

# The Heron

## Bay Harbor Newsletter Bay Harbor - The Friendly Subdivision



2018 SUMMER EDITION

Pam Williams, Editor

### THE PREZ SEZ...

Greetings: From our front deck in Bay Harbor...

Let me begin by saying, "Thank You", to all the neighbors who provided services and support for our 2018 Annual June meeting. We had a great turn out. We especially want to thank Jack Hopkins for providing the cook-off team. They did a great job and made the meal portion of our meeting a success. We have some T-shirts and hats with our Bay Harbor logo left over for sale. Please see Tim Kurtin or Gail Choate if you are interested in purchasing one. Also, a "Big Thanks" to our BHIA board members for coordinating all the fun events. Look for articles and pictures in this Heron Issue.

Your BHIA board members are looking forward to working on any concerns and needs of our neighborhood. Most recently, the board has addressed the bulkhead at the marina, the addition of street signs, filling street potholes, installing culverts and the digging of drainage ditches. We will also be working on information concerning granting agencies and others donating time and funds to our channel dredging project. We have City of Galveston code requirements and other articles concerning these various projects in this Heron issue.

I will conclude, by welcoming all our new neighbors to the Bay Harbor Improvement Association Organization. The cost to join is \$150. a year. As a board, we would like to remind everyone of their responsibility to keep our neighborhood safe and peaceful. Fall weather is almost here but we are still in "Hurricane " season. Keep a close eye on the weather! We have already had several severe lightning storms. We were sorry to hear that the Bloom family suffered severe damage to their canal home from a fire caused by lightning.

Until next time, enjoy life ,take care and see you on the beach. Check out our website:

[www.bhiatx.org](http://www.bhiatx.org)

Your Prez

Bob Seay

### 2018 B.H.I.A. Annual Meeting and Fishing Tournament

It was delightful to have around 100 residents enjoy this year's B.H.I.A. annual meeting that took place June 9th. The weather cooperated beautifully and the silent auction coordinated by Cathy Winsor and Julie Kurtin was again successful offering a multitude of items from fishing gear, a hammock with stand, Tallavera pottery, coolers, and art, some by our own residents! President, Bob Seay, welcomed the group and introduced the present board members. Mark Bloom, Bill Hand, Tim Kurtin, David Labbe and Danny Kurtin were elected to serve another two year term.

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**Annual Meeting, cont.**

Bob thanked neighbor Jack Hopkins for providing the delicious meat and condiments prepared and cooked by his Beat Brothers Cooking Team.

Tim Kurtin was introduced who spearheaded the fishing tournament. He thanked all of the participants then announced the winners:

- Trout:**
  - 1st Kassie Dyakon
  - 2nd Stephen Gillespie
  - 3rd a tie! Mason Stewart and Roger Flippin
- Red:**
  - 1st Joe Jaques
  - 2nd Stephen Gillespie
  - 3rd Betsy Redfield
- Flounder:**
  - 1st Gene Gansky
  - 2nd Gene Gansky  
(seems he caught the only flounder!)
- Junior:**
  - 1st Mason Stewart  
(catching a most unusual Lizardfish!)
  - 2nd Spence Ducoat (sand trout)

All learned more about the Galveston Bay Foundation from their representative Sharon Roark who spoke of the progress of our island restoration project and the water quality in the bay. Four residents of Bay Harbor, David & Margaret Labbe and Julie & Tim Kurtin, attended training and will be taking samples in Bay Harbor's bay waters in specific intervals. For more information see: <https://galvbay.org/>

Bob then made a special presentation to Gail Choate honoring her 25 years of service to B.H.I.A. Along with a beautiful table runner, a pavilion plaque was created and subsequently mounted. Thanks to Phil Martin for assisting with the plaque.

A great time was had by all and ended with lawn games and frivolity. Many thanks to all who participated and provided food as well as help with the clean-up afterwards.

Take a look at pictures on Page 3.



# BHIA Annual Meeting

## And

# Fishing Tournament





## Bay Harbor Fishing Report

It's morning in the harbor and the misty pale blue light of sunrise romanticizes the birth of shorter September days. The wind drops at dawn and a pink blue chrome glaze develops and disappears into the cloudless sky on a horizonless bay. An Osprey's reflection slides silently over a mirrored wake. Shut down just west of the wreck and drift. Be still...let the incoming morning tide push you toward the ICW. Listen for the flicks, as the boat rotates and parallels the sweet south east. Scan the distant water's surface focusing west towards the wall. The myth becomes reality with the flash of a silver king's roll. Yes...The Tarpon in West Bay this fall. Awesome! ~gb~





Many thanks to May and Vickie for hosting the June garden club meeting which was one of the largest attended ever, welcoming new members and guests. The meeting began with a short social gathering in the patio area of their home then May made an in-depth presentation on herbs from growing them to their many uses from culinary to medicinal to aromatherapy.



After answering many questions the group proceeded upstairs to partake in a delicious meal of Vickie's meatloaf sliders with all the trimmings. All had received raffle tickets with many winning herbs, both live and dried.



In August the club went to the home of Sheila and Laurie Skov in Santa Fe to tour their expansive greenhouses and learn fascinating facts about orchids. Though orchids are not exactly suitable to our salt air environment, there is one, talumnia, which is native to the Caribbean basin and therefore compatible with our location and was available for purchase. Irene bought two that are thriving and blooming. After touring the greenhouses, the group had lunch at Bayou Bistro located on the edge of Bayou Vista where all found the meal to be delicious!



**NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD AT 10A ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27.**

The meeting will be held in the neighborhood with a mission to help us all prepare for the holidays. We will look at various Thanksgiving, Fall and Christmas decoration ideas, paint pumpkins and decorate tree and wreath forms for Christmas.

Since it is so close to Halloween, costumes are encouraged but optional! As an incentive, a prize will be given for the best costume and, as usual, refreshments will be served. Rsvps are very helpful for planning the refreshments and can be sent to either [ireneburgess@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ireneburgess@sbcglobal.net) or [maybonno@att.net](mailto:maybonno@att.net).

**We will also be planning our December Christmas Party that will take place the first or second weekend in December and would welcome someone to volunteer their home for the event!**

**4TH OF JULY  
GOLF CART PARADE**



Another fun 4th of July Golf Cart Parade with old and new friends!

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**1st Place  
Cathy Winsor**



**2nd Place  
Neva and Randy Cecil**



**3rd Place  
Tracy Schultz &  
Karen Turner**

# Bay Harbor's Harbor and Channel

## Howdy Neighbors

I am writing you in hopes of generating your interest and help to get our harbor and channel to the bay navigable again. As many of you may recall, about 10 years ago, Betsy Redfield championed the last dredging project for our bay access entrance channel. The results of that endeavor was a new, diverted channel and the enhancement of our Bird Island. It was a huge success and with the Galveston Bay Foundations planting of sea grasses and some help from mother nature, our immediate bay front is a thriving example of enhanced ecosystem through marsh restoration.

Over these past 10 years since the projects completion, we have endured storms and tidal events that have caused some erosion of our shoreline and in particular Bird Island. The effect of the erosion is that our channel has sanded up at several locations limiting navigation in the channel especially on low tides. So the time has come to do a maintenance dredge.

About a year ago, I began attending meetings with a group of west end subdivision directors, whose respective subdivisions had bay access channels that that were sanding up and in need of a maintenance dredge. We collectively formed "The West Galveston Island Entrance Channel Dredging and Marsh Restoration Group.". In total, there were 9 subdivisions involved in the group. As a collective, the group, as advised by our technical advisor, Cherie O'Brien of Texas Parks and Wildlife, has made application to a number of groups for grant funding to accomplish the task for all 9 subdivisions. Texas Parks and Wildlife is wholly in favor of this project for the group because of the tremendous benefits that marsh restoration creates.

As Bay Harbor's group of subdivisions do not at this time have a mandatory Home Owners Association, we do not have the power to levy any kind of maintenance tax to fund payment for anything that improves our "Bay Harbor". We do have the Bay Harbor Improvement Association (BHIA), a civic club, that owns the land that the pavilion is built on, and some of the land surrounding the harbor itself. BHIA owns and maintains the boat ramp, fishing pier, some of the boat slips and finger piers, and pays the water surface annual lease to the State of Texas for the right to have a channel and a ground lease on "Bird Island" as was a requirement to place the dredge spoils on. BHIA also maintains the lighting around the harbor area as well as the entrance signs at the street entrances to Bay Harbor from FM 3005. All of this is done with the meager funds (\$150 /yr) that are received as membership dues. Unfortunately, not everyone in the subdivision participates or believes in the cause so as a result of the inability to levy maintenance taxes, we are forced to resort to fund raising when ever a costly project presents itself.

Ahh fund raising. I know that most everyone has had their share of experiences with the subject and probably roll their eyes at the mention of it. Never the less, if we want to again have an open channel and harbor, it is something we must discuss and the time is now! I would like to have the board call a special meeting in the very near future to be held at our pavilion, weather permitting, for an open forum discussion of all of the particulars relating to getting a maintenance dredge done. I will invite Cherie O'Brien of TEXAS PARKS AND WILDLIFE to speak along with Jerry Mohn, the president of the WGIPOA, or West Galveston Island Property Owners Association. We will present all of the information that we currently have available, including anticipated costs and expectations.

I look forward to seeing a lot of you there with great questions, enthusiasm and willingness to help make this a success,

Your neighbor,

Tim Kurtin

## STREET REPAIRS IN BAY HARBOR

Good morning neighbors, Barbara and Ben here (from 3917 4th Street). I called and spoke with Galveston Public works about all the pot holes in Bay Harbor. Our service request number is SR- 091018-2. If you see fit would you consider sending this information out to the BHIA to encourage neighbors to call and report the pot holes. As you know, the squeaky wheel gets the grease. The phone number for the department that handles this is 409-797-3630 and here is the link to the website: <https://www.galvestontx.gov/168/Streets>

Thanks and it was wonderful being in Bay Harbor this past weekend, even if the mosquitos were a little overwhelming.

Barbara Askamit



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## Bay Harbor Improvement Association

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## Upcoming Events

### SEPTEMBER

- 15 WGIPOA meeting 9am at Galveston Country Club
- 19 GAIN meeting 5:30pm at Moody Mansion
- 28-29 Galveston Island Shrimp Festival

### OCTOBER

- 02 BAY HARBOR NEIGHBOR NIGHT OUT-6p at the Pavilion
- 06 BHIA Board Meeting-11a at the home of Gail Choate, 4016 4th St
- 13 Galveston Art Walk and Greek Festival
- 17 GAIN meeting 5:30am at Moody Mansion
- 20 WGIPOA meeting 9am at Galveston Country Club
- 20-21 Galveston ARToberfest
- 27 BHIA GARDEN CLUB MEETING-10A, place TBA

### NOVEMBER

- 17 WGIPOA meeting 9am at Galveston Country Club
- 21 GAIN meeting 5:30pm at Moody
- 22 Happy Thanksgiving
- 24 Galveston Art Walk

### DECEMBER

- 01-02 DICKENS ON THE STRAND

Stay tuned for announcement of the Bay Harbor Christmas Party  
sponsored by the Bay Harbor Garden Club