

# The Heron

## Bay Harbor Newsletter

*Bay Harbor - The Friendly Subdivision*



John Halsey, Editor

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### *Summer Edition August 2011*

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#### **PREZ SAYZ**

I am looking forward to the coming months as President of Bay Harbor Community Association. The closeness of the residents here in Bay Harbor is a blessing. Most recently a property owner called me to seek my assistance in helping a boater in distress just outside the channel. As I was unable to get back to Bay Harbor in a reasonable time, I found out later the property owner found a resident here in Bay Harbor to render assistance to the boater. In the past there has been a system of assistance for Bay Harbor residents which had been used several times. At the August meeting your board discussed revising the system and putting it back into place. Look in the near future for information on the progress of the assistance program. Many of us have experienced boat trouble out in the bay and it would be very satisfying knowing there is someone to call in your community for assistance.

Of course there are several concerns facing the residents of Bay Harbor. The sewer concern is at the top of the list. Several residents, John Halsey, Bill Hand and others are staying on top of the issue. It is of concern to everyone and some resolution to the problem is in the future. The issue has been discussed as recently as last week in budget talks within the Galveston City Council.

Security is always a concern of residents here in Bay Harbor. One way to fight crime is to get to know your neighbors. Know your neighbor's vehicles and note the schedule of their visits to their home. We are preparing a new directory which should be kept handy for quick reference. Few individuals have their permanent residence as Bay Harbor so therefore leaving many homes unattended through the week. It is important we have a good contact number for you regardless of where you might be. All residents should keep valuables locked up in the evening. Motion detector lights are ideal to deter criminal behavior at your home. The motion detector lights should be placed on each side of the home. Most recently a home owner had three kayaks stolen from his property at approximately three in the morning. The home owner has video of the theft and it has been turned over to police investigators. The best defense is a quick offense. If you see anyone suspicious, jot down the license plate and make it evident that you are observing them. Criminals do not like attention...so, pay attention.

I would like to welcome newcomers to the neighborhood. Everyone should make it a point to meet the newcomers and even meet those neighbors down the street who you haven't met thus far. This is a close nit neighborhood...the closeness of our neighbors assists in making this a family oriented and safe community. Bay Harbor residents should participate in the National Neighbor's Night Out promoted in October.

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## ANNUAL MEETING 2011

### Bay Harbor Improvement Association Board Members July 2010- June 2011

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The June Bay Harbor Association annual meeting was a great event with around 70-80 neighbors attending under the big tents raised under the coordination of John Halsey. A big thank you to Gail Choate to coordinated registration as well as the food and to Randy Choate for cooking the delicious pork roasts. Also thanks 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 live auctions were coordinated by Jessie Bradshaw and Pam Williams. Jessie also provided the goodie bags given out at registration with donations from her chamber networking group. We owe many thanks to the neighbors and companies who donated the items.

Bill Hand presided over the business meeting. Betsy Redfield provided a summary of the restoration and canal dredging projects and presented prints by Artist Caroline Graham to Gahagan & Bryant in appreciation of their great leadership on the projects. A highlight was the new tile board designed and coordinated by Dave Korkmas and John Halsey installed at the boat basin. The tiles represent those who donated a minimum of \$100 to the project. Rob Traugott presented a memorial plaque to Betsy for her many years of coordination and support of the projects. Last order of business was the election of new board members and we welcomed new members Mark Bloom, Mike Garvin and Phil Martin.

After business was presented, the fun began starting with Jessie Bradshaw's wheelbarrow raffle. We ended with a very lively auction of several items lead by our great auctioneer, John Halsey. We think he found a new talent. The Yeti cooler brought in the most money, but not until Cap'n Bill Hand threw in a fishing trip with him to one of his secret fishing spots.

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# Annual Meeting





## 2011 Halloween Party

Come join us for the annual Bay Harbor Halloween costume party which will be held at the ghoulish home of Debby and Richard Kaminski. Mark your calendar for Saturday October, 29th. There will be games and prizes for the best costume and other categories. Come for a great time with your neighbors.



# Bay Harbor Habitat Restoration Project Report

## August 13, 2011

The final report of our project was submitted to the National Association of Counties on April 30<sup>th</sup> with an additional request for information that was submitted in May. We received a check dated June 29<sup>th</sup> in the amount of \$29,463.80 for reimbursement which was sent to Coastal Beach and Bay.

Jeri Kinnear and I will get together to prepare a final financial report and comments for the Board.

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As recognition and appreciation, a set of all three framed watercolor prints have been presented to:

Kristopher Benson, NOAA  
Philip Smith, Galveston Bay Foundation  
Scott Williams, US Fish & Wildlife Services  
Dana Cheney, Gahagan & Bryant Associates

Yet to be delivered:

Bret Sacra, NRG Energy  
Dennis Thomas, JND Thomas Co.  
Jeri Kinnear, Coastal Beach & Bay

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In addition, a set of all three framed watercolor prints are being presented to donors of \$5,000 or more.

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There have been several visits of the wildlife services groups taking number counts of the birds and generally inspecting the growth of the planted grasses. When results of their count is available, I will pass this information on to the board in a report for a newsletter article.

**Betsy Redfield, Project Coordinator**



Norma Lowrey and Betsy Redfield  
Models of Vision and Tenacity

## Bay Harbor Boaters Assistance Telephone Tree

If you operate a boat on the bay it is only a matter of time before you will have motor problems and need assistance in getting home. It will happen to you, I promise!

I am trying to get a "Boat Rescue Volunteer" phone tree list to distribute to all of our neighbors who may at some point need assistance. If you have to call a private towing assistance organization, it will cost you some big bucks. Unless you have some sort of life safety emergency, the U.S. Coast Guard **will not** come to your rescue. They will help you contact a private towing assistance company and stay in contact with you until assistance arrives.

It would be to our mutual benefit to have a plan in case you need a tow in West Bay. If I am in the area, am more than happy to provide assistance, but none of us are around every day. That is why I believe a phone tree would be very helpful way to get in contact with a neighbor who is willing to come to your rescue.

If you are interested in participating, please send me a phone number where you can be contacted while you are in Bay Harbor. A cell phone number would be the best. When I get this phone list together, I will post it via email, our website and the next edition of the *Heron*.

Thanks, Bill Hand, 713-824-1067, email bhand47@yahoo.com

## Welcome to our New Neighbors

We want to welcome new neighbors in Bay Harbor:  
John and Sherri Collis at 3709 Tradewinds  
Berry and Kristine Madden at 3705 Tradewinds



The three stoges

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It is a great way to get to know your neighbors. I know it is difficult if you do not live full time in Bay Harbor so maybe it could be celebrated in Bay Harbor on the nearest Saturday to the actual National Neighbor's Night Out.



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**Editor's Note**

I don't know if you have noticed the significant uptick in the Skimmer population here in Bay Harbor this summer. They are some of my most favorite birds, the way that they skim gracefully along just above the water, dipping their beaks in ever so slightly to catch a meal. A large colony of skimmers is currently nesting on Bird Island. This is a direct result of the habitat restoration project. Please stay off of the island during the nesting season which runs through September. We want to encourage the bird population to grow.

Below are some prints that you might enjoy. They were done by James McConnell Anderson of Ocean Springs, Mississippi. If you'd like larger copies, let me know. I'll print you some or send you the digital images.



**Betsy,  
You moved  
A  
Mountain.  
The birds and  
Bay Harbor  
Thank you.**



## Fishing Rodeo Recap

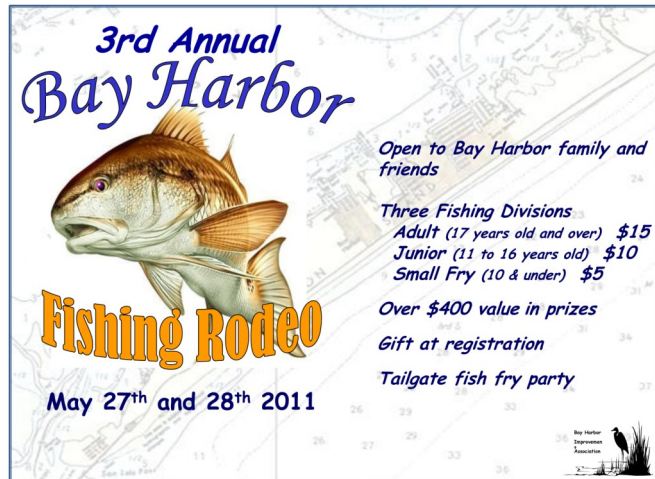
The 3rd Annual Bay Harbor Fishing Rodeo, Memorial day weekend, started Friday evening, May 27<sup>th</sup> and went through Saturday afternoon, May 29<sup>th</sup>. The \$15, \$10 and \$5 entry fees included a chance for cash, shirts, and caps for prizes for the fish weigh-in winners. It included a registration gift, bait discounts at the Rusty Hook, and an all-u-can-eat Tailgate Fish Fry.

In the adult division there were 21 entries with a winner for each class. The first

place 1.7 pound, 17-3/4" Speckled Trout, was caught by Gary Bankhead. Betsy Redfield won first with her 4.1 pound, 23-3/4" Redfish, and Gene Gansky's 15-1/4" Flounder took first weighing in at 1.9 pounds. Each first place winner received \$50 cash.

Jacob Sparks took first place in the Small Fry division with his 20" Redfish that weighed 2.13 pounds. Jacob was presented with a Shimano rod and reel. Luke Davis placed second with his 9 ounce croaker. There were no fish weighed in for the Junior division this year.

Many thanks to the Fishing Rodeo entrants, registration and food volunteers, food donations, cooks, tent crew, and the Rusty Hook for making this a fun neighborhood event.





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

As I write this summer fishing report the heat index outside is 104 degrees! It has been a while since we have had a long run of very hot weather like this without any rain. I am not sure when this weather will begin to affect the ecosystem in West Bay, but the lack of freshwater inflow will surely have some effect starting out very low on the food chain with shrimp and other small critters that serve as a food source for the big critters.

I have made a few trips during this hot weather and as long as you leave before sunrise and arrive back at the dock by around 10:30, it is not too uncomfortable out there on the bay. The shorelines on both sides of the bay are loaded with mullet and menhaden at sunrise every morning. I have had some success using top water baits like "She Dogs" very early. It doesn't get much better than a big trout or redfish blowing up on a top water bait at dawn. After the sun gets to about 30 degrees, I have been moving to some of the deep shell reefs near the middle of the bay and fishing with 3' Gulp shrimp tails on the bottom. There seems to be plenty of sand trout out there and a few Specks and Gafftop. This is the time of year that 24" to 36" Black Tip Sharks also hang out on those reefs. They provide a little excitement when you hang one and they frequently go airborne and strip the line off your reel.

I have had some very good reports from neighbors on some nice Specks coming from the surf when the right conditions line up. For the past few weeks, we have had a pesky SW wind most mornings, which tends to muddy up both the surf and the bay. If you have a boat and can navigate San Luis Pass, an excellent spot on the Freeport side of the pass is the "car bodies". Get there early, because it tends to get a little crowded over there. If you can find some live Croaker and keep them alive, that is a sure fire bait for big Specks in the surf during the summer. Live shrimp is a close second.

In my last report I mentioned a few iPhone Apps that were useful for fishing. I recently added an App called "Fishing Calendar". You can adjust it to whatever area you are fishing and it tells you the best times to fish based on tides and the So-Lunar tables for that area. As I have mentioned many times, fishing in West Bay and most other areas is all about moving water. I have found these tables to be pretty accurate. Another super App I added a few days ago is "Motion X-GPS". It basically turns your iPhone into a chart plotter using NOAA nautical charts that are part of the App. You can save waypoints and if you chose, send your exact tracks and places you fish to your friends. The best part is that you get more GPS/Plotter functions than you get on most marine GPS units and it costs only \$2.99!

Tight lines and be careful out there on the water.

Capt. Bill



We're glad to see Cap'n Bill is grooming two savvy future contributors to the fishing report.

## Garden Club News

If you enjoy learning about plants for the Galveston area (or if you would like to meet some of your Bay Harbor neighbors) please join us at the next meeting of the Bay Harbor Garden Club. We meet on the last Saturday of even numbered months. Our next meeting will be on Saturday, August 27 at 10:00 am. at the home of Bill and Elaine Hand - 3815 Tradewinds.

Annette and Theron Moore suggested the topic for the August meeting. We will be watching their copy of the inspiring documentary "**A Man Named Pearl**". Sixty-six year-old Pearl Fryar lives with his wife in Bishopville, South Carolina. He first attracted attention when he turned a 3-acre patch of land next to his suburban home into a magical garden. His only formal training was a three-minute demonstration at a local nursery.

Word of Fryar's handiwork spread far and wide. Now, bus loads of tourists come to see his abstract creations, he has a teaching job at a small college, and his work has been chronicled by the national media. You can read more about Pearl Fryar at his website <http://www.pearlfryar.com/>. We are also hoping that Malrie Dreith will be able to join us. She is the "bunny lady" who has provided the baby rabbits that have been released in Bay Harbor. This would give us a chance to personally thank her for helping us repopulate the rabbits in our area. Let us know of any "bunny sightings" near your house.

If you have any questions about the Garden Club, please feel free to call me at 281-381-7007.

Elaine Hand

President

Bay Harbor Garden Club

### Watch for Peter in Bay Harbor's Patches

The Bay Harbor Garden Club has released around 20 cottontail bunnies and swamp bunnies. Texas Wildlife Rehabilitation Coalition is our partner in this project. Thanks to neighbors who have been putting water and lettuce (and blueberry muffins) out. Next week, 3 to 5 more will be released. Most of these bunnies are tiny and have been injured by lawn equipment or other animals. After they reach a certain weight, we get a call to pick them up. Hopefully, the garden club will also start stocking new toad frogs, tree frogs, and anoles (lizards).



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**Where:**  
Randy & Gail's House  
4016 4th Street,  
Galveston, TX 77554

**Serving Brisket by John Halsey & Charlie Winsor, Fajitas by Randy, Beer and CHEAP Wine.  
BYOB and bring your own chairs  
No Gifts Please. RSVP by Sept 7**

## **SUNDOWNER'S CLUB REVIVED !!**

No rain means no mosquitoes which means great sunset watching from our marina. So now is a great time to for the "Sundowner's Club" to 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. You just never know who will show up on any given evening!

Pam



Picture taken at Bay Harbor Marina 5/2009

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DONATIONS TO OUR ANNUAL MEETING! PLEASE SUPPORT THEM ALL YEAR !!!!**

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Galveston County Tax	Cheryl Johnson	409-392-5457
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## Upcoming Events

### September 2011

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### November 2011

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Aug 27 Garden Club Meeting 3815 Tradewinds 10:00am

### September

15 GAIN meeting 5:30pm at Moody Mansion  
17 WGIPOA meeting Galveston Country Club at 9:00am  
17 Randy Choate's 75th Birthday Bash

### October

08 BHIA board meeting at Annette Moore's house  
15 WGIPOA meeting Galveston Country Club at 9:00am  
20 Gain meeting 5:30pm at Moody Mansion  
22 Bay Harbor Garden Club  
29 BHIA Halloween party Debbie & Richard Kaminski's

### November

17 GAIN meeting 5:30pm at Moody Mansion  
29 WGIPOA meeting Galveston Country Club at 9:00am