

The Heron

Bay Harbor Newsletter
Bay Harbor - The Friendly Subdivision



Pam Williams, Editor

Summer Edition 2017

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GREETINGS! From our front deck in Bay Harbor..... To kick things off...

Jill and I have owned a beach house on Seventh street for nineteen years and have always enjoyed our frequent trips to Bay Harbor. We have made many friendships and memories over the years. I have enjoyed serving as Vice President-President elect and working with the Board on many projects that were beneficial to our neighborhood (Habitat Restoration Project, Pavilion, Entrance Signage, Lights, Pier Improvements and Maintenance, ETC.)

It's my pleasure to now serve our community as the President of the Bay Harbor Improvement Association, and I am looking forward to working with our board members and finding ways to help improve our community. We love it here and want to be involved in making Bay Harbor better and better.

We had a great July 4th Golf Cart Parade and Fish Fry. Bill Hand did a fantastic job of frying the fish. Hush Puppies and hotdogs were also served and neighbors brought all the side dishes. Again, "Thank you" Bill and Charlie for providing the fish. A "Good Time" was had by all at our new Pavilion.

I would like to thank Charles Winsor for his years of service as President of the Board. Charlie will still be involved in our community.

Please keep in mind that our board members are a doing "double duty" for our community: they serve as board members and neighbors... and they all deserve a heartfelt "Thank you" for all of their contributions!

Please check the web page for contact information and other information regarding the community... WWW.BHIATX.ORG

Best wishes,

Bob Seay, President
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July 2017- June 2018

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In April we took a field trip to Jimbo's Nursery located in Santa Fe. This unique nursery has one of the largest collections of bromeliads and air plants in the area. Prices are less than most nurseries and they also have great perennials, hibiscus, and succulents as well. The owner travels to various locations to sell and



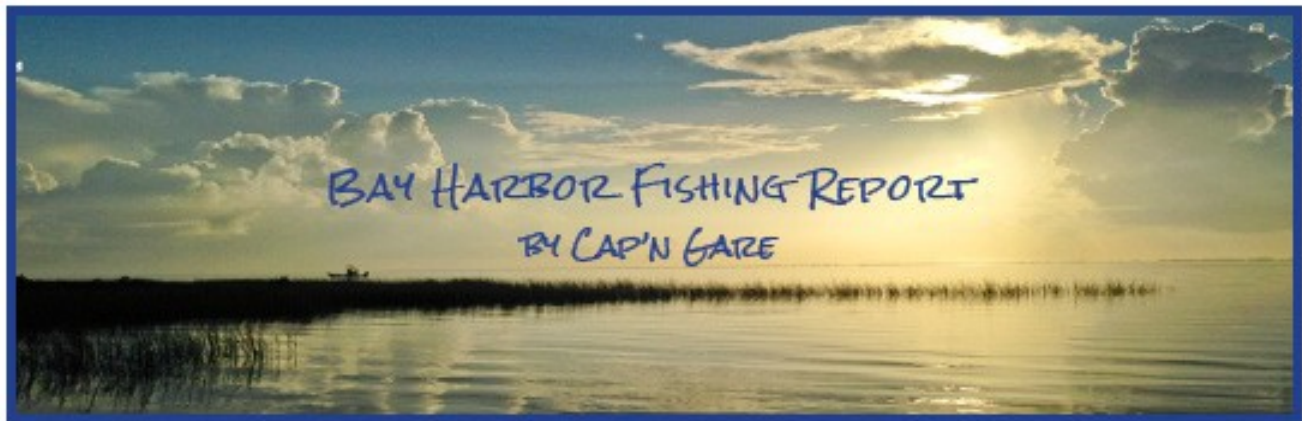
gather plants and will be our guest speaker at the August meeting. After touring the nursery and buying our favorite varieties, we ate lunch at the Red Dirt and Blue Jeans Café.

June's meeting was graciously held at the home of Ann and Jimmy Choate. Since we were meeting during National Pollinator Week, we discussed ways to enhance our gardens to attract pollinators. The meeting ended with a drawing for a flowering, pollinator attracting plant won by Irene Burgess.



The next meeting will take place August 26 at the home of Cathy Winsor, 3814 Port Trinidad.

Pam Williams, President



I'm not going to fib, fishing has been slow. Even tougher if you're a lure chunker. The spring winds that trashed the gulf and bay for weeks at a time didn't let up till the week after the 4th of July. During the last couple of weeks, water temps start out in the high 80's and move into the nineties by the middle of day. Real feel temps are over a 100 degrees by 10 AM. We're definitely in the dog daze of summer. Below the merciless weather the better tidal movement has been at night and weaker tides prevailed during the day. I guesstimate we're off about 50% for fish in the box at the dock. Just to add insult to injury, TP&W releases their gill net survey for Galveston Bay and claims it's the 3rd best in the history of the survey. You could hear fishermen moaning from Sabine Pass to Matagorda Bay. By the way, Matagorda Bay is having a banner year purportedly brought about by the implementation of the 5 fish limit. CCA Star Tournament supports their bluster with the Middle & Lower coast leading the Trout division with bigger fish than the Upper coast. You keep less you'll get more. As of the 29th of July there was still one boat package left for catching a tagged red fish and you can't tell me they didn't release a tagged red around the pass. Did I mention the locust swarm?

Ahhh...but GRASSHOPPER, the glass is half full.

In spite of the facts, Negative Nancy is here to say, West Bay & Bay Harbor (aka south shoreline) are in excellent shape. The return of the grass to our shoreline has been a major factor in the incredible abundance of bait. Shrimp, Shad, Squid, Croaker, Piggies, Mullet, Sand Eels, Crab, Glass Minnows and Sting Rays are all using the grassy shoreline as a nursery to raise their young. Yes, I said Sting Ray. I found a whole baby Sting Ray in a Trout's stomach yesterday. Trout and Reds both follow Sting Rays around and eat their young as they pop out live. I digress. Cleaner water and the return of marsh grass are a great recipe for a better fishery. We've got the habitat & bait that eventually will attract all those fish that are on the beach front back to our shoreline. Every time the fishing gods shut off the fan and we were able to fish the beach front we had full stringers for all. Absolutely incredible stringers, for what ever reason the tide runners didn't come through the pass this spring. Sure we had some come through but not like the numbers in previous years. Maybe the warm winter and an abundance of bait in the gulf had an effect on them. They didn't have to leave the beach front to find a meal so they just stayed there. That's the good news and here's my hypothesis. Tide runners deplete their food source around the end of August. September, October roll around and they go into their fall feeding frenzy to fatten up for winter but beach front bait supply is gone. Hmmmm ! I think they'll go where there's an abundance of bait. Where you fishin' this fall ?

" E N I L E R O H S H T U O S Y A B T S E W "



RUSTY HOOK SUNRISE II



Haden & Hudson
1st slot red



Joe Kurtin
Stringer of the year



Mark Burroughs
40 Lb Jack on 4" sea shad



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BAY HARBOR SUNSET



2017 Bay Harbor Annual Meeting and Fishing Tournament



We were blessed with mild weather for this year's B.H.I.A. Annual Meeting held at the Pavilion.

The day began with the fish tournament spearheaded by Tim Kurtin. This year's tournament drew a record 49 participants! It was a tough day on the water so there was definitely more fishing than catching. With the winning fish based on length, following were winners...

Speckled Trout	1 st Place	\$60 Cash	Gene Gansky
	2 nd Place	\$30 credit for Bay Harbor Merchandise	Tim Kurtin
	3 rd Place	\$20 credit for Bay Harbor Merchandise	Stephen Gillaspie
Redfish	1 st Place	\$60 Cash	Mike Garvin
	2 nd Place	\$30 credit for Bay Harbor Merchandise	Harry Heitkemp
	3 rd Place	\$20 credit for Bay Harbor Merchandise	Christian Giglio
Flounder	1 st Place	\$60 Cash	Mike Garvin
	2 nd Place	\$30 credit for Bay Harbor Merchandise,	Gene Gansky
	3 rd Place	\$20 credit for Bay Harbor Merchandise	Spence Ducote
Most Unusual (Legal) Species		\$20 Cash	Mike Garvin (gafftop)

The two youth participants, Jackson and Harrison Vicic, sons of Billy and Julie Vicic, found the seas very challenging but they deserve a mention for entering!

Later in the afternoon preparations commenced for the annual meeting which started with the silent auction organized by Dana Kurtin. There were many donations ranging from art work to beautifully crafted items of furniture, art and games. We are truly blessed and thankful to have such generous and creative neighbors. Together the fishing tournament and auction earned \$2,200 for the treasury!



The barbeque meal provided was again outstanding with meat provided and cooked by Doug Bailey. Neighbors completed the meal providing delicious side dishes and desserts. It was great to meet new residents young and old.

After establishing a quorum, Charlie Winsor opened the business part of the meeting with secretary and treasury reports then introduction of the 2016-2017 board members. The election of board members took place with the re-election of Gail Choate, Bob Seay and May Bonno and the election of Don Gray, Dale Mohn, Annette Moore and Cathy Winsor.

Remaining on the board are Mark Bloom, Bill Hand, Danny Kurtin, Tim Kurtin, and David Labbe.

Tim Kurtin gave a brief report of the combined West Bay community dredging project then Charlie gave an update of additions to the pavilion, status of the Bay Harbor signage/lighting, marina locks/chains then introduced Tim Kurtin who announced the winners of the fishing tournament.

Once the business portion of the meeting was over everyone enjoyed their meal, played lawn games and danced to the music provided by Chris Collier and the "Havoc Wagon".





**2017 B.H.I.A.
ANNUAL MEETING
FUN!!!**





**Bay Harbor
4th of July
Parade and Fish Fry**

**1st
Place**

Lucille Sims, widow of Marvin Sims, passed away June 30, 2017. She and husband Marvin lived on 3rd street for many years. In her obituary, it mentions that those wishing to honor her memory can make a donation to Bay Harbor Improvement Association. Her husband, Marvin, held the position of Secretary/Treasurer to BHIA for many years. Many blessings for the Sims!

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Upcoming Events

AUGUST

- 16 GAIN meeting 5:30pm at Moody Mansion
- 19 B.H.I.A. Board Meeting—Home of Pam Williams, 3917 1st St.
- 19 WGIPOA meeting 9am at Galveston Country Club
- 26 Galveston Art Walk
- 26 Bay Harbor Garden Club Meeting, Home of Cathy Winsor-3814 Port Trinidad

SEPTEMBER

- 1-3 Galveston Brewmasters Craft Beer Festival
- 1 Taste of the Strand Food Tour
- 4 LABOR DAY
- 14 Galveston Greek Festival
- 16 WGIPOA meeting 9am at Galveston Country Club
- 20 GAIN meeting 5:30am at Moody Mansion

OCTOBER

- 14 Galveston Art Walk
- 14 B.H.I.A. Board Meeting—Home of Theron and Annette Moore, 4117 2nd St.
- 18 GAIN meeting 5:30pm at Moody
- 21 WGIPOA meeting 9am at Galveston Country Club Mansion
- 28 Bay Harbor Garden Club Meeting—Place TBA
- 31 HALLOWEEN