

The Heron

Bay Harbor Newsletter

Bay Harbor - The Friendly Subdivision



John Halsey, Editor

Summer Edition May 2010

PREZ SAYZ

We are on the brink of seeing our Island Restoration project become a reality after many years of planning, dreaming and a lot of hard work under the leadership of Betsy Redfield and others. It would be nice to just sit back and enjoy the new island, the bird habitat in Bay Harbor's back yard and the easy access to the bay that the new dredged channel will provide. However, we must start now to make sure we can maintain what we have worked so hard to accomplish.

In the very near future the residents of Bay Harbor are going to have to decide if they are willing to pay for the few amenities that we have now and possibly others that we may want for our neighborhood. If we do not develop a financial plan to maintain our channel and island, in a few years we will be right back where we are today. We cannot accomplish this with auctions, shirt sales and volunteer efforts that so many folks have worked at over the past decade. Less than half of the property owners in Bay Harbor pay the \$150.00 membership dues every year. We cannot continue to provide even the basics and maintain our channel at this rate of return. If we are going to have any chance of moving ahead, we must have mandatory dues from every property owner and most likely an increase in the amount each property owner is required to pay.

I believe in allowing people to determine just what it is that they want,



with the understanding that very seldom will everyone agree on any particular issue. It is up to us to decide what we want for our neighborhood and then be willing to pay for it. If the majority of the property owners agree that we should have mandatory dues paid by all property owners, then I would propose that we move forward to legally make that happen. I am not a lawyer and have no idea of what we would have to do, but I am certain that we would need to have the assistance of an attorney familiar with home owner associations.

If the majority of the property owners don't want this, then so be it. But I can tell you that we will not be able to do very much for our neighborhood based on a review of our budgets for the past ten or so years. A lot of folks are tired of paying the bill for others and we even have a difficult time getting folks to volunteer their time to serve as board members of the Bay Harbor Improvement Association. It is up to you, so please let us know if you want us to move forward or just let things remain the same.

Everyone who is a member of the Bay Harbor Improvement Association (BHIA) is welcome to attend any of our monthly BHIA board meetings. Our meetings are held the second Saturday of the month at the home of one of our board members. Our board meeting minutes and expense reports are available for any member who would like to see them. If you would like to be added to the Bay Harbor email list or have any other comments please let me know by calling me (713-824-1067) or sending me an email at bhand47@yahoo.com.

We look forward to seeing our neighbors at the Annual Meeting on June 12th at 4:00 PM

Your Prez
Bill Hand



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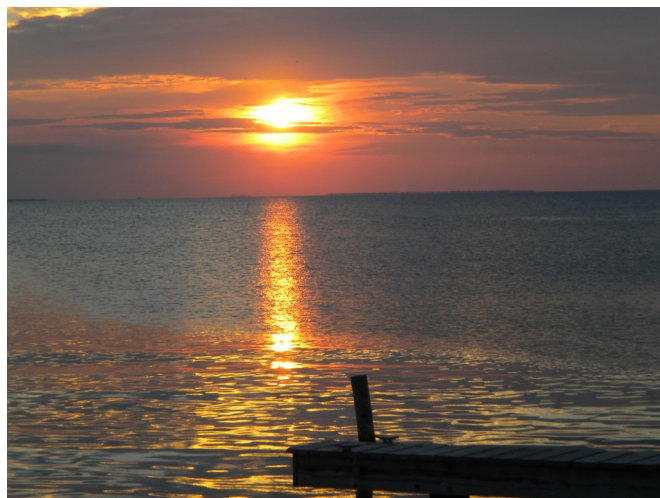
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**SUNDOWNER'S CLUB
REVIVED !!**



Summer is here and the "Sundowner's Club" will start gathering once again. Come to the marina in your car, golf cart, bicycle, motorcycle, boat or just your own two feet and join your neighbors to celebrate the end of the day at sunset. There are no rules and no attendance is taken. It's just a time to wind down with your neighbors at the end of the day when the sun sinks into the bay. You just never know who will show up on any given evening!



Picture taken at Bay Harbor Marina 5/2009

Bay Harbor Improvement Association



ANNUAL MEETING !!!

June 12, 2010

4pm

BAY HARBOR BOAT BASIN

Be sure and mark your calendar for this year's annual meeting! Besides visiting and dining with your Bay Harbor neighbors, the ribbon cutting of our island restoration project will take place with great celebration.



Many of our area leaders and newly elected city officials have been invited to participate. Share a great time hearing the latest news of the neighborhood and participate in the election of our new board members. If you have questions about the new golf cart ordinance or want the latest update about the city sewer project, this is your chance to ask questions or voice your opinion!

After the business portion of the meeting, the fiesta will begin with the serving of delicious fajitas along with all the trimmings. Margaritas and beer will be available for a donation and our local merchants have provided items that will be auctioned to help raise funds for the association. There will be giveaways as well!



Bay Harbor Improvement Association

Bay Harbor, Bahia Azul, Bahia Azul-Orner, BeeGee Bay

Route 4, Box 190 B26
Galveston, Texas 77554



May 15, 2010

This is the official notification announcing our annual meeting as required by the BHIA by-laws. The annual meeting will be held Saturday, June 12, 2010, 4PM, at the boat basin.

We will be voting on new board members. Please remember that you must be current in your dues to the association in order to vote on any matters that come before the membership. If you are unable to attend, but wish to vote, please complete and sign the enclosed proxy, and send it to the secretary at the above address or give it to the person named in the proxy.

There will be a Mexican fiesta with fajitas, tortillas, and fixins' and tea served following the annual meeting for all Bay Harbor property owners, with each BHIA member receiving two free meal tickets. Beer and margaritas will be available for a donation. Additional tickets can be purchased for \$5.00 each. Please bring a dessert or a side dish to share. We are renting tables and chairs to seat approximately 90 persons. **Please call or e-mail Gail Choate if you plan to attend to give us an accurate head count.**

Mark your calendars! Come to the annual meeting, meet your neighbors and have a great time. There will be door prizes, goody bags with items donated by local merchants and an auction, too. Please remember to bring either cash or check if you plan to participate in the auction. After all the festivities we'll have a fireside sing-along led by recorded artist Carl Finney. If you know of a property owner that is not familiar with our association, please invite them to come.

We will be celebrating the Island Restoration Project start-up at the annual meeting with a ribbon cutting ceremony. The program follows this announcement.

We want to welcome all newcomers in our subdivision and encourage you to join the Bay Harbor Improvement Association. The dues keep up our neighborhood by maintaining the boat ramp, fishing pier, our channel, the Bay Harbor signs and all Bay Harbor Association properties. Please support our subdivision. It will be the best value per dollar that you can spend!

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2010 PROXY

I, _____ hereby give _____ my proxy to vote on any matters that come before the general assembly of Bay Harbor Improvement Association.

OR

_____ I am in favor of electing the following individuals recommended by the present board to serve on the incoming Board of Directors: Pam Williams, Rob Traugott, Charlie Winsor and Bob Seay.

_____ I wish to nominate the following person(s) to serve on the incoming Board of Directors. (Maximum 4)

Celebration of the Bay Harbor Habitat Restoration Project

Recognition of supporting agencies:

Betsy Redfield, Project Coordinator

*Coastal Beach & Bay Foundation	\$10,000
Financial Administrator, Jeri Kinnear, President	
*US Fish & Wildlife Services	\$40,000
Coastal Program, Scott Williams	
*National Fish & Wildlife Foundation	\$50,000
Shell Marine Habitat/ National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Kristopher Benson	
*Coastal Counties Restoration Initiative	\$50,000
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Heather Young	
*Restore America's Estuaries	\$66,500
Galveston Bay Foundation, Philip Smith NOAA	
*Harris & Eliza Kempner Foundation	\$2,000
*Private Funding	\$200,000
Bay Harbor Residents and Friends	
*Watercolor Painting / Bay Harbor Brochure	
Caroline Graham	
*Bay Harbor Presidents & Habitat Committee	
Norma Tidrow	Betsy Redfield
John Halsey	Carl Finney
Bill Hand	Board of Directors
*Officials and Supporters (Invited)	
Mayor Joe Jaworski	Dianna Puccetti, council district six
Jerry Mohn	John Lee
*Gahagan & Bryant Associates, Inc.	
Engineers/Surveyors	
Dana Cheney	
Sara Halpin	

News from the Bay Harbor Garden Club

Thanks to all of you who helped make our West Bay Tour on April 24th such a great success. About 25 of our Garden Club members and their guests enjoyed this 5 hour bus tour. Some of the highlights included:

Wetlands along West Bay

Christmas Bay and Drum Bay

Blue Water Highway

Brazoria National Wildlife Refuge -where we enjoyed a great boxed lunch from

McAllisters Restaurant

Village of Surfside

Levee Road

Demi-John Island

Bastrop Bayou Bridge

Camp Wallace/Hitchcock Naval Air Station (Blimp Base)

Teichman Point

Sportsman Road

This trip was the brainstorm of Theron Moore. He envisioned an informative and fun tour of West Bay, beginning and ending in Bay Harbor. Thanks also to the following people who helped plan and execute this event: Bill Hand, Annette Moore, Pam Williams, and May Bonno.

Our next Garden Club meeting is scheduled for June 26th at 10:00. More details to come soon.

Elaine Hand

President - Bay Harbor Garden Club



Fishing Rodeo

The Bay Harbor Second Annual Fishing Rodeo is scheduled for May 28th and 29th. Prizes are worth over \$400 and will be awarded at the boat basin at 2:30 PM followed by a fish fry. The tournament is open to all Bay Harbor families and friends. Entrants can print the registration form, fill in their names and phone number, and bring it to the registration desk with their fee. This should make their entry into the tournament quick and easy. Non-anglers can also register which provides for a free registration gift (a Bay Harbor floating box) and access to the fish fry. It's a neighborhood family fun event.

Tournament fishing starts Friday, May 28th at 8 PM Friday until Saturday May 29th, at 2 PM. Weigh-in is Saturday from 12:00 PM to 2:00 PM. All participants must check in at the registration table on Friday evening between 5 & 7 pm or Saturday morning between 6:30 & 8:00 am at the Bay Harbor Marina.

DIVISIONS and PRIZES

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

- Speckled Trout (1st Place = \$50 Academy Gift Card, 2nd Place = Bay Harbor Polo Shirt, 3rd Place = Bay Harbor Cap)
- Flounder (1st Place = \$50 Academy Gift Card, 2nd Place = Bay Harbor Polo Shirt, 3rd Place = Bay Harbor Cap)
- Redfish (1st Place = \$50 Academy Gift Card, 2nd Place = Bay Harbor Polo Shirt, 3rd Place = Bay Harbor Cap)

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

- Speckled Trout (1st Place = \$20 Academy Gift Card, 2nd Place = Bay Harbor T-Shirt, 3rd Place = Bay Harbor Summer Harbor Cap)

- Redfish (1st Place = \$20 Academy Gift Card, 2nd Place = Bay Harbor T-Shirt, 3rd Place = Bay Harbor Summer Cap)
- Flounder (1st Place = \$20 Academy Gift Card, 2nd Place = Bay Harbor T-Shirt, 3rd Place = Bay Harbor Summer Cap)

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

- Biggest fish (\$15 Academy Gift Card),
- 2nd biggest fish (\$10 Academy Gift Card)
- 3rd biggest fish (\$10 Academy Gift Card)

from a list of designated species

For more information, please visit the Bay Harbor website's announcements at

<http://www.bhiatx.org/announcements.htm>



The poster features a central image of a speckled trout. The text is arranged around the fish, with the title '2nd Annual Bay Harbor Fishing Rodeo' in large, stylized fonts. Below the title, it specifies the dates 'May 28th and 29th 2010'. To the right of the fish, there is a list of details: 'Open to Bay Harbor family and friends', 'Three Fishing Divisions' (Adult \$10, Junior \$5, Small Fry \$5), 'Over \$400 value in prizes', 'Gift at registration', and 'Tailgate fish fry party'. At the bottom, there is a small logo for the Bay Harbor Improvement Association and a website link for more information.

2nd Annual Bay Harbor Fishing Rodeo

May 28th and 29th 2010

Open to Bay Harbor family and friends

Three Fishing Divisions
Adult (17 years old and over) \$10
Junior (11 to 16 years old) \$5
Small Fry (10 & under) \$5

Over \$400 value in prizes
Gift at registration
Tailgate fish fry party

Bay Harbor Improvement Association

For more information, go to Bay Harbor Fishing Rodeo at <http://www.bhiatx.org/announcements.htm>

Bay Harbor Spring 2010 Fishing Report by Capt. Bill Hand

The spring fishing season has started and so far fishing has been great when you can get the wind, weather, and the tide to work at the same time. Based on my experience and the reports I have heard from some of our neighbors, fishing has been great. There have been reports of several limits of Specks and Reds taken in the past few weeks. There have also been reports of some nice early spring Flounder.

Most of my catches have been on live shrimp. This is the time of year when we go from monster shrimp that end up costing about a dollar a piece because you get so few in a quart, to the "eyeballs and whiskers" micro shrimp where you get hundreds in a quart. Not many right size shrimp are available until later in the month. The good news is that they will all catch fish!

I would recommend that you start looking for birds working schools of trout to the East of Bay Harbor. The bird action usually starts around Jamaica Beach and moves West during June and July. Hopefully we will get some good soaking rain to flush the shrimp out of the marsh into the bay. About two days after a good rain is the time to break out the binoculars and start looking for diving seagulls.

Several of my "secret contacts" have reported Bull Reds in the surf close to Bay Harbor. The water temperature is right for surf run Specks and that action usually starts around Memorial Day.

Speaking of Memorial Day, our 2nd Annual Bay Harbor Fishing Rodeo will be held on Friday evening May 28 and Saturday May 29, 2010. That is the Memorial Day weekend. Stay tuned for more information as the date gets closer. Last year we had a great turn out and there were a lot of fish weighed in. We are planning another neighborhood fish fry following the weigh in.

Spring also tends to bring some violent weather to our area, so don't take any chances when those dark clouds approach. Head for the dock and wait it out. Sometimes fishing is excellent following one of those spring squalls when the wind dies and the bay turns slick.

Dana over at Smitty's Bait publishes a fishing and bait report about twice a week. If you want to get those, contact Dana at smittysbait@yahoo.com and I am sure she will be happy to add you to her email list.

Tight lines and be careful out there on the water.

Capt. Bill

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Full page (8.5 x 11)	\$115.00	\$345.00

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(713) 443 6700 or jthalsey@sbcglobal.net

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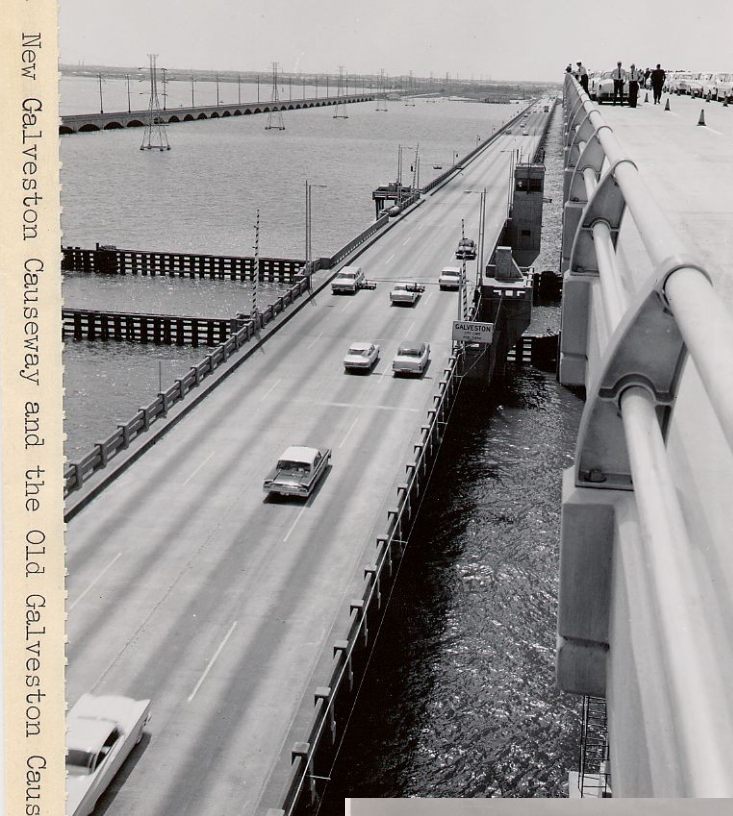
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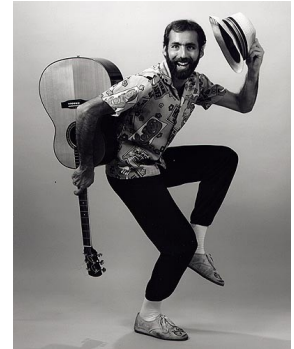


Galveston Causeway 1954



New Galveston Causeway and the Old Galveston Caus

A tip of the hat to Patsy Gatlin and Connie Bain for providing us with these photos.



I45 at League City circa 1956

Circa 1960



50 Gulf Freeway near League City

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Visit our website at www.bhiatx.org

Upcoming Events

June 2010

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

May

28 & 29 Bay Harbor Fishing Rodeo

June

12 BHIA Annual Meeting
26 Garden Club

July 2010

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
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25	26	27	28	29	30	31

July

04 Independence Day
10 BHIA board meeting

August 2010

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
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29	30	31				

August

14 BHIA board meeting



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