

The Heron

Bay Harbor Newsletter

Bay Harbor - The Friendly Subdivision



Pam Williams, Editor

Winter Edition 2014

Prez Says

Oh, what a wild Winter! 30 degrees one day and 69 degrees three days later. No wonder people are getting sick. Your President Elect and I visited Bay Harbor on the day we attended the City of Galveston Planning Commission meeting and found one home on the beach a couple miles East with water spewing from a faucet. Not able to locate a turnoff, we left it for one of their neighbors. As we passed by later we noticed the water was turned off. We drove down each street of Bay Harbor to find all homes high and dry. Now, to uncover plants.

On another note, regarding the Planning Commission meeting, be aware that there is a push to build a travel trailer park next to Bay Harbor on the west side by the Rush Development Company. As most of you know, the acreage was platted for single family dwellings and the Planning Commission and the Army Corp of Engineers granted the appropriate permits. The development company changed its mind and resubmitted a Land Use Request for a travel trailer park instead. The park would have 238 cement

slabs and concrete roads along with a clubhouse and swimming pool. The bulk of the park would be directly across from Miramar Beach which would mean that at its peak there could be 500+ individuals crossing FM3005 to go to the beach at that one entrance. There was a motion to defer the granting of the permit until the next February Planning Commission meeting.

New locks are being installed at the fishing pier and launch for 2014. To obtain a key for the new locks one must be a paying member of the Bay Harbor Improvement Association. If you have not yet become a member for 2014, then please be a part of your community and join. \$150 a year is all it takes to become a part of your community, help maintain it, and gain access to the marina. I am looking forward to a little warmer weather to enjoy our marina, but as of the writing of this, there are more winter days ahead of us than behind us.

We are a small community of good neighbors. I am currently aware that Randy Choate, Bill Hand, and Theron Moore are 3 of our neighbors most of you know who are dealing with health issues. Please keep them in your prayers for speedy recoveries.

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**Bay Harbor
8th Annual St. Paddy's Day
Celebration
Saturday, March 15, 3pm**

Come celebrate the end of winter at our annual St. Patrick's Day Parade and Party on Saturday, March 15th! Decorate your golf cart, bicycle, motor cycle 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.

Afterwards we'll have a fish fry. Bring an appetizer, side dish, dessert or just your green self and join in the fun. We will have a few soft drinks and cold beer available for a small donation or you can bring your own beverages.

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

PROPOSED LAND USE CHANGE TO PROPERTY ADJACENT TO BAY HARBOR FROM SINGLE FAMILY DWELLINGS TO RV PARK

There have been many messages about this proposed change of land use which would affect the surrounding properties and beaches. The planning commission voted to allow the change at their last meeting but it came to light that all property owners were not sent the proper notice of the meeting so the item will come up for another vote at their **next meeting on Tuesday, February 17, City Hall, 2nd floor**. All are encouraged to attend in order to express their view on the subject change which would affect Bay Harbor and the adjacent wetlands.

"2014" NEW YEAR, NEW BAY HARBOR GARDEN CLUB

2013 was a wonderful year for Bay Harbor Garden Club. We had many volunteers helping to make each meeting a success. I would like to thank each host, hostess and speaker for a fabulous, remarkable and exceptional job.



In February of 2013, Barbara Askamit started our club off to a exciting year with her discussion on "Bees". In April, at our beach house Deborah Repose gave an educational presentation on "Hummingbirds".

Deborah returned in June to the home of Mariana Hauch. She presented "Butterfly Gardens", and we enjoyed seeing Mariana's butterfly garden. In August, Greg and Marti Graves gave a slide show on "Hibiscus" at Nancy Thompson's beach house. In October, Eulas and Lake Stafford discussed "Plumeria" at the home of Pam Williams.

I especially want to thank Charlie and Cathy Winsor for having our annual Christmas Party at their lovely beach house. The decorations were outstanding and the meal prepared by our members was delicious. It was a "Good Time" had by all !! Last but not least a special thank you to my husband Bob Seay for all his help and support.

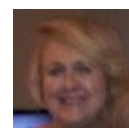


It's a new year with new resolutions. So how about trying something new and joining our Bay Harbor Garden Club! Here's a roundup of some of the new changes. I have had the honor and pleasure of serving as your garden club president for 2013. At the December meeting May Bonno was elected our president for 2014 . May has many exciting ideas!! Garden Club meetings will start in February.

Thank you for keeping our community beautiful. Hope you have a healthy and happy New Year!!

COME JOIN THE FUN!!

Regards: Jill Seay



2014

CHRISTMAS

PARTY



At the home of Charlie and Kathy Winsor



HOSTED BY THE
**BAY HARBOR
GARDEN CLUB**

Bay Harbor Winter 2014 Fishing Report by Capt. Bill Hand

We have had one of the coldest winters in the past few years. While the temperatures have been consistently colder than usual, we have had only one possible freeze in Bay Harbor. Along with the high north and northwest winds, we have had some very low tides in West Bay. Cold weather that cools the low water rapidly can be devastating to fish if they are trapped in shallow areas. Luckily the effects of that this winter has been minimal because the water cooled gradually and the fish moved out of harm's way into deeper water. As soon as we start having longer days, the sun will warm the bay water and the fish will resume their normal activity. Depending on how the baitfish moves in the bay, you can expect to see birds working schools of Specks as early as April. That activity usually starts to the east around Jamaica Beach because the Specks have been holed up in the deeper water around Green's Cut and North and South Deer Island. Chocolate Bay is another place that recovers quickly once the warming trend starts.

Now is a good time to get your tackle squared away so that you will be ready when the weather warms and the bay starts calling you.

Many people leave gasoline in their boats for months without using it. That is probably the number one reason for breakdowns in boat engines. If you leave gasoline in your boat for long periods, you must use some type of Ethanol Fuel Stabilizer and keep your water separator filter clean if you want to avoid a breakdown at the most inappropriate time.


Hope to see you on the bay soon. Tight lines!.....Capt. Bill



Redfish...A Great Catch !!

Bay Harbor Annual Fishing Rodeo

May 24-25, 2014...stay tuned



Coming soon to a neighbor near you, first Bay Harbor Garden Club meeting of 2014 on February 22, 10am at the home of Jimmy and Ann Choate, 4111 First St.

I hope to make this a great year for our Garden Club; please mark your calendars and plan to attend all of our meetings. There are six planned meetings: the last Saturdays of February, April, June, August, and October; and ending with the Christmas Party in December (day to be announced).

There will be a "perfect attendance" award at the end of the year and, in the case of a tie, a drawing will determine the winner!

Also, each of the first five meetings will have a "Show and Tell" segment. "Show" will consist of pictures or actual items from your garden that you are proud of; "Tell" will consist of a garden tip you can share with the club.

May Bonno, President



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FOR SALE

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AROUND THE BAY

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Upcoming Events

FEBRUARY

- 08 B.H.I.A. Board Meeting 10am, home of Mike Garvin
- 15 WGIPOA meeting 9am at Galveston Country Club
- 18 City of Galveston Planning Board Meeting, 3pm City Hall 2nd floor
re: proposed RV Park west of Bay Harbor
- 20 GAIN meeting 5:30pm at Moody Mansion
- 22 Bay Harbor Garden Club Meeting 10a, 4111 First Street

MARCH

- 15 Bay Harbor Annual St. Patty's Day Parade and Fish Fry, 3pm Boat Basin
- 15 WGIPOA meeting 9am at Galveston Country Club
- 20 GAIN meeting 5:30pm at Moody Mansion

APRIL

- 12 B.H.I.A. Board Meeting 10am, home of Jack Hopkins
- 17 GAIN meeting 5:30pm at Moody Mansion
- 19 WGIPOA meeting 9am at Galveston Country Club
- 20 **Happy Easter!!**