

The Heron

Bay Harbor Newsletter

Bay Harbor - The Friendly Subdivision



Pam Williams, Editor

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The Prez Says....

It's here.....summer weather. Getting to be hot and humid but, I have always said, "a bad day in Galveston is better than a good day anywhere else."

First and foremost I want to personally invite everyone to attend this year's Annual Meeting held on the second weekend in June. Yes, put June 11, 2016 on your calendar as it should prove to be a super meeting. Silent auction, fishing tournament, great food, an informative meeting are all in store for the annual meeting. Also, and probably most important is the dedication of our pavilion which was constructed recently. We're all proud of the accomplishment and want you to know that its available to each and every MEMBER of the Bay Harbor Improvement Association. Along with the great food will be live music to be enjoyed by all who attend the annual meeting. The meeting starts at 5:00 p.m. Tickets for the meal will be distributed to EACH member. Any non members may purchase meal tickets for a nominal amount. Western boundary of the community and the Eastern boundary. Please be careful when walking anywhere in the community. A favorite hiding place of rattlesnakes is underbrush and/or inside water meters. A good thing is that a rattlesnake will alert you when you're getting too close. Trust me about this as it happened to me TWICE in two weeks over on Seventh street.

A special caution for all residents. The rattlesnakes are out and about especially on the So, BE CAREFUL.

We have board elections at each Annual Meeting. If there are any of you who wish to be on the board then here is your chance. Meetings occur once every two months and last for about 2 hrs. per meeting. Be involved and let everyone know you care about the community. If you are interested but have questions, please do not hesitate contacting any board member. If you have specific questions regarding the association or being a member of the board, you can also contact me through the Bay Harbor Improvement Association website.

If you have something you would like to place in the silent auction at the annual meeting, please contact Cathy Winsor (cathyfwinsor@gmail.com). The silent auction benefits the association, YOUR association directly. The more items donated the more \$ going to the association.

If you are a member and have a neighbor who is not a member, take the pledge to bring them to the annual meeting and have them join. There will be an opportunity to join the organization AT the meeting.

I'll close now with HOPING WE HAVE THE LARGEST MEETING EVER. SEE YOU THERE!

Charles Winsor
President B.H.I.A.

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**Bay Harbor Improvement Association
Annual Meeting and Bar-B-Que Dinner**

**June 11, 2016
5pm
Bay Harbor Pavilion**

Come join your neighbors for the annual meeting and to join in the dedication of the newly built Bay Harbor Pavilion! See the separate notice about the fishing tournament that will be held the same weekend!

Share a great time hearing the latest news of the neighborhood and participate in the election of our board members. After the business portion of the meeting we will announce the results of the silent auction then members will enjoy a delicious bar-b-que meal. Non-members pay a nominal \$5 for dinner.

RSVPs are appreciated for the food count!

Help with food is always welcome!
Bring your favorite side dish or dessert!

Contact Gail at 409-737-1707 gschoate@sbcglobal.net
or May Bonno at 409-737-1085 maybonn0@att.net

Donations are always needed for the auction!
Contributors receive a free ad in the Heron

Contact Cathy Winsor 409-737-5913
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Your Bay Harbor Improvement Association



(Picture provided by Bill Hand)

Bay Harbor Improvement Association Pavilion



The Board of Directors of the Bay Harbor Improvement Association is pleased to announce that our pavilion is finally finished! We passed the city inspection on May 1 and are ready to welcome you and your guests to the building for our annual meeting on June 11 at 5PM. We will have a brief dedication ceremony, recognize those who were involved in the building's planning and construction, explain a simple set of rules and then enjoy ourselves with food, festivities, the annual meeting and a silent auction.

Even though we have a simple building, it is constructed to the latest hurricane codes and was therefore reasonably expensive. Accordingly, we are pleased to announce that any BHIA member who wishes to may purchase a commemorative plaque and display either their support for the pavilion or their remembrances of a loved one. A picture of the very first plaque is included at the end of this article. It commemorates one of the greatest friends of Bay Harbor ever: Randy Choate.

You can easily have a plaque next to this one. Fees start at \$150. (Of course, we will gladly except extra funds.) Please see the pavilion chairman at the end of the meeting to make a purchase. Installation will take about three weeks.

Thanks again to all who participated in this project. We are particularly grateful to Jack Hopkins, contractor; Phillip Martin, architect; Harry Brengden, engineer and Chris Lauck landscaper... and everybody else who volunteered to help research, locate, permit, place paint and generally clean up the area for a new building.

See you on June 11 for the dedication!

In Memory of

Randy Choate



Bay Harbor Spring 2016 Fishing Report
by Capt. Bill Hand



As expected, the heavy rains and fresh water run-off from the past few months has created some great conditions for fishing in West Bay. The bay and the canals in Bay Harbor are full of Menhaden (Pogies) and the Specks and Reds are getting plenty to eat. Fishing has been just short of fantastic over the past few weeks and the fish are fat and healthy. There is still a lack of Redfish other than some over size Bull Reds that are schooling under birds out in the middle of the bay on some days.



There are also plenty of birds following schools of mostly small Specks and Gafftop all over the west end of the bay. It is only a matter of a few weeks before we should start to see a load of Sand Trout.



The only downside of fishing this time of year is trying to get a window of good weather on the days that you can be down here to fish. Over the past two months that has been about two good days per week following passing fronts and stormy weather. As we get into summer our weather patterns usually stabilize and we have calm mornings and the SE wind comes up in the afternoon.



Now is the time to get out there and get with the action before our "Africa Hot" weather settles in for the long hot summer.

Tight Lines!
Capt. Bill



Bay Harbor Fishing Rodeo



JUNE 10th & 11th, 2016

Starts: 8:00 PM Friday June 10th
Ends: 1:30 PM Saturday June 11th

Weigh-in: 12:30 PM to 1:30 PM Saturday at the fish cleaning table

Prizes awarded at our new pavilion, Bay Harbor marina: 1:30 - 2:30 PM Saturday

Registration: Must be registered by 8:00 p.m. Friday, June 10th.

Register by contacting Mark Bloom by phone (713)775-1496 or mbloom@sqmenergy.com.

DIVISIONS and PRIZES

Adult (17 and Over) - Entry Fee \$25.00 Prizes for all divisions & Categories above based on fish length

Speckled Trout	1 st Place = \$60 Cash 2 nd Place= \$30 credit for Bay Harbor Merchandise 3 rd Place= \$20 credit for Bay Harbor Merchandise
Redfish	1 st Place = \$60 Cash 2 nd Place= \$30 credit for Bay Harbor Merchandise 3 rd Place= \$20 credit for Bay Harbor Merchandise
Flounder	1 st Place = \$60 Cash 2 nd Place= \$30 credit for Bay Harbor Merchandise 3 rd Place= \$20 credit for Bay Harbor Merchandise

Youth (Ages 11-16) - Entry Fee \$15.00

Speckled Trout	1 st Place = \$40 Cash 2 nd Place= \$25 Cash 3 rd Place= \$20 credit for Bay Harbor Merchandise
Redfish	1 st Place = \$40 Cash 2 nd Place= \$25 Cash, 3 rd Place= \$20 credit for Bay Harbor Merchandise
Flounder	1 st Place = \$40 Cash 2 nd Place= \$25 Cash 3 rd Place= \$20 credit for Bay Harbor Merchandise

Small Fry (Ages 10 and under) - Entry Fee \$5.00

Also Prizes for the Biggest fish (\$20 Cash) 2nd biggest fish (\$15 Cash) 3rd biggest fish (\$10 Cash)

Special Category All Divisions: Most Unusual (Legal) Species (\$20 Cash)

Summary of current fishing regs showing min and max sizes for common species:

Gafftop (14" min.), Redfish (20" to 28" – no tagged Redfish), Speckled Trout (15" – 25", 1 oversize),
 Sheepshead (14" min.), Flounder (14" min.), Drum, black (14" – 30"), Shark (24" min.)

Garden Club

Bay Harbor Garden Club met Saturday, April 30, 2016 for the usual bimonthly meeting. The original plans were to visit Maas Nursery in Seabrook, Texas and then eat at a restaurant, but since weather conditions were not favorable, the meeting was held at the home of Gail Choate, 4016 Fourth Street. A brunch was served with a pound cake made and donated by May Bonno and Vickie Engler, along with Vickie's homemade blueberry sauce. There was also an egg casserole, fruit salad, orange juice and coffee.



Discussions ranged from the weather to gardening topics. Elzbieta Lyons gave some tips on various plants and methods of growing different plants.

The next meeting will be held at the home of Jimmy and Ann Choate, 4111 First Street, Saturday, June 25, 2016, 10 AM. We plan to have a White Elephant plant gift exchange.

It is similar to the gift exchange held at our Christmas party where everyone brings a gift (in this case a plant, home or garden item) and everyone gets to pick an item only to have it "stolen" by the next numbered person. It's really fun and everyone goes home with something, so don't forget your "gift".

If the rain ever stops, Happy Gardening!

Gail Choate, co-president
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Ann Choate, co-president
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Morticia is blooming at Moody Gardens !!!

Other events being considered this year:

- June 25 White Elephant Plant Exchange
- August 27 Wine Tasting w/speaker
- October 22 Pumpkin decorating/carving
- December Christmas Party

The Garden Club welcomes all Bay Harbor Residents and their friends!



St. Paddy's Day Parade
and Weiner Roast fun !!

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(713) 924-7647 or pwilliams0601@sbcglobal.net

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Rates: For a 2" wide, \$2.00 per line (minimum of 3 lines).

Bay Harbor Improvement Association

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Visit our website at www.bhiatx.org

Upcoming Events

JUNE

- 18-19 BAY HARBOR FISHING RODEO
- 19 B.H.I.A. ANNUAL MEETING at the BAY HARBOR PAVILION
- 15 GAIN meeting 5:30am at Moody Mansion
- 18 WGIPOA meeting 9am at Galveston Country Club
- 25 Bay Harbor Garden Club Meeting-4111 1st St

JULY

- 04 ***** HAPPY BIRTHDAY AMERICA *****
- 16 WGIPOA meeting 9am at Galveston Country Club
- 20 GAIN meeting 5:30pm at Moody Mansion

AUGUST

- 13 B.H.I.A. Board Meeting — Place TBD
- 17 GAIN meeting 5:30pm at Moody Mansion
- 20 WGIPOA meeting 9am at Galveston Country Club
- 27 Bay Harbor Garden Club Meeting-Place TBD