

# The Heron

## Bay Harbor Newsletter

*Bay Harbor - The Friendly Subdivision*



John Halsey, Editor

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#### PREZ SAYZ Spring 2011

It has been a pleasure serving as your Bay Harbor Improvement Association president for the past several years. Since we don't have any term limits per say, I am going to term limit myself out of this position. It is time for me to be a little more "retired" and let someone with some new fresh ideas take the helm. Now that we have our channel dredging completed and island restoration done, I think we need to continue to press the COG to provide us with a sanitary sewer system that they have long promised. If I am elected for another term on the board, I will continue that battle as a board member.



#### **Heavy Bulk Trash Pick-up**

Please get the word out so that we don't have trash collecting along the streets in the neighborhood. You must call in a request or the heavy bulk trash will not be collected. If you have a construction project, you or your contractor must remove the material. The City of Galveston **will not** pick up construction materials and they will cause an unsightly mess for weeks setting on the side of the street.

To schedule a bulk trash pickup please call (409) 797-3630. City collection crews will only visit pre-scheduled locations to cart away

bulk items like white goods, furniture, appliances & brush. All on-demand requests received by 3:00 p.m. will be scheduled for pick-up within 24-hours. Friday requests will be scheduled for the following Monday. The city has been doing a pretty good job of this, but you must call it in for them to take action.

#### **Our Bay Harbor Bird Island**

The many granting agencies and others who donated time and funds to our channel dredging and island restoration project never intended for our restored island to be a playground for the neighborhood or the public. We got those funds so that we could dredge our canal and use the dredge material to build a habitat for wildlife and shorebirds. I am not sure that everyone knows that fact. That was our main "selling point" and if we do not take care of this resource it is very unlikely that we will ever be able to get any of those grants in the future. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is monitoring the island and based on what has been happening out there over the past several weekends I do not think they would be happy. I don't think that anyone would knowingly disturb the nesting birds on the island, but when you set foot on the island, you are doing just that. PLEASE inform your kids, friends and neighbors just how important it is that we stay completely off the island during the nesting season from the end of February through August. It may already be too late this season to protect those birds, but hopefully with some education we can start off next season on a more

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**\*\*\*B.H.I.A. ANNUAL MEETING!\*\*\***



**June 12, 2011**

**4pm**

**Boat Basin**

**Aloha! Come join your neighbors for a luau to celebrate the dedication of the restoration of our own bird island. Share a great time hearing the latest news of the neighborhood and participate in the election of our new board members. After the business portion of the meeting which will be attended by our city officials, we'll once again have a wheel barrow raffle and a live auction of a few choice items.**

**Donations are still needed for our raffle and auction!**

**Contact Pam Williams at pwiliams0601@sbcglobal.net or 409-737-3733**

**And help with food is always welcome!**

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## **Bay Harbor Restoration Project Report**

Two plantings of native smooth cord grass and mangrove were held February 26 and March 8<sup>th</sup>. Birds are nesting so please stay off the island. Final reports for the National Fish & Wildlife Foundation and National Association of Counties were submitted. When accepted, we will receive our reimbursements. These funds will cover remaining invoices. A summary of accounting will be prepared for the Board of Directors to review and for posting on our website.

## **Donation Recognition Follow-up**

Those giving \$100 will be recognized with a signature tile placed at the Bay Harbor Marina. Those giving \$1,000 or more will be recognized with a signature tile and receive a framed print of the artwork appearing in our brochure by Artist Caroline Graham. Those giving \$5,000 or more will receive all three prints. Contact Jill Seay (281-487-6192) to pick up your prints. Still, we would greatly appreciate your making an additional donation the same time. This has been a big project over several years. We appreciate your donations and thank you for your support.

## **Annual Meeting Program**

Our Annual Meeting will highlight the completion of the Bay Harbor Habitat Restoration Project. Representatives from all the participating agencies and companies will be invited and recognized for their contribution and support. We will have a spoke person to discuss the island and its interaction. There will be samples of the recognition tiles and framed prints. Also, the Bay Harbor "store" will be set up with T-shirts, Hats, coffee cups, etc. available for purchase.

**Continued from page 1 Prez Says)** positive note. We will continue to try to educate our neighbors and have some small signs posted to advise people about disturbing the birds during nesting season.

Your Prez  
Bill Hand



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## Bay Harbor Spring 2011 Fishing Report by Capt. Bill Hand

The spring high tides and the winds of April are here. I think we would all like to see some "April Showers". The water temperature at the San Luis Pass weather station was 83 degrees this morning and is warming up with each passing day. Strong high tides are flushing the bay, which is obvious by all of the Sargasso seaweed that is in the bay right now. The shorelines are loaded with mullet and menhaden and fishing should break wide open anytime. There is already lots of Gafftop schooling which is always a sure sign of spring. Before long, there will be Specks and Reds amongst those schooling Gafftop. I have already seen some pictures of nice Specks taken over the Easter weekend. If the wind would just give us a little break and if we could get a decent rain, this could be one of the best fishing seasons in a long time.

I am going to use the rest of this article to talk about how you can use some current technology to help make you a better angler. Many people have smart phones, like Blackberrys, Droids and iPhones with current and future fishing conditions at your finger tips. One of my favorite apps for iPhones is *Tide Graph 2.4*. I think it costs around \$1.99. It shows exactly where the tide is at a certain time and the rate of rise and fall. I frequently pull up the tides for San Luis Pass, Alligator Point and Jamaica Beach to get an idea as to tide conditions in our area. There are some free tide apps, but they don't have all the features you get with a paid version.

By accessing the internet, you open up a vast base of information on current and future weather conditions around the area. Some of my favorites are the following:

NOAA Galveston Bay Forecast

<http://weather.noaa.gov/cgi-bin/fmtbltn.pl?file=forecasts/marine/coastal/gm/gmz335.txt>

Current Conditions at San Luis Pass (TCOON)

<http://lighthouse.tamucc.edu/overview/526>

Galveston Bay Operational Wave Predictions

[http://www.tamug.edu/mase/Wave\\_file/Galveston.htm](http://www.tamug.edu/mase/Wave_file/Galveston.htm)

I have all of the above bookmarked on my iPhone so I can access them anytime. Now that Verizon has upgraded their cell service on the water tower near us, it has made it a lot easier for Verizon customers to use their phones.

Tight lines and be careful out there on the water.

Capt. Bill



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## Garden Club News

The Bay Harbor Garden Club invites you to join us. We share our knowledge (and sometimes lack of knowledge) of plants that will thrive in this area. We meet at 10:00 A.M. on the last Saturday of even numbered months - February, April, June, August, and October. We also host a Christmas Party in December.

We have a road trip planned for our next meeting on Saturday, June 25th. We will visit Maas Nursery on Toddville Road in Seabrook - well known for at least 50 years. Maas Nursery has every kind of plant that you could imagine and then some. On the way home, we will stop for lunch. We would love to have you join us.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call Elaine Hand, president, at 281-381-7007



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# 3rd Annual Bay Harbor



## Fishing Rodeo

May 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> 2011

*Open to Bay Harbor family and friends*

### *Three Fishing Divisions*

*Adult (17 years old and over) \$15*

*Junior (11 to 16 years old) \$10*

*Small Fry (10 & under) \$5*

*Over \$400 value in prizes*

*Gift at registration*

*Tailgate fish fry party*

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Improvement  
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The Bay Harbor Third Annual Fishing Rodeo is scheduled for **May 27th and 28th, Memorial Day weekend**. The tournament is open to all Bay Harbor families and friends. Non-anglers can also register which provides for a registration gift and the fish fry. It's a neighborhood family fun event. Registration and check-in is **Friday evening** between 5 & 7 pm or **Saturday morning** between 6:30 & 8:00 am at the Bay Harbor Marina. Tournament fishing starts **Friday, May 27th at 8 PM** until **Saturday, May 28th at 2 PM**. Weigh-in is **Saturday from 12:00 PM to 2:00 PM** followed by the fish fry. Look for registration and prize information coming soon.

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To place an ad, call or write John Halsey or any BHIA board member.  
(713) 443 6700 or [jthalsey@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jthalsey@sbcglobal.net)

## Bay Harbor Classifieds

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## Upcoming Events

### June 2011

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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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 27th & 28th — Bay Harbor Fishing Rodeo

### June

12 BHIA Annual Meeting at the Marina

16 GAIN meeting 5:30pm at Moody Mansion

18 WGIPOA meeting Galveston Country Club at 9:00am

25 Bay Harbor Garden Club

### July 2011

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### July

16 WGIPOA meeting Galveston Country Club at 9:00am

21 Gain meeting 5:30pm at Moody Mansion

### August 2011

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### August

13 BHIA board meeting

18 GAIN meeting 5:30pm at Moody Mansion

20 WGIPOA meeting Galveston Country Club at 9:00am

27 Bay Harbor Garden Club