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President's Message

Heather Wagner, President, Gulf Hills Civic Association

Well, we made it through 2023!! I hope everyone's 2024 is off to a roaring start.

As always, this issue has a little bit of everything. From articles on soil, armadillos and composting, to an important notice from our Sheriff, there is no shortage of informative articles. As you will see, several of our neighbors have contributed articles. We welcome submissions of articles on topics of interest from our neighbors. If you are interested in writing an article (or column) or have a topic you would like to see addressed in an upcoming issue, please contact Van Arnold at vanmarnold@gmail.com. Our next newsletter will be published in April, 2024.



Our Annual Membership Meeting will be held on Monday, March 11, 2024, in the ballroom of the newly renovated Gulf Hills Hotel and Conference Center. Important details about the annual meeting can be found in this issue. This is the one time each year GHCA members meet to conduct business of the Association. It's a good opportunity to get to know folks who may not live in your neck of the 'Hills, and also to bring matters to the attention of the Board. Refreshments will be provided! We encourage you all to attend, and if you're not already a member of the GHCA, you can join on-site.

On Page 8 of this issue, you will find all the details for several regular Spring-time neighborhood events sponsored by the Gulf Hills Civic Association. Once again, GHCA will host Hoppin' in the Hills, with a special guest appearance by the Easter Bunny! By popular demand, we will also promote a spring yard sale event, which is always a good time to get rid of all that stuff you didn't get rid of during the Fall yard sale, and any new spring-cleaning casualties!

I want to extend sincere thanks to all our association members and, of course, our advertisers, for your continued support of the activities and initiatives of the Gulf Hills Civic Association. **After much consideration, this issue will be the last issue we will deliver to each household in the neighborhood.** We will still publish a quarterly newsletter but are moving to an electronic format with delivery via email and a greater emphasis on

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2024 Annual Membership Meeting – March 11



The 2024 Gulf Hills Civic Association Annual Membership Meeting will be held on Monday, March 11, 2024. The ballroom of the Gulf Hills Hotel and Resort has been secured for the event. This meeting is for residents of Gulf Hills households that have paid their 2024 annual dues. 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, please bring a check or cash – we will

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Dirt: It's Fundamental

Carroll Campbell

Thanks to recent development, red fill dirt is a familiar sight in Gulf Hills. Because of its high clay content, it hardens to create a firm foundation for a building or road. Unfortunately, this fill is problematic for our ecology, according to Robert Smith, Coastal Program Coordinator for Wildlife Mississippi, sister organization to the Mississippi Land Trust.



Smith notes that typical construction practice is to compact the fill dirt with a rotary compactor, compounding the hardness the soil is prone to. Moreover, this earth is spread over an entire site, not only in relation to the footprint of a building.

Compacted fill dirt actually increases storm water run-off as it forms a "cap" over our own native hydrophilic wetland soil, which soaks up storm water—depriving us of this ecological service. It is also inhospitable to plants, whether natives or non-native. According to Smith, the dirt under most new residential lawns is one homogenous compacted layer with "no humus layer, little organic matter, and no horizon development." By contrast, he says, healthy soil is crumbly, clumpy, and contains humus and other organic matter, and features layers, or, "horizon development."

There's good news, though: the right management changes things, and what follows describes soil rehabilitation with a view to fostering native plants, though this process benefits exotic ornamentals as well. Smith describes three steps for improving soil to allow rainwater infiltration and create a plant-friendly yard. Have your soil analyzed beforehand for what amendments it needs and the depth of compaction. Contact MSU's Jackson County Agricultural Extension at 228-769-3047.

First, get air into your soil. Aeration usually means breaking up the soil to create fractures that

allow air, rain and organic matter in. Smith recommends going a minimum of 4" deep, but ideally aeration should go as deep as the compaction. A landscaping service can aerate your soil, or you can DIY with an aerator attached to your riding lawn mower. Search for "aerator" on the Lowe's website and a long list appears, from spike-soled shoes for \$30 to the deluxe Maxim aerator for \$1099—with plenty of options in between at affordable prices. Rentals are also available. Larger compressed air systems can penetrate deeper into the earth, and are useful for especially dense soils.

Second, infuse your soil with organic matter. Kill exotic grasses growing on the surface in preparation for this step. Smith recommends herbicide because it's a sure-shot, but non-chemical options include tilling 3 or more times over six months, or covering the grass with cardboard for several months. Remnants of any exotics will likely remain, though.

To feed the soil, you can simply spread mulch on the surface, or till amendments into it: composted leaves, horse, cow, or chicken manure, or commercial top soil. Make compost beforehand by saving your leaves in a pile to break down over time; turn occasionally with a shovel. The more broken-down your compost, the quicker to make nitrogen available for the plants you'll grow later.

Let native "early successional species", including nitrogen-fixing legumes, feed the soil for you. This phase lasts a year or two. Native plants seed themselves, or you can plant with harvested seed. Such "weedy" plants, spurned by most gardeners, include the following: dog fennel, rag weed, goldenrod, short annual grasses, blackberries, false foxglove. With time, yellow poplar, slash, longleaf, and loblolly pines, sweetgum and water oak seedlings appear, which you can remove or strategically thin if you desire a natural yard.

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(Remove popcorn tree seedlings immediately!)

Smith's says in support of natives, "They are playing a role in building soil structure and soil organic matter." Their root systems penetrate the soil, breaking up hard pans, but also hold the soil in place. Once they die back, they leave root channels that aerate the soil, but also fill with organic matter, feeding it. Natives are a cheap and easy way to build your soil, and they benefit local insects, butterflies, and birds, as well.

In the alternative, Smith recommends planting red clover (*Trifolium incarnatum*) in the fall, which will add nitrogen to the soil before it dies back in April. It is not native, and your lawn will be a monoculture, but it is conventionally aesthetic and it does benefit local pollinators. It also produces a pretty, red, cone-like flower.

After a year or two of this phase, go in with the flowering plants and ground cover you like. Rehabilitating soil, followed by retaining grass clippings, leaf fall, plus an ongoing compost pile will reduce or eliminate the need for fertilizer, as nature will do the work.

Importantly, Smith says, "Healthy soil has lots of stuff living in it—crickets, moles, voles, fungi, bacteria, worms, grubs, beetles, native bee species, earthworms, mosses, mushrooms/mycelia." These creatures naturally aerate and nourish soil. Leaving them be, plus avoiding pesticides and herbicides, allows them to do their work and remain part of the food web—and they are cost-free.

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Safety & Good Manners in the Hills

Vehicle: Speeding is the number one complaint brought to our Board Members attention. You have to self discipline yourself to Slow Down. Enjoy the Gulf Hills scenery, but keep your eyes on the road. If, you have the need to drive through the Hills with your 'brights on' at night, please be courteous and dim them to oncoming traffic. Remember our roads are narrow, and senior citizens may not operate at your skill level.

Parking: When you're planning to throw a party, put a good parking plan together. Don't allow your guests to rut your neighbors yard or use our beautiful golf course as their parking lot. Plan ahead and assign someone to supervise proper parking and corral the knucklehead drivers.

STOP means **STOP**: Jackson County Sheriffs Department are patrolling the Hills. They are issuing tickets, not warnings. Don't look both ways and roll, **STOP**.

Golf Carts: They must be street legal to ride around on the roads off the Golf Course. Turn signals, brake lights, rear view mirror, horn, windshield wipers, maintain 25mph road speed. Most importantly, a state issued vehicle tag and driver licensed operator. Most dogs running free in Gulf Hills are escapee's; breaking out through a backyard fence, or, rushing past the open door of their owners. Be kind, help to get them back home, no one is more frustrated by their freedom than their owners.



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Italy Terrace @Capones Speakeasy Bar

Long-time Gulf Hills residents Paul and Colleen Cutler have opened Italy Terrace in the restaurant next to Capone's Speakeasy Lounge. They grew up on Italy Terrace in the "little Italy" section of Atlantic City, NJ affectionately known as Ducktown. (Ask Paul why!)

Paul's cooking reflects the Italian-American flavors of their home-town; such as the Italian Sub with Capicola, Salami, Mortadella, and Provolone. Paul is offering a menu of NJ Subs, Wraps, Salads, and indulgent fried sides, 11am-2pm and 5pm-8pm Wed-Sun. Yes, they are working on bringing back Brunch!

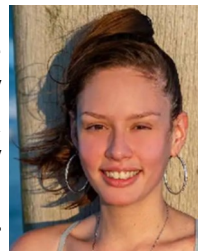
This is just the first phase! Their nephew Damian Marraffa and his partner Naria Mercado are quitting their jobs, selling their house, and relocating their 6 year old daughter to Gulf Hills. A gutsy move!



Damian Marraffa

In the summer, the evening menu will switch to Damian's own concepts for 'finer' dining based on 15+ years' experience in the food industry, currently at a James Beard award winning restaurant in Margate, NJ. Damian believes that food brings people together and that no one should ever go hungry.

Also in the summer, Naria will open the Morning Café based on her 12+ years as a passionate baker, currently the head baker in a café in NJ. Naria will work closely with Kelli on the pastry menu and oversee breakfast and lunch. We know they will both be committed to helping their new Gulf Hills community.



Naria Mercado

You will have the Morning Café for coffee and pastries, delicious Subs and Salads at lunch, and 'finer' dining in the evening to enjoy Damian's Italian-American menu with libations from the fully stocked Capones Speakeasy Lounge.

So, come visit Paul and try his Atlantic Subs and Cheesesteaks. You can eat in the restaurant, eat in the Capones Speakeasy Lounge, or take-out. You can also order online at www.italyterrace.com and receive a text when your food is ready for pickup. (We are also preparing sub-trays for your Mardi Gras Krewes and parties). Thank you for your support of this ambitious project!

President's Message: Continue from page 1 our website, www.gulfhills.org, for important news and events. It's important that we get emails for all households so we can continue providing regular neighborhood updates to everyone. Please visit our message board at <https://www.gulfhills.org/message-board/> and provide your email address to receive regular updates including the quarterly newsletter.

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Gulf Hills Civic Association

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The GHCA is governed by a Board of Directors, elected by the membership at the Association's annual membership meeting, which is held in March each year. Any member in good standing can be selected to serve as a Director. The Board also meets monthly to address any business items.

WHAT WE DO

The GHCA serves the Gulf Hills neighborhood in many ways.

♦ **Neighborhood Events.** The GHCA hosts or organizes a variety of neighborhood events, including Halloween in the Hills, Christmas in the Hills (and the included Deck the Hills home decoration contest), Hoppin the Hills, Golf Cart parades, an annual neighborhood yard sale and neighborhood cleanup. We are continually looking for other opportunities to bring our neighbors together!

♦ **Communications.** The GHCA prepares and publishes a quarterly newsletter, which is mailed to each known household within the Gulf Hills neighborhood. The newsletter contains updates, important contact information and local news of interest. Additionally, the GHCA has established a website www.gulfhills.org to serve as a resource for neighborhood residents for upcoming events and other items of general interest, and a social media presence on Facebook to provide further outreach specifically to members.

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Annual Dues of **\$50.00** may be paid by credit card at www.gulfhills.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 475, Ocean Springs, MS 39566-0475

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Gulf Hills Civic Association

◆**Engagement with County and Public Officials.** The GHCA has established and maintains a working relationship with public officials, including the county and utility district, allowing the GHCA to receive updates and in turn keep members informed of developments impacting or affecting the neighborhood and its residents. The GHCA can also serve as a conduit for expressing concerns of its members to these officials.

◆**Memorial Garden Maintenance and Upkeep.** The GHCA has assumed full responsibility for the maintenance and upkeep of the Memorial Garden located at the intersection of Ridge Rd. and Shore Drive. This beautiful garden can be enjoyed by all residents and is the site of various neighborhood-wide events.

◆**Safety and Security.** The safety and security of the residents of Gulf Hills are a priority for the GHCA. The GHCA is active on many levels to increase the livability of our neighborhood, from street lighting and visibility, to increased law enforcement presence, to providing safety tips for pedestrians, bicyclists and operation of golf carts. The GHCA was instrumental in forming the Gulf Hills Lighting District, which pays for and monitors the LED street lights in the neighborhood. The GHCA continues to seek input from our neighbors and to develop new ideas for preserving the safe enjoyment of our community.

HOW CAN YOU GET INVOLVED?

Join the Association if you have not already! The GHCA cannot operate without support from the neighbors we serve. All the activities engaged in by the GHCA require funding. Membership dues are currently the main source of revenue for the GHCA. For the GHCA to continue to grow, we must have members! Dues for 2024 are only \$50 per household!

Volunteer to serve on committees! There are a number of ways for members to participate in the work of the GHCA. The GHCA is a wide and varied organization, and our members have unique abilities and skills. The GHCA has a number of working committees - our bylaws contain a complete list. If there isn't a committee that interests you, make a suggestion and volunteer to help! Contact a Director if you want to discuss serving on a committee or come to our Annual Meeting March 11, 2024 and sign up!

Attend the Annual Membership Meeting and Monthly Board Meetings! Although we maintain year-round communication, the annual meeting is your formal opportunity to come hear a report on the state of the GHCA, the activities of the year, plans for upcoming year and take action on business items. Members of the Board of Directors are also elected during the Annual Meeting.

THE MEMBERSHIP MEETING FOR 2024 WILL BE HELD ON MARCH 11 AT THE GULF HILLS HOTEL. Board Meetings are held at 6PM on the 2ND Monday of most months at Italy Terrace. A calendar of meetings can be found on the GHCA website, www.gulfhills.org.

Let the GHCA know! If you have ideas about how the GHCA can better serve the neighborhood, please let us know through any of various methods available: leave a note on our website or Facebook page, reach out to a Director, or attend a regular monthly meeting of the Board – all are welcome!



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The Nine-Banded Armadillo

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

Many South Mississippians have a love-hate relationship with this animal. Some find them cute and adorable, but others might find them to be a pest and a nuisance. They are everywhere and yes; they can make a mess of your lawn and garden. The Nine-Banded Armadillo is the only armadillo found in North America, but they are originally from South America. After the ice age, the Nine-Banded Armadillo expanded north into Mexico, but had the Rio Grande to cross. Many armadillos were probably brought across intentionally, but others who managed to swim across now found suitable habitat. Armadillos can swim and they will also hold their breaths for up to 6 minutes and walk across the bottom.



Once they had arrived armadillos began expanding both east and west across the southern United States. However, the Mississippi River presented another barrier they could not deal with. There are reports of armadillos riding cattle cars on trains from the west and this allowed them to cross the Mississippi. In the 1920s bridges were built across the river for automobiles. All of this led to the invasion and the animals are now here, they are also expanding north.

Armadillos like warm/wet climates. They prefer forested areas or grasslands and, again, can swim across small rivers and creeks easily. They feed primarily on a variety of small invertebrates such as grubs, snails, beetles, and even cockroaches! They like to feed in wet areas or loose sandy soil where digging is easier. Unfortunately, your lawn is a good place to hunt. They rarely, but do, feed on small

reptiles and amphibians and eggs.

They breed in the summer but delay egg implantation so that birth is in the spring. They typically give birth to quadruplets. The armor of the young is not hard at first but hardens overtime and does provide protection from large predators like bob cats, dogs, and alligators. People think armadillos can curl up in a ball as a form of self-defense, but not the nine-banded armadillo. They have poor eyesight and when startled jump straight up which isn't good when they are approached by a vehicle. They typically live 12-15 years, but some have reached the age of 20.

2024 Annual Meeting

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try, but may not be able to accommodate credit card payments on site. We will start this year's meeting with a time of social interaction, starting at 5:30 p.m. with refreshments provided by the association. Our business meeting will start at 6:30 p.m. and last no more than one hour. Items on the agenda include:

- ◆ treasurer's report of expenses in 2023 and the proposed budget for 2024;
- ◆ a review of events since our last membership meeting;
- ◆ a look at the Gulfhills.org website;
- ◆ a discussion of opportunities in the Gulf Hills community and civic association.
- ◆ At this meeting, there will also be the election of 4 directors to fill terms ending in 2024. The Board will present a proposed slate to fill these terms, however, nominations from the floor will be accepted.



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Fall Events in our Neighborhood

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2024 Community Yard Sale

The Gulf Hills Spring 2024 Community Yard Sale is scheduled for Saturday, April 20th at 8 AM. If you are planning to participate as a seller, please register your address with Tammy Lee at tammysmithlee@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

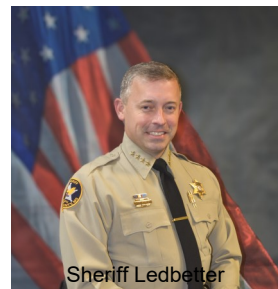
The Gulf Hills Civic Association and The Gulf Hills Golf Club will be sponsoring the Gulf Hills Community "Hoppin' in the Hills" on Saturday, March 30th. This year we will have an Easter Golf Cart Parade through "The Hills" and The Easter Bunny will be leading the parade. Parade line up will begin at 11:00 and will leave Capone's at 1:00. After the parade, bring the kids to Capone's/Italy Terrace for free hotdogs and pictures with the Easter Bunny. 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.



From Our Sheriff John Ledbetter

Hello Gulf Hills Citizens and Happy New Year!!

We're almost halfway through the first month of a new year. I hope all of you had a happy holiday season as Christmas trees and decorations give way to Mardi Gras celebrations.



Sheriff Ledbetter

We're also in the early days of another tax season. As always, there will be people who think they can scam you out of your hard earned money. You might be getting phone calls from people claiming to be from the IRS telling you something is wrong with your tax return, they are investigating you, or you owe money when you don't. Just remember, the IRS DOES NOT make phone calls to citizens. They do all their business by mail. So if you get a call from "the IRS," don't give them any personal financial information and just hang up.

Our investigators continue to stay busy trying to solve car thefts that are occurring across the county. No area is immune. So far in 2023, there have been 912 reported crimes in the St. Martin community. Most of those are auto burglaries and thefts. Every day we remind our citizens not to leave valuables in their vehicles and not to leave their vehicles unlocked. That's an open invitation to someone helping themselves to what belongs to you.

You can help us help you by being each other's eyes and ears. Our deputies are patrolling 24/7, but they can't be everywhere. So if you see something, say something, no matter how unimportant you think it might be. It takes the citizens and law enforcement working together to keep crime down.

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Gulf Hills Garden Club Mary Ann Westfall, President, GHGC

Can I compost that, and why should I?

Composting is nature's recycling system. Many of us are diligent about placing recyclables in the recycle bin for pickup on trash day, with a LOT of paper and cardboard waste generated monthly. But, recyclable materials aren't all we could be composting-think food waste, plant trimmings, fallen leaves, and more that goes to the landfill by way of the weekly trash pickup.

Gulf Hills Garden Club will begin the new year with a program all about *Composting-the why and how*. We will be exploring what composting means, how we go about it on our properties, and the benefits our gardens will reap from our efforts.

Not only will our gardens be healthier, but so will our environment. By doing our part to recycle much of our household and yard waste through composting, we won't be contributing to the estimated 30% of landfills that consist of food and yard trimmings alone.

The Garden Club will also look at planting bulbs for spring color, especially in containers, where we will learn about lasagna planting. This method of bulb planting involves choosing bulbs that will grow and bloom successively, providing a longer period for us to enjoy these natural beauties.

While we're waiting for the first spring flowers to show their beautiful faces, we will learn in February about houseplants that cleanse the air. We'll discuss how plants remove toxins from the air and find out which plants are the champs we want in our homes.

March has club members traveling to a local family-owned farm to learn about organic farming. Perhaps our compost we began in January will be able to provide us with some beneficial organic material to add to our gardens!

Christmas in the Hills Recap

The GHCA hosted another successful Christmas event in 2023! We had some incredible golf carts decorated by our neighbors, and three won overall honors and received Capone's/Italy Terrace gift certificates. Special thanks to Santa and Mrs. Claus for heading South from the North pole to join us in the parade. Italy Terrace provided some amazing chicken noodle soup and sandwiches/wraps for us to enjoy after the parade. 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. Six homes were selected as winners in this year's contest, receiving gift certificates to Capone's/Italy Terrace. Here are some highlights of all Christmas fun!



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Road Department	875-4545
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Sheriff- Hwy 609 substation	875-6963

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HEALTH CARE

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OTHER

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Lighting District Reminder

Van Arnold, Lightning District Commissioner

Please report outages or malfunctioning streetlights 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, who will report it to MS power for proper replacement.



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. Log into Facebook (get an account using your current email)
2. Search in Facebook for the group (*Gulf Hills Civic Association*), then click a request to join.

One of the administrators will approve as appropriate.

Upcoming Community Dates

Hoppin in the Hills: Saturday March 30

Gulf Hills Community Yard Sale: Saturday April 20

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.

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