

The Heron

Bay Harbor Newsletter
Bay Harbor - The Friendly Subdivision



Pam Williams, Editor

Summer Edition 2016

The Prez Says....

I want to begin by saying thank you to all members of Bay Harbor Improvement Association who were able to attend the 2016 Annual Meeting.....it was one of our best. Good food, good company, and to top off a successful meeting, we had a wonderful band. Thanks to all individuals who brought food and for bringing items for the auction. It was an all around huge success.

Bay Harbor is full of good neighbors and THAT is one of the reasons people have said they are happy they bought in Bay Harbor. Everyone looks out for each other in Bay Harbor. There is always a neighbor one can turn to in case the need arises. However, some neighborhood issues have been brought to my attention recently.

There are noise guidelines set by Galveston with 10:00 P.M. being a key time. A good neighbor tones down the noise at that time, whether it be humans talking (yelling) or music.

Another more bothersome action is having flood lights on after 10:00 P.M., either on a canal or the bay front. There have been times the owner or user of the flood light is not even outside at the time the light is shining. Those living on the east side of Bay Harbor deal with the flood lights all the way from Terramar Beach. After visiting the Terramar individual's property with the light shining brightly in my home, I found the owner not even present. It was a neighbor using the light angled straight out and not down at all...from sundown until sunup.

I have witnessed very bright lights shining west on our bay front, which light up homes

on the ends of Spanish Wells and Tradewinds, etc. The lights are not turned down into the water properly. I have one of those very bright canal floodlights, too, but have not used it for years after realizing the light blinded the individuals across the canal from me, and even was a nuisance for homes a street over from my canal, no matter how I adjusted it. IF you own such a flood light, please turn it on, and then cross over to your neighbors' across the canal or bay and see what they see each time you turn your light on.

A superior alternative to the canal flood light is the underwater light. Tiki Island NO LONGER PERMITS the canal FLOOD LIGHTS anywhere on Tiki Island. The underwater lights have proven to be more pleasant for all to live with and also draw more fish. If you have one or more flood lights for fishing, please consider converting to the underwater light as an option. Ask those you see with underwater lights for recommendations for vendors.

Lastly, I want to recognize that the majority of properties in Bay Harbor are being kept up, which speaks well of our property owners. I would like to ask neighbors who have a ditch to be sure to also mow the grass in the ditch, if you haven't been. If you have a yard service, please advise them to always cut the grass in the ditch. If you have been here during a heavy rain, you can observe how the ditches with unmowed grass take forever to drain and even block off drainage. Those ditches where the grass is kept short drain rapidly. This helps drainage for the entire neighborhood and helps fight mosquitoes.

As President, I want to thank all Bay Harbor homeowners again for your efforts to maintain your properties and be "good neighbors." Bay Harbor is the "Best Little Subdivision In Texas

Charles Winsor, President B.H.I.A.

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**So
there will
be a
Tomorrow**

**CURBSIDE RECYCLING AVAILABLE
FOR SENIORS !!!**

On July 1, the City of Galveston announced a new schedule of the curbside recycling program for elderly and disabled. Crews collect items on the second Wednesday of the month. Residents can enroll by calling emailing publicworks@cityofgalveston.org or calling 409-797-3630. The program is offered free to residents over the age of 65 and to those who can provide a note from a physician verifying a disability.

May Bonno signed up for the service and said they came by on August 10th for the first time. The only thing they ask is that each recycle group (i.e. plastic, cardboard, paper, aluminum, tin cans and glass) be "packaged" separately. She went and got boxes from Specs for everything except the "plastic" which she put in a big black plastic bag.

Thanks for the tip, May!



Bay Harbor Summer/Fall 2016 Fishing Report
by Capt. Bill Hand

We are in the summer to fall transition period now. The water is starting to cool down a little and we are in the midst of the September high tides that we have every year. The high tides have not effected the fish in the deep water (five to nine ft.) but it has scattered those fish in the shallow areas near the shoreline and marsh area. Happens this time every year and you just have to adjust your fishing patterns. The best time to fish those shallow areas is on an outgoing (ebb tide) while the small bait fish are heading for some deeper water. Cuts out of the marsh and mouths of bayous in Chocolate Bay are a good place to try.



So far there have not been many birds working in the bay, but that should start any day as the shrimp in the marsh head into the bay. There have been a lot of slicks, but they have only been holding big Gafftop.

If you want to make a meat haul, now is a good time to load up on Sand Trout, which are anywhere there is some shell on the bottom. Sand Trout seem to be looked down on by some, but I have had excellent results freezing them with a Food Saver vacuum packer. Freezing the fillets in water as many people do does not work well. Eating them the day you catch them is best with any fish, but they will freeze well if you vacuum pack them.

It's time to get ready to set some time aside for some of the best fishing in West Bay. October through December is the best time there is for fishing in West Bay for Specks, Redfish and Flounder.

Tight Lines!
Capt. Bill



Some of the winners of the Fishing Rodeo held the weekend of the annual meeting in June.



Bay Harbor Improvement Association Annual Meeting June, 2016

This year's annual meeting was such a success on so many levels! It began with the largest silent auction ever coordinated by Cathy Winsor then progressed to a delicious dinner with brisket cooked by Doug Bailey. Mark Bloom announced the winners of the Fishing Rodeo then President Charlie Winsor presided over a short business meeting where board members Mark Bloom, Bill Hand, Tim Kurtin, Danny Kurtin and David Labbe were elected to two year terms. After a brief report of the Galveston Bay dredging project being coordinated with most of the neighborhood associations, the pavilion was dedicated with an official ribbon cutting performed by Jack Hopkins and Doug Bailey who spearheaded the entire project.





Alligators have been sighted
in our canals, oh my!

Your might want to warn your
guests to ~beware~ !!



**THIS
AND
THAT**



Congratulations to
John Collis for
catching a 345 lb.
barn door on
July 10th! (with a
little help from the
boat captain)!

It wasn't caught in
Galveston Bay but
this was too "big"
not to share!

Girls just want to have fun!...celebrating
Galveston Restaurant Week at Shearn's.

Bay Harbor Homes Rented or Borrowed

There seem to be more and more homes in Bay Harbor on rental programs or rented or loaned to others by homeowners directly. Lately there have been enough issues with these situations that the Bay Harbor Improvement Association Board has been asked to address these homeowners with issues that have arisen by writing a welcome letter for homeowners to copy and place in their homes for their guests to read, in order to better communicate neighborhood courtesies, regulations, and ordinances. The welcome letter follows and is worthwhile for all Bay Harbor residents to read and review, and remember to put out, even for family that might be using your home, when you are not there.

It is difficult for a renter or borrower to do anything about lights outside the home. It is important for all homeowners to note whether their lights are lighting up others' nearby or distant property and to take measures to direct those lights downward, encase them, or disconnect them, so they cannot be turned on by others using the property. It also has an impact on your electrical bill when these lights are left on day and night for the entire rental period. There are options for fishing lights that are less disruptive to others.

Since the city of Galveston will only pick up trash that is placed in the approved green, wheeled, lidded trash receptacles, it is important that your home have sufficient number of these, particularly if your home is going to be used by the size crowds we have seen at some of these homes. A renter or borrower cannot secure an additional approved receptacle from the city. This must be done in advance by the homeowner.

Please place a copy of the welcome letter as shown on the next page in a visible location in your home, along with any other home specific instructions you may have prepared, if your home is going to be rented or used by others, even family, when you are not there. If a company is handling your rentals for you, please also ask that they distribute this letter with other paperwork they may give renters.



Welcome to our Bay Harbor neighborhood!
We hope you love it here as much as we do and want to come back.

While you are here, please observe the following:

- Lights**—If any outdoor lights at the home, particularly fishing lights, light up another home, please turn them off at 10 p.m. to respect Galveston city nighttime hours of 10 p.m.-7 a.m., if they cannot be adjusted downward.
- Trash**—Pick up daily and keep trash out of reach of our plentiful varmints. Use the large green wheeled approved city of Galveston trash can only, and, when leaving, place it on the home's driveway near the street, handle facing the home. City will not pick up loose trash bags. Trash pick-up is Monday morning.
- Wind/Storms**—This area is subject to unexpected wind/storms, so secure all yard/dock items before retiring.
- Speed Limit**—Please encourage all drivers to observe the 20 mph speed limit throughout Bay Harbor.
- Boat**—If using a boat, access shallow West Bay via the deeper marked channel west of the bird sanctuary island and observe no wake signs and all posted marina and harbor rules.
- Island**—Be aware the island in West Bay just north of Bay Harbor is a protected bird sanctuary, not a play area.
- Grilling**—Grilling on a wooden deck is a fire hazard. Please safely grill on ground level on a non-wooden surface.
- Sewer**—Bay Harbor is not on the city sewer system, all homes are on septic tanks. Please make sure all are notified to flush only toilet paper (and locate a plunger before needed for fast access in case needed).

GALVESTON COUNTY ANIMAL SERVICES LOCAL REGULATIONS:

Pets (If allowed by the homeowner)

- Animals must be restrained off the premises of this home. Dogs must be on a leash at all times.
Animals should be taken indoors if barking, whining, howling, or making other sounds in an excessive, continuous, or untimely fashion (particularly past 10 p.m.).

GALVESTON CITY ORDINANCES: (Surprisingly, Bay Harbor is located in the city limits of Galveston.)

- Sound Nuisance**—Particularly during nighttime hours of 10 p.m.-7 a.m., please do not exceed the maximum permitted sound level of 70 dB(A), or basically produce any sounds that travel beyond the home property lines to disturb the comfort and sleep of others in our peaceful Bay Harbor.
- Fireworks**—Because we are in Galveston city limits, fireworks are not permitted. (If you are setting off fireworks at your own risk anyway, doing so at the beach is safer than in the neighborhood, and, if not New Year's Eve, please stop by 10 p.m. to comply with the sound nuisance ordinance.)
- Golf Carts**
Golf carts may only be legally driven by licensed drivers. (Police do give tickets for this.)
Outside Bay Harbor, golf carts may legally cross, but not drive along, FM 3005. (Using 2nd St. allows you to cross the street to access the beach without risking a ticket on FM 3005.)
Golf carts may only be driven beyond beach parking areas if handicap placards are displayed.
Golf carts may not be driven on sand dunes.
In Bay Harbor, golf carts should be driven on streets like cars, not on berms or across any lawns.
Lights are required to be on, if driving a golf cart at night.
- Parking**
Park on this home's driveway and not on another's property.
Be sure that parking does not obstruct or render dangerous for passage any street.
- Intruding on Other's Premises**—Do not intrude on the grounds, bulkhead, or boat docks of other owners without consent of the owners or occupiers. (A violation of this section shall be a class C misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be punishable by a fine not to exceed \$500.00.)
- Firearms**—It is unlawful to discharge any firearm in Bay Harbor. The discharge of shotguns is permitted only in excess of 500 feet from a residence or commercial structure and only using birdshot ammunition.

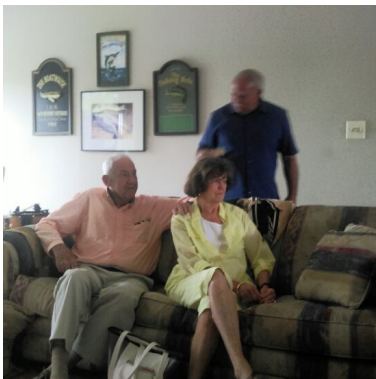
Thank you!

Bay Harbor Improvement Association Board

Garden Club

The Bay Harbor Garden Club had their August meeting at the home of Charlie and Cathy Winsor on Saturday, August 27.

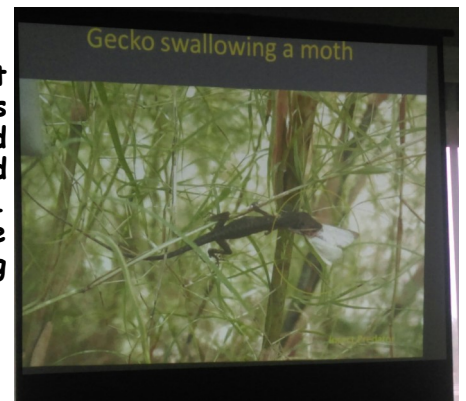
Cathy's home was beautiful and her countertop food was outstanding. She served some amazing egg muffins, fruit salad, venison sausage, assorted cookies and a Mexican chocolate cake plus an array of different beverages. Approximately 20 people attended with many men present for a change!



The speaker was Dr. William M. Johnson, Ph.D., County Coordinator, County Extension Agent, Horticulture. The well-known Dr. Johnson has a weekly column on garden issues in the Galveston Daily news. He spoke on beneficial bugs in the garden with a power point presentation. Dr. Johnson was humorous as well as very informative.

May Bonno, treasurer, asked that anyone that had not paid their \$20 dues this year could pay now. She also said that for new members, the fee would only be \$10 for the rest of the year.

She reminded the group that the Christmas party given by the Garden Club is coming up in December and the club is still looking for a host site.



The next meeting will be Saturday, October 29, 2016. Please bring a pumpkin or vegetable to decorate or carve. We will have a limited supply of extra carving tools, so you may want to bring your own. Stayed tuned for a future email advising the location!

Happy Gardening!

Gail Choa
Co-President
Bay Harbor Garden Club

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

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co-president
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co-president
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Annual Meeting Silent Auction Report

We had our most successful silent auction ever at our annual meeting in June! We raised over \$2,700—enough funds to cover all the annual meeting expenses, as well as contribute toward the additional amenities to come at our pavilion.

I would like to first thank Pam Williams, who helped me solicit donations from area businesses, and thank the businesses in our community that donated items—Seven Seas Grocery & Market at Jamaica Beach, Economy Liquor at Jamaica Beach, Alexx's Seafood West at Pirate's Beach, Galveston Country Club, Coastal Creations, Kites Unlimited, Dr. Charles K. Scruggs Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery, and Home Town Bank. Please patronize these businesses and let them know you appreciate their support of our community through our Bay Harbor silent auction.

I would also like to thank all the Bay Harbor homeowners who contributed the majority of the silent auction items—Bob Seay, Jill Seay, Jack & Jeanann Hopkins, Gail Choate, May Bonno, Bill Hand, Phil Martin, Doug & Susie Barlow Bailey, Ben & Sally Waidhofer, Gary & Ginny Gilliland, Sallye Stapleton, Judy Redding, Gene Gansky & Betsy Redfield, Matt Mahoney, Anne Pippert, Rexene Treadwell & Lawrence Aston, Jimmy & Ann Choate, Sherry & Sam Clark, and Charlie & Cathy Winsor.

Lastly, and very importantly, I would like to thank all of you who supported your Bay Harbor community with the purchase of silent auction items. Every single item found a home through your generosity to your community.

Throughout this year, please set aside items you could donate to our 2017 silent auction, make things that you could donate to our silent auction, and request silent auction items of businesses you patronize. If you need a letter for any contributing business, please contact me to email one to you. Contributing businesses are sent a thank you letter after our auction, and, in addition to recognizing them in the newsletter in the silent auction report, we provide them the opportunity to place a complimentary ad in the first newsletter following our annual meeting.

Cathy Winsor
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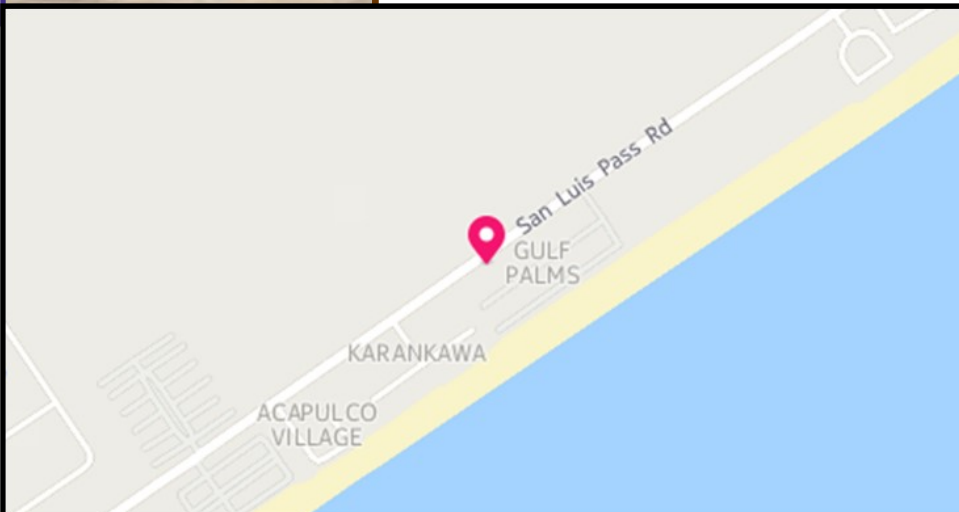
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Any BHIA member who wishes to may purchase a commemorative plaque and display either their support for the pavilion or their remembrances of a loved one. A picture of the very first plaque is included that commemorates one of the finest friends of Bay Harbor: Randy Choate

You can easily have a plaque next to this one. Fees start at \$150. (Of course, we will gladly except extra funds.) Contact any board member if you wish to make a purchase of if you have any questions. Installation will take about three weeks.

In Memory of

Randy Choate



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Galveston County Master Gardeners Annual Fall Plant Sale



October 15, 2016



The Galveston County Master Gardeners will hold its fall plant and tree sale Saturday, Oct. 15 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The popular sale will be at the Galveston County Fairgrounds in Hitchcock, 10 Jack Brooks Road on Highway 6.

All kinds of plants -- fall vegetables, citrus fruit trees, "Texas Tough" perennials and bulbs -- will be available in this year's inventory. All the plants have been proven to grow in the Texas Gulf Coast. Many of them have been tested in the Galveston County Master Gardener Demonstration Garden located in Carbide Park in LaMarque.

Master Gardeners will be on hand to assist with any questions buyers may have about planting, care, fertilizing and harvesting. "We are here to help our customers with information and education about their plants and gardens," said Dr. William Johnson, Galveston County Extension Agent-Horticulture & Master Gardener Program Coordinator.

Additionally, a plant preview seminar will be held before the sale at 8:00 a.m. on the Galveston County Fairgrounds to discuss the different plants offered at the sale.

Patrons are reminded that if they have questions concerning plants or trees, lawns or gardens, the Galveston County Master Gardeners offer a free hotline — 281-534-3413 — to answer questions. Buyers are also advised to bring their own wagon or cart to help with transporting their plants. In addition, as an added attraction, the Bluebonnet Antique Tractor Club will be displaying an assortment of vintage tractors for the public to view. However, no one will be permitted to ride the tractors

The Galveston County Master Gardeners is the local chapter of the Texas Master Gardener program. The Texas Master Gardener Program is an educational/volunteer program offered by the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service. As volunteer representatives of the Texas A&M System, the overall impact on our communities cannot be overstated.

SFC Richard P. Kaminski Born July 13 1960 went home to God August 12 2016. Richard served our country in the US Army for 21 years. He is survived by wife, Deborah, father, Valentine, six children, Jeffery, Anna, Erica, Richard Jr., Alexandra, Jennifer and five grandsons. We love and miss you. You were always my hero. DKK

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Bay Harbor Improvement Association

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Upcoming Events

SEPTEMBER

- 03 B.H.I.A. Fish Fry, Home of Bill Hand-3815 Tradewinds 4p 
- 17 Galveston Historical Foundation Tremont Whiskey Punch Tasting, Menard House 4-6p 
- 17 WGIPOA meeting 9am at Galveston Country Club
- 21 GAIN meeting 5:30am at Moody Mansion
- 23/24 Galveston Island Shrimp Festival, Downtown Galveston 

OCTOBER

- 08 Galveston Art Walk 6p-9p 
- 15 Galveston County Master Gardeners Annual Fall Plant Sale, County Fair Grounds 9a-1p 
- 15 WGIPOA meeting 9am at Galveston Country Club
- 19 GAIN meeting 5:30pm at Moody Mansion
- 22 B.H.I.A. Board Meeting, Home of Gail Choate-4016 4th Street 
- 29 Bay Harbor Garden Club Meeting, TBD

NOVEMBER

- 03-06 Lone Star Bike Rally
- 16 GAIN meeting 5:30pm  at Moody Mansion
- 19 WGIPOA meeting 9am at Galveston Country Club
- 26 Galveston Art Walk 6p-9p 

DECEMBER

- 02-04 Dickens on the Strand 
- TBD B.H.I.A. Christmas Party sponsored by the Garden Club—TBA
- 15 WGIPOA meeting 9am at Galveston Country Club
- 19 GAIN meeting 5:30pm at Moody Mansion 