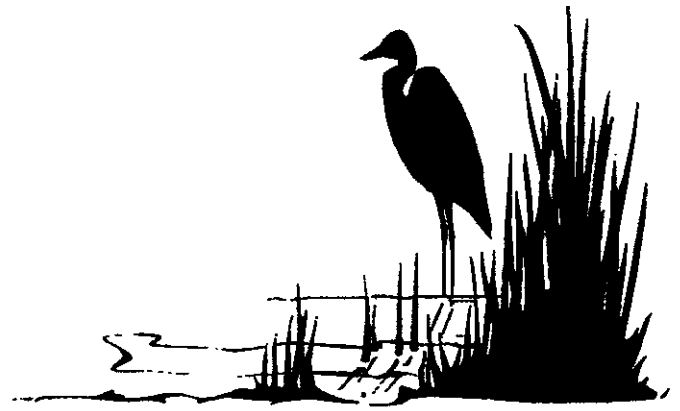


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## Bay Harbor Newsletter

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The Friendly Subdivision



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### Bay Harbor Improvement Association opinion re planned development of Reserve at Bay Harbor

Background - On the 18th of September, Rush Development LLP will seek approval from the Galveston Planning Commission on its application for General Land Use regarding its planned development of the Reserve at Bay Harbor. The board of BHIA has reviewed the application, met with Bay Harbor property owners and local government representatives and with Rusty Walla, the head of Rush Development, to get further understanding of the proposal and to identify and discuss local concerns related to it.

Three general areas of concern were identified:

1. impact on drainage into the ditch that forms the boundary between Bay Harbor property owners on Seventh Street and the proposed development
2. long term protection of the large wetlands area in the middle of the development
3. impact on traffic through Bay Harbor as a result of the development

Of these concerns, it appears hopeful that there is common ground on the first two, drainage and wetlands protection. The third concern, traffic impact, appears to be more problematic.

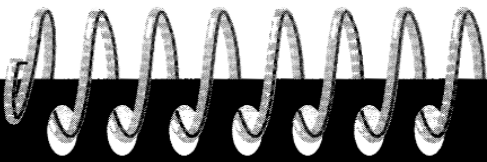
**Drainage** - It has been pointed out that the ditch that divides Seventh Street properties from the Reserve has had long standing problems. The ditch is overgrown to the point that it is beyond the capabilities of the property owners to keep it clear. This has been exacerbated by large debris that has been deposited there either by storm or by dumping. It has also been stated that there are several smaller ditches in that area that drain to nowhere. As a result flooding of lots on Seventh Street has occurred fairly easily with heavy rains. The portion of the proposed development that borders FM3005, Section 3, plans to use

this ditch to handle the overflow from their holding ponds. This problem has been neglected for years. With the increased requirements of this proposal, it will be absolutely critical that a comprehensive plan be developed that involves the city, the development and existing property owners, to insure that the drainage capacity is upgraded to meet everyone's needs and that a long term maintenance program is in place. Preliminary indications are that the city and the development company are prepared to work with local property owners on this.

**Preservation of the Wetlands area** - In the middle of the proposed development there is a fifty seven acre area that is designated as green space. The concern is how to insure that this area remains green going forward and does not become the site for additional development in the future. We all know that there are no absolutes when it comes to land development. However, there is reason to believe that future development of this area would be difficult. First, most of this area has been designated by the Corps of Engineers as wetlands. Second, the developer has expressed a willingness to additionally place deed restrictions on this area restricting its use to a park area. He has also indicated that he would like to see Texas A&M assume ownership and management of it if they will accept the task.

**Traffic** - In the current development plan, traffic in and out of section 2, the area towards the bay, would use Bay Harbor streets to access FM3005. This would impact Galceran and First through Fourth Streets. This was not a major issue when five lots were developed a few years ago in section 2 of the Reserve, but the current proposal is to develop forty four new lots in that section. The developer has expressed a willingness to build a temporary road to handle traffic during the construction phase of the project that would provide direct access to section 2 from FM 3005.

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This is significant since that would mean the heavy equipment for dredging and pouring of concrete etc. would be diverted from Bay Harbor streets. But he would not commit to a permanent road directly from 3005 to section 2. His contention is that the cost of putting in a permanent direct access road would be prohibitive and may not even be possible since part of the land that would be used is wetlands. He indicated that preliminary traffic studies suggested only a 10% increase in traffic on Bay Harbor streets. He also pointed out that the proposed forty four lots was a maximum and that the likelihood was that the number of houses would likely be significantly less than that.

**Conclusion** - The BHIA board feels that there is reason to be hopeful that with proper diligence and follow through that the first two concerns can be resolved to the general satisfaction of all parties. Regarding traffic impact long term, the board feels strongly that the current plan will have a significant negative impact on the property owners of Bay Harbor along Galceran and Fourth Streets, and to a lesser extent along First, Second and Third Streets. People have bought property in Bay Harbor because it was a quiet little community. We are not confident at all that the up tick in traffic longer term along Galceran or Fourth streets would only be 10%. The BHIA board feels that for The Reserve at Bay Harbor to be a good neighbor to Bay Harbor it must accept responsibility for its own traffic issues and include in its proposed plan a permanent road to service directly from FM3005 all units in the development.

A hearing before the Planning Commission is scheduled for 4:00pm on September 18th at the courthouse. If you have an opinion on this issue, that would be the time to get it on record.

The Bay Harbor Improvement Association Board is elected by its members. The opinion described in this document has not been formally approved by the general community. However, it is the understanding of the board, through their contacts with the community, that these views are consistent with those of most property owners.



As we grow up, we learn that even the one person that wasn't supposed to ever let you down probably will. You will have your heart broken probably more than once and it's harder every time. You'll break hearts too, so remember how it felt when yours was broken. You'll fight with your best friend. You'll blame a new love for things an old one did. You'll cry because time is passing too fast, and you'll eventually lose someone you love. So take too many pictures, laugh too much, and love like you've never been hurt because every sixty seconds you spend upset is a minute of happiness you'll never get back. Don't be afraid that your life will end, be afraid that it will never begin.



**COLUMBUS DAY, OCT. 12.** The Mariners' Museum of Newport News, Va., says that Columbus's three ships — the Santa Maria, the Nina, and the Pinta — were named respectively after Saint Mary, Juan Nino (the owner of the Nina), and the phrase "small dot," which in Spanish is "la pinta." The Pinta was the fastest of the three ships, and may have been so called because, as it pulled away from its sister ships, it may have seemed to be a "dot" on the horizon.



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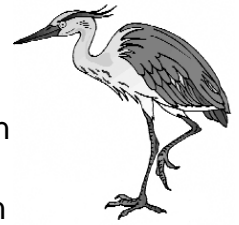
## Received our Grant from the Coastal Beach & Bay & U.S. Fisheries & Wildlife Services!

Bay Harbor Habitat Restoration Project –  
August Report by Betsy Redfield

I hope I am able to transfer my excitement to each and everyone of you at Bay Harbor. When we reached the \$60,000 level of funds, we contracted with the engineering firm of Gahagan & Bryant. Dana Cheney, Wendell Mears and Rob Kite have been assigned to our project. If you saw the nice little GBA boat in the harbor in June, they were performing the hydrographic survey; and the Licensed State Land Survey has been completed. We have met again to review the data and develop the next phase of design work. From our discussions with the engineers, we have favorable quality materials for the island's restoration. The summary is that **WE HAVE STARTED....**

The next point of excitement is that Bay Harbor's Habitat Restoration Project has been awarded a \$25,000 grant through a Cooperative

Agreement Application with U.S. FISH & WILDLIFE and COASTAL BEACH & BAY FOUNDATION which was filed in May.



We have also made application to the Coastal Erosion Planning & Response Assistance Program which was submitted June 28. On July 24 we submitted a pre-proposal to the Gulf of Mexico Foundation.

We have made a revised printing of the Bay Harbor Habitat Restoration Brochure to include in mailings to continue our efforts to raise additional funds. Please remember this is a VERY BIG project and we are just getting started, so please contribute and ask your friends and relatives to donate as well. We have to raise \$150,000 in order to receive these matching grants.

Check the Project Board at the marina to see pictures and our progress.

## Foods that Protect against stroke!

Stroke is the number-one cause of disability and the number-three cause of death in the U.S. But it's one health woe you don't have to fear because you can dramatically reduce your risk by using these simple dietary tweaks!

### 1. Stash the salt shaker

Research shows limiting salt intake to 1 tsp. a day makes you 90% less likely to have a stroke than consuming 1 3/4 tsp. or more daily! Two strategies to help you cut back: Put away the salt shaker and buy fewer processed foods like deli meats.

People who salt their food at the table get up to twenty times more salt than their bodies need.

### 2. Pile on the produce

Eating the recommended five servings of fruits and vegetables is a great way to get more of vitamins A and C - study-proven to lower stroke risk by as much as 71%. Foods rich in these nutrients: carrots, apricots, oranges, sweet potatoes and mangoes.

### 3. Spice up your meals

Both ginger and turmeric help lower cholesterol, critical since high cholesterol doubles your risk of stroke. In one study, 2 tsp. of ginger a day for a week canceled out the artery clogging effects of a cup of butter! And people who ate just 1/10 oz. of curcumin, the active ingredient in turmeric, cut their overall cholesterol 12% within seven days. Tip: sprinkle powdered or grated ginger into stir-fries, soups and baked goods, and add a pinch of turmeric to soups, rice, beans and salad dressings. Or take the spices in supplement form, follow package directions.

## 53 Shark Teeth found at Bay Harbor Beach in 3 hours



Michael Stauffer was on Bay Harbor Beach this summer in the classic "Sannibel, Florida Stoop"

pose-hunched over looking for shark's teeth. We got to talking to him & he comes to visit his friend Michael Ray every year. He showed us 53 shark's teeth that he had gathered in about 3 hours. He stays in one spot and watches the waves bring them in. He says that the size of the grains of the sand that come in determine the size of the teeth. The smaller the grains of sand, the smaller the teeth and the larger the grains of sand, the larger the teeth. It also helps if there is a layer of white sand so the dark teeth show up better. Michael says there are thousands and thousands of shark's teeth on the beach and to look for a dark "Y". The dark old ones are fossils and are thousands of years old. The white ones are newer ones.

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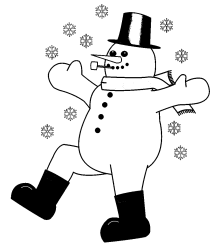
## Bay Harbor Garden Club

The October meeting will be at 9:00am, Sat. Oct. 27. Call Don Redding for details - 713-774-1305 or 737-4183. Everyone is invited - you do not have to be a member to come!

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### Christmas Party

Mark your calendar for the Bay Harbor Garden Club Christmas progressive party. This will be the third year for this fun event to kick off your Holiday Season - Sat. Dec. 8. We go to different decorated homes for drinks & food & fun. Don't miss this Bay Harbor tradition!! Everyone in Bay Harbor is invited.



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### Golf Cart Beach Access

I am sure everyone has seen the "No Golf Cart" signs erected on the beach in recent weeks. I was quite surprised when they went up, as it seemed that golf carts were going to be allowed access to the beach.

When I first discovered the signs, I contacted Jerry Patterson and inquired as to what I could do to change the action. I was under the impression that the golf cart access was directly connected to the beach access plan Mr. Patterson had approved last year. He responded with "I agree with you, but it is in the hands of the City Council." I then contacted Danny Weber via email and he seemed receptive to my suggestion. My suggestion was: The golf cart is a very environmentally friendly vehicle. The cart is slow moving and poses no hazard to pedestrians. The tires are wide and do not cut the sand up on the beaches. The carts are all but silent (the electric ones are.) Plus, the cart affords access to the beach by the handicapped. Mr. Weber, in two different emails, promised to present this information to the Council. Mr. Weber did say that there "was loud vocal opposition" to the carts being allowed on the beach. Other than the owners of the few homes on the beach, I couldn't imagine who the "vocal" individuals could be. That statement made me wonder if WE have been too quiet on beach issues. I would think the majority of the beach-goers would be FOR cart beach access.

John Halsey and I have since had a meeting with Ms. Dianna Puccetti to discuss beach restoration, the channel, and golf cart beach access. She, too, was receptive to my suggestion for the city to NOT consider golf carts as a "vehicle" when referring to the beach and allowing full access by carts. Since the meeting, Ms. Puccetti e-mailed me to let me know that she and Mr. Weber were both going to present the issue to the council. She said she would let me

know if we needed to appear before the council when the issue comes up.

What can you do? I would suggest letting each council member know just where you stand on the issue. Points to be made:



1. Golf carts are environmentally friendly.
2. They are quiet.
3. The tires do no harm to the beach.
4. With current state laws, drivers must retain a valid driver's license anyway.
5. It allows access to the beach by the handicapped.

We need to let the Council know that the few people (maybe 11 homes) who oppose are seldom in their beach homes anyway. Have you noticed how deserted the "closed" beaches have been since the adoption of the beach access plan?

You may access email to each City Councilperson via the galveston.com web link. In fact, there is an option to contact "all" Councilpersons with one email. Remember to be nice in your letter or email - we simply want the Council to know how unrealistic it is to keep the carts off the beach. John and I will keep close watch on the Council proceedings and report any information to you in the future. Go to the City of Galveston Official Website, click on "Contact Us" in the upper right corner, then click on "Email City Representatives." You can click "General" and it will go to all of them. In your email, be sure to state that this email is for ALL City Council members.

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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR, THE BAY HARBOR HERON;

### *One residents point of view*

Rush Development is proposing a large housing subdivision just west of Bay Harbor. This proposed development will have major impacts on Bay Harbor itself and all residents should be aware of it and should be expressing their views. A public hearing will be held by the Galveston Planning Commission to act on Rush's application (now scheduled for 4:00 PM, Sept. 18 at the courthouse, but this may change (again).

A request for a General Land Use Plan was made by Rush to the Planning Commission and the first time the public heard anything about it was when only a small part of the residents of 6th and 7th Streets in Bay Harbor were notified by the Commission on June 7, 2007. These land owners were, apparently only those within 200 ft. of the edge of Rush's development. Since all of Bay Harbor will be impacted by the traffic and drainage from Rush's developments, the Commission's notification process was significantly flawed.

The Rush Development Co. project is named "The Reserve at Bay Harbor". This is not just an example of a new development trying to gain market edge by using the name of a long-existing, popular subdivision. It is indicative of the fact that Rush is trying to use the existing infrastructure of Bay Harbor to save money, even though the impacts on Bay Harbor itself will be severe.

Five years ago Rush obtained approval for five lots on the Bay just west of Bay Harbor (what Rush now calls Section 1). The only access to this now gated, private area is through Bay Harbor streets. Now here we are again with Rush proposing another 43 units whose only access is through the existing, narrow Bay Harbor roads. Furthermore, Rush's proposed Section 3 will cause surface water to go into the already over-flowing ditch which serves the western edge of Bay Harbor.

#### WHAT IS RUSH PROPOSING?

This will be on a 112 acre tract located North of FM3005, West of 7th and 6th Streets in Bay Harbor, and East of Laguna San Luis. The overall plan is for 94 townhome units; 53 one-family units; and 7 three story structures with 12 condo units in each; for a total of 231 new housing units

Section 1 is next to Bay Harbor and on the Bay with 5 single family lots previously approved.

Section 2 is adjacent to that and includes: 15 single

family units and 28 townhome units; for a total of 43 units; with an excavated navigable boat channel adjacent to 23 of the units. New roads are included that will lead only to Galceran St. in Bay Harbor Section 3 is adjacent to the SW corner of Bay Harbor and to FM3005 and includes: 66 townhome units; 38 single family units; and 84 condo units in 7 separate buildings (max. height 65 ft); total 188 units The rest of the area (48 acres) is to "be set aside as a proposed open space conservation area".

#### WHAT ARE THE LIKELY IMPACTS OF THIS DEVELOPMENT?

1. Vehicular traffic: Rush's estimates are that this development will add 344 tpd (trips per day) entering Bay Harbor on Galceran St. (a 71% increase) and going down 1st through 4th streets. Most traffic from Section 2 will likely turn down 4th St.; a street that is so narrow that one car must pull off the road to let another pass. During construction in Section 2, a lot of truck and equipment traffic will also be going in on 1st Street and out on 4th Street presumably. Significant new traffic will be crossing FM3005 and accessing the Beach, at a location with no traffic light for cross-over traffic. Added traffic load during hurricane evacuations will exacerbate congestion due to increased population in West End.
2. Drainage: Raised ground due to filling and new paved streets/roof areas, will increase flow and contamination which will degrade water quality. Storm water is planned to go into the existing ditch (next to Bay Harbor) from Sections 2 and 3. The capacity of this ditch is already exceeded many times a year.
3. Wetlands: Rush's proposal to set aside 48 acres as an open space/conservation area is excellent. However, this conservation must be permanent. Additionally, Section 3 contains 5.5 acres of verified wetlands which will be impacted by adjacent buildings, lights and noise that will keep birds away. Several bird species observed here are already threatened (Sandhill Cranes, Meadow Larks, Kites, Shrikes).
4. Dredging of a new canal: will require additional heavy equipment coming through Bay Harbor and disposal of the dredged material will have negative environmental impacts.

#### WHAT DO WE RECOMMEND?

Rush's request for a General Land Use Plan should be denied until the following has been completed or specifically incorporated into the application:

1. Traffic impacts in Bay Harbor must be mitigated by building their own access road from FM3005 to Section 2. Beach access across FM3005 should be mitigated with a traffic light.
2. The north-south drainage ditch next to Bay Harbor cannot accommodate any added flows. The developer should construct and maintain his own drainage ditch from Section 3 to the Bay.
3. The developer's proposal to set aside 48 acres as "open space/conservation areas" is commendable. However, this land must be deeded to a third party who can assure that this preservation is maintained in-perpetuity. Organizations such as The Trust For Public Lands specialize in facilitating such transactions.
4. The wetland protection strategy of leaving a 20 ft. buffer around verified wetlands is an inadequate strategy because wetlands in Section 3 will be surrounded by new structures, rendering them unusable by wildlife and resulting in contaminated surface water drainage from those structures entering the wetlands.
5. Dredged material from the new canal must be disposed of to minimize environmental impacts.

Based on the documents that Rush had submitted to the Planning Commission by 6/16/07, we circulated a petition with the above listed recommendations. The results were that a total of 106 people signed (or e-mailed me their agreement) the petition, while only one person refused to sign.

#### RECENT ACTIVITY

Several members of the Bay Harbor Board and I met with Mr. Walla of Rush Development Co. on 7/12/07 and then reviewed this at the Bay Harbor Board meeting on 7/14/07. He listened to our concerns and said he would try to modify his proposals. I was encouraged by this meeting but we will see how Mr. Walla responds by revising his plan. Summarizing his responses to our concerns:

1. Traffic impacts in Bay Harbor: he will consider a commitment to have all construction traffic access section 2 via. a temporary road outside Bay Harbor; he did not include a permanent road so that wetland impacts would be minimized and because "it would be very expensive".
2. Drainage ditch next to Bay Harbor: he'll provide more information on drainage from Section 3. He said his plan contains enough retention capacity so that the existing ditch will not get "much" more flow.
3. Proposal to set aside 48.5 acres as: he is already

- committed to the Corps of Engineers, to a deed restriction and he may transfer ownership to (he hopes) Texas A&M or he may retain ownership.
4. Wetland protection strategy: This was not discussed much but he said that he has just submitted Corps of Engineer applications and would get a copy to John Halsey. I reviewed the Corps Engineers file on 7/20/07: there was nothing on Rush's proposals, only wetland delineation material.
5. Dredged material: He plans on using this to elevate the lots within Section 2.

#### CONCLUSIONS

IF THERE ARE NO CHANGES TO RUSH'S PLAN DOCUMENT BY 9/18/07 (and in particular, if Rush does not commit to his own access road to section 3), we request a motion from the Board recommending denial of the Rush plan. IF THERE ARE CHANGES, we request that the new plan be distributed to all Bay Harbor residents and then the Board consider a motion either against or in favor of the revised plan. All motions should be presented to the 9/18/07 Commission meeting.

The Planning Commission staff said that issues of housing density and general road plan are decided at the General Land Use Plan stage. THEREFORE, THE ISSUES THAT ARE CRITICAL TO BAY HARBOR SHOULD BE RESOLVED NOW AND NOT DEFERRED TO LATER PLANNING COMMISSION STAGES. IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT THE BAY HARBOR BOARD AND RESIDENTS STRONGLY STATE OUR CONCERNS AND OBJECTIONS AT THE 9/18 COMMISSION MEETING.

I strongly believe that the Commission should also: (1) Examine the cumulative impacts from all west end subdivisions (traffic, infrastructure, and hurricane evacuation); (2). not issue any approvals until the Corps of Engineers is given the time to tell us how the environment will be impacted by this proposal; and (3) then hold an open forum with the Corps, the City, the applicant and the public to review all relevant issues.

Rush has met with a few of us and heard these concerns. It remains to be seen if a revised plan will be submitted and if that revision adequately takes into account the Bay Harbor issues before consideration by the Commission at its Sept. 18, 2007 meeting.

Sincerely,

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## Annual Meeting

The annual meeting was held Saturday, June 9th. Although attendance was not up to previous year's standards, good fun, information, and food were shared by those who were able to be there. The silent auction and raffle, organized by Patsy Gatlin and Cathy Francis, was, I believe, our most successful ever. We were privileged to have as our guest speakers, Dianna Puccetti, our newly elected city council representative, and Brandon Wade, Director of Public Works for the city of Galveston. Betsy Redfield provided a very encouraging report on the progress of the restoration/channel dredging project. New board members were elected by proclamation of the attendees and, after the annual meeting, the new board met briefly to elect officers for 2008.

The attendees also voted to approve fairly minimal changes to the by-laws.

Speakers: **Dianna Puccetti** reintroduced herself to our community. She is our city council representative. One of the key topics mentioned by Dianna was that the city council is working on an ordinance to reinstate beach access for golf carts. The indication is that the state will not try to oppose this measure. She also provided some background on the city's budgeting process which will be starting in the end of June for the 2008 fiscal year. **Brandon Wade** said the Department of Public Works will recommend to the city council that funds be included in the 2008 budget to put in sewer lines in Bay Harbor. The recommendation will be for the traditional, gravity based sewer lines and the repaving of the streets in Bay Harbor. If the city council approves the recommendation of Public Works, then some time this fall, property owners on streets that require the granting of additional rights of way to perform the task will be contacted and asked to grant the city the additional easements necessary.

Restoration/dredging project: Betsy Redfield announced that we have reached the \$60,000 level in fund raising for the project. An engineering firm, Gahagan and Brady, has been selected to provide the design and management of the effort. We are now in a position to apply to various foundations and agencies for matching funds and have in fact begun this process.

The board would like to extend its thanks to all of the people who helped in putting together the meeting. There were some wonderful food dishes brought by various members to share, and there were many volunteers who also made the setup, serving, and take down tasks relatively painless. The board also is very appreciative of the donations to the silent auction made by many of our local vendors and many individual members as well.

We are looking for suggestions on how to raise more interest in the community for the annual meeting next year. In the final analysis, this meeting and the association itself belongs to the community. They are both only as strong as the support the community puts behind it. If you have any thoughts or suggestions, send them to John Halsey.

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Larry LeBoeuf passed away in June. He and his wife, Sylvia, have owned a house in Bay Harbor for a long time. Last Thanksgiving, when I had a large number of family members come to celebrate Thanksgiving with us, Larry let us use his house to put some of them up. Instead of us paying him rent, he asked that we make a contribution to the Bay Harbor restoration project.

This spring I had been thinking about how much I appreciated what he and Sylvia did for us. I wanted to send him a note with perhaps a "Birds of Bay Harbor" calendar to thank him. In June, I met Sylvia's nephew while he was staying with his family at Larry and Sylvia's house here. He gave me the news that Larry had just passed away. I gave the nephew a note and a calendar for Sylvia. Once again I learned the lesson that if you love some one or appreciate a kindness that they have done for you, don't wait to let them know.



John Halsey

July 20, 2007

## Bay Harbor Fishing Report

What an unbelievable scene unfolded at the Surfside Jetty Friday evening. Fortunately, I was able to get ahold of Paul, who has a decent camera, and he made it down before the whole scene unfolded. See attached photos. Tide was low, low, low. More beach than I've ever seen. One of the photos shows this for reference. Water in the pocket flat and greenish. Knew something special was going on as soon as I got on the jetty, as the view to the end was hundreds upon hundreds upon thousands of birds working the pocket. Gulls, frigate birds, pelicans, you name it. Soon became evident that the pocket was completely piled up with shrimp. They were so thick you could walk on them. People were standing on the rocks filling coolers with them. Practically a quart of shrimp per cast of the net. As I got to the end, an even more bizarre scene developed. All of the little fish were congregated on the surface, right at the rocks, gasping for air. There are a couple of spots near the break where there are "holes" in the jetty, where the fresh water from the channel flows under the jetty and out into the gulf. At these locations, millions of little fish were line up like salmon in a stream. Baby croaker, spots, sand trout, flounder, dogfish, eels, and fish I couldn't identify. Again, thanks to Paul for his photo skills, or you'd never believe it. I sat there with a dip net and just scooped 'em up. If there was anywhere to fish with them, I could have had all the free croaker I wanted. Perfect size too. Along with all this, all of the ribbon fish

appeared to be dying, and were floating on the surface. At least until a frigate bird spotted them. All I can figure is that there were so many shrimp that the O2 levels were depleted. Some of these shrimp were absolutely massive, up to 8" long. You can see one in one of Paul's photos, as well as in the picture I took of one in someone's hands. Can you say bacon wrapped jalapeno stuffed grilled shrimp? And for free if you had a cast net! As if this wasn't enough, as I was leaving, the dolphins showed up to join in the fray. Hundreds of them, seemingly swimming in unison to create their own waves to surf on. Maybe they were herding up shrimp? I don't know, but it was all quite amazing.



*Television - a medium. So called because it is neither rare nor well done.*

*-Ernie Kovacs*

*The universe is full of magical things patiently waiting for our wits to grow sharper.*

*-Eden Phillpotts*

## News from Dianna - City Council

Let me take this opportunity to introduce myself to those homeowners and residents of Bay Harbor that I have not met. I am Dianna Puccetti the City Council Member for District 6. I was elected in May 2007 to fill the unexpired term of Dr. Jackie Cole. I am not new to serving our City Council and previously served three terms as the District 6 representative from May 1998 - May 2004 before becoming term limited. I have a passion for Galveston Island and the west end.

As I write this column for your newsletter, the Island is entering the most active period of the 2007 Hurricane Season, and there is a depression in the gulf with warnings posted from Brownsville to Freeport, and a named tropical storm in the Atlantic. With a storm in the Gulf it is time to begin activating your personal hurricane plan. Take this early warning to secure your property and make any arrangements that are necessary should the storm intensify or shift to include Galveston. Your safety and the safety of your loved ones is the most important concern in any emergency weather event.

One of the issues that residents ask me about most frequently is the topic of golf carts on the beach. I am currently working with the City Attorney, Planning Department, and the Police Chief to produce an ordinance that will allow golf carts on the beach on Galveston Island. Hopefully, it will be possible to have it in effect by the fall of this year, but if not the projection will be for early 2008. I support golf carts on the beach to ease access and mobility for all types of recreational activities.

I attended the annual meeting and smaller follow-up meetings to discuss specific issues. I am always glad to hear directly from you and to have a better understanding of the concerns that you have. Please do not hesitate to contact me directly at 409-740-0424 or e-mail at [diannapuccetti@cityofgalveston.org](mailto:diannapuccetti@cityofgalveston.org). I want to hear from you and would really like to know how you feel about the issue of a West Bay Crossing to serve the west end.

Dianna D. Puccetti  
City Council Member, District 6





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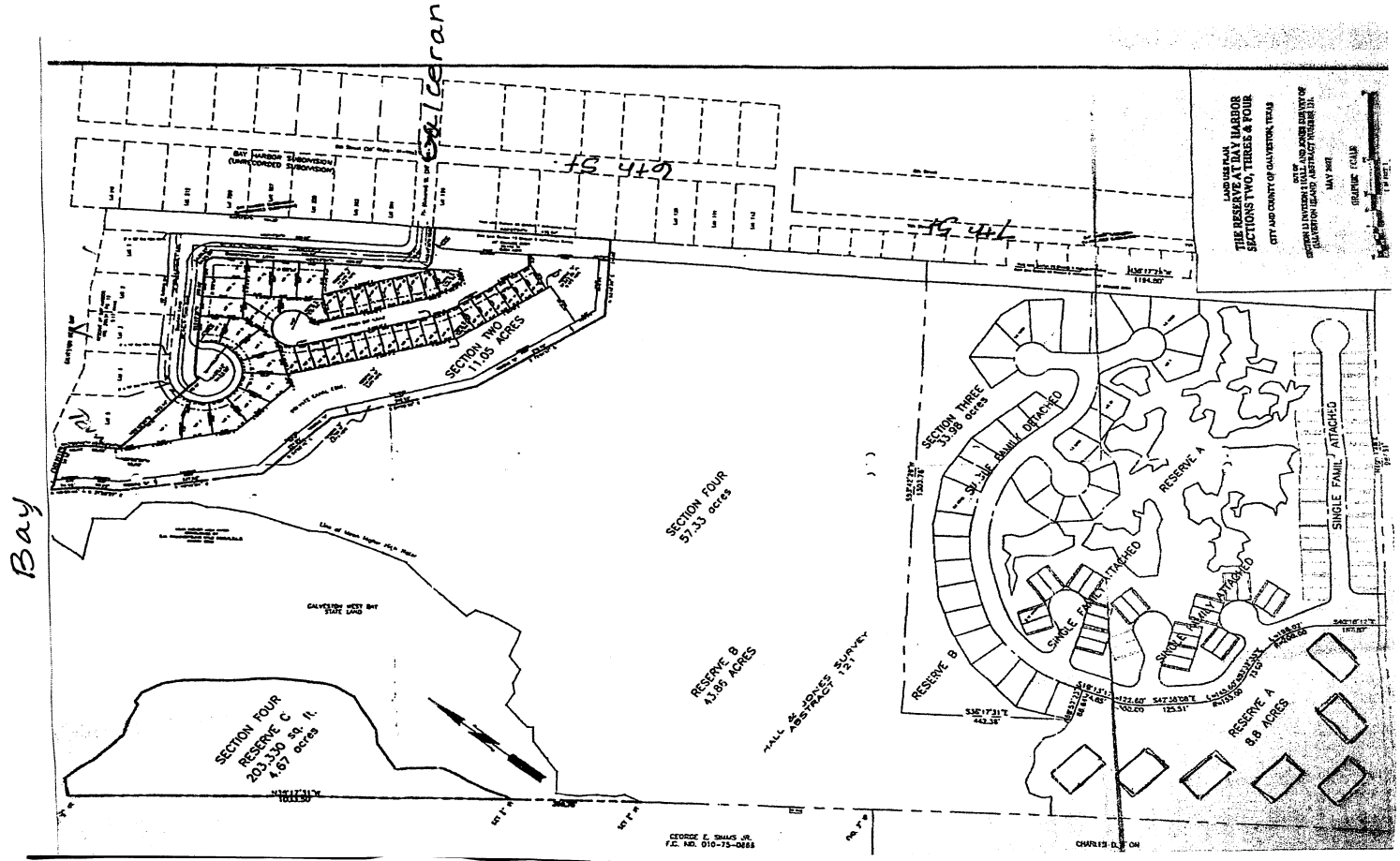
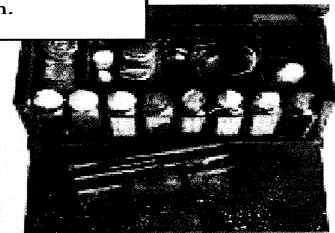
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In 1886, the Scanlons, a prominent real estate family in Galveston, purchased land and built two buildings known as the Levy Building and the Star Drug Store. The Scanlons hired one of Galveston's most renowned architects, Nicholas Clayton, to design the buildings. He created attaching facades with asymmetrical window groupings consisting of arches and elaborate decor. The original structure of the Star Drug Store was wood; this changed when Charles J. Michaelis, a local druggist, bought the building in 1906. Michaelis hired a contractor named J.W. Zempter, who without compromising Clayton's design, converted the building to brick. This fifteen thousand dollar renovation was completed in 1909. In 1917, the Star Drug Store was fully operational, and a horseshoe shaped, tile soda fountain counter was added to the pharmacy. In the 1920's George Clampitt and Grady Dickinson purchased and operated the store until 1982. These two men maintained the integrity of the drug store as well as altered history when the Star became the first desegregated lunch counter in Galveston. Ownership changed hands several times before a severe fire on Friday, March 13, 1998, closed the store indefinitely. In November 2001, the Tilts family purchased and began restorations to the building. This five year project included rebuilding and restoring the facade, two loft apartments upstairs, the historical Coca-Cola neon porcelain sign and the drug store. The owners paid careful attention to detail so that their patrons would have a memorable experience. The original horseshoe counter, complete with the embedded red tile star in its prominent facade, still reigns as the Star Drug Store's most recognized emblem.



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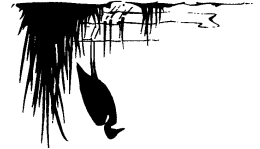
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### SEPTEMBER

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### September

- 3** Labor Day
- 8** Bay Harbor Improvement Association Monthly Meeting, 10:00 am
- 23** Autumn Begins

### October

- 8** Columbus Day
- 13** Bay Harbor Improvement Association Monthly Meeting, 10:00 am
- 27** Garden Club
- 31** Halloween

### November

- 4** Daylight Savings Time Ends
- 6** Election Day
- 10** Bay Harbor Improvement Association Monthly Meeting, 10:00 am
- 11** Veterans Day
- 22** Thanksgiving

### OCTOBER

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### December

- 8** Bay Harbor Improvement Association Monthly Meeting, 10:00 am
- 8** Garden Club Progressive Dinner
- 22** Winter Begins
- 25** Christmas
- 31** New Year's Eve

### DECEMBER

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