

The Heron

Bay Harbor Newsletter

Bay Harbor - The Friendly Subdivision



John Halsey, Editor

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"PREZ SAYZ"

It is hard to believe that it has been over a year since Ike tried to wash us off the island. Most of us are back to our pre-Ike routines and enjoying our homes in Bay Harbor. We have had several fun neighborhood events and re-connected with our neighbors.

There are still several properties in Bay Harbor that are in a state of disrepair or have not been repaired at all following Ike. The City of Galveston will begin enforcing ordinances concerning abandoned buildings and health and safety in the next few months. Our code enforcement officer is aware of the problems that we have in our neighborhood. The process of enforcement in some cases is a long drawn out legal affair that can take months, so please be patient. We are working with the City of Galveston code enforcement to help get our neighborhood back in order.

Our sewer project is a "Phase Two Project" which means it has been moved to the back burner again. I wish we had better news, but this is all we know right now.

I have expressed to several of our neighbors that I will believe we are getting

sewers when "I see heavy equipment moving dirt". Until then, we will continue to "squeak" in hopes we will get some "oil" on this sewer project.

Betsy Redfield is still on top of our Island Restoration Project and I will let her explain where we are with that in her report. Many thanks to Betsy for her persistence and tenacity in the effort to get our channel dredged and our island restored. Betsy will also provide details on our fall fundraiser. This will be a good opportunity to make a donation for the 2009 Tax Year.

Once again if you would like to be added to the Bay Harbor email list or have any other comments please let me know by calling me (713-824-1067) or sending me an email at bhand47@yahoo.com.

We hope everyone has a safe and fun holiday season and look forward to seeing you at our Bay Harbor Christmas Party. See the Bay Harbor Garden Club report for details.

Your Prez
Bill Hand

Bay Harbor Habitat Restoration Project Report

Questions have floated around regarding the Bay Harbor Habitat Restoration Project. Below is an attempt to respond to them.

Why are there two financial accounts for the Project?

The Bay Harbor Restoration Account is set up for periodic donations for those who did not need /want/care about receiving a receipt for possible tax deductions. Also, it is important that Bay Harbor show funds for future maintenance and continued project activity. These funds are dedicated solely for the Restoration Project and cannot be moved/used for any other purpose. Donations to the Bay Harbor Restoration account cannot be refunded/returned. Funds donated remain donated.

The Coastal Beach & Bay Foundation is a 501©(3) non-profit organization. Bay Harbor is not a 501©(3) organization and would not qualify to receive Federal, County, State or other grants. By having CB&BF as our Financial Administrator, this qualifies CB&BF acting for Bay Harbor to receive grants from all sources. Donations to CB&BF may be tax deductible. Each donor is mailed a letter from CB&BF indicating the amount donated/received and the Project (Bay Harbor Habitat Restoration) to which the funds are designated. This letter is a receipt and may be presented to your tax consultant. As our Financial Administrator for the Bay Harbor Habitat Restoration Project they receive all grants to administer. Periodic reports are sent to each granting organization indicating project activity and expenditure of funds. When an invoice is received by Bay Harbor for the Project, it is sent to CB&BF for payment and a form is filled in to submit to the granting organization for reimbursement. Each granting organization has similar payment procedures. Again, donations given to CB&BF for the Bay Harbor Habitat Restoration Project are not refundable/returnable.

What happens to the funds if the project is not completed?

The Project WILL BE COMPLETED!!!!. This is not a maybe let's do project. There will be delays and set-backs, but it will be completed. As to delays, we stand to lose grants from The Coastal Counties Restoration Initiative and the National Fish & Wildlife Foundation if we do not get the project started and get the funds activated to our Project before April 1, 2010. The amounts from these grants are not included in the total for the Bay Harbor Project, but are used as invoiced against. All privately donated funds will remain in the Bay Harbor Habitat Restoration Project account until they are used for the Project. We keep on going until the Project is completed.

What will the Project look like?

Please get a copy of our brochure. Please come by and see me at one of our fundraising parties to review the engineering drawings. The channel dredging will begin at the area just out from the marina where there is a "No Wake" sign. It does not involve the marina or the resident canals. The dredged material will be pumped into geotextile tubes and placed around the eroding island and along the boater access side.

These will serve as breakwaters and hold back additional dredged material (more dense sand & shell) placed and packed behind the tubes.



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Channel Dredging/Habitat Restoration Project Status Review October 19, 2009

Status Review Meeting with Gahagan & Bryant and Bay Harbor Friday, Oct 16, 2009

Attendees: Dana Cheney - GBA, Betsy Redfield - BH, Carl Finney - BH, Rob Traugott - BH

Review status of applications submitted as of August 2009

Grants expiring:

Coastal Counties Restoration initiative April 30, 2010

National Fish & Wildlife Foundation/Shell April 2010

Betsy will write these two foundations to confirm that if the budget was expended (bids let for contractor), it would satisfy the funds being obligated.

Recap and summary of expenses, grants and matching funds (copy provided)

Extension of CORPS of Engineers Permit Letter prepared and mailed October 19, 2009

Engineering Tasks completed Coastal Beach & Bay/US Fish&Wildlife (pd invoices, Jan 6, 09)

Engineering Tasks Remaining: Post-storm Survey Proposal, Oct 15, 2008. The numbering in the Jan 6, 2009 did not correspond to the Oct 15, 2008.

Remaining Engineering Tasks are:

<i>Task 6. Plans and Specifications (this is the bid package)</i>	<i>\$7,000</i>
<i>Task 7. Assist with bidding Process and Contractor Selection</i>	<i>2,000</i>
<i>Task 8. Project & Construction Management</i>	<i>6,000</i>
<i>Task 9. Post-Storm Bathymetric Survey/Survey Field Work</i>	<i>5,500</i>
<i>Task 10. Re-design of Original Project</i>	<i>1,000</i>
<i>Task 11. Land Lease Permit (information provided)</i>	<i>200</i>
	<u>Total \$27,700</u>

GBA to prepare for GLO (two - three months)

Explanation of fees (Feb 5, 2007)

Estimate of Construction & Total Project Cost

Notes from meetings: May 20, 2007; Nov 29, 2007; Jan 10, 2008

The following estimates were provided at the Jan 10th meeting:

Mobilization & Demobilization	\$ 34,000
Breakwaters	118,000
Construction	140,000
Project design (paid to date)	41,500
GBA Construction Mgt (above)	28,000
Including Post-Ike Assessment	6,500
Dredging	82,000

New Total **\$443,500**



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These target numbers were considered good and GBA would make every effort to keep them by offering our Project flexible and allowing leeway with a timing schedule.

(Cont. on pg 5 see project status notes)

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**Setting of applicable
time line for project**

*November, 2009 - Start the
process for the Land/
Easement Lease (receive by
March)*

*Post-Storm Survey and Sur-
vey Field Work - complete
in 2 Weeks*

*February , 2010 -Prepare
Plans & Specifications Bid
Package distribute Feb 20th*

*March 20, 2010 (30 days
allowed) - Open bids and se-
lect (3 days)*

*April/May, 2010 - Start
construction, estimated 30-
60 days*

*July , 2010- Planting . Con-
tact Scott Williams, US Fish
& Wildlife for plants*

*August 1, 2010 - Project
Completed*

*Discussion included the ac-
tion items to contact
Heather Young (NOAA);
Keep Dennis Rocha(GLO)
aware of all activity; talk
with Scott Williams(USFW)
and Phil Smith(Galveston
Bay Foundation) on availabil-
ity of funds from other
projects; continue to keep all residents informed.*

Dana will put together information describing the construction of the project and provide this to the Board. She will prepare a contract for the remaining Tasks to present to Bill Hand, President. She will continue to gather information regarding construction activity to keep our project "shovel ready" and keep us informed.

Other:

Bay Harbor waterfront-property letter (copy provided)
Aerial photos of island/erosion (available upon request)
Permit package (available upon request)

*Submitted by,
Betsy Redfield*



Bay Harbor Fishing Report by Capt. Bill Hand

As I sit writing my report this morning the tide is almost to the top of the bulkhead. That is not uncommon this time of year with the current moon cycle and a brisk East wind. I frequently talk about the importance of understanding the tides to improve your fishing success so here is a brief explanation of some of the terms we use when talking about tides.

When using tide tables for the Galveston Channel you need to add two hours to calculate the tide times for Bay Harbor. Tidal flow (direction) changes from East to West near Jamaica Beach which is generally the middle of West Bay. Tide tables are available at several locations on the internet and on the Weather Channel. There is also some very good software that will allow you to calculate specific tide times for specific locations along the bay. I use *Tides & Currents* by Nautical Software, Inc.

Tide: The vertical rise and fall of the surface of a body of water caused primarily by the differences in gravitational attraction of the moon, and to a lesser extent the sun, upon different parts of the earth when the positions of the moon and sun change with respect to the earth.

Spring Tide: The tidal effect of the sun and the moon acting in concert twice a month, when the sun, earth and moon are all in a straight line (full moon or new moon). The range of tide is larger than average.

Neap Tide: This opposite effect occurs when the moon is at right angles to the earth-sun line (first or last quarter). The range of tide is smaller than average.

Diurnal Tide: Only a single high and a single low during each tidal day; successive high and low waters do not vary by a great deal. Such tides occur, for example, in the Gulf of Mexico, Java Sea and in the Tonkin Gulf.

Some of our neighbors have been catching some very large Croaker this fall and the action on Redfish has been good on the beach as well as in the bay. The stocking efforts by Texas Parks and Wildlife are paying off. It is only a matter of time before we start seeing birds all over the bay working over Specks and Reds.

As a reminder, the new Flounder special regulation: Daily bag is 5 fish except for the period Nov. 1-30 when the daily bag is 2 fish and flounder may be taken only by pole and line. Possession limit is equal to the daily bag

Tight lines and be careful out there on the water.

Capt. Bill



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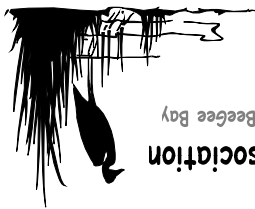
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Upcoming Events

December 2009

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December

- 05** Channel Dredging Fundraiser at Betsy's, 3702 Tradewinds
- 12** BHIA monthly board meeting
- 12** Garden Club Christmas Party at Patsy Gatlin's, 3902 5th Street

January 2010

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January

- 09** BHIA monthly board meeting

February 2010

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February

- 13** BHIA Monthly Meeting, 10:00 am