

# The Heron

## Bay Harbor Newsletter

Bay Harbor - The Friendly Subdivision



Pam Williams, Editor

### Winter Edition 2016

#### *The Prez Says....*

As of the writing of this article, we haven't experienced much of a Winter and it looks like we are going to escape a freeze on the island. With the various storms we have had and the damage to homes and boat docks, I hope we are spared a freeze on the island.

As you will read, we have almost completed all of the pavilion construction in Bay Harbor. We're waiting to install the landscaping which is part of the city permit expectations and of which was donated by an individual in the community. Upon completion of the landscaping we can have the building inspected by the City of Galveston. If you haven't seen the pavilion, you are in for a treat. The board members and various community individuals put in some hard work and time into completing the project.

I challenge everyone who is NOT a participating/paying member of the Bay Harbor Improvement Association to become a member. When you compare \$150 A YEAR dues to surrounding dues one will realize we in Bay Harbor have it pretty good. We now have a nice pavilion which was built using Bay Harbor membership dues. If you are a paying member of the BHIA association then you get to use the pavilion for free.

Other communities are not so generous. We here in Bay Harbor have access to the fish cleaning table, the boat launch, the fishing pier and now, the Pavilion. Each of those items will require upkeep which the Bay Harbor Improvement Association is responsible.

I'm asking every resident to consider paying \$150 a year to become a member of the organization. The dues also pay for various electric street lights and the manicuring of the various association property. We have various celebrations in the community i.e. St. Patrick's Day Golf Cart Parade, the Annual Meeting, an Annual Fishing Tournament of which Bay Harbor supports. Being a paying member of the association helps the entire community and is very inexpensive when you compare to surrounding subdivisions.

So, take some time to consider becoming A PART OF THE COMMUNITY.

We look forward to seeing you all at the summer Annual Meeting and enjoying our new pavilion.

Charles Winsor  
President B.H.I.A.



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**Bay Harbor**



**St. Paddy's Day Parade  
and Celebration  
Saturday, March 19, 3pm**

Come celebrate the end of winter at our annual St. Patrick's Day Parade and Party on Saturday, March 19! Decorate your golf cart, or anything else on wheels and join us for the parade.

We'll meet at the boat basin at 3 p.m., give a prize for the best decorated wheels, then take out up and down the streets of Bay Harbor, ending where we started at the boat basin.

After the parade (about 5 p.m.) at the new pavilion we will have hot dogs for sale (\$3 apiece, including chips and pork & beans); however, if you participated in the Parade you your hot dogs will be complimentary!

We will have a few soft drinks and cold beer available for a small donation or you can bring your own beverages.

Please bring your own chair.

It's great fun for children and adults so hope to see you there!



**Your Bay Harbor Improvement Association**

# Garden Club

The Garden Club's last meeting of 2015 was the annual Christmas Dinner and Chinese Gift Exchange hosted by Erinn Brown and Matt Mahoney. An Italian themed dinner was served with many wonderful desserts provided by our hosts and garden club members. A brief business session resulted in the election of next year's Co-Presidents, Ann Choate and Gail Choate. The gift exchange was lively and fun. See the pictures on the Page 4.



The first meeting of 2016 was a field trip. Members met at the home of Ann and Jimmy Choate then proceeded in multiple cars to the Galveston County Fairgrounds in Dickinson and attended the 2016 Master Gardener Spring Plant Sale. This sales gives you the opportunity to buy plants that do well in Galveston included some exotic varieties.

The new location for the sale allowed much more room for plants which were very well organized by variety. Gail was the big spender buying fruit trees, tomato and other vegetable plants.

Afterwards most proceeded to the Sunflower Bakery in Galveston for lunch.



Other events planned for this year:

- April 23 Maas Nursery
- June 25 Visit to the State Park
- 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!

# Garden Club

2015 CHRISTMAS PARTY AND GIFT EXCHANGE !!!



Hostess with the mostest-  
Erinn Brown  
with Treats  
for everyone !!!



## **Bay Harbor Improvement Association Pavilion**

Have you seen it?! Have you driven by and noticed BHIA's newest addition?! If not, then you need to take a drive down to the marina to see our new pavilion. For years and years the need for a pavilion has been discussed and finally it has been accomplished.

It had become a pain at each annual meeting to erect two huge tents, place chairs and tables inside and then remove all the chairs and tables and take down the tents after the meeting. The process always required time and effort from volunteers which could not always be found at the time that we needed them. Now, thanks to your executive board AND YOUR MEMBERSHIP IN THE ASSOCIATION, we have a great meeting place.

The building of the pavilion was a strenuous process dealing with the requirements of the City of Galveston and the permit process. But, with the assistance of several board members handling the permitting requirements and attending several meetings with city officials, we are nearing the end of the process.

Please understand that the building of the pavilion was completed in part by volunteers from the community. The engineer drawings and the actual construction was completed at a minimum cost due to different individuals donating their time, effort and even resources to get the job done at a minimum cost.

However, we are not through with the project. We are going to be in the process of putting in the landscaping which also was donated by a community member. We all have a commitment to help take care of the landscaping once it is in the ground.

There will be specific rules of usage of the pavilion and those guidelines will be discussed at our next board meeting in May. Information regarding the usage of the pavilion will come to you during the annual meeting and in the Heron at a later date.

The formal dedication ceremony for the pavilion will occur at the Annual Meeting. We are hoping we have the largest crowd than ever before. Please make plans to join us!



### **Pavilion Work Days**

Many thanks to the following for helping during our two recent pavilion work days, bringing tools, lending a hand, frying fish, and making side dishes to share at the fish fry at Bill Hand's after the work building in 4 tables and 4 benches was done. Tim Kurtin's crew also spray-painted the markings for the 2 required handicapped parking spots.

#### **Board Members:**

**Gail Choate  
Mark Bloom  
May Bonno  
Bob Seay  
Bill Hand  
Jack Hopkins  
Charlie Winsor  
Mike Moline**

#### **Other BHIA Members:**

**Dave Korkmas  
Mike Moline  
Tish Bloom  
Cathy Winsor  
Dana Kurtin  
Tim Kurtin and his crew  
Matt Mahoney  
Erinn Brown**

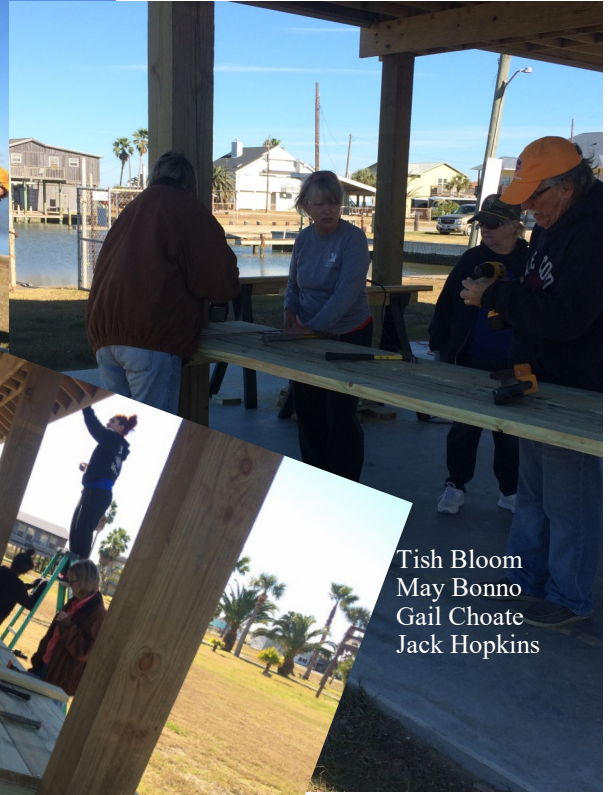
**PAVILLION WORK DAYS  
ADDING TABLES AND BENCHES,  
PAINTING**



**Tim Kurtin and the mystery caulking gal**



**May Bonno  
Tish Bloom  
Tim Kurtin**



**Tish Bloom  
May Bonno  
Gail Choate  
Jack Hopkins**



**Bill Hand  
Gail Choate  
Jack Hopkins**



**Gail Choate  
May Bonno  
Tish Bloom  
Tim Kurtin**



**Charlie Winsor  
Bill Hand  
Mark Bloom  
Tim's caulking helper**



**Matt Mahoney  
Jack Hopkins**

More work at the new pavilion ending with a nice fish fry at the home of Bill and Elaine Hand



Cathy Winsor



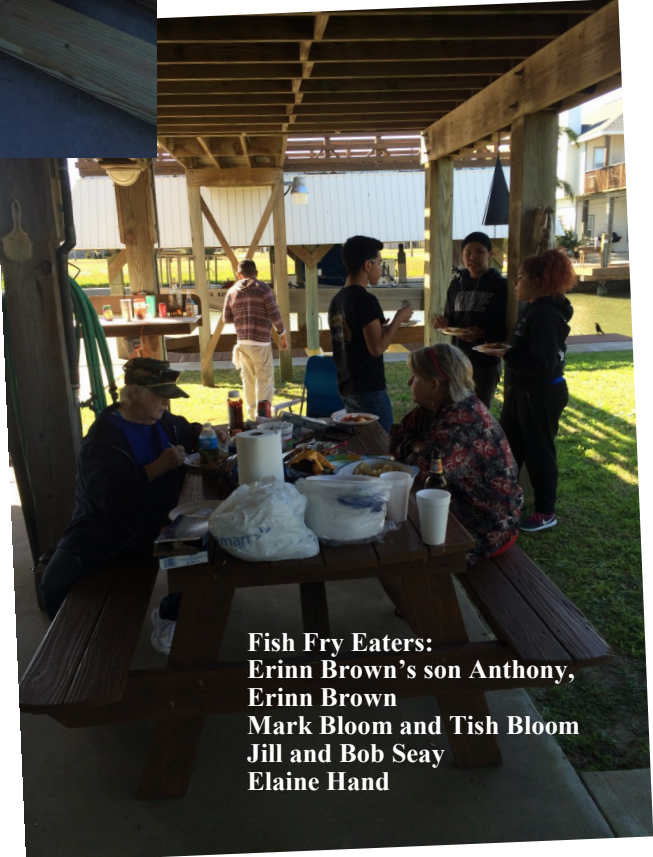
Dave Korkmas  
Mike Moline



Bob Seay  
Charlie Winsor



Fish Fry Cooks:  
Dave Korkmas  
Bill Hand  
Charlie Winsor



Fish Fry Eaters:  
Erinn Brown's son Anthony,  
Erinn Brown  
Mark Bloom and Tish Bloom  
Jill and Bob Seay  
Elaine Hand

## Bay Harbor Winter 2016 Fishing Report by Capt. Bill Hand

Not much fishing activity to report this time of year. Because of the strong north and northwest winds, we have had some extreme low tides for the last few weeks. It has been a while since I remember these sustained low tides. This low water makes running a boat in West Bay very dangerous. There are many people who can't even get out of Bay Harbor because the boat channel is silted in out near the end of the bird island. If you try, be very careful.



If you get out after it warms up a little and catch a moving tide, you can still catch a few Specks, Reds and Flounder. You need to find an area with bait fish that are active. The water temperature has been in the mid 50's. Most fish are pretty lethargic in this cold water, but they still have to eat. When the water warms to the mid 60's they will be more active and feed more often. That should happen within the next few weeks if we continue to get the warm weather and bright sunlight.

Sometimes in early April, birds will start working just west of Jamaica Beach. It all depends on the bait movement, but that area seems to turn on first. There is a lot of juvenile baitfish in the canals now that should be moving into the bay soon. I have also seen a few Specks working around the canal lights in the past week.



Get your fishing equipment tuned up and ready because some spring fishing is about to break loose in West Bay.

Tight Lines!  
Capt. Bill





## Parking at the Boat Launch

We wish to remind community members that parking overnight at the boat launch or pavilion area is strictly prohibited. We welcome parking during the day on any day of the week. In the past we have had vehicles, trailers, machinery, etc. left overnight in the area of the boat launch which is in violation of the BHIA restrictions.

There is currently a boat trailer parked with no license plate affixed. Please understand the City of Galveston said all we need to do is call them and they will have the vehicle, trailer, machinery, etc. towed away. We really don't want to go through that process as we would rather work with our community members. If there were an identifying license plate on the trailer then we could contact the community member without getting the city involved.

Please be mindful of the parking restrictions at the Boat Launch and Pavilion areas.

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## Bay Harbor Improvement Association

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## Upcoming Events

### MARCH

- 16 GAIN meeting 5:30am at Moody Mansion
- 19 WGIPOA meeting 9am at Galveston Country Club
- 19 B.H.I.A. Board meeting-4117 2nd St.
- 19 Bay Harbor St. Paddy's Day Parade and Celebration-Boat Basin and Pavilion

### APRIL

- 16 WGIPOA meeting 9am at Galveston Country Club
- 20 GAIN meeting 5:30pm at Moody Mansion
- 30 Bay Harbor Garden Club Meeting-Place TBA

### MAY

- 18 GAIN meeting 5:30pm at Moody Mansion
- 21 WGIPOA meeting 9am at Galveston Country Club