

# The Heron

## Bay Harbor Newsletter

*Bay Harbor - The Friendly Subdivision*



John Halsey, Editor

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### PREZ SAYZ

#### *Fall has arrived in Bay Harbor*

Well neighbors it looks like the heat and humidity we suffered through the Summer of 2010 is gone. Considering the number of "tropical events" that developed this year, we dodged the bullet this hurricane season. We can thank high pressure areas that hung out over us for bringing the hot and humid conditions of this summer...well I guess you just can't have perfect weather around here for more than a few days every year.

Labor Day and the Lone Star Motorcycle Rally have passed and we pretty much have our island back for a few more months. Now is the time to really enjoy our island homes.

It is hard to believe that it has now been over two years since hurricane Ike destroyed our property and disrupted our lives. We have lost some of our old neighbors who moved on and we have welcomed several new neighbors to our neighborhood. Most of our homes have been repaired, but we still have several properties that need some serious attention. Our code enforcement officer is aware of these properties and is in the long process of trying to correct these issues.



Our channel dredging and island restoration project is well underway and should be completed soon. Betsy Redfield will report more about the project in her article. Our Bay Harbor island seems to get larger by the day.

#### *Crime in our neighborhood*

Following Ike we had several cases of theft in our neighborhood, but as the fly by night contractors and "disaster response" folks left the island, the thieves declined. Now we must deal with the local criminals that have always been around. Most of these folks do crimes of opportunity, which means if it is easy and they are not likely to be caught, they take advantage and steal your belongings. Because we live in a low crime peaceful neighborhood, it is easy to let your guard down. If you will secure your property, lock your doors when you leave even for a short trip to the beach and lock your car, you can prevent most of these thefts according to the Galveston Police Department. If you see folks in the neighborhood that seem out of place or up to no good, don't hesitate to get license plate numbers and even call the police to report the activity. Several crimes on the West End have been solved because our neighbors did just that. Citizen participation is the cornerstone of Galveston's Community Policing Program.

We can also help each other by moving your neighbors garbage carts back to their house after garbage pick-up on Mondays. An empty garbage cart that has been on the street in front of a home for several days is like a neon sign advertising that no one is at home.

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***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. We will post our meeting schedule in advance on our website and send it to everyone on our email list.

Your Prez  
Bill Hand



**Did you hear about the Labor Day Treasure Hunt? See page 4**

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## Bay Harbor Habitat Restoration Project Report

November 2010

The construction survey LS was completed in August and during September, JND Thomas Company, Inc (construction contractors), began mobilization work on the Habitat Project. Their equipment was set up at the Bay Harbor Marina with the dredge brought in by water to begin work from the deep water towards the island. The silt fence, warning signs, and channel markers were installed. Geotube construction and filling continued thru October. The channel grade over depth is -5.0NAVD88 and the dredge approximately 50 feet swing widths. Discharge was pumped through floating pipes and used to fill the geotubes and continued with placement on the island pad. The pad will be to grade at or above +4.0 NAVD88. Thunderstorms, bad weather and low tides interrupted activity a few days with construction resuming shortly afterwards. We anticipate the project to be completed by December. Be ready for the announcement of the Marsh Mania vegetation planting.

With our Project nearing completion, we must not forget that costs will continue. We will need to prepare for annual Texas General Land Office surface and lease fees in the amount of \$3,516.

Everyone who has participated in our project please pick up a Volunteer Hours form from Gail Choate, fill it in and return it to her. Gail will collect these and Betsy will consolidate them and submit them for credit for matching funds. We can use these volunteer hours as real dollars to match grant money, so please get these to Gail. (we cannot use volunteer hours for the GLO)

John Halsey attended the West Galveston Island Bay Marsh Restoration Program October 27 and gave an update of our project's progress. Spanish Grant Bay and Jamaica Beach are proposing future dredging projects.

Thanks for everyone's support.

Betsy Redfield, Project Coordinator



**Mark Your Calendar!**  
**The Garden Club Christmas Party is coming up!**  
**Saturday, December 11th**  
**At Randy & Gail Choate's**  
**4016 4th Street**  
**Starts at 7:00pm**



Please bring a White Elephant gift, something from home or purchased. Food & iced tea will be served but you are welcome to bring your own beverages.

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### **Labor Day Party Photos**



Delphine Zarsky and Annette Moore



Debbie and Richard Kaminski, Ed Jackson



Mark Bloom, Don Redding, Gail Choate, Elzbieta Lyons, Bill Hand and Theron Moore

# Labor Day Party



**AVAST YE BAY HARBOR HEARTIES !!!**



Labor Day brought the biggest crowd we've seen in the neighborhood for quite some time despite a few scattered showers that appeared. Neighbors charted their courses to the home of Gail and Randy Choate for Bay Harbor's first annual Labor Day party. Randy served up his wonderful seafood gumbo and everyone else provided sides and desserts.

Parents and children participated in a treasure hunt that started and ended at the Choates but took teams all over the neighborhood from the bay to the beach. Teams were given plastic bottles that contained the first clue in the hunt, then raced to the other points along the way by figuring out the rhyming clues. This was one of the best attended party's we've had so promises to become a regular event. This year's hunt was a first try so next year's promises to be even greater!



Randy Choate & Jessie Bradshaw



Judy Redding and Betsy Redfield



Pam Williams and Trish Bloom



Jaime Bautista and Alex Compton





## Halloween Party

BAY HARBOR GETS DOWNRIGHT **SPOOKY** !!



The ghosts and goblins were out the night before Halloween at the Bay Harbor Halloween party in the home of Debbie and Richard Kaminski. You couldn't miss the party with all the pumpkins lining the driveway that were carved out by Richard and spider webs Debbie had strung all over the house. A hit of the party was a dancing skeleton (ask Debbie about that one!)

Bottles of wine went to the costume winners. Most original costume went to Gail and Randy Choate with their mopped hairdos. Best costume makeup went to a very sexy kitten, Debbie Kaminsky. Best all round costume was won by Jessiann and Terry Bradshaw in their 60's peace duds. Winner of the "Guess How Many Pieces of Candy Are In The Bowl" game was Rosie Pieri, friend of Charlie and Cathy Winsor who guessed within 3 pieces! Fun was had by all.



Our gracious host, Richard Kaminski, and your editor put the squeeze on Toy.



Our lovely hostess, Debbie Kaminski.



Robbie and Sharon Traugott dressed up as civilians. Piracy was SO last year.



"It" won 1st Prize(Gail Choate)



Terry makes his move on Willa's shot glass.



Judy Redding shows her affinity for little piglets.



Randy Choate, Annette Moore, Toy Halsey, Dana Mollineaux (Patsy Gatlin's daughter), Jessie Bradshaw and Gail Choate



Jessie, Terry and John prove that color blindness can be overcome. Or did they?



## Bay Harbor Fall 2010 Fishing Report by Capt. Bill Hand

The fall fishing season is in full swing on West Bay. Mid October with the light wind and excellent conditions produced some really nice catches of Specks and Reds. Over the next few weeks until we get some really cold sustained temperatures, we should expect some outstanding fishing which will be even better when schools of Specks follow the shrimp down the bay towards San Luis Pass. If you want to get in on this action, you need to monitor the bay closely. An easy way to do this is to drive to the end of Port Trinidad or Sixth Street and look down the bay with a set of good binoculars. If you see birds working, launch your boat and get after it. Check your tide tables for good water movement. A good formula for success is a good strong tide either early in the morning or late in the afternoon. I prefer the morning because the wind is usually lighter in the morning hours.

If you don't have a boat, some of the best surf fishing on the island is right in front of Bay Harbor. The fall is the best time to score some nice Redfish in the surf. I have had several reports of limits of Reds coming from the surf when conditions are right. You do not need clear green water to catch reds. In fact a slightly choppy off color surf is usually the best. Live finger mullet is probably the best bait you can use and it is important to use circle hooks for easy hook-up and release of fish that don't meet the 20 to 28 inch slot limit.

November is usually the flounder migration run, but so far this fall, I have not had any reports of flounder catches. Don't forget that the limit for flounder is reduced November 1 - 30 to two fish 14 inches. Several Texas Game Wardens have been patrolling lower West Bay, so keep it legal and make sure you have your ID, registration, fishing license and safety equipment before leaving the dock. A reminder in the form of a citation can get pretty expensive.

Dana over at Smitty's Bait Camp publishes a fishing and bait report about once a week. If you want to get those, contact Dana at [smittysbait@yahoo.com](mailto: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



Jacob Sparks w/30" red fish  
Caught in the bay



May Bonno w/32" red  
Caught in the surf



Luke and Jacob displaying their  
haul of reds, specks and maybe a  
black drum.





Amanda Shults pulled in a 34" 20lb Black Drum from the Bay Harbor fishing pier.



Jimmy Choate had a good day fishing the surf in front of Bay Harbor.



Your humble editor even lucked into a nice red in the surf.

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## Upcoming Events

### December 2010

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### December

11 Garden Club Christmas Party at the Choate's 7:00pm

16 GAIN meeting 5:30pm at Moody Mansion

18 WGIPOA meeting Galveston Country Club at 9:00am

### January 2011

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### January

08 BHIA board meeting at Bill Hand's house

20 Gain meeting 5:30pm at Moody Mansion

22 WGIPOA meeting Galveston Country Club at 9:00am

### February 2011

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### February

17 GAIN meeting 5:30pm at Moody Mansion

19 WGIPOA meeting Galveston Country Club at 9:00am

26 Bay Harbor Garden Club meeting