

The Heron

Bay Harbor Newsletter

Bay Harbor - The Friendly Subdivision



Pam Williams, Editor

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The President Says.....

As people say, "When it is cold in Galveston it is cooooooIIllldddd." But, as many also hear, "A bad day in Galveston is better than a good day anywhere else."

I want to take a few lines to welcome new residents Doug Walsworth and Melody Jackson. They recently closed on the Halsey residence on Port Trinidad. I had an opportunity to meet them Saturday as they were moving in during a brisk wind and drizzle. They are not new to Galveston, as they have had a home in Jamaica Beach for several years. Take a minute to stop by and introduce yourselves when you can. I told them they chose a very friendly neighborhood in which to have a vacation home.

I replaced the 1st Street east flood light on our sign. Some have noticed the west light on 4th Street doesn't stay illuminated as long as the other lights. I read the installation notes which came with our new light, and read, "If a light begins to shine less

and less each night, then the battery is diminishing." So, it seems we will soon be replacing that battery.

We are looking into replacing lights on and about the fishing pier. We are attempting to move to strictly plastic housings for the lights because the metal housings deteriorate.

As you all know, cold weather is probably here to stay for a while. Be mindful of your exposed water pipes. Turning off your water and opening ALL faucets really is the best practice when preparing for freezing weather. Everyone should be mindful of our neighbors' homes during the freezing weather. There have been a few instances when neighbors were riding through the neighborhood after a freeze and observed water running from a home. In most cases, the neighbor was able to turn the water off at the meter. If neighbors would be sure to share their contact numbers, then it would be possible to contact any neighbors to alert them to a water emergency.

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

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**Galveston Bay
Foundation
2014 Fall Marsh
Mania
At Bay Harbor
Habitat Island**



Around 80 people showed up for the fall marsh planting on our well preserved island. Boats provided by the foundation and Bill Hand ferried adults and children to the island where for 3-4 hours they planted marsh grass. There was much good weather and many not so good mosquitoes. Afterwards, a nice box lunch provided by Subway was offered and door prizes were awarded.



Marsh Mania is the nationally-recognized, signature community-based wetlands restoration and education event of the Galveston Bay area. The goal of Marsh Mania is to involve local citizens in hands-on wetlands restoration activities while increasing their awareness and appreciation of wetland habitats and functions. In its fifteen years, Marsh Mania has involved more than 7,100 community volunteers in the restoration of over 202 acres of vital salt marsh habitat at 74 sites around Galveston Bay. We are fortunate that our habitat island is part of



BAY HARBOR MARSH MANIA 9-27-14



Bay Harbor Fall 2014 Fishing Report

With cool mornings on the bay and beach, we can feel fall (and mosquitoes) in the air. The fall weather pattern usually brings light offshore winds in the morning and switch back to onshore by the afternoon, but, like the rest of the year, that has not been the case. We have been plagued with East and Northeast winds that have made fishing on the open bay difficult at times this fall. We have had very few days of our "normal" Southeast wind that clears the surf and the bay. When you can catch those few prime weather days, the fishing has been good. Strong North winds makes for very low tides and strong East winds make for very high tides, neither of which are good for fishing in West Bay.



The Redfish are starting to show up in the traditional areas of the bay and should be schooling under birds anytime, so take your binoculars and look for them along the south shoreline and mid-bay this time of year. Most of the time, these fish are borderline keepers. Remember the Redfish slot limit is 20 to 28 inches. In my opinion Redfish over 24 inches are not as good to eat as the smaller ones and I usually "CPR" them (catch, photograph and release).

For some reason the Speckled Trout population is not what is to be expected this time of year and in fact has not been normal all year, at least for this fisherman. We have caught some nice Specks and a few throw backs, but not any large numbers. Not even close to the limit of 10 per person. The limit from Sargent south is 5 per person.



As is usual for this time of year, there is a good crop of Sand Trout and there is no size or number limit on them. A great fish for a big fish fry.



Reports from the surf in front of Bay Harbor indicate some nice keeper and oversize Redfish, plus good numbers of Whiting and Sand Trout. Live finger mullet seem to be the magic bait for the Reds, but fresh dead cut mullet will also work. Fresh dead shrimp wrapped on the hook work well for the Whiting and Sand Trout.

On a final note, the grass beds that were once common in all of West Bay years ago are starting to make a comeback on both the north and south shore lines of the bay.

Don't forget to take a jacket and rain gear with you this time of year. Even though it may still seem warm, hypothermia can be a life threatening issue as winter approaches.

Tight Lines!
Capt. Bill





BAY HARBOR GARDEN CLUB



The October Bay Harbor Garden club meeting - It was a beautiful day in the neighborhood! After enjoying the delicious brunch provided by Ann and Jimmy, the members, with knives, paint brushes, and imaginations in hand went down to the pumpkin patch.

The pumpkins were no match for us; as you can see, the outcome was spectacular:



We then attached the junipers to form the spiral topiaries!

Afterwards, we sat down for conversation and mimosas.

The next event of the Garden Club will be the annual Christmas Party which is open to all Bay Harbor Residents. Mark & Tish Bloom will host it at their house on Saturday December 13. Exact details will be forthcoming. So please plan on attending!!



May Bonno, President



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BAY HARBOR



at the home of
Debbie & Richard
Kaminsky



Who ARE these spooky
people?!



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Upcoming Events

NOVEMBER

- 15 WGIPOA meeting 9am at Galveston Country Club
- 19 GAIN meeting 5:30pm at Moody Mansion
- 27 **THANKSGIVING**



DECEMBER



- 5-6 **DICKENS ON THE STRAND**
- 13 **B.H.I.A. Board Meeting at the home of Annette & Theron Moore 10a**
- 13 **Bay Harbor Christmas Party at the home of Tish & Mark Bloom 6:30p**
- 17 GAIN meeting 5:30pm at Moody Mansion
- 20 WGIPOA meeting 9am at Galveston Country Club
- 25 **CHRISTMAS**



JANUARY

- 17 GAIN meeting 5:30pm at Moody Mansion
- 21 WGIPOA meeting 9am at Galveston Country Club
- 10-24 **GALVESTON RESTAURANT WEEK(S)**

