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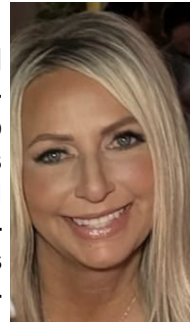
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Tammy Lee

WOW, what a way to kick off 2025! Gulf Hills experienced a record-breaking snowfall in January, blanketing our beautiful neighborhood with an impressive 8 inches of snow. For many of us, this unexpected winter wonderland brought joy, excitement, and a chance to embrace the beauty of the season. As the snowflakes fell, residents took to the streets, building snowmen, sledding, having snowball fights, and enjoying the serene beauty of our neighborhood transformed into a snowy landscape. It was heartwarming to see families and friends come together, sharing laughter and creating unforgettable memories.



As we welcome the new year, it's time to reflect on what a busy and vibrant 2024 it has been in Gulf Hills! The last quarter of the year was particularly lively. The Gulf Hills Civic Association organized a series of fun community events that brought us all together. Our Halloween in the Hills event was a spooktacular success! Families enjoyed a festive evening filled with trunk-or-treating, food, and some very spooky costumes. A big thank you to all the volunteers who helped make this event a frightful delight! Another standout highlight of the season was our inaugural Halloween Home Decorating Contest. Some residents went all out, showcasing their creativity and Halloween spirit with fantastic decorations that transformed our neighborhood into a spooky wonderland. From eerie graveyards to whimsical witches, the displays were nothing short of spectacular! Congratulations to our winners, who not only received bragging rights but a gift card to Italy Terrace for their efforts. A heartfelt thank you to everyone who participated and made this event a resounding success. We can't wait to see what everyone comes up with next year!

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ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING!

The 2025 Gulf Hills Civic Association Annual Membership Meeting will be held on Monday, March 24, 2025. The ballroom of the Gulf Hills Hotel and Resort have been secured for the event. This meeting is for residents of Gulf Hills households that have paid their annual dues of \$50. Many have already paid, but you still can pay via a check or using your credit card at Gulfhills.org. Of course, you can pay at the door, but if you pay at the event, please come early. 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 2024 and the proposed budget for 2025; a membership update; a review of events since our last membership meet-

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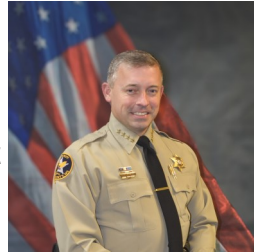
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From Our Sheriff John Ledbetter

Hello Gulf Hills Citizens!

Another Christmas season is behind us, it's a new year, and Mardi Gras is upon us. This may be the coldest Carnival season in recent memory, bringing with it some frigid temps a lot of us could do without. Up first on the parade schedule is Ocean Springs, with the February 15 day parade. Many more will follow, and our traffic deputies will be on the route of each one watching out for any safety issues.



Sheriff Ledbetter

We are happy to report that after nearly a year of establishing our own in-house forensics laboratory, we are getting faster results from drug testing. The lab is in Pascagoula, under the supervision of the South Mississippi Metro Enforcement Team, SMMET. Drugs seized by the narcotics officers are taken there to be analyzed, instead of being sent to the state crime lab in Jackson. Bypassing the state's backlog of cases means we get results within two weeks instead of having to wait two years or more. Cases go to trial sooner and the county isn't paying the state's crime lab fees, saving thousands of dollars a year. We really appreciate the Jackson County Supervisors helping us create the lab, which is proving to be an invaluable resource.

Many of you may have started working on your taxes. This is a popular time of the year when scammers are also hard at work coming up with ways to rob you. Please keep in mind that any calls you get from someone claiming to be from the IRS is a red flag. The IRS does their business by mail, not through phone calls. So, when "the IRS" calls, just hang up.

These scammers don't give up and we cannot stress enough how important it is to protect yourself. Whether it be a call from someone claiming that you skipped jury duty or failed to pay old fines, remember, they're calling to rip you off. Please don't fall for

it and don't ever give your personal financial information to anyone. We also stress to keep your vehicles and homes locked. Don't give anyone a reason to help themselves to your personal belongings.

Thank you for supporting your sheriff's department. It takes citizens and law enforcement to keep our communities safe. We hope all of you have a happy and safe Mardi Gras and stay warm!



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The holiday season was equally magical with our Christmas in the Hills celebration. From the Christmas parade to the tree lighting ceremony, the spirit of the season was alive and well in our community. Families gathered to enjoy food, music, and friendship. It was heartwarming to see neighbors come together to celebrate and spread cheer. Special thank you to Italy Terrace for serving us some amazing food. The Deck the Hills competition was fierce with so many spectacular homes. A big congratulations to the winners for their hard work and creativity. It's always inspiring to see how people express their holiday spirit through decorations.

These wonderful events and many more throughout the year are made possible with the support of our community members. Membership in the Gulf Hills Civic Association not only helps fund these activities but also strengthens the bonds within our neighborhood. Your participation ensures that we can continue to host events that foster community spirit and engagement.

If you haven't yet joined, consider becoming a member today! Together, we can make Gulf Hills an even more vibrant and welcoming place to live.

As we step into 2025, we're excited about the possibilities that lie ahead. We're planning even more events and opportunities for community engagement, and we can't wait to share them with you. Stay tuned for updates and mark your calendars for upcoming gatherings! Thank you for being a part of what makes Gulf Hills so special. Here's to a fantastic new year filled with community, connection, and fun!

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Gardening Wiles to Woo Hummingbirds

Carroll Campbell

Hummingbirds are fleet, flirty, and quite adorable, a charismatic species that charms humans. The ruby-throated hummingbird is the most likely hummingbird to be spotted in South MS, according to Robert F. Brzuszek of MSU. (<http://extension.msstate.edu/content/attracting-hummingbirds-mississippi-gardens>). Others identified here are the white-eared hummingbird, buff-bellied hummingbird, and black-chinned hummingbird. (<http://extension.msstate.edu/news/extension-outdoors/2014/attract-hummingbirds-native-plants>).

You can provide hummingbirds food, water, shelter, and nesting space to draw them. A good lure initially is a brightly-colored feeder, as they love flashy colors. If you use a one, clean it twice a week, preferably by boiling it, as soap can be toxic; for food, use a mixture of one part refined sugar to four parts water boiled together. (<https://cdispatch.com/lifestyles/plants-and-habitats-to-attract-hummingbirds-in-mississippi/>) However, a sugary lure is a mere “snack” in the hummingbird diet, providing quick, easy energy, but no nutrition (<https://www.naturenature.com/post/make-your-yard-a-safe-hummingbird-habitat>).

Hummingbirds require protein, which comes from insects—especially during nesting season. According to Brzuszek, the hummingbird diet is 95% spiders and flying insects--and 5 % hummingbird feeder fare or nectar. It must be stressed: Avoid pesticides and lawn chemicals, and encourage the growth of native plants and wildflowers, which support bugs hummingbirds need to thrive and rear young (<https://cdispatch.com/lifestyles/plants-and-habitats-to-attract-hummingbirds-in-mississippi/>).

Hardy and beautiful indigenous perennials are the best choice of plants to draw hummingbirds. They evolved to survive our climate and thrive in our soils. Plus, you won't have to re-plant each year. Try bee balm, blazing star, butterfly weed, canna, cardinal flower, and coral bells, according to Brzuszek. (*Ibid.*)

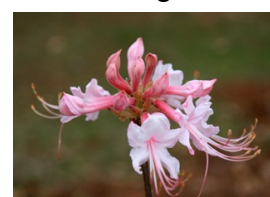
Choose plants with long, tubular flowers suited to hummingbirds' long, specially adapted beak. Three natives especially recommended in the literature are red buckeye, native azalea, and coral honeysuckle. (*Ibid.*) According to wildlife.com, “red buckeye shrubs can grow to be up to 20 feet tall. It's native to the southeastern U.S...can tolerate a wide variety of soil types and moisture levels... grows best in part shade but...can grow in full sun as long as it is shaded in the hot afternoons.”



Red Buckeye

Native azaleas are also highly recommended. Of 15 native species, two are early-blooming: the piedmont or honeysuckle azalea, and the Florida flame azalea.

(<http://extension.msstate.edu/news/southern-gardening/2016/native-azaleas-should-shine-bright-spring>). Provide native azaleas with filtered sunlight, and well-drained, sandy, acidic soil. (*Ibid.*)



Piedmont azalea

A third plant is coral honeysuckle, a.k.a. trumpet honeysuckle (*Lonicera sempervirens*), which produces bright red flowers in spring, and bright red berries in the fall that are also bird food. (<http://extension.msstate.edu/news/extension-outdoors/2014/attract-hummingbirds-native-plants>).



Orange flame azalea



coral honeysuckle

Water MSU recommends providing a shallow water source. Add rocks or bricks to a bird bath to create a shallow pool, or buy a specialized bird bath. Hummingbirds also benefit from the cooling afforded by a mister. There are plenty of birdbaths and misters designed for hummingbirds--simply google.

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Shelter While we think of hummingbirds as very active, constantly moving creatures, in fact they need landscape features for perching—for rest, or to monitor their territory for predators. Females especially perch in more protected areas, so allow clusters of shrubs to fill in here and there and make sure you landscape with a good native tree or two to provide some denser shade. <http://extension.msstate.edu/content/attracting-hummingbirds-mississippi-gardens;>)

Nesting Space Hummingbirds prefer to nest in vines, shrubs, or trees, and compose their nests of “plant fibers, fluffy seeds, lichens, and spider webs,” so allow for these in your yard. Allow for brushy, protected, and low-traffic “thickets” to emerge in your landscape to encourage nesting. (Ibid.)

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Gulf Hills Widows & Widowers

Pat Lobrano, Resident

After completing my first year of widowhood I have come to the conclusion that there has to be a better way. I was married for almost 25 years to the sweetest most wonderful man I have ever known. William B C Lobrano practiced medicine here in Ocean Springs for 50 years before retiring a few years ago. We moved to the Gulf Hills community in 2017 to our comfortable craftsman residence on Bay Sweep Circle and loved every minute we spent here.

He was enjoying his retirement in spite of having to deal with the inconveniences, as he called his symptoms, of Parkinson's. His death last year was unexpected and resulted from complications of hospitalization for a UTI.

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Gulf Hills Golf Course News

Scooter Huckabee

Its that time of year again. The mercury drops and we bundle up to keep warm. We are seeing some cold temperatures this month, possibly even record breaking. We will keep the golf



course open as much as possible but I do see some inevitable closures. Our staff is working diligently to keep the course free of debris and as playable as possible.

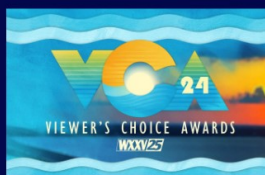
This spring, we will be possibly looking at doing some tee renovations and some possible bunker improvements. Our irrigation is still on life support so we should be doing some upgrades there as well.

Please remember we are a golf course, not a walking or biking trail. It is a matter of safety that we only allow golfers on the golf course at all times. Thank you again for your continued support.



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Free Seminars

Tina Seymour Demoran

Gulf Hills resident and attorney Tina Seymour Demoran of Seymour Law Firm, PLLC is excited to host two free seminars this February, designed to address important legal and financial topics:

- "I'm Single, Now What?"
- February 11th 5:00–6:00 PM

This seminar will explore the unique legal and financial challenges faced by individuals who are not married. Tina will cover topics such as prenuptial agreements, asset protection strategies for those planning to marry, and ensuring your children are protected in blended family situations.

- "Estate Planning and Hurricane Preparedness"
- February 26th 11:00 AM–1:00 PM or 5:00–6:00 PM

This seminar will focus on estate planning essentials and preparing for hurricane season. Tina will discuss legal issues related to hurricane preparedness, steps for insurance claim preparation, and how to safeguard your estate and loved ones during emergencies. Both seminars are free of charge and offer valuable insights and practical advice. Don't miss this opportunity to gain knowledge and ask questions in a friendly, approachable setting! Both will be held at the St. Martin Public Library on Lemoyne Boulevard, 15004 LeMoyne Blvd. Biloxi, MS.

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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 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 2025 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 with your check to: Gulf Hills Civic Association, P.O. Box 475, Ocean Springs, MS 39566-0475

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Bufflehead Ducks

Roy Lipscomb, Marine Patrol Officer,
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If you look in the waterways, especially around the Ft Bayou/South Shore Dr entrance you will most likely see these small migratory waterfowl diving in the bayous



during winter. Bufflehead are widespread during their migration in winter. They will leave their breeding grounds in Alaska and Canada and migrate to our Southern waters. They move to the coast and large bodies of water, especially shallow saltwater bays. They breed near lakes in northern forests where conifers mix with poplars or aspens. Bufflehead nest in tree cavities and will utilize woodpecker holes already drilled out.

A female will lay eight to 10 eggs and incubates them for about a month before they hatch. Within the first two days of life, bufflehead chicks leave the nest and follow their mother to water. It's not uncommon for two broods to join or for a separated duckling to join another brood. While the mother will look after the chicks, the young generally forage for food by themselves. Bufflehead chicks can fly between 50 and 55 days old.

Bufflehead primarily feed on a variety of invertebrates, including insects, mollusks, and crustaceans. They also eat plant matter, such as pondweeds and seeds. Food is harvested by diving in shallow open water.



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I'm not sure I could have made it without the support of my little group of widow friends and of course special family members. And luckily I still have a small handful of married friends who also have reached out to keep me engaged and moving forward. Every single relationship is critical in the early months and even later. From what I hear this new place that we find ourselves in doesn't necessarily automatically improve quickly over time. I'm constantly amazed when I read about people who are a decade or more out and still feel the constant cloud of devastation and loss hanging over them. Of course, the greater the love the greater the feelings of loss I suppose. I honestly thought I was going to be stronger than this because I am a very independent person and have had several careers in my lifetime. One never knows how the loss is going to impact them and it's very hard to prepare for. Having a support system is key.

I have become acutely aware of how much better I feel when I am around people who like to converse on a variety of topics. I believe that Gulf Hills is brimming with interesting people who have worlds of experiences to share. My sweet husband always said that he had never met a person that he couldn't learn something from so he greatly enjoyed talking to anyone and everyone. The brain loves to be stimulated!

All that to say that I am on a quest to find other folks in Gulf Hills who have lost a spouse and are maybe looking to broaden their circle of friends with people who know what they are going through. Out of 600 homes in the hills I am sure there are a good many of us that are living alone and navigating this new, or in some cases old "Me instead of We" situation.

I would like to cook my special Gumbo one night soon and have a group over to just celebrate life, share navigational strategies and get to know each other. Delivery can be arranged for shut-ins.

If you know of someone who is widowed and living alone, please forward their name and contact information about them as possible. I especially would like to be contacted in the future when someone in our community is newly widowed so we can help provide the needed support during that most critical time. Thank you for your help.

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Gulf Hills Hotel Update

Kick off the new year with unforgettable moments at Gulf Hills Hotel + Resort! Whether you're a sports fan ready to cheer, a couple seeking a romantic retreat or simply looking for a fun night out, our lineup of exciting events has something for everyone. Make plans to escape the ordinary, right in your own backyard!



Super Bowl Sunday at Sunset Lounge

Date: February 9th **Time:** 5:30 PM
 Celebrate Super Bowl Sunday with us! Enjoy delicious game-day bites, signature cocktails and beer specials as you cheer on your favorite team. The Sunset Lounge promises an electric atmosphere full of excitement and camaraderie.

Valentine's Day at Sunset Lounge

Date: February 14th **Time:** 5:30 PM
 Celebrate love with a laid-back but sophisticated evening at the Sunset Lounge. Indulge in 15% off wine by the glass, 15% off caviar and champagne and \$1 off our handcrafted signature cocktail, crafted exclusively for the occasion.

St. Patrick's Day Celebration at Sunset Lounge

Date: March 17th
 Details coming soon! Expect festive drinks, lively entertainment and all things green as we celebrate the luck of the Irish. Stay tuned for more information.

Battle on the Bayou

Date: March 22nd
 Details coming soon! Get ready for an exciting event that celebrates the spirit and energy of our vibrant Gulf Coast! More details to follow!

Other Exciting News:

The Gulf Hills Retail Gift Shop is now open! Expect brands you LOVE like Lorna Murray, Karli Buxton, Avene, Laneige and SO much more! Stop by and browse soon.

Stay connected with us for updates and additional event details. Follow Gulf Hills Hotel + Resort on social media or visit our website to learn more. We can't wait to celebrate with you!

2025 Community Yard Sale

Our 2025 Bi-Annual Community Yard Sale is scheduled for Saturday, April 12th at 8 AM. This is always a popular community event and we certainly hope that this year will be no exception.

We have three 3'x10' banner signs which will be prominently displayed at the three Gulf Hills entrances by Monday, April 7th. Ads will be placed in: the Sun Herald and BiloxiYardSales.com. We also put together and distribute a handout that includes a Gulf Hills map and the plotted addresses of all registered participants. The Gulf Hills Civic Association sponsors this event and there is **NO** cost to the participants.



To register your Yard Sale, please send an email to gulphillsca@gulphills.com that includes your address and you will be included on the handout. It takes a while to put the handout together so, if you wait until the last minute, you may not be included.

Successful Yard Sales generally require some thought and pre-planning. Be sure to have price stickers on most items and be sure to have lots of change and small bills.

YARD SALE TIPS

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

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

Signage: If you don't live on Shore Dr., put up signs at intersections directing customers to your home.




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

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

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

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Gulf Hills Garden Club

Mary Ann Westfall, President, Gulf Hills Garden Club

People often ask, “What do you do in the Garden Club; what’s the purpose of it?”

Well, in Gulf Hills Garden Club, we hold monthly meetings—August through May—meeting in a variety of places from public spaces to members’ homes. Since our meetings are during the middle of the day, we also enjoy refreshments provided by members, which are always delicious and often with a theme. Our small club has a very enjoyable time, while accomplishing Garden Club business.

At many meetings we learn about garden topics of interest to our members, such as roses and how to propagate them, composting to enrich our gardens, dividing perennials, air-cleansing house plants, and learning all about Monarch butterflies and what to plant in your garden to help them thrive.

Members also enjoy hands-on activities, which can range from using pressed flowers collected from our gardens to design and create beautiful suncatchers or one-of-a-kind framed art, creating pinecone/peanut butter bird feeders to help our neighborhood birds thrive in cold weather, and planting succulents in individual terrariums to keep or share.

Field trips also occasionally come into play, where we can learn up close from experts on such topics as organic gardening (sampling organic produce right from the garden) or foraging with a local expert to help us identify edible and medicinal plants and mushrooms in the wild.

Other times, we host knowledgeable speakers on topics as diverse as living shorelines and wetlands, the benefits of gardening with native plants and which invasive plants to avoid in our yards and gardens, learning about the different types of orchids and tips on how to grow them indoors and outdoors. Past meetings have hosted local landscape architects and florists who have shared some of their secrets with our members. Gardening topics vary every

year.

Our club continues to maintain the Daylily Garden Triangle across the street from the Memorial Garden (planting it pink every October), a pollinator garden at the south end of the Memorial Garden, and the Memorial Brick Path within the Memorial Garden, with engraved bricks available for purchase through our club. Our members can assist with application for registering trees estimated to be at least 100 years old with the Societe Des Arbres, a locally archived organization under The Garden Clubs of Mississippi, Inc.

Membership in Gulf Hills Garden Club is open to anyone who has an interest in gardening and friendship with fellow gardeners. If you would like to learn more, please contact Mary Ann Westfall, westfall.maryann1@gmail.com.

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ing; and a discussion of opportunities in the Gulf Hills community and civic association. There will be an opportunity for Members to discuss items of concern.

There will be items which require a vote of the Members. The first is the election of 4 Directors to fill terms ending in 2025. Board members serve terms of three years. The Board will present a slate, and Members may make nominations from the floor. Please plan to attend and let your voice be heard!



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Helpful Phone Numbers

UTILITIES

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| Cable: (Sparklight) | 374-5900 |
| Electric: (MS Power) | 800-532-1502 |
| Power outage/trouble | 800-487-3275 |
| Natural Gas: (Center Point) | 896-7500 |
| Water & Sewer: (WJCU) | 872-3898 |

COUNTY SERVICES

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| 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

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

HEALTH CARE

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| 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

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| Wild at Heart (Wildlife) | 669-7907 |
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LIBRARIES

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

Lighting District Reminder

Van Arnold, Lightning District Commissioner

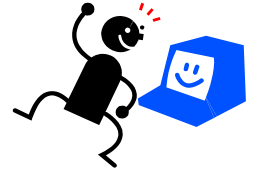
Please report outages or malfunctioning streetlights to Mississippi Power at 800-487-3275. Give the address closest to the light. The Gulf Hills Lighting District is being charged for each light, working or not.

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 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.

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Upcoming Community Dates

Superbowl Sunday: February 9th
Valentine's Day: Sunday February 14th
OS Elks Mardi Gras Parade: 1PM Sat Feb 15
President's Day: Monday February 17
OS Night Parade: 7PM Friday Feb 28
St Paddy's Day: Monday March 17
Association Annual Mtg: Monday March 24th
Spring Arts Festival Sat//Sun March 22-23
Gulf Hills Community Yard Sale: Saturday April 12
Hoppin' in the Hills: Sunday April 13th

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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