

The Heron

Bay Harbor Newsletter

Bay Harbor - The Friendly Subdivision



John Halsey, Editor

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PREZ SAYZ

Well neighbors as hot as it is outside, it is hard to believe that we are nearing the end of "summer" here on the island. School started today for most youngsters and Labor Day which marks the official day that we get our island back from the tourists is right around the corner. More about our Bay Harbor Labor Day party from Pam!
As I sit here reflecting on another year of fun in the sun, a few thoughts popped into my mind.....



Our unsung Hero Neighbors

You all know who they are and we all need to thank them for all they do to make Bay Harbor one of the most fun and friendly neighborhoods on the island. There are those who fix things that are broke around the neighborhood, those that pick up trash on the side of the road, beach and around the marina. Those who watch over the Marina and make sure that our boat launch is secure and locked. Our party and event planners and GREAT cooks who help us keep on a few extra pounds with all kinds of good homemade cooking and grilled delights. Our "Margarita Machine Man", our Webmaster and many others who I have probably left out in a senior moment.

Galveston Association of Island Neighborhoods

Because of our membership in GAIN, we have become a part of the island and a lot more people know where Bay Harbor is on the map. The Mayor and City Council know who we are and we get represented every month at the GAIN City Managers meeting and the monthly GAIN meetings. You can bet that sewers for Bay Harbor are mentioned on a regular basis.

At our meeting last month, Mayor Jaworski asked that each neighborhood provide a list of five of the worst properties/hazards in their neighborhood and the city would put those on a priority list to be corrected. Please let me know your thought and I will compile a list for Bay Harbor. The Mayor also advocates everyone pitching in to clean-up litter as soon as it hits the ground. Many of our neighbors are already doing this, but if everyone pitched in, it could make people think before they litter our streets and marina area.

Voter Registration

I know that some folks probably get tired of hearing me harp on this topic, but folks if you don't vote here in Galveston, we have no say in our local government. There are fewer than 40 registered voters in Bay Harbor. I understand that many people are "weekenders", but you can still register to vote in Galveston if you have a street address in Galveston. It all amounts to making the decision of where your vote counts the most, because you can only register to vote in one place. Most elections on the island are won or lost by a few votes, so

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my opinion has been that my vote for our local elections counts more here than other places that we own property. Some folks split their vote with other family members and cover two residences. Registering to vote and voting has never been easier. No need to stand in long lines with early voting. You can download the voter registration form at:

http://www.co.galveston.tx.us/tax_offices/voter_registration.htm

If you don't have a computer, give me a call and I will hand deliver the form and mail it in for you. If you need a ride to go vote, call me and I will give you a ride.

Our Bay Harbor Monthly Board Meetings

Any member of the Bay Harbor Improvement Association is invited to attend any of our monthly meetings and give us your thoughts and ideas. Our Minutes and Financial Reports are always available to anyone who would like to look at them. Our meetings are rotated among our board members homes and I will always send an email blast to the neighborhood announcing the time and place. Come and join us and enjoy some of the wonderful snacks that seem to appear at our meetings.....folks in Bay Harbor love to cook. Our next Board Meeting will be September 11, 2010 at the home of Theron & Annette Moore.

We look forward to seeing our neighbors at the Labor Day Party in a few weeks. Look for the announcement in this newsletter and I will send a reminder via email as the time draws near.

**Your Prez
Bill Hand**

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Bay Harbor Annual Meeting 2010 Recap

Those attending this year's annual meeting were treated to a grand fiesta with great food, informative community news and a fun time all the way around. All this and the association managed to make a profit and contribute to the Bay Harbor Habitat Restoration Project thanks to the generous silent auction and wheel barrel raffle donations and those who purchased them!

Bill Hand presided over the meeting that started with the program planned by Betsy Redfield who started off with an excellent review of the restoration project that reached its goal! Bay Harbor owes her so many thanks for all the hard work she has done to make it happen. Sara Halpin of Gahagan & Bryant Associates engineering firm, performed the official ribbon cutting. Newly elected District 6 Councilwoman, Dianna Paccetti, gave an update on issues pertinent to the West End and new Mayor, Joe Jaworski, spoke of his vision of Galveston's future. Both fielded our questions and concerns. Latonia Wilson, District Clerk, also attended.



Last on the agenda was the election of board members Bob Seay, Rob Traugott, Charlie Winsor and Pam Williams.

The 70-80 neighbors attending the meeting were treated to a fajita feast managed by Pat Gatlin. With master chopper, Walter Combs, by his side, Randy Choate once again provided his chef skills by cooking up delicious fajita meat and veggies.

Thanks to the many

neighbors who brought sides and desserts and to Rob Traugott for the use of his margarita machine.

The silent auction and was once again a grand success. We owe many thanks to the merchants who provided donations, especially during these challenging economic times. Be sure to think of them when you are hungry, have a special something you need to purchase or service you need performed. Kudos also



go to Jessie Bradshaw for putting gathering the donations and putting together the goody bags as well as the wheel barrel raffle, to Sheryl Liskow for her computer skills and to John Halsey and Annette Moore for helping to gather the donations.

The board is grateful to all of the neighbors who helped plan the meeting and make the setup, serving and cleanup tasks much easier to bear! Be sure and view Jessie's Smilebox pictures in the Annual Meeting section of the www.bhiatx.org website.

Pam Williams





Avast Ye Bay Harbor Hearties !!!



Ye be invited fer some swashbuckling fun at our

Labor Day Treasure Hunt & Pirate Party

Sunday - September 5th - 6:00pm !!

Chart yer course fer



4016 4th Street,



home of Gail & Randy Choate who will be cooking up some good gumbo.

B.Y.O.B. (Rob Traugott's margaritas will also be there for a donation!)

Teams will form and get the first clue at around 6:30pm...

So come in yer best buccaneer gear (or just come as ye are) and

bring yer favorite covered dish

(it always works out but we'd appreciate an RSVP to

Gail Choate fer ideas at 409-737-1707 or email gschoate@sbcglobal.net).

If ye don't want to seek the treasure, just come for the good grub and grog!

Restoration/Dredging Construction Time Line

PROPOSED SCHEDULE FOR:		Project No.:	Weeks																										
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		Project Title:	Bay Harbor Ecosystem Restoration Project																										
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Install Channel Markers		11/4/2010	11/5/2010													█													
Final Survey		11/8/2010	11/11/2010														█	█											
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August 2010

Habitat Restoration Project Report

At the Bay Harbor Annual Meeting on June 12 we officially announced the Project's start with a Ribbon Cutting Celebration. Sara Halpin from Gahagan & Bryant Engineering cut the ribbon signifying that we had received all permits including the Coastal Easement Permit from the Texas General Land Office. More importantly, the celebration indicated that we had sufficient funds to begin the channel dredging, filling geo-textile tubes for shoring, and island elevation and restoration work.

Please understand that we are not at a position for anyone to quit their contributions as we will continue to need funds in the future to complete the project and maintain it. The Lease Agreement with the Texas General Land Office is for ten years and will cost Bay Harbor \$3,116 per year. We will need to continue to raise funds for bi-annual monitoring and three to five year periodic maintenance dredging.

A Pre-Construction Conference was held at Gahagan & Bryant's office on August 3 where the contractor, JND's President, Dennis Thomas, met, along with Bay Harbor representatives, to review in detail all the steps of the contract and project construction. JND's Project Superintendent and Foreman, Kieth Ayers ("Tex") will be managing the work under the supervision and coordination of GBA's Champ Clark.

JND is completing a project in Port Arthur. They will start to set up at Bay Harbor after August 15th. They will secure a current survey and after another review, GBA will give them Notice to Proceed (estimated the last week in August). The contract allows 90-120 days for completion. Weather and all other circumstances permitting, the project could be completed within 60-90 days. Following completion the USFish & Wildlife Services and Galveston Bay Foundation will schedule a "Marsh Maina" for planting of native vegetation around the newly restored island.

In March of 2008 a letter was mailed to all water-front property owners. Some of these properties have changed ownership since then so excerpts from that letter are repeated below:

"Residents should understand that during construction certain temporary disruptions will occur. Some of these include dredge equipment and dredge pipe located within the boater access channel and turbid water plumes during the construction of the island. Residents actively participating in boating, fishing, birding, activities should be aware of these issues and understand that this is a temporary condition and will abate after the project is complete."

Please be alert to equipment and operations and avoid the area where possible. There will also be construction noise and workers moving in and out of the site. Please do not interfere with the work. If you have concern or questions, please contact a Board Member or Champ Clark. GBA will work directly with the contractors regarding any concerns. There will be information posted on the bulletin board at the marina.

Of course, please show everyone Bay Harbor's Friendly Neighborhood courtesy.

Project Coordinator, Betsy Redfield

Garden Club Report

Many of our Bay Harbor friends are still in the process of replacing trees and plants lost during Hurricane Ike. With our sandy soil and often scorching weather, it's often difficult to decide on the right plants. The Bay Harbor Garden Club can help. Our members are glad to share their own successes and failures with plants. We also have guest speakers that are very knowledgeable. Recent topics have been container gardening, plumerias, fertilizers, trees that thrive in our climate, and most recently, gardening with natives.

Our group meets on the last Saturday of even numbered months. For more information please contact any of our club officers:

Elaine Hand - President - 281-557-2316

Pam Williams - Vice President - 409-737-3733

Annette Moore - Secretary - 713-781-6757

May Bonno - Treasurer - 409-737-1085

Next Garden Club Meeting Saturday, August 28th

Our next Garden Club meeting is approaching quickly.

Thanks so much to James and Michelle Vanderwater for offering to host this month's meeting.

Their home is located at 4125 first street. It's bright orange - you can't miss it!

Our guest speaker this month is Flo Hannah. Flo is the Sr. Sanctuary Steward for Houston Audubon since 2002. Her responsibilities include managing several of Houston Audubon's 17 sanctuaries. She has a Master of Science in Wildlife & Fisheries Sciences from Texas A&M University. She is currently a Board member for the Houston Chapter of the Native Plant Society of Texas, the Outdoor Nature Club, the Cullinan Park Conservancy, and the Coastal Prairie Partnership. She is the owner of Hannah Native Grasses, Inc., a small business growing native coastal prairie grasses.

Flo will be speaking to us about the importance of gardening with natives.

We hope to see you at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, August 28th.

Elaine



Annual Meeting
Theron and Annette Moore and
Theron's lovely
mom.

Jenny Gilliland
Serving the masses



The 2nd Annual Bay Harbor Fishing Rodeo Recap

The 2nd Annual Bay Harbor Fishing Rodeo started Friday evening, May 28th and went through Saturday afternoon, May 29th. The \$10 and \$5 entry fees included a chance for gift certificates, shirts and caps for prizes for the fish weigh-in winners. A water-tight floating box was given as a registration gift, a 50% discount coupon for live shrimp at the Rusty Hook, and an all-u-can-eat Tailgate Fish Fry.

There were 45 Adult entries with a 4.15 pound Speckled Trout caught by Gene Gansky taking 1st place, followed by a 3.55 pound 2nd Place Spec caught by Tim Kurtin, and two 3rd place specs weighing 3.11 pounds each caught by Gary Bankhead and John Halsey. No Redfish or flounder were weighed-in.



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

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

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Tyler Dehart and Logan Roper were the 2 Junior division entries, with Tyler Dehart coming in First Place with a 1.6 pound Speckled Trout. Carl Johnson, Jacob Sparks and Luke Davis were the Small Fry entrants with Luke Davis weighing in a 1.13 pound Speckled Trout to take First Place.



Many thanks to the Fishing Rodeo entrants, volunteers and the Rusty Hook for making this a fun neighborhood event.

← Annual Meeting

Residents listen to updates from newly elected councilwoman, Dianna Puccetti.

Bay Harbor Summer 2010 Fishing Report by Capt. Bill Hand

So far, this has been a "normal summer fishing season" with hot humid and sometimes windy days with a southwest breeze. Fishing early is the name of the game this time of year. By the time the sun gets overhead, it is way too hot for most of us to spend much time out on the water without some shade and something cool to drink.

I have not had a chance to do much fishing during the past month because of work on my house and work in general. I have had some good reports from the surf when it lies down and gets green to the beach. The usual Specks, Reds and the toothy Spanish Mackerel are roaming the guts in the cool water of the early morning. Live bait is almost always the best, with live Croaker giving you a real edge on some days. The down side of live bait this time of year is that it is very difficult to keep alive without really pampering it during this hot weather.

There have been plenty of Specks hanging around the green lights in the canals and I know that some nights a few folks have had some good catches. It is a nice escape from the heat of the day as long as the mosquitoes are kept under control.

Fall has always been my favorite time of year for fishing West Bay and it is right around the corner. With the rain that we have had this summer, fall should be great for all types of fishing. This is the time of year that you may see birds working any time during the day as long as there is water movement. I can't over emphasize looking at your tide tables and moon phases. Those ancient mariners knew way back when the best times to fish by keeping up with the moon.

Dana over at Smitty's Bait Camp 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 he will be happy to add you to his email list.

Tight lines and be careful out there on the water.

Capt. Bill

Annual Meeting—Randy cooked up some wonderful fajitas and the auction was great.



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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

Bay Harbor Classifieds

Rates: For a 2" wide, \$2.00 per line (minimum of 3 lines).
Runs one time for these rates, and on the website for 1 month.

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We are so grateful to the vendors who help us each year with the silent auction. Please remember them when making your next purchase.

Vendor	Contact	Address	Phone
Amsoil (w/Dr. Detail)	Jim Abrams		402-2840
Allex's Seafood	John Allex	13680 FM 3005	737 2212
American Business Ma-	John	5128 Avenue P 1/2	744-5653
Avon	Blanca Yerena	Neighbor	713-208-1327
Bluewater Grill	Dusty Cooper	16708 San Luis Pass Rd	974-4934
Café Michael Burger	Mike	8826 Seawall Blvd.	740-3639
Campeche Cove Animal	Jackie Cole	3802 Cove View	740 0808
Capital Q Barbeque	Ray Herrera, Mgr	1228 Seawall Blvd.	974-4585
Caroline Graham-Artist		Neighborhood	
Dakine Décor		2029 Strand	766-7400
Dr. Detail	Miguel Arabia	6611 Stewart Rd	740-7500
Economy Liquors	Bob & Evelyn McCurry	14228 Stewart Rd	737 9800
Galveston Art Center	Alexander Irvine, Executive Director	2117A Postoffice Street	763-2403
Galveston Country Club	Knute Lund, Mgr.	14228 Stewart Rd	762 9800
Galveston Wholesale Lum-	Speedy	4807 Pean St.	737-4236
Home Town Bank	Gary Gilliland	13680 FM 3005	632-9100
Island Café	Mario Garcia	1017 61st Street	741-2889
J Bangle Gallery	Elaine	16708-D San Luis Pass	737-3341
Jamaica Hardware	Thomas Kubeczka	16708 A San Luis Pass Rd	737-3001
Jamaica Me Sweat	Shelly Devries (Royce)	16708 San Luis Pass Rd	632-9200
Kites Unlimited	Alana	103rd and Seawall Blvd.	744 4121
Les McDonald JR Artist	Les McDonald		
Louis the Map Man			
Mike T. Magician	Mike Majik	madhattermajik.com	925-4568
Mary Kay	Jeannie Tamborello		737-3744
Mind Body Workers	Willi and Kathy Luthy	4920-D Seawall	762-6463
Nate's	Jason Connor	17515 San Luis Pass Rd	737-5451
Nu Skin	Melissa Conkling		
Olympia Grill	Larry Kriticos	4908 Seawall	766 1222
Quality Life Solutions	Lori Thompson	-	512-677-1956
Quickbooks by Design	Judy Thompson		832-621-5105
Randy Choate		Bay Harbor	
Red Snapper Inn		402 Bluewater Highway	979-239-1725
Rusty Hook	Peggy/Kenda	23230 San Luis Pass Rd	737-2477
Sail Blanca Luna	Tony Pizzuta	555 Bradford Avenue	281-732-7176
Sam Clark		Bay Harbor	
Sam Criswell		Bay Harbor	
Sea Isle Bait Camp	Captain Steve	22222 San Luis Pass Rd.	737-4838
Seven Seas Grocery	Peggy	17527 San Luis Pass Rd	737-1152
Southland Title Company	Connie Place-Hatman	6710 Stewart Rd, Ste 200	744-0727
Subway	Melanie Buck	16510 B San Luis Pass	737-9463
The Grand		2020 Postoffice	765-1894
Treasure Trove	Debbie Kubeczka	16708-A San Luis Pass Rd	737-9900
Village Hardware	Toby	6618 Stewart Rd	744-3555
Yaga's Tropical Café		2314 Strand	762 6676

And we certainly don't want to forget those that helped us put together the goodie bags:

Cartridge World Clear Lake	Bob Clark		281-286-8244
Cameo Care Givers	Jeannie Rivesman		713-829-0123
EmbroidMe	Barry Hotzback	20801 Gulf Freeway	281-557-4400
Galveston Superior Remodeling	Susie Wiggins		526-7776
Honorable Ron Paul	Twila Lindblade	601 25th St. Ste 216	766-7013
Identity Theft Sheils	Bill Pope		405-409-7384
Jeanne Hudson CPA	Jeanne Hudson		737-9101
Jim Abrams, Bobcat Services	Jim Abrams		939-5731
Handyman Matters	Bill Clemens	3049 Cedar Ste 207, La Marque	938-0001
Kraft Maid Cabinetry	Nancy McCall	910 21st St, Galveston	409-765-7462
Latonia D. Wilson	District Clerk	600 59th St. Ste 4001	766-2464
Libbie's Place	Alice Williams	2803 53rd St.	741-2538
Marketing Specialties	Chris Laclede		409-741-5107
Rivesman Accounting	Bob Rivesman		281-770-6392
Sam's Club	Susan Malm	9300 Emmett F Lowry, Texas City	986-9100
Select Marketing	Steven/Cindy Reddy	6217 Sea Isle	737-5387
Signature Media	Matt Kuntz	3300 Kingswood St.	713-956-8555
Texas First Bank	Cindy Anthony	13701 FM 3005	737-5400
Top 2 Bottom	Tony Arvanites		512-240-3236
The Islander Magazine	Lori Thompson		409-354-5652
Univerity Fed. Credit Union	Amelia Serrano	428 Postoffice St.	797-3300



Annual Meeting

Newly elected mayor, Joe Jaworski, addresses the attendees



Annual Meeting

Margaritas in hand, attendees view the treasures offered for auction.

Golf Cart Update

John- Bill asked me to write something for the Heron re Golf Cart registrations.....I went to the "GPD" website and found this: <http://www.galvestonpd.com/Golfcart.html>

They don't mention insurance but according to the ordinance one must have liability coverage on the golf carts. Basic liability for my golf cart ran about \$80. SHOP AROUND.

On a side note, Cathy and I were stopped on the beach this past Saturday down at the entrance at the "open beach" going West....we had just come down the beach from Bay Harbor. A police officer driving an ATV stopped us and was most polite explaining that we weren't supposed to be on the beach just to the right of Bay Harbor. We thanked him and he drove on. Thing is, we went on down, turned around at Centex and came back down the beach and exited at Bay Harbor. Nevertheless, I think it depends on the officer as to how he deals with it. I've "heard" that some tickets HAVE been issued.

Charlie

Bay Harbor Improvement Association

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Upcoming Events

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September

05 Labor Day party & treasure hunt

11 BHIA board meeting

16 GAIN meeting

18 WGIPOA meeting Galveston Country Club

October 2010

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21 Gain meeting

23 Bay Harbor Garden Club meeting

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November

13 BHIA board meeting

18 GAIN meeting

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