills frequently which is a good sign as their populations were in decline in the 18th and 19th centuries with the clearing of forests, but they have adapted and made a comeback.

These crow sized birds appear almost all black except for a black, white, and red-striped head with a pointed red crest. When flying, you can see its large, white underwing patches. Males are slightly larger than females and are distinguished by a red mustache stripe and solid red from the crest to the beak. Females don't have the red mustache stripe and have a small brown patch on their foreheads in front of the red crest. Pileated Woodpeckers dig for ants and wood-boring beetle larvae deeper than other woodpeckers can reach. They also catch insects off branches and tear bark off trees in search of food.

Pairs mate for life and produce one brood in the summer. Courtship begins in early spring with head swinging, drumming, wing spreading displays, and crest raising. Both sexes help build a new nest cavity each year, typically in a dead or decaying tree. The opening averages 3.5 inches wide, though it can be larger, and may reach two feet deep. If you come across a relatively large, rectangular shaped opening in a decaying tree, with lots of fresh wood chips below it, you may have just stumbled upon a nest.

After laying an average of four white eggs, the female shares incubation duties with the male. In fifteen to eighteen days, the eggs hatch into helpless young that are fed regurgitated insects the parents. By four weeks, they leave the nest cavity, but remain dependent on the adults for several more months. These woodpeckers can live up to twelve years.



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Gulf Hills Civic Association Proposed Bylaw Changes 2023

Changes are in RED ~~Removals are strikethrough~~ To be voted for approval at the annual meeting.

Article III Membership

Section 2. Affiliate Members: any business or adult person who is interested in the Gulf Hills community is eligible to non-voting membership in the association **upon payment of dues as if a voting member.**

Article IV Meetings

Section 1. The Annual Meeting of the members shall be held during the month of *March* at such time and place as the Directors shall determine. The Directors shall ~~give~~ **provide** notice **of the date and time for the Annual Meeting to all Members.** ~~of all General Meetings.~~ Other **Membership** meetings ~~shall~~ **may** be held at such time and places as the Directors shall determine.

Article VI Dues

Section 2. **Annual Dues accrue at the beginning of each fiscal year. There is no carry-over of dues. The amount of the Annual Dues per affiliate member shall be recommended to the Membership by the Board of Directors at each Annual Meeting or at any Special Meeting called for such purpose and shall be as ratified by the Membership at such meeting**

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 any regular or special meeting** at which a quorum is present ~~at its monthly meeting or at a Special Board Meeting~~ **or via electronic communication** prior to the start of the project .

Section 4. Vacancies in the Board may be filled by the vote of the remaining Directors **and any position filled by the Board shall submitted to the membership for ratification at the next Annual Meeting.**

Section 5. **The Board of Directors shall hold Regular Meetings to conduct the business of the Association at least six (6) times per year. The Board may meet at other times as necessary. The Board of Directors may hold meetings in person or via electronic means, and any Director may fully participate in meetings remotely and be counted for purposes of a quorum. Any votes taken via electronic communication shall be ratified at the next regular meeting of the Board of Directors.** A Director who shall fail to attend three consecutive board meetings, ~~or shall fail to attend four meetings for one fiscal year shall forfeit membership~~ **or may be subject to removal from the Board of Directors upon vote of the remaining** Directors.

Section 6. **All members of the Board of Directors shall conduct themselves in a respectful and dignified manner when acting on behalf of the GHCA, and shall refrain from engaging in any behaviors or communications which may cast unfavorable light on the GHCA or the Board or cause disruption to the conduct of the Board's business. Any member failing to adhere to these standards may be subject to removal from the Board of Directors upon vote of the remaining Members.**

Article IX Standing Committees:

(President of The Association shall be Ex Officio Member of all Committees and may from time to time form Temporary Sub-Committees to study special situation and report to the Board of Directors; also house-hold Members other than Directors can be appointed to Chair or be Members of Sub-Committees.)

Section 1: Membership

Section 2: Community Infrastructure

Section 3: Publicity/Communications

Section 4: Community Safety

Section 5: Memorial Garden

Section 6: Events

Section 7: Budget

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Gulf Hills Garden Club

Mary Ann Westfall, President, GHGC

The days of winter don't give a lot of opportunities to see all the colors in nature that we're used to in Gulf Hills during the milder months. Among the few plants flowering abundantly at this time of the year is the camellia. In fact, it is the club flower of Gulf Hills Garden Club and can be found growing throughout our neighborhood.

To learn more about this fascinating winter-bloomer, the Garden Club hosted the president of Mississippi Gulf Coast Camellia Club, Jason Dean, at our January meeting, held in the Community Room of The Citizens Bank in Ocean Springs. Club members invited guests to attend and were thrilled to see such a great turnout.



Dean presented a wonderful program on the history of camellias and the many varieties that have been discovered or created by camellia breeders. They are gorgeous! Dean has many beautiful cultivars growing on his property.

If you'd like, attend our February meeting which will feature Dr. Mark LaSalle, former director of the Pascagoula River Audubon Center and now a private consultant. Our program is on Natural Pest Control in our gardens, and Dr. LaSalle will tell us about beneficial insects and other living creatures that assist us in keeping the "bad" pests from destroying our gardens.

We'll also learn about the other side of the topic of Natural Pest Control—companion planting. By planting certain plants together, we can potentially prevent these pesky problems from developing in the first place.

This meeting is open to the public and free to attend. However, we ask that you notify a club member or club president Mary Ann Westfall via text (228-424-0975) that you plan to attend. This meeting will be February 13, 11 am, in the Community Room of The

Citizens Bank in Ocean Springs. We want to be sure we have seating for everyone.

Our club is actively seeking new members. Attending one of our meetings would be a great first step to joining! Happy Gardening!

Gulf Hills Golf Course

Spring is just around the corner and we hope to implement some pretty exciting improvements around the golf course this year. Projects currently being discussed: The addition on a new set of par 3 tees that could be utilized for special outings and wet conditions. The re-grassing of a few of our current tee boxes. Bunker renovations on several bunkers and possibly the removing of a few more. We also are looking at doing some upgrades to our current irrigation system. All in all we are pleased with the progress the course has made in this last year and are excited about the new season.

Meet Tammy Lee, Events Co-Ord, GHCA

I grew up in Hurley, MS, and graduated from East Central High School in 1989. I'm a graduate of MGCCC and I've been employed with Sunrise Network Solutions for 12 years. My husband Scott and I moved to Ocean Springs in 2009 and we have lived in Gulf Hills since 2012. We built our forever home on El Camino Real Road and moved in it in 2018. Scott is retired from Chevron, and we are very proud of our 3 successful children; Brittany, a nurse practitioner, Brandon, a mechanical engineer and Sydney, owner of Chandeleur Outfitters. We are also the proud owners of 2 wiener dogs, Maebelle and Anabelle. I am the Events Coordinator for Gulf Hills Civic Association and love spending my spare time planning parties, other events, cooking, traveling, boating, and golfing (beginner).



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Meet Hunter Landry, Vice President, GHCA

I was born and raised in Zachary, Louisiana as the youngest of three boys. After graduating from Redemptorist High School in Baton Rouge, I attended college at LSU and Southeastern Louisiana State University where I graduated in the Fall of 2011. After college, I was blessed to meet my best friend and soul mate, Ashley Landry, who I am now lucky enough to call my wife. Together, we have three beautiful children, Bryce (15), Lily (13), and Tatum (6). After meeting, Ashley, we settled in my home town where I secured a position teaching history at Zachary High School. After a life time of involvement in and commitment to my community, in 2015 I was asked to serve on the Zachary Planning and Zoning Commission. In the Fall of 2018, with the love and support of my family and friends I ran and was overwhelmingly elected to the Zachary City Council. In the fall of 2020, I was approached by members of my community and the current administration to make a run for Mayor, a challenge that I was humbled and honored to accept. Strangely however, God had other plans for me. In June of 2021, a professional opportunity here on the gulf coast was presented to my wife that we, as a family, simply could not pass up. Based on this extremely difficult decision, I reluctantly resigned my position with Zachary High and announced my withdrawal from political office. After several months of house hunting and no shortage of soul searching, we discovered and fell in love with Gulf Hills and were excited to become equally invested here as the home that we left behind. Very shortly after settling into our home on Shore Drive, we began meeting various members of this incredible community and I was asked to join the Gulf Hills Civic Association where I was quickly elected



to serve on the board as Vice President. In our short time here, we have discovered the life that most people can only dream of and look forward to the many years ahead of us making our house into our dream home and raising future generations of our family here. Together, we thank you all for welcoming us with open arms and appreciate the opportunity to be a part of this incomparable community!

Meet Leslie Tate, Treasurer, GHCA

Most recently from Louisville Kentucky, I grew up in a military family moving all over the United States, South Korea and Germany. I met my husband, David in college at the University of Kentucky and we married shortly after I graduated. David is a managing partner with FORVIS. I was a full time CPA with Deloitte until the birth of our second child. We now have four wonderful kids and a lovely daughter in law, Chloe! Our oldest, Dillon is a cybersecurity professional and married Chloe in May of 2022. Chloe will be graduating with her doctorate in pharmacy this May. Ethan is a junior at the University of Kentucky studying computer science and finance. Roman is a freshman at UK studying theatre and psychology on the pre med track. Our youngest, Carmen is a sophomore in high school with several professional acting jobs under her belt already. We are extremely proud of all of our kids and daughter in law. We found Ocean Springs in April of 2020 through a peloton mom Facebook group and after one visit we were in love. When we toured gulf hills we knew right away this would be our forever home! We moved into our Gulf Hills home in July of 2020 and have made lifelong friends here. The community has been so welcoming and we are so happy to be a part of this beautiful neighborhood!



Annual Dues of **\$50.00** may be paid by credit card at www.gulphills.org or by check. There is a **\$2.00** service fee when paying by credit card. If paying by check, please fill out the following information and mail this payment coupon along with your check to: Gulf Hills Civic Association, P.O. Box 375, Ocean Springs, MS 39566-0475

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Past Fall Events in the Hills

Christmas in the Hills

The GHCA hosted another successful Christmas event in 2022! Even though the wintery weather postponed our Golf Cart Parade and Tree-Lighting, a good time was had by all. We had some pretty incredible golf carts decorated by our neighbors, and three won overall honors and received Capone's gift certificates. Santa and Mrs. Claus were on hand in their sleigh pulled by well, maybe not reindeer! The Deck the Hills contest once again resulted in some beautifully decorated homes. We hope everyone had the opportunity to drive around and appreciate the hard work that went into many of the displays. Five homes were selected as winners in this year's contest, receiving gift certificates to Capone's. Here are some highlights of all Christmas fun!



Halloween in the Hills

The ghosts and ghouls were Haunting the 'Hills again in 2022. GHCA hosted our annual Halloween event on Sunday, October 30th. We had a record-breaking crowd again with events for both the young and old. Our Haunted House was at the cart barn, and from all accounts, was SUPER SPOOKY!!! The carts decorated for the trunk or treat were perfectly gruesome, grisly and ghastly!!!! The costume contest was expanded this year to include adult categories, The winning kids received sonic gift cards and the adult winner got a Capone's gift card. Congrats to all our participants! Many thanks to all the volunteers who help make the Halloween event the huge success it is!



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Health Department	875-1336
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Planning Department (Zoning)	769-3112
Road Department	875-4545
Rubbish Disposal (Landfill)	872-8340
Sheriff- Hwy 609 substation	875-6963

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St Martin Community Center	392-7361

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Ocean Springs Hospital	818-1111
Merit Hospital	432-1571
Bethesda Free Clinic	818-9191

Gulf Coast Center for Nonviolence 875-5433

OTHER

Wild at Heart (Wildlife)	669-7907
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LIBRARIES

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

Lighting District Reminder

Van Arnold, Lightning District Commissioner

Please report outages or malfunctioning street-lights to Mississippi Power at 800-487-3275. Give the address closest to the light. The Gulf Hills Lighting District is being charged for each light, working or not.

Recently, several residents have complained that MS Power has not responded to their reporting of malfunctioning lights. If you have a malfunctioning or burned out street light,

email: vanmarnold@gmail.com with the location of that light and who will report it to MS power for proper replacement.



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Get Connected to Yahoo/Facebook

Join one or more of these social media groups to get involved and connected with your fellow residents of Gulf Hills.



- ◆ Gulf Hills Living Facebook Group
- ◆ Gulf Hills Civic Association Facebook Group

Here's how to connect:

For Gulf Hills Living Facebook Group

1. Log into Facebook (get an account using your current email)
2. Search in Facebook for the group (Gulf Hills Living), then click a request to join.
3. Answer the required questions.

One of the administrators will review your answers and approve as appropriate.

For Gulf Hills Civic Association Facebook Group

1. Pay your annual membership fee to the Gulf Hills Civic Association. You can find the instructions in this newsletter or go to Gulfhills.org.
2. Send an email to vanmarnold@gmail.com that you have paid your annual membership fee. One of the administrators for Gulf Hills Civic Association Facebook Group will send you an invite to join this group.

Upcoming Community Dates

Fat Tuesday: Mardi Gras: Tuesday February 21

OS Annual Spring Arts Festival: Sat-Sun March 25-26

Hoppin' the Hills: Saturday April 1

Easter: Sunday April 9, 2023

Community Yard Sale: Saturday April 22 8 am – 1 pm

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.

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.

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.