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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Tammy Lee

Hello Gulf Hills Community,

I hope this message finds you well as we navigate the hot summer months here in Mississippi. As the President of the Gulf Hills Civic Association, I am proud to say that Gulf Hills remains a great community. Our residents continue to show their dedication to making Gulf Hills a wonderful place to live and I am grateful for each and every one of you.

We need your help! Currently, we only have 101 paid members out of 500+ homes in Gulf Hills. By paying your dues, you are not only contributing to the enhancement of our neighborhood, but the support allows us to host events for our entire community to enjoy. Please consider paying your 2024 dues. If you are not sure if you have paid your 2024 dues, please email [gulfhillsca@gmail.com](mailto:gulfhillsca@gmail.com) or call me at 228.217.6633.

One of our upcoming events is a FREE Estate Planning Seminar for Gulf Hills Residents hosted by our fellow resident attorney, Tina Seymour Demoran of Seymour Law Firm. This seminar will include Estate Planning, Wills, Trusts, Powers of Attorney, etc. Stay tuned for more details to come soon. On behalf of the GHCA Board "Thank you Tina for taking time out of your busy schedule to help educate/inform our neighbors of their options".

Now on to some more serious matters. Recently, we have noticed an increase in individuals trespassing on the golf course. Everyone needs to understand that the golf course is private property and is reserved for members and guests who have paid for access. Trespassing on the golf course not only disrupts the play of those who have paid to use it, but it also poses a safety risk. Please be mindful of this and help us maintain the integrity of our community by respecting the rules and regulations in place.

As with many neighborhoods these days, theft is a concerning issue for many of our residents. It is important for all of us to take precautions to protect our property, such as locking doors and windows, installing security cameras, and being aware of our surroundings. Please report any theft to the local authorities. Additional information makes it more likely the authorities will be able to investigate the crime and catch the perpetrator. It is important for neighbors to look out for one another and communicate any suspicious activity to each other and to the authorities. By working together, residents can help prevent theft and create a safer environment for everyone in the neighborhood.

Many thanks to our current GHCA Board of Directors who are listed to the right of this article. Special thanks to Heather Wagner for all of her leadership as well as our outgoing directors: Brad Linder, Pete Manley and Shari Radich. Thank you all for your time and dedication while serving on the Board. Additionally, please take a moment to welcome our new members of the Board: Erin Rosetti, Travis Martino, Quint Venus and Mike Keating.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to me or any member of the Gulf Hills Civic Association. Together, we can continue to make Gulf Hills a place we are proud to call home.

Stay cool and stay safe,



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## They're Here!

They are here! Damian and Naria have just arrived in the Hills! If you have been following the story of Italy Terrace, you know that it is a family affair. Paul has been serving lunch and dinner since January and waiting for his nephew Damian Marraffa and partner Naria Mercado to join him in the restaurant and expand the offering. (Well, truth be told, Paul has been waiting to spend time with their daughter, his beloved Ana, age 7) Damian and Naria have now moved down from Atlantic City and are hanging out at Colleen's house on the old 9th hole while they sell their home back in New Jersey.



Lot's of people have been asking about the new dinner menu and yes, it will change to finer dining, but not immediately. They need to find suppliers for their ingredients, re-design the kitchen, and orient themselves to the Gulf Coast. You will probably see the first signs of change in the Bar Menu for Capones.

Come by Italy Terrace and you might find Chef Damian in the kitchen with 'Uncle Paul' or meet Naria out-front helping to serve. Their first impressions of the Hills are very positive; Naria grew up in a small town so she really appreciates the neighborly feel and Damian grew up in Atlantic City so he appreciates the peace and quiet! They both have a passion for quality ingredients, great food, and excellent customer service. You can expect the shrimp to be fresh Gulf Shrimp, and the menu to follow the seasons.

For those of you that don't know, Chef Damian will be serving a "finer dining" menu in the evening based on his 15+ years experience, most recently at a James Beard award winning restaurant in Margate, NJ. At lunch, Paul will continue the current

menu of salads, soup, and subs plus some new twists from Damian. And Naria, a highly experienced baker and manager, will open up the Morning Cafe based on her passions for baked goods and special coffees and teas. She has already baked alongside Kelli and they are dreaming up all kinds of goodies.

So lots of change to come at Italy Terrace but to quote Chef Damian's favorite phrase "slow and steady wins the race". We appreciate your support of Italy Terrace and we appreciate your patience while Damian and Naria find their feet on the Gulf Coast. The Hills are a little different to Atlantic City, New Jersey! But Al Capone has always been Damian's favorite gangster so there's one connection to home. (Only someone from the home of Boardwalk Empire would have a favorite Gangster!)

## Box Turtle Conservation Information

Did you know a Box turtle only roams 1 mile its whole life? If it is removed from its area/home then for the rest of its life it will roam aimlessly stressed out... trying to find "home" until it dies a very sad death.



Box turtles tend to thrive best when we just leave them alone. That being said, there are some situations in which you can help them.

One such example is if you find a box turtle crossing a road. This is a slow process for them, and they often get hit. If you feel you can help them in a manner that is safe for both yourself and other drivers; you can save their life by moving them out of the road.

If you live in an area with a lot of wild box turtles, keep an eye out for them on the road so you don't hit them yourself.





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## Living Shorelines

Carroll Campbell

Waterfront property owners have a clear interest in preventing erosion, and the traditional practice is to install a bulkhead to protect property from the action of the water. However, there



is an alternative that not only protects the landholder's economic interests, but also promotes the health of our ecosystem and fisheries while it beautifies the landscape, and that is a **living shoreline**.

**What is a living shoreline?** According to [noaa.gov](http://noaa.gov), a living shoreline uses "plants or other natural elements—sometimes in combination with harder shoreline structures—to stabilize coast estuaries, bays, and tributaries." They are otherwise known as "nature-based, green or soft shorelines." They work with nature, are highly protective, grow over time, and rarely need maintenance or replacement. (<https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/insight/understanding-living-shorelines>).

Our US military takes living shorelines seriously: Keesler and MSU received a grant of \$6.48 million to construct 2.5 miles of living shoreline by Dec. 31, 2026 (<https://www.keesler.af.mil/News/Article-Display/Article/3238254/keesler-msu-shoreline-project-receives-648-million/>) Waterfront property owners in Gulf Hills are perfect candidates for this approach to shoreline stabilization.

**What are the disadvantages of bulkheads?** The Oceanography Society states that, "... These structures cause environmental harm while only temporarily preventing erosion. Their installation requires the destruction of important intertidal habitats, they increase erosion on neighboring properties, and they often fail within 30 years or less, re-

quiring maintenance or replacement (Nordstrom et al., 2009; Dugan et al., 2018)." (<https://tos.org/oceanography/article/reducing-barriers-to-living-shorelines-through-sea-grant-extension-programs>)

**How much money can a living shoreline save me?** Savings are quite variable depending on your site conditions and the materials and methods used. Installation is generally cheaper than or comparable to a bulkhead at the outset: According to Dr. Eric Sparks of MSU Extension, "my ballpark for MS would be \$50-\$200 per linear ft with the lower end basically being planting and the higher end being a breakwater plus planting." (email Dr. Eric Sparks to Carroll Campbell, 7.3.24). MS Dept. of Marine Resources quotes bulkhead costs as \$125 to \$200 per linear foot. (<https://dmr.ms.gov/wp-content/uploads/2019/07/Living-Shoreline-Cost-Comparison-Brochure.pdf>) Significant savings will consist in repairs and rebuilds over time that you won't have to pay for. A 2021 study of the living shoreline at Camp Wilkes in Biloxi found that it "could have been more than 3 times as costly and still would have cost less than maintaining and replacing a bulkhead over 30 years." (<https://masqc.org/news/article/program-can-provide-materials-for-living-shorelines-in-mississippi>).

Read the study here: [https://placeslr.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/Living-Shoreline-Cost-Benefit-Analysis\\_withPub.pdf](https://placeslr.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/Living-Shoreline-Cost-Benefit-Analysis_withPub.pdf).

**What are other benefits of a living shoreline?** There are many! Your choice of living shoreline structure and materials will be site-specific, and its benefits, therefore, will be specific to your site, but generally, living shorelines do the following, according to [noaa.gov](http://noaa.gov):

- Prevent erosion by dissipating wave energy;
- Provide protection from major storms;
- Provide water filtration—

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sediment and nutrient removal—increasing water quality

Preserve the “land-water interface,” and therefore

Provide estuary and thus habitat for shore birds and aquatic life, including post-larval shrimp and crab. If you love seafood and/or fishing, your living shoreline will support that (<https://www.noaa.gov/education/resource-collections/marine-life/life-in-estuary>);

Provide access to the water for humans and for land animals. MDMR Wildlife Patrol Office Roy Lipscomb says the following species are among those that utilize Gulf Hills marshes: osprey, herons, Gulf salt marsh snake, raccoons, otters, and turtles such as the endangered Alabama red-bellied cooter, red-eared slider, diamond back terrapin, and box turtle.

(<https://coast.noaa.gov/data/digitalcoast/pdf/living-shoreline.pdf>)

**I want a living shoreline for my property. How do I get started?**

Tremendous support is available through the MS State Extension—at no cost to you until you hire a contractor! Here’s the process:

**Contact:** Dr. Eric Sparks

([eric.sparks@msstate.edu](mailto:eric.sparks@msstate.edu)); Sara Martin ([sara.martin@msstate.edu](mailto:sara.martin@msstate.edu)); or Jaden Akers ([jaden.akers@msstate.edu](mailto:jaden.akers@msstate.edu)). 662-546-0129

**Schedule** an assessment—The team will gather measurements, aerial imagery and other info.

**Approve** a shoreline design—A custom design that accommodates your needs and protects your shoreline will be provided for your review.

**Sign** the Permit Application—MSU Extension will work with state and federal agencies to prepare your permit application and submit it on your behalf.

**Hire** a contractor to install your living shoreline.

## HELP! Volunteer/Donate

The Gulf Hills Civic Association implements improvements each year to help maintain and improve our community. Last year the Memorial Garden, Triangle and New Entrance Sign were completed. We would like to plan new projects and need your help. New project ideas include replacing damaged Gulf Hills signs that are at the entrances of our neighborhood, adding decorative signposts and installing a sign at the North Entrance. Please email any improvement ideas you have in mind to be considered to [gulfhillsca@gmail.com](mailto:gulfhillsca@gmail.com) If you can’t volunteer, please consider donating. Donations can be sent by check to Gulf Hills Civic Association at P.O. Box 475, Ocean Springs, MS 39566 or via Square via Square at [Donation - Gulf Hills Civic Association Inc \(square.site\)](https://www.square.site)



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## Gulf Hills Hotel Upcoming Events

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July 25th 6-8pm **National Wine & Cheese Day** (Tickets Required \$30), Indulge in a curated selection of fine domestic cheeses, perfectly paired with a flight of three domestic wines. Enjoy the stunning views at the Gulf Hills Hotel while savoring these delicious combinations.

August 10th 7-9pm Murder Mystery Dinner (Tickets TBD)

August 9th-17th Elvis Week (Details TBD - We will have different events going on everyday of the week)

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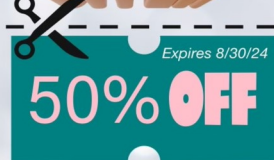
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### Gulf Hills Civic Association MISSION

To promote and encourage the development of the residential area known as Gulf Hills, in Jackson County, Mississippi, for the best interests of the present and future residents of such area; to encourage among the members closer personal acquaintance and a friendly spirit of mutual cooperation; to acquire, maintain and operate equipment and vehicles for the prevention of fires, or the extinguishing thereof, in Gulf Hills and adjacent property, or to contract for such services; and generally, to do and perform all other acts incidental or necessary to the operation of a community civic association.

### 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 publishes a quarterly newsletter, which is e-mailed to each known household within the Gulf Hills neighborhood. Additionally, the GHCA has established a website [www.gulfhills.org](http://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.

◆ **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.

◆ **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 help the association and serve on committees!

Annual Dues of **\$50.00** may be paid by credit card at [Payment | Gulf Hills Civic Association](#) 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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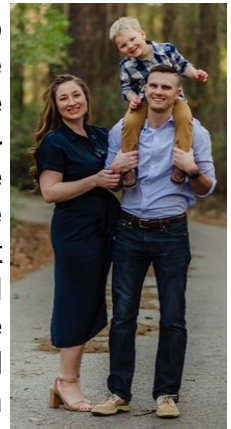
The summer has arrived and brought with it plenty of heat this year. The golf course has continued to improve through the spring and we are very pleased with our overall condition. We are making vast improvements to the turf in the fairways and have improved the roughs considerably. Please be great neighbors and respect that the golf course is for golfers. For absolute safety factors, we ask that you do not use it for a walking trail or a dog park. We have had a lot of vandalism this season, so if you see anything suspicious, please call the Proshop.



We are starting a Tuesday night league. For info, please call the Proshop (228) 872-4653. Thank you to everyone for helping make the Gulf Hills Golf Course a great place to play!

## Meet Erin Rosetti

Erin Kenna Rosetti grew up in St. Martin, and while she's lived elsewhere, the Mississippi Coast has always called her home. She and her husband Nick have lived in Gulf Hills for almost 4 years. Erin graduated from the Louisiana State University Manship School of Mass Communication in 2014 and received her MBA



from LSU Shreveport in 2020. For over a decade, she has worked in strategic and corporate communications in a variety of industries, including in Chicago for the largest public relations firm in the world, Edelman. Erin is the Communications Manager for Memorial Health System, where she is responsible for internal communication, external communication strategies and implementation, media relations, and more. Along with volunteering for multiple organizations, Erin serves on the Leadership Gulf Coast Board of Trustees, she's the Vice President and Programs Chair for the Public Relations Association of Mississippi Beach Chapter, and she is a member of the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Gulf Coast Corporate Board of Directors. She was recently named to the Mississippi Business Journal Top 40 Under 40 Class. Erin, Nick, their 3-year-old son Nolan, and their beagle Barney are thrilled to support and be part of the Gulf Hills community. They love spending time on the water and enjoying the many festivals and attractions along the Coast.

## THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS!

Thank you [Eddie Byrd](#), [Billie Jean Carter](#), [Ryan Coffin](#) and El Coffin for volunteering and cleaning the entrance to Gulf Hills near the sign. The garbage and high grass were piling up.



Thank you Raegan Pfeiffer, Elaine Burnham, and Fermin Parra from the golf course for weeding the triangle and weed eating in the memorial garden. The Triangle and garden look GREAT!

Thank You Bobbie Hegge Longe for picking up the trash as you do your daily walk thru Gulf Hills.



Thank You Ed Burkett for keeping the North Entrance clear of debris.





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## Red Fox

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

Red Foxes have a distinctive appearance and aren't easy to confuse with other animals in South Mississippi. Although they are common, they do a great job of remaining unseen. They are most active at night, late evening, or in the early morning hours.



The fields, wooded areas, and brush in Gulf Hills provide the variety of habitat they prefer. They typically sleep hidden above ground, but they sometimes dig burrows or move into a secure area around human structures. They also create dens for raising their young, called kits.

Mating season for red foxes usually occurs in January or February, with a litter of anywhere between one and 11 kits born in March or April. I had many sightings this Spring of them in the neighborhood and like raccoons this time of year they have young to feed. The kits are born blind and helpless, cared for by both parents for as long as 12 weeks before they can venture out for short trips to explore the neighborhood. By fall, they are ready to leave the family unit and live on their own.

Red foxes prefer rodents, but they will also eat birds, amphibians, and fruit. Red foxes will also steal food from garbage cans, pet dishes, or scavenge whatever is around. Their ability to find food, even during the winter, is one reason why red foxes have a reputation for being cunning and smart.

Red foxes have adapted well to suburban and rural communities. While other large predators have

been pushed away from human development, red foxes took advantage of the changed habitat.

## The Homeless Under the Bridge

There are currently two State Agencies and three County Agencies working on resolving the homeless living under the Fort Bayou Bridge. MDOT has jurisdiction for the bridge and under it. Until the red tape is resolved we can help remedy some of it by not dropping off food, bicycles, and other items there. Even though people mean well this encourages more people to move under there. There are many safer and cleaner shelters in the area than living under the bridge.

## Meet Mike Keating

Hello, I'm Michael Keating and I moved to Gulf Hills from Deland Florida over 3 years ago with my wife Sally. After visiting the area "we fell in love with the community and the people and had to relocate here" I like to cook and enjoy attempting to play golf occasionally. While working, I was very active with the Baltimore's chapter of "Make a Wish Foundation" and "United Healthcare's Children's Foundation".



Being proactive and volunteering with the Gulf Hills Community Association is very important because it provides the community an important vehicle for building a strong vibrant residential area with beautification projects, activities for children and public service communications for all residents. I look forward to assisting the other board members in continuing the process.

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## Crawfish Cook-Off

Patrick Thompson

On April 13 the Gulf Hills Civics Association held our 1<sup>st</sup> ever crawfish cook-off. We had 13 teams competing this year for prizes in: Best Sausage won by Afton Cove, Best side won by team Line 3, 3<sup>rd</sup> place Crawfish was won by team Rovelo, 2<sup>nd</sup> place Crawfish won by team Cajun Boys and 1<sup>st</sup> place crawfish was won by team Napa. We also had a People's Choice won by team Shewee. Fun was had by all ages, even the little ones thanks to a face painting booth and a jump house. For the Corn Hole crowd Goula Corn-hole came out and set up few boards so some bags could get tossed around. Blossman Gas was on hand with plenty of goodies to give away and for sale and even had extra propane if the teams needed, thanks guys! Even if you were not into crawfish Gulf Hill's own Italy Terrace was serving up their goodness with some sandwiches and other items, Papa's Peanuts had plenty of boiled peanuts on hand and if anyone needed a cool down Pop Brothers had you taken care of with their own artisan ice pops. We want to thank everyone for coming out and taking a part of this year's Crawfish Cook Off and we hope to see you all and more next time!



## From Our Sheriff John Ledbetter

Hello Gulf Hills Citizens!!

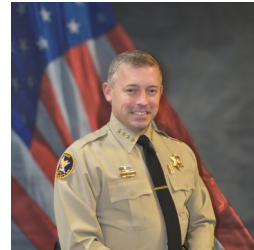
We hope you had a Happy July 4 and now the summertime heat is on full blast.

During the summer school break our investigators see certain crimes increase. It's the same ones across the county. In the St. Martin community which includes Gulf Hills, from **April through June** of this year, these were the crimes reported the most:

- Assaults: 25**
- Burglary: 8**
- Auto Burglaries: 22**
- Theft (including shoplifting): 34**
- Auto Theft: 8**
- Fraud/Scams: 16**

Please be aware that scammers have nothing to do but come up with more ways to take your money. They are the most challenging crimes for our investigators to solve because so many of them take place online or over the phone. Remember, if they sound too good to be true, they usually are so don't fall for them.

We are here to help you, so don't hesitate to call anytime. Thank you for supporting your sheriff's department. Have a great summer, stay cool, and be safe!



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## Gulf Hills Garden Club

Mary Ann Westfall, President, GHGC

Attract pollinators to your garden!

The Gulf Hills Garden Club has for many years planted and maintained the Butterfly Garden at the south end of the Memorial Garden, and recently registered this garden as a Monarch Waystation with Monarch-Watch.org.

This designation recognizes Gulf Hills Garden Club for creating and maintaining a garden providing milkweeds, nectar plants and shelter for Monarchs throughout their annual life cycle of reproduction and migration. Our Monarch Waystation, number 47468, will be included in the national registry at MonarchWatch.org.

We encourage everyone to plant for all pollinators, in addition to planting specific milkweeds to help our Monarchs and other pollinators to thrive. The importance of pollinators cannot be overstated.

Did you know that it's estimated that one out of every three bites of food we eat is made possible because of pollinators? In addition to food, pollinators support ecosystems that clean the air and stabilize soil.

To encourage pollinators to visit your garden, you need plants that provide habitat for bees, butterflies, moths, beetles, hummingbirds and other pollinators.

Flowers provide nectar and pollen, while fallen fruit provides food for bees, beetles and butterflies. Specific plants are eaten by the larvae of pollinators, like the endangered Monarch butterfly, whose caterpillars rely on varieties of milkweed as their only food source.

Providing a diversity of plants supports a variety of



pollinators. Grouping plants will increase pollination allowing pollinators to transfer pollen to the same species of plants, while providing protection from predators as the pollinators move through your garden. Flowers of different colors, fragrance and bloom season will attract pollinators and provide pollen and nectar throughout the seasons. Herbs, such as oregano, chives, garlic, mint, parsley, dill and basil also attract pollinators.

Naturally, old fashioned flowers such as zinnias, cosmos, coreopsis, and sunflowers attract and support bees and butterflies, while providing a visual feast for the eyes.

Gulf Hills Garden Club encourages you to keep pollinators in mind when planning your garden. Happy gardening!

## Winner of Ope'N tournament

Jessie Lancaster

St. Martin golf teammates SP Stiglets, Gulf Hills resident, and JJ Fletcher, carried their dads to a big win in the 3rd Annual Ope'N Tournament played at Gulf Hills Golf Course. The Ope'N is a memorial tournament started by Gulfhills resident, Ope Openchowski, and directed by Gulf Hills resident Martin Kimbrell. The idea was to have fun and raise money for the high school golf teams. Ope's a big golfer and his son played for OS high school back in the day. Several Gulf Hills residents participated and together we raised \$1,500 for St Martin's golf team and \$1,500 for Ocean Springs' golf team. Very impressive. Thank you Ope for your love of golf and your generosity to our local golf teams. Reagan and Don, thank you for making it work at your course. Kids are our future. Shout out to Ward's Chili Cheese Burgers, Gulfport and Liquid Assets Mississippi, pool boy, for your sponsorships.

# Helpful Phone Numbers

## UTILITIES

Cable: (Sparklight)	374-5900
Electric: (MS Power)	800-532-1502
Power outage/trouble	800-487-3275
Natural Gas: (Center Point)	896-7500
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. <b>911</b> 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
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 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](mailto: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.

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## Upcoming Community Dates

Labor Day: Monday September 2

Gulf Hills Community Yard Sale: Saturday Nov 9

## 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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