

The Heron

Bay Harbor Newsletter

Bay Harbor - The Friendly Subdivision



John Halsey, Editor

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From THE PRESIDENT

The Bay Harbor Improvement Association enjoyed the presence of Mayor Joe Jaworski at our last bi-monthly board meeting. The Mayor brought worthwhile information to the meeting while listening and taking notes on various concerns brought about by board members and various guests. Everyone seemed to enjoy the meeting.

From neighbors and friends there have been some nice fish caught in and about Bay Harbor. This is the time of year enjoyed by everyone. But of course, a bad day in Bay Harbor is better than a good day ANYWHERE else.

I cannot emphasize more how

important it is to get to know your neighbors. I know each of you more than likely have met and socialized with some of your nearest neighbors which makes Bay Harbor such a nice place to have a home. Just recently a neighbor of mine called to inquire if a particular vehicle should be in my drive. I happily responded with "yes, a repairman is working at my home." It gave me a sense of security knowing my home was being monitored by a good neighbor. You would be surprised how many homes are burglarized during the middle of the day. Another popular way for individuals to commit theft is to approach the homes on canals by boat. Several individuals living on canals have had items stolen in the night.

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Part of the heart of Bay Harbor is welcoming newcomers. Please notify any board member of newcomers on your street so we can welcome them appropriately.

When I was elected as President of the Bay Harbor Community Improvement Association it was my desire to collect YOUR thoughts and concerns regarding our community. Our board is preparing a budget for operation which should be ready to be presented at our January meeting. I would like to add to the agenda for January a list of "objectives for our Board" as presented by the various members of our association. In other words, what are your concerns, what are your thoughts, what would you like to see as an objective for our Board.

Until next publication, I want to wish you good health and a rewarding Holiday Season and hope you have a great Thanksgiving with family and friends.



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Bay Harbor Habitat Restoration Project

November 2011 Report

Coastal Beach & Bay Foundation met with Bay Harbor for the final financial report on the Bay Harbor Habitat Restoration Project. A summary of the report follows:

Total income from grants and donations	\$454,584
Total expenses including reimbursement	
To CB&BF of \$2,974	427,656

The remaining funds of \$26,928 are allocated for payment to the Texas General Land Office of \$3,366 per year for the next eight years on our present lease. Again, many thanks to all who supported and contributed to OUR Project.

The Project Progress Board at the marina will be replaced by a Support Recognition Board listing our contributors. This will be installed sometime in the spring. Galveston Bay Foundation will be working with NRG Energy and U. S. Fish & Wildlife Marine Services regarding additional vegetation planting perhaps next year in February or March.

The Project is completed but continues to require management and money. There are NO funds for future items that will need to be addressed. These include retaining our engineering firm, Gahagan & Bryant, to determine when maintenance dredging is required. At that time we need to initiate a contract with GBA to secure a Maintenance and Dredging Permit from the US CORPS, secure a contractor, and provide estimated costs. It will need to be determined where the dredged material will be placed. Under our present permit we made beneficial use of the material by restoring the existing island. Exploring this option again with our grantors could possibly result in our applying for some matching funds. And, sometime in the next eight years we will need to work with the Texas GLO. Addressing these issues early will allow us to continue to solicit funds for the future.

The information signs on the island provided by Galveston Bay Foundation should be replaced with larger ones. The channel should be marked more clearly for boaters. Remember to respect our habitat island so that we may qualify for the above mentioned funding.

Restoration Project Support Recognition

Bay Harbor Community & Friends

Coastal Beach & Bay Foundation

Gahagan & Bryant Associates, Inc., Engineers

National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration

U.S. Fish & Wildlife

National Fish & Wildlife Foundation

Coastal Counties Restoration Initiative

Galveston Bay Foundation

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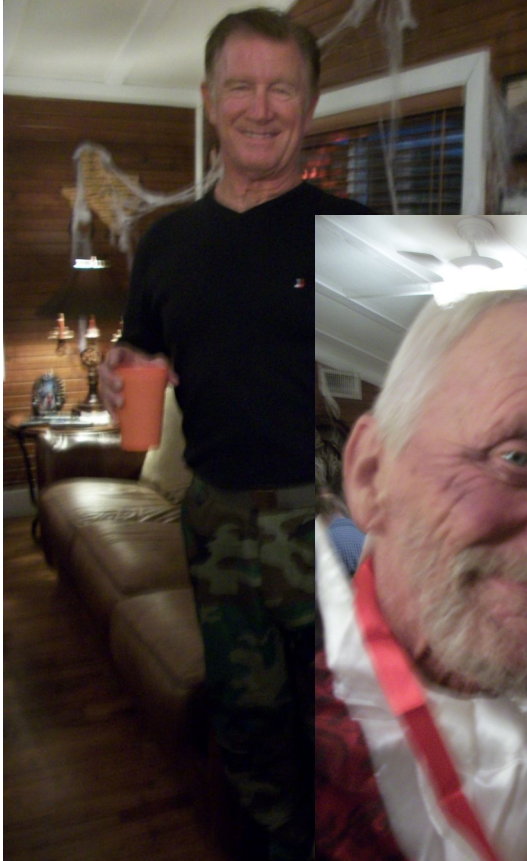
LightHawk, Aerial Photos

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	2006-7	Betsy Redfield
	2007-8	John Halsey
	2008-9	Carl Finney
	2009-10	Bill Hand
	2010-11	Bill Hand
	2011-12	Charles Winsor

Halloween Party

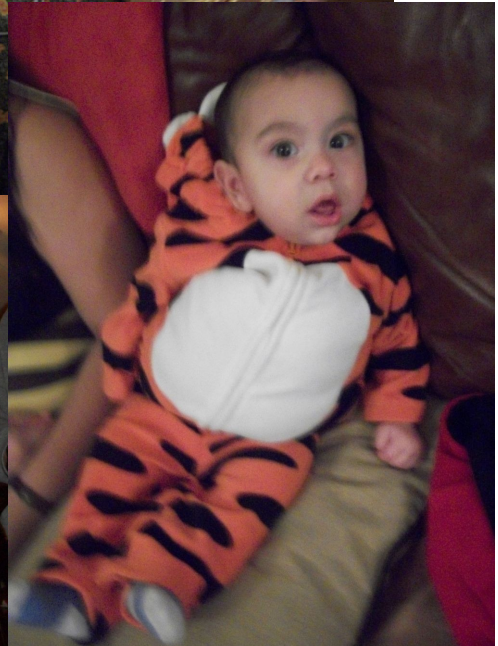
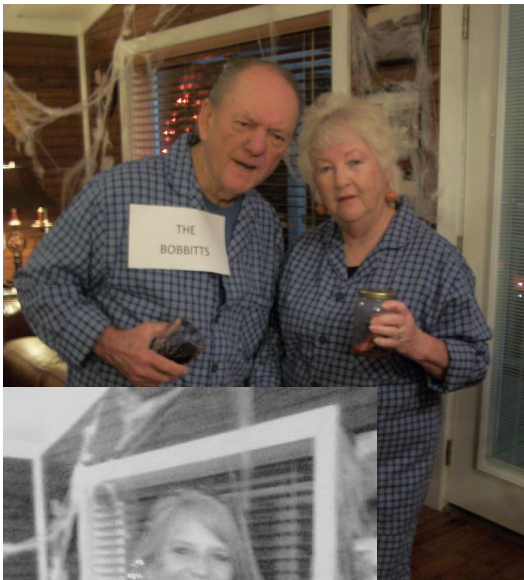


Richard and Debbie—Thanks so much for your hospitality.



Halloween Party

Saturday night, October 29th, the ghouls and goblins of Bay Harbor gathered at Debbie and Richard Kaminsky's house and had a great time. The party started with great food and drink and a game to guess how many pieces of candy were in a container. The winner of the candy and expensive jar (just kidding) was Theron Moore who guessed within 2 pieces! Prizes provided by Jessie Bradshaw for best costumes went to Sugar Daddy Rob Traugott, Flapper Debbie Kaminsky and Debbie's grandson, Sebastian, who was the cutest pumpkin ever! Later in the evening the team games began out on the Kaminsky's new deck. Ah, youth! Thanks to Debbie and Richard for hosting such a fun time! Take a look at the pictures!





The maestro himself



Johnny Collis, hands down favorite for rookie of the year.

Autumn Fishing in Bay Harbor When the Redfish are Running!



28" red caught in Tradewinds canal.



Cap'n Bill's buddy, Greg, came all the way from Savannah.

Bay Harbor Fall 2011 Fishing Report by Capt. Bill Hand

Probably one of the most significant things affecting our fall fishing is the drought and the lack of fresh water runoff into the marshes and estuaries surrounding many parts of the Galveston Bay complex. We are fortunate in West Bay because most of our shoreline, with the exception of developed and bulk headed land, is marsh. That being said, those marshes require regular fresh water to thrive. The salinity levels are a key to the production of every fish that swims in the bay. Oysters are one of the most delicate organisms in the bay when it comes to salinity levels. They do not do well in high salinity water like we have had for most of the year. There also seems to be a lack of Speckled Trout in the bay and I have not seen many shrimp in the bay, but have had reports of locals catching them in cast nets in the canals.

The other factor that we have had to contend with for most of the year is strong winds from the southwest and east. The high pressure that has been hanging out over the area and deflecting tropical systems has not let us have the typical onshore wind pattern that we usually have in the late summer and fall. We are now into the typical fall pattern of a strong cold front about once a week with 30 mph north winds that blows all of the water out of the bay and cause extreme low tides. About two days following the frontal passage we have a window of about two days to take advantage of the moderate south wind. That is the best time to plan a fishing trip if you can make it work.

Now that I have made all of the excuses for poor fishing conditions, I am happy to report that if you can get out on the water in that narrow window of opportunity, there are lots of big Redfish schooling near Bay Harbor. Just look for birds looking at something in the water and the Reds will be there. Many are over size; remember the slot for redfish is 20 to 28 inches. You can keep one per year over 28 inches if you use your tag. If the Red is over about 25 inches, the quality of the meat goes down in my opinion, so I recommend letting those "breeders" go make some more babies for all of us to catch. There is still a ton of Sand Trout and a few whiting working under the birds and over shell bottom. They should stick around until it gets real cold. I think that most of the Flounder and Gafftop have moved on because of the cold fronts and cooler water temperatures. The bay water temperature has been running from 71 to 67 degrees. We have caught a few Speckled Trout every time we have gone out, but the numbers are just not what they were last year.

Tight lines and be careful out there on the water. Remember that hypothermia is a real hazard if you spend much time in the water this time of year.

Capt. Bill



Another good day in the bay.

Wouldn't want to send Greg back to Savannah empty handed.



Dave Korkmas chips in with a red of his own



Christmas Party

Sponsored by Bay Harbor Garden Club

The Bay Harbor Garden Club will again sponsor our annual Christmas Party for all of our Bay Harbor neighbors. Annette and Theron Moore have offered to have the party at their home at 4117 Second Street on December 10th at 6:00 p.m.

We will be celebrating with a Mexican Fiesta - so bring your appetite. We will also have a White Elephant exchange. No need to purchase a gift. Just look around your home for something that you no longer use, wrap it up, and bring it with you.

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Upcoming Events

December 2011

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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
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December

10 Garden Club Christmas Party at Theron & Annette's
4117 2nd street at 6:00pm

15 GAIN meeting 5:30pm at Moody Mansion

17 WGIPOA meeting Galveston Country Club at 9:00am

January 2012

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January

14 BHIA board meeting

19 Gain meeting 5:30pm at Moody Mansion

21WGIPOA meeting Galveston Country Club at 9:00am

February 2012

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February

16 GAIN meeting 5:30pm at Moody Mansion

18 WGIPOA meeting Galveston Country Club at 9:00am