

The Heron

Bay Harbor Newsletter

Bay Harbor - The Friendly Subdivision



Pam Williams, Editor

Summer Edition 2015

The Prez Says....

Mother Nature played havoc on our Annual Meeting but several board members put their minds together and with a generous suggestion from Jimmy Choate, the meeting was conducted without problems. After consideration of moving the meeting to two different locations, Mr. Choate's suggestion of moving it to his home was perfect. So, thanks to Mr. Choate and his lovely wife Ann, we again had a very successful Annual Meeting. Thanks, Jimmy. Look for a full report on the Annual Meeting in this issue of the Heron. Attendance wasn't what was expected but still a successful meeting.

As you know if you've been outside lately, the heat and humidity has set in. It is this time that precautions should be taken when you are involved with any outdoor activities. PLEASE take precautions and keep yourself hydrated when outside for an extended length of time.

At the Annual Meeting there were questions regarding a few properties needing attention in the neighborhood. We receive many complaints from our members and we forward those complaints to the city. Please understand, the more people who call the city, the quicker we get results to our complaints.

Who do you call if one's yard has not been mowed in weeks? Who do you call if there is always trash on or about one's property? You call the Code Enforcement Office at 409-797-3660 or our Code Enforcement Officer, Bill Heer at 409-797-3605. Be polite. Be courteous but firm. Have an exact address for them and be specific about your complaint(s). Talking to the Code Enforcement staff will go a long way. Make a note as to when you called the office in case you need to call again later regarding the same issue.

I will conclude with wonderful news. A NEW PAVILION is planned for the area at the marina. Your board has been working for months getting the new pavilion built which will serve the members of the association. I want to acknowledge two gentlemen, two of your board members, Jack Hopkins and Phil Martin. Those two guys were instrumental in "getting the job done." Thanks guys. Look for an article in this issue of the Heron regarding the pavilion.

Until next time, enjoy this life and if you go outside to do it, take care of yourself.

Charlie Winsor
President, B.H.I.A.



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2015 ANNUAL MEETING

Despite the threat of rain, the neighbors of Bay Harbor all pitched in, relocated the meeting (thank you for volunteering your ground floor patio Ann and Jimmy Choate) and put up tents in time to have a great meeting and silent auction. President Charlie Winsor reviewed the year, spoke of the new pavilion which will be built over the summer then held the election of board members for the next year, reminding everyone that all residents are invited to participate in board meetings and become board members. Representatives from the Galveston Bay Foundation gave an update of their activities and of our bird island.

Cathy Winsor headed up a successful silent auction (see her separate report on page 9).

After taking care of business, dinner was served by Catfish on Wheels. Thanks to all who take an interest in the neighborhood. We are indeed a friendly, vibrant group who care about each other.

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Garden Club

On April 25th we had our second Bay Harbor Garden Club meeting at the home of President Becky Dundee with the help of co-president Elzbieta Lyons. Becky spoke of plants that.....

In June, the garden club made a field trip to the Sunday Galveston Farmer's Market where you can buy freshly picked fruits and vegetables, canned preserves, flowers, fresh dairy products, farmed raised chickens and a variety of handmade items.

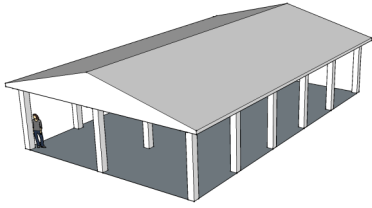
The next meeting will be held 9/29 at 4110 2nd St. Feel free to contact Becky or Elzbieta with any ideas you might have for future meetings!

April 25 Meeting



June Visit to Galveston's Farmer Market





The Bay Harbor Pavilion: Construction is underway!
By Phil Martin

You may have noticed the forest of columns rising from the ground adjacent to our dock at the marina. This land is owned by the Bay Harbor Improvement Association, and the pilings will provide support for the superstructure and roof of our most ambitious project since the dredging of the boat channel: a pavilion to host our annual meeting. We plan to also make it available for selected other events throughout the year (such as Marsh Mania). Those details will be forthcoming soon.

In the meantime, here are the particulars of this newest addition to our community-

It's big.

The roof will cover a paved area of about 1,600 square feet

It's accessible.

Dedicated hard surface handicapped parking and a walkway are included

It's strong.

The design meets Galveston's parameters for windstorm

The Bay Harbor Community is involved.

We have received contributions of general contracting services, framing labor, architecture, engineering and landscaping. The list of all who contributed will be released at the dedication.

It was challenging.

The City started out asking us for a septic system and two bathrooms at base flood elevation (15 feet above the ground) with ramps. It took a lot of negotiating and a formal visit to the building board of adjustment to build what we have now. Accordingly, when a large gathering is to take place in the pavilion, portable toilets must be provided. We also agreed to have fire extinguishers on hand for any meetings, etc.

We can still use your help.

There will be a "painting party" at the end of construction and all are invited.

Between dues and contributions, we are paying for the building without borrowing any funds. But we can always use more; there will be upkeep and possibly some minor additions. To that end, we will be selling commemorative plaques that will be mounted on the columns of the pavilion. Each plaque will be permanent with the donor's name prominently displayed. Those details will be decided in September and published here in our next newsletter.

Thanks to all who have made our pavilion possible and to all who make Bay Harbor the best community on The West End.



**Bay Harbor Improvement
Association Pavilion**

**Construction on the
pavilion Begins....**

Bay Harbor Summer 2015 Fishing Report by Capt. Bill Hand

Summer fishing has officially arrived in West Galveston Bay. Fishing this year is greatly improved over last year at this time and my guess is that all of the spring rain that we had has added some much needed fresh water to our surrounding estuary marsh.

A few weeks ago there were a lot of birds working all over our end of the bay. Unfortunately there were so many small Bluefish and large Gafftop that you could not keep a hook in the water long enough to catch a Speckled Trout. The Bluefish are bait stealers and will cut the ends off of any soft plastic lures you put in front of them. You can forget using live shrimp because they won't last a nanosecond in the water with those toothy critters. The fresh water runoff from Chocolate Bayou pretty much wiped out Chocolate Bay for a few weeks. I was over there a few days ago and the water is back in good shape and there are some Specks to be caught, but I can't find any Redfish yet.



The surf was hot for some really nice Specks a few weeks ago when the wind was out of the north in the mornings and it really cleared up. Most of the better reports I got were from people using live shrimp during the first hour of sunlight. After that, the action was over. That is typical for the summer. Get out just before sunrise or don't even bother.

My last three trips I have limited out before 9:00 AM on some really nice Specks fishing near San Luis Pass. Live

shrimp has been the best bait. You can catch them on plastic, but during the hot summer months, shrimp is hard to beat.

If we don't have any significant weather events between now and December, fishing should continue to be great, so get out there and get with it. I have never caught anything setting in front of the TV, wishing I was out fishing!

Be safe, wear plenty of sunscreen and drink lots of water. Personally on most days I am done by around 10:30 AM. It is just to dang hot after that. Go early and take a nap during the hot part of the day.

Hope to see you on the bay soon.

Tight lines!
Capt. Bill





2015 Bay Harbor Fishing Tournament-Memorial Day Weekend

As they say...a picture is worth a thousand words !!!!

**Fun was had by over 30 participants
and the catfish dinner was the icing on the cake !**



Silent Auction



ANNUAL MEETING SILENT AUCTION

Once again, we had a successful Bay Harbor Improvement Association silent auction at our annual meeting to raise funds to support our new community pavilion, defray annual meeting expenses, and promote the products and services of our community.

Thank you to the many of you who bid on and purchased silent auction items!

Thank you to these Galveston area businesses who so generously supported our community with the donation of silent auction items:

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Thank you to these BHIA board members who either solicited donations or made donations themselves:

May Bonno	Gail Choate
Mike Garvin	Jack Hopkins
Phil Martin	Annette Moore
Bob Seay	Charlie Winsor

And, thank you to these present or former Bay Harbor residents who also contributed items to the BHIA silent auction:

Jimmy Choate	Sherri Collis
Cordelia Cummings	Vickie Engler
Betsy Redfield	Jill Seay

It's not too early to request or make items for our June 2016 silent auction. Contact me if you would like a letter you can share with prospective donors to aid you in your efforts.

BHIA Silent Auction Chair,
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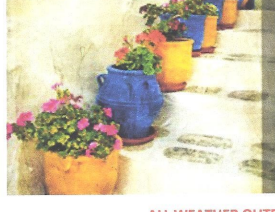
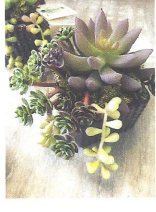
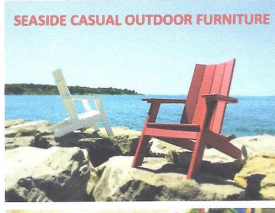
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AUGUST+

- 15 WGIPOA meeting 9am at Galveston Country Club
- 19 GAIN meeting 5:30pm at Moody Mansion
- 29 Bay Harbor Garden Club Meeting 10p at 4110 2nd St.

SEPTEMBER

- 05 Galveston West Beach Lions Club Buccaneer Bash/Jamaica Beach Pavilion 7p
- 16 GAIN meeting 5:30pm at Moody Mansion
- 19 WGIPOA meeting 9am at Galveston Country Club

OCTOBER

- 17 WGIPOA meeting 9am at Galveston Country Club
- 21 GAIN meeting 5:30pm at Moody Mansion
- 31 Bay Harbor Garden Club Meeting 10p at Place TBD