

# The Heron

## Bay Harbor Newsletter

*Bay Harbor - The Friendly Subdivision*



John Halsey, Editor

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#### "PREZ SAYZ"

Hi Neighbor,

It's been a great privilege, being your president over the past, very eventful year. It was interesting, and challenging, but very rewarding. At the annual meeting you will elect a new board of directors, and they will elect a new president.

I still have another year on the board so I will return to my duties as head of the marina committee.

If you need anything or have any questions you can still call me. I will do all I can to help.

If you or any member you know would like to serve on the board, please send Gail Choate or me, their names ASAP. She needs to get them in the mail in the next few days.

If you haven't picked up your boat ramp key, you can get it from Gail.

See you at the annual meeting!

Your Prez,  
Carl Finney

FIRST ANNUAL  
BAY HARBOR  
NEIGHBORHOOD  
FISHING RODEO  
MAY 22 & 23, 2009



We have rescheduled our fishing rodeo, which we had to cancel last fall due to Ike, to be on Memorial day weekend. Sign up the whole family to participate. It should be fun for all ages. Circle the calendar. You won't want to miss it.

#### FISHING RODEO TIMES

Starts at 8:00 PM Friday May 22, 2009

Ends at 2:00 PM Saturday May 23, 2009

Weigh-in 12:00 PM to 2:00 PM Saturday

Prizes awarded and tail gate party at the marina at 2:30 PM.

See page 5 for the divisions, rules and regulations for the rodeo.

#### BAY HARBOR 2009 ANNUAL MEETING



RED, WHITE AND BAR-B-QUE



JUNE 13, 2009

4PM till ??



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**BAY HARBOR  
2009 ANNUAL MEETING**

We're finalizing preparations for this year's meeting which again will be held at the boat basin. Join in for food, fun, complimentary bags of goodies from our local merchants and even a fireside sing-a-long afterwards lead by our President and recorded artist Carl Finney! This year's meeting is a chance to reconnect with your neighbors, meet the newcomers and catch up on what's going on in our post-Ike transition. Speakers from the city and the state will be there to give us the latest status of the island with some time aside to let them know our concerns as well.

Many fine items and works of art will be available for raffle and at the silent auction. Again, any donations you may have for the cause would be greatly appreciated, including Ike treasures. Just call Pat Gatlin or Cathy Francis with your item.

Dinner will be provided but we would treasure a donation of your favorite dessert. Beer and Rob's famous margaritas will be available for a small donation as well.

See you there!.....Pam Williams

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We are sorry to report the passing of Tillie Diehl on the 20th of April. We send our sympathy's to her family. Tillie was a long time resident of Bay Harbor and was the stain glass artist that created our Bay Harbor entry sign



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# Bay Harbor Habitat Restoration Project Report

May 2009

Representatives from Bay Harbor attended an outreach meeting at the Galveston County Court-house on April 23rd sponsored by the Texas General Land Office to facilitate familiarity with the Coastal Erosion Planning and Response Act (CEPRA). Thomas Durnin, and Ray Newby, Coastal Planner, Stewardship, & Resources for the Texas General Land Office, put on an excellent presentation regarding the application for funding for qualified projects. This additional information was incorporated in the current application that Bay Harbor will submit in the amount of \$225,000 within the next month. In January we met with Dennis Rocha of the Texas General Land Office who encouraged our submitting an application at this increased amount to meet our required construction costs. Dennis estimates the total cost of the project to be \$450,000. We continue to need matching private funds of at least \$80,000.

We will also be submitting an application to the US Army Corps of Engineers Estuary Restoration Act (ERA) in the amount of \$50,000 and another application is being submitted to The Southeast Aquatic Resource Partnership/NOAA (SARP) in the amount of \$25,000. Kristopher Benson of NOAA has been very helpful in notifying us of these funding sources and offered his assistance in reviewing our applications.

We were asked by Jeri Kinnear of Coastal Beach & Bay Foundation, to assist a graduate student from Texas A&M in developing guidelines for habitat restoration projects like our Bay Harbor Project. At the meeting of April 23<sup>rd</sup>, Dr. Thomas Linton of Texas A&M met with us and discussed this great opportunity. We will be able to recap the steps we have taken to develop our project and seek funding and use the student's talents for monitoring and recording our progress.

Invitations to attend our Annual Meeting were sent to the following representatives who have supported and assisted us in many ways. The guests who accept will address current activities regarding our project and will take time to answer your questions.

Dennis Rocha, Texas General Land Office  
Dana Cheney, Gahagan & Bryant Associates (Engineering)  
Heather Young, NOAA/ National Marine Fisheries Service  
Kristopher Benson, NOAA/National Marine Fisheries Service  
Scott Williams, US Fish & Wildlife/Division of Ecological Services  
Jeri Kinnear, Coastal Beach & Bay Foundation

Please remember, we can submit applications and receive funding, however, we STILL need to match these funds with private dollars... so Please donate.

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## News from the Bay Harbor Garden Club

We want to thank William and Cathy Francis for hosting our April meeting. They were gracious hosts, the food was wonderful, and their home is warm and inviting. Our speaker was Curtis Crunk, a former Bay Harbor resident and now the owner of Palms 'n' Plants Landscaping and Nursery, 17620 FM 3005. He was very informative and was able to answer many of our questions about plants that would be suitable for our area.

If you haven't attended one of our meetings, we hope you will consider joining us soon. Not only are our meetings informative, they are also a great way to get to know some of those neighbors that you've waved at, but haven't had a chance to meet. Many of you are still dealing with repairs after Hurricane Ike and may be thinking that flowers and plants are the least of your worries. But we hope that you will also think of the Garden Club as a neighborhood support group.

The next Garden Club meeting will be Saturday, June 27<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00 and will be at the home of Bill and Elaine Hand, 3815 Tradewinds. We're still in the process of finding a speaker for that meeting. If you have suggestions for a speaker for any of our meetings, please pass that information on to one of the Garden Club officers.

If you have any questions (or suggestions) please call Ed Jackson at 409-737-9057, Elaine Hand at 409-737-9418 / 281-557-2316 or Burnelle Schmitz at 409-737-2403.



  
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## 3rd Annual Bay Harbor International Folk Fest-May 30th

Come celebrate International Folk dance with us at Toy and John Halsey's house, 3710 Port Trinidad. The dancing starts around sunset. It will be pot luck so bring a dish and perhaps some libation and don't forget your dancing shoes.

FIRST ANNUAL  
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NEIGHBORHOOD FISHING RODEO

DIVISIONS

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

Junior (Ages 11-16) - Entry Fee \$5.00

Adult (17 and Over) - Entry Fee \$10.00

*Fish that are eligible for a prize:*

- Gafftop (14" - no limit)
- Redfish (20" to 28" - no tagged Redfish)
- Speckled Trout (15" - 25", 1 oversize)
- Sheephead (14" - no limit)
- Flounder (14" - no limit)
- Drum, black (14" - 30")
- Shark (24" - no limit)
- Sand Trout
- Croaker
- Whiting
- Spadefish

RULES / REGULATIONS:

1. All participants must check in at the registration table on Friday evening between 5 & 7 pm at the Bay Harbor Marina or Saturday morning between 6:30 & 8:00 am at the Bay Harbor Marina. All fishing shall be in the West Galveston Bay complex or West Beach.
2. All fishing must comply with all Texas Parks and Wildlife rules and regulations.
3. All winning fish shall be determined by weight.
4. In the event of a tie, length will determine the winner.
5. All fish entered into competition must have been caught by an entrant and weighed at Bay Harbor.
6. No transfer of fish between tournaments entrants will be allowed. No non- entrants will be able to fish with tournament entrants during competition.
7. No fish will be weighed in if the tournament entrant is not in the weigh-in line by 2:00 p.m. on Saturday May 23, 2009.
8. No frozen, altered, gutted, spoiled, or mutilated fish will eligible for entry. All fish must be in edible condition.
9. Fish that have a minimum and maximum size limit will be disqualified if, in the judge's opinion, the head or tail have been cut or altered. Upon entry, fish will be marked by removal of 1 fin.

The decision of the tournament judges is final.

PLEASE KEEP IN MIND THAT THE MAIN PURPOSE OF THIS FISHING RODEO IS TO HAVE SOME FUN WITH YOUR FAMILY AND NEIGHBORS IN BAY HARBOR. PLEASE HAVE FUN BUT DON'T GET TOO SERIOUS ABOUT WINNING AND ALWAYS THINK SAFETY FIRST.

NO ALCOHOL WILL BE ALLOWED DURING THE HOURS OF THE TOURNAMENT.

## A few thoughts about our Bay Harbor Island

Please be careful, especially this time of year, if you see a need to walk on the small shell island behind Bay Harbor. It is covered with nesting shorebirds, many of which lay their eggs on top of the shells on the island. Please consider staying off this island and reminding children of the damage that can happen if they walk around or play on the island. It is against state and federal law to disturb these nesting birds, but beyond the law it just makes good sense to take care of the treasures that we have here in Bay Harbor. There are very few island neighborhoods that have this type of habitat right in their backyards.

Thanks,  
*The Birds*

## Bay Harbor Spring Fishing Report by Capt. Bill Hand

The tides of spring are on the rise. After several months of extremely low water we are finally getting some good tide exchange in the bay. As a result the bay is loaded with small menhaden. Just go out in the bay any afternoon on a strong tide and you will see pelicans from Bay Harbor all the way to San Luis Pass diving into large schools of these menhaden and scavenger sea gulls picking up the scraps. Because of our recent heavy rains the freshwater inflow into the marshes has been exceptional. This high volume freshwater inflow is something that we have not had for the last couple of years and it should provide some excellent habitat in our surrounding estuaries.

During the past couple of months I have been using fresh dead shrimp to catch plenty of "pan fish" like whiting and croaker. In my opinion it is hard to beat these two when it comes to fried fish. The small fillets fry up crisp and are extra good when they hit the frying pan shortly after they are caught. If you fish around those diving pelicans you should have no problem catching some nice gaff top. I have been on again, off again when it comes to catching and cleaning gaff top. Recently I perfected a new technique using my electric knife to clean gaff top and eliminate those big blood lines near the skin. I am also able to clean them now without worrying about the need for a trip to the emergency room.

With the water temperature in the bay running in the low 70s and with all bait in the bay, the specks should begin schooling up any day now and start some bird action in our area and to the east near Jamaica Beach. There have been lots of menhaden around the green lights in the canals along with some specks and reds. I am usually way too tired to fish the lights during the night, but my guess is that if you had some live shrimp, you could do some good. The Rusty Hook has had some good live shrimp for the past few weeks.

It is time to get your boat and fishing equipment ready because fishing is about to break wide open and we need to be ready. When you get a chance to get out on the water, remember to use fresh gas in your boat. I highly recommend using the ethanol type fuel stabilizer so that you can avoid breakdowns.

Tight lines and be careful out there on the water.

Capt. Bill

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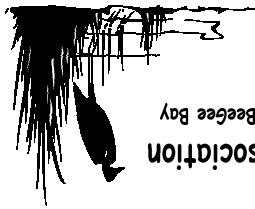
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# Upcoming Events

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## May

- 09 BHI A monthly board meeting
- 23 Bay Harbor Fishing Rodeo
- 30 Third Annual Bay Harbor International Folk Dancing Festival  
Home of Toy and John Halsey 3710 Port Trinidad 6:00pm on.

## June

- 13 BHI A Annual Meeting at Marina 4:00pm on
- 27 Bay Harbor Garden Club 10:00am at home of Elaine and Bill Hand  
3923 Fifth Street

## July

- 04 4th of Jul y
- 11 BHI A Monthly Meeting, 10:00 am