

The Heron

Bay Harbor Newsletter

Bay Harbor - The Friendly Subdivision



John Halsey, Editor

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"PREZ SAYZ"

Hi Neighbors,

It has been almost a year since Hurricane Ike turned our neighborhood inside out and washed away a lot of our stuff. Most of us have been very busy making repairs and Bay Harbor is almost back to where it was before Ike paid us a visit. In fact the whole island has made a remarkable recovery, in light of what we saw when we returned to the island for the first time following the storm. Some of our old neighbors have moved on and we have some new folks in the neighborhood. Several new houses are going up, which means that Bay Harbor is here to stay.

Our Marina and fishing pier was repaired thanks to some outstanding volunteer work from our neighbors. Recently we have had some vandalism in the Marina area. Please keep an eye out for vandals and report them to the Galveston Police Department. We do all

we can to keep that area in good shape for our neighbors, but we need everyone's help to keep it clean and watch over it.

We had our first Bay Harbor Fishing Rodeo in late May and the 61 registered contestants showed that we were ready to get back to having some fun. It was a big success and we are looking forward to our "Second Annual Bay Harbor Fishing Rodeo" in 2010. Stay tuned for the dates.

We have a couple of informal fun events planned for the neighborhood and those dates will be coming soon.

If you would like to be added to my Bay Harbor email list, please let me know by sending me a note at: bhand47@yahoo.com. I try to keep the neighborhood informed with information that affects our neighbors.

Your Prez
Bill Hand



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**BAY HARBOR
2009 ANNUAL MEETING**

.....Pam Williams

It had been a long time since we gathered but despite the ravages of Ike, the Bay Harbor Association annual meeting was a great event with around 60-70 neighbors attending based on the dinner tickets gathered. A big thank you to Randy Choate for spending the better part of the previous 24 hours smoking brisket, ribs and chicken that were out of this world delicious and to the many neighbors who provided desserts and vegetables. Rob's margarita machine was emptied out with generous donations to the general fund and very successful raffle and silent auctions were coordinated by Jessie Bradshaw, Cathy Francis and Pat Gatlin that added over \$2,000 to the treasury. We owe many thanks to the neighbors and companies who donated the items. Cathy Francis presided over sales of Bay Harbor logo items which also contributed to the overall success of the event.

Carl Finney presided over the business meeting. After a very positive discussion regarding the annual dues, the membership voted unanimously to increase the annual assessment from \$100 to \$150 per year. New board members were voted upon and we welcomed new members Sam Criswell, Sheryl Liskow, and Annette Moore. Betsy Redfield, once again volunteered her time to round out the board and continue to spearhead the Bird Island Restoration Project.

We heard from the police department about the new divisions being set up around the island. The west end will have it's own division in the near future with it's own emergency number. The age old discussion of golf carts on the beach was bantered around with the same outcome which is no outcome. Seems the state and the city are still deciding just where the buck stops on authority over the beach but our new President, Bill Hand, has offered good suggestions as to how to make your voice heard about the subject.

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Bay Harbor Habitat Restoration Project Report

August 2009

Betsy Redfield

Habitat Restoration Project/Channel Dredging Fundraising Party to

be held Saturday, September 5th at 3702 Tradewinds starting at 6:30PM. Bring your check payable to Coastal Beach & Bay/Bay Harbor Project or Bay Harbor Habitat Project. We are making the big push to get the private funds needed for matching grants received from the Coastal Counties Restoration Initiative (\$50,000) and the National Fish & Wildlife Foundation (\$50,000) and to match the pending application to the Coastal Erosion Protection & Response Act (Texas General Land Office) (\$225,000). There will be people there to discuss the Project and answer questions. We will have snacks (fried fish, cheese, fruit, etc) and drinks (wine, margaritas, tea, etc).

Remember your donation may be tax deductible to CB&B. Donations over \$100 will be recognized with a signature tile at the Marina and donations over \$1,000 will receive a framed print of the Project watercolor works by Caroline Graham.

As soon as funds are raised, the engineer will make a post-Ike survey and review the final design plans. Then contracts for construction will be let and construction could start as early as March. We need our completion target date to be April 30, 2010 to avoid losing our grants.

Now is the time to donate. Thank all of you who have contributed, keep it coming.

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News from the Bay Harbor Garden Club

Our June meeting was a great success. About 20 of our Bay Harbor neighbors attended the meeting at the home of Bill and Elaine Hand. Our guest speaker was Bob Patterson, the owner and general manager of Southwest Fertilizer, located at 5828 Bissonnet in Houston. He shared some great information about the safe use of fertilizers in our yards and gardens. With the damage that our lawns, plants, and trees sustained after Hurricane Ike, his suggestions were valuable.

If you haven't attended one of our meetings, we hope you will consider joining us for the August meeting. Not only are our meetings informative, they are also a great way to get to know some of our neighbors that you haven't met. We usually have a speaker, but if not, we discuss our own gardening successes, problems, and suggestions. Either way, we leave with some great new ideas.

The next Garden Club meeting will be Saturday, August 29th, at 10:00 and will be at the home of Gayle and Randy Choate at 4016 4th Street. Our speaker will be **Glen Graves**, a native of Arkansas who grew up in Shreveport, Louisiana. He served his country in World War II with the 1138th Engineer Combat Group in the Philippine Islands. After finishing college, Glen worked for Texas Gas Transmission Corp. in Memphis. He moved to Houston in 1950 to work for Trunkline Gas Company, from which he retired in 1986. Since his retirement, Glen has volunteered as Coordinator of the Cylinder Gardening Project in cooperation with the Men's Garden Club of Houston, Harris County Master Gardeners Association, the Houston Area Outreach Coalition, Inc. and the Leadership Center.

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Halloween Party for Bay Harbor

A Halloween costume party is planned for all Bay Harbor residents on Saturday, October 31, 2009, 7 PM, at the home of Randy and Gail Choate, 4016 4th Street.

There will be a prize for the best costume and other categories. A postcard will be sent in October to give more information as to food and drink. Mark your calendars and come for a great time with your neighbors.



** BAY HARBOR NEIGHBORHOOD RE-CONNECT **

September 12

5pm - Boat Basin

To showcase Galveston's incredible resiliency and progress one year after Hurricane Ike, a series of "Revival and Reflections" events will be taking place beginning Tuesday, Sept. 8 on The 109th anniversary of the Great 1900 Storm and continue through Sunday, Sept. 13, as Galvestonians, friends, visitors and supporters come together to celebrate "*Revival and Reflections ... Marking the first anniversary of Hurricane Ike, September 8-13, Galveston Island, Texas.*"

We will celebrate at our own **BHIA NEIGHBORHOOD RECONNECT**. Come join your neighbors new and old for a "come as you are" gathering at the boat basin. The tent will be up and once again Bill Hand will provide some fish and Randy Choate will be making some of his famous gumbo. Bring your own favorite covered dish or dessert and join in the fun!

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The Cylinder Gardening Program has involved more than 100 schools in 8 school districts and worked with over 50,000 children in Harris County. He is a member of the Lone Star Chapter of the American Hibiscus Society, Camellia Society, The Harris County Master Gardeners Association, a former President of the Houston Area Outreach Coalition, Inc., and director of the Leadership Center. Glen received the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Harris Country Master Gardeners, the Outstanding Individual Master Gardener for the state of Texas in 1999, and the Gold Medal Award in 1999. He was nominated for the 1996 Governor's Volunteer Award. In recent years, Glen has been working on new curriculums such as Composting, Butterfly Gardening and Worm Composting.

If you have questions or suggestions for any of our meetings, please pass that information on to one of the Garden Club officers:

President: Ed Jackson at 409-737-9057

Vice President: Elaine Hand at 409-737-9418 or 281-557-2316

Secretary: Annette Moore at 409-737-5758 or 713-818-1858

Treasurer: Burnelle Schmitz at 409-737-2403.

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Be sure and contact him if you'd like to be on his mailing list. Karen Mahoney spoke of city council issues, the outstanding one for Bay Harbor being city sewers which look to be on the back burner once again in deference to more important projects due to Mr. Ike.

There were new neighbors that we look forward to getting to know better and hope everyone will feel welcome at all of our events which are held to promote community awareness but more importantly to just have some great fun!

Bay Harbor Summer Fishing Report

by Capt. Bill Hand

We are in the "Dog Days" of summer, but some cool weather and fall fishing is right around the corner. We have had a few outstanding days when the surf was green to the beach. There were lots of specks and some sharp toothed Spanish mackerel cutting off lures and stealing live shrimp. I have not fished the area around the bridge at San Luis Pass, but I have heard some good reports from that area. Live Croaker is usually a sure bet for that area and at times free lining large live shrimp will work equally as well. Just watch the weather and the tides for your best chance for success down at the Pass. There were some good reports from Bay Harbor residents fishing in the deep guts behind the pass when you could catch the tides right. Early morning on a moderate tide is best in that area and when the trout are hitting top water baits, it doesn't get much better.

June and July brought some pesky southwest wind which tends to keep the bay off color for days. We are finally starting to see a trend to a more southeasterly wind pattern which really helps clear the bay up. There has been fairly consistent action over the deep shell reefs in lower West Bay on Specks and all the Sand Trout that you want to bring home. I have been using pearl colored 3" Gulp Shrimp and that bait has been good all summer. Several residents have reported outstanding action on some nice Specks under their lights in the canals.

My advice for fall is to check the tide tables and get out in the lower bay with your binoculars and look for birds. I usually go by the tide predictions for Alligator Point and San Luis Pass. It is not unusual to see birds working all over the bay during moving tides. I have had my best luck chasing birds on the north side of the bay during a falling tide, and the south side during a rising tide. You should be able to find all the birds you need from just east of Sea Isle to the mouth of Chocolate Bay. Chocolate Bay will also produce lots of working birds, but it has been my experience that most of the specks in Chocolate Bay tend to be on the small side. Every fall I have had my best catches within two miles or so of the Bay Harbor boat ramp.

Tight lines and be safe out there on the water
Capt. Bill....

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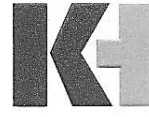
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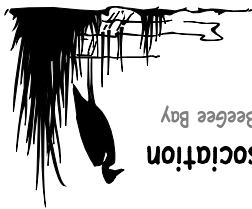
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Upcoming Events

August 2009

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August

- 08** BHIA monthly board meeting
- 29** Garden Club meeting

September 2009

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September

- 05** BHIA Restoration Project Fundraiser
3702 Tradewinds 6:30pm
- 12** BHIA monthly board meeting
- 12** Bay Harbor Reconnect Party at Marina
Gumbo and fried fish

October 2009

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October

- 10** BHIA Monthly Meeting, 10:00 am
- 31** Bay Harbor Halloween Party at Randy&Gail Choate's
4016 4th St. at 7:00pm

We'd like to thank our vendor friends who supported our silent auction and raffle.

| Vendor | Address | Telephone |
|--|-------------------------------|------------------|
| Aberle Plumbing | 822 91st Galveston | 744-7712 |
| Allex's Seafood | 13680 FM 3005 | 737 2212 |
| Avery's (under new owner) | 6498 Sea Isle, 77554 | 737 5151 |
| Blue Bayou Brass Company | 2505 Huldy Houston, Tx | 713-522-2239 |
| Blue Water Grill - Dusty Cooper | 16708 San Luis Pass Rd | 974-4934 |
| Campeche Cove Animal Hospital | 3802 Cove View | 740 0808 |
| Caroline Graham Artist | Bay Harbor | |
| Cathy Francis | Bay Harbor | |
| Coastal Creations | 3802 Cove View | 744 1819 |
| Dr. Detail | 6611 Stewart Rd #1 | 740-7500 |
| Ed & Pat Jackson | Bay Harbor | |
| Galveston Art Center | 2117 Postoffice Street, 77550 | |
| Galveston Country Club | P.O. Box 3130, 77552-0130 | 762 9625 x262 |
| Galveston Wholesale | FM3005 @ 10 Mile Road, 77554 | |
| Home Town Bank | | |
| Inventory My House | Pearland,Tx | 281-948-8448 |
| J Bangle Gallery | 16708-D San Luis Pass Road | 737-3341 |
| Jamaica Hardware | 16708 A San Luis Pass Rd | 737-3001 |
| Jamaica me Sweat | 16708 San Luis Pass Rd | 632-9200 |
| Les McDonald JR Artist | Bay Harbor | |
| Luigi's | 2328 Strand | 763 6500 |
| Mind Body Workers | 4920 Seawall #D | 762-6463 |
| Naomi Campbell | Jamaica Beach | 281-761-8407 |
| Nate's | 17515 San Luis Pass Rd | 737-5451 |
| Palm N' Plants - Curtis & Christie Crunk | 17620 San Luis Pass Rd | 632-0600 |
| Pam Williams | Bay Harbor | |
| Rusty Hook | 23230 FM3005 | 737-2477 |
| Sea Isle Bait Camp - Captain Steve | 21706 Burnett | 443-1403 |
| Sea Isle Supermarket | San Luis Pass rd/Sea Isle | |
| Sevens Seas Grocery | 17527 San Luis Pass Rd | 737-1152 |
| The 1894 Grand | 2020 Post Office | 765-1894 |
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SUNDOWNER'S CLUB REVIVED !!



After a much too long hiatus, the "Sundowner's Club" will start gathering once again. Come 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. The gathering was initiated by our former neighbor Gerry Hillendahl who watched many a sunset over the years. You just never know who will show up on any given evening!



Picture taken at Bay Harbor Marina 5/2009