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PRESIDENT'S CORNER



Last month we wrote about the passing of Jerry Rush. Several Poquito Bayou residents attended Jerry's funeral. I represented PBCA by speaking a few minutes about Jerry's contributions to PBCA. While we were attending Jerry's funeral, Kiki Higginbotham and her wonderful team of volunteers hosted our Easter Egg Hunt and cookout. For many years, Jerry Rush would set up the areas for each age group participating in the East-

er Egg Hunt. I can imagine Jerry was looking down on us smiling that we are continuing a long-honored tradition.

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LONGWOOD ELEMENTARY

April is a busy month for our Leopards. Throughout the entire month we are celebrating Autism Awareness Month and Month of the Military Child. We have poster and bulletin boards in the school to celebrate these

events. April is also the month that we begin our State Assessments in Grades 3-5. Our teachers and students have been working very hard to prepare for these tests, and we know that they are going to rock the test!!

Our students exceeded our goal for the Spring Fundraiser. Way to go Leopards! We appreciate all that participated. PTO will use this money to help our teachers and students. We recognized our Students of the Month for March based on our character *honest*. The students will be given a certificate and featured on the hallway wall as well as on our Facebook page. Be on the lookout for them.

We congratulated our very own Logan Larkins, 3rd grade, for participating in the Fast Lane Track Meet sponsored by the FWB Recreation Department and winning the following medals: 1st place – 440 yd run, 2nd place – 50 yd dash, 3rd place – 100 yd dash. Great job Logan!!

Our next School Advisory Council meeting is scheduled for April 12th, 2021 and is open to the public. Please follow us on Facebook for exciting things that are happening around the school- https://www.facebook.com/Longwood-Elementary-School-1261954677180100/

COVID VACCINATIONS

Who is eligible? According to http://okaloosa.floridahealth.gov/programs-and-services/infectious-disease-services/covid-19-vaccine.html#2: All Floridians are eligible to receive the COVID-19 vaccine as prescribed by the FDA. This includes persons 16 years of age and older (Pfizer-BioNTech) or 18 years of age and older (Moderna or Johnson & Johnson). Any individual who is not 18 years of age or older by the day of their vaccination appointment must be accompanied by a parent/guardian to the vaccination clinic. Unaccompanied minors cannot be vaccinated and will be turned away from the vaccination clinic

Back in February I mentioned about making COVID-19 vaccine appointment for Jane and myself. I waited for several weeks and didn't get a call back. I decided to pre-register online. That was a very frustrating experience: timing out past the 15-minute time-period without selecting the register button. Jane gave me a phone number to call (850-344-0566) and I talked with a real person who took down all our details and made us an appointment the following day! I printed out some blank COVID-19 Vaccine Screening and Consent forms to fill out. Our vaccinations were given at the 221 Hospital Drive, N.E. in Fort Walton Beach. The process was very well organized. We were directed where to go every step of the process. The only reaction were sore arms. We provided our Florida Driver's license along with our forms and medical ID cards at the appropriate times. Our follow-up vaccine was March 17th. We had to fill out the forms again. The process was just like the first time. Our arms hurt more with the second shot. I typed "COVID shots in Okaloosa county Florida" in my web browser and it listed a plethora of places where one can get a COVID shot. Locations included: Publix, Winn Dixie, CVS, SAMS Club and other places.

Non-Traditional \$1000 Scholarship

A local women's organization is pleased to offer two (2) \$1,000 non-traditional scholarships to women on the Emerald Coast area. Consideration will be given to:

A woman of any age who may not have gone directly to college after graduating high school or received a GED.

A woman who has experienced an interruption in higher education and is now returning to complete a degree.

A woman of any marital or family status who has a financial need for assistance.

The application may be downloaded at: www.rwof.org or you may contact the literacy committee at: linnflowers@yahoo.com.

The deadline date is June 11th, 2021.

Purple Up. One common theme throughout the Month of the Military Child is the color purple. Purple was chosen because it symbolizes all branches of the military, a combination of Army Green, Air Force Blue, Coast Guard Blue, Marine Red and Navy Blue.

President's Corner cont'd:

We have a new Hickory street director!! Cheryl Archer has agreed to fill this long-vacant position! Many thanks to Cheryl for stepping up to the plate. Our April PBCA board meeting was the first meeting where we had a full slate of PBCA street directors!!! Galen Miller who lives on Holley Ave has agreed to help Bob Davis out with Street Maintenance and Traffic Safety Committee. Galen is very concerned with speeders in our neighborhood.

We welcome Cheryl and Galen to the PBCA Board!!!

If you're interested in helping us make our wonderful community a better place, please contact me. We're always looking for talented individuals to help. If you're a great organizer, we can use your organizing skills. If you're a helper, we need you! Everyone has attributes that can contribute towards PBCA. We still have a vacant Emergency Action position. If you know of a police officer living in our neighborhood, please mention this open position to them and have him/her contact me. Thanks. We're continuing to make Poquito Bayou Subdivision a better place to live.

As I was preparing my email note to the PBCA Board, I checked the March 2020 financial statement for PBCA dues and contributions year to date. As of 31 March 2021, our PBCA dues and contributions is \$740 and \$910 respectively. One year ago, we had \$670 and \$605 respectively for PBCA dues and contributions!!! Contributions year to date are up 33%!! We appreciate everyone paying their PBCA dues by renewing or joining PBCA. More importantly we appreciate the extra contributions!! We have around 100 PBCA members. Last month it was 79!!! Let's keep the momentum going!!!

Last month, I asked if we had any carpenters to help make some wooden benches for Leo Norred Park. Unfortunately, no one responded! I'm going to call around to local Boy Scout Troops to see if they can help us. If you know any Boy Scout leaders, please let me know. Thanks

Back in February, Jane and I had lunch at the <u>Knife's Edge at</u> <u>Bob Hope Enlisted Village</u> (BHEV). There are no 24-hour reservations anymore. You can drive in BHEV and sit down for a meal. The food is great! If you haven't had lunch there lately, you need to go!

By the time you receive the Poquito Times the company contracted to add an extension to the Poquito Boat Ramp dock will be halfway completed with that project. They have seven to ten days from Monday April 12th to complete the project.

Enjoy the articles in this month's issue of the Poquito Times.

Dave



Meeting with County Officials on improvements to Leo Norred Park and the Poquito Boat Ramp Park.

I understand this is little lengthy but believe it is worth your time to check out. On April 5th, Keith Myers, my wife Jane and I, met with Butch Hendrick, Okaloosa County Facilities and Parks Maintenance Director and his assistant Amanda Maxwell. Our focus was on three areas: 1. Four-way stop and road leading into the Poquito Bayou Subdivision; 2. Leo Norred Park and 3. Poquito Boat Ramp Park. We provided a detailed bullet paper on key concerns improving these areas. Our focus was on the Poquito Boat Ramp Park.

We briefly addressed the road leading into The Poquito Bayou Subdivision, from the four-way stop leading into the Poquito Bayou Subdivision. It lacks appeal. We asked what can be done to help remedy the appearance leading up to the entrance into the Poquito Bayou Subdivision. I mentioned that this may involve coordination between Bob Hope Enlisted Village and Eglin AFB in addition to the county. I told them that one PBCA member wants to have landscaping at the intersection of Sunset & Poquito Road (four-way stop) to improve the appearance. (at his expense)

At Leo Norred Park, we addressed a plethora of issues. There's no sign at Leo Norred Park stating that it's a county park and a list of restrictions (no pets, alcohol, vehicles, glass bottles, etc.). I stated that there's a misconception that the neighborhood owns Leo Norred Park. I addressed the issue of more parking posts on the left side of Leo Norred Park parking area to keep vehicles from driving into Leo Norred Park. We discussed our concerns about kids wandering out onto Poplar Ave from the children's playground area. We asked that four to five extra green and brown metal benches be added between playground equipment and the fence to help parents stop kids from wandering off. We told them that we were going to have some benches built on the other side of the playground area. We showed them the wear around the protective padding around swing set and playground equipment needs to be repaired or replaced. We asked to replace concrete tables and benches with picnic tables. They can easily topple over and break. We recently had one situation where a bench collapsed, and a young child had to go to the ER for stitches. There was some discussion regarding things for teenagers. In the end, we asked for anything the other county parks have that we didn't have.

At the Poquito Boat Ramp Park, we recommend that more gravel needs to be added along the sides of Bay Street leading down to the Boat Ramp Park. We asked that the parking area be repaved and striped. We requested more signs to prevent motorists from parking on the sidewalk. In addition, we requested that some signs be painted onto the pavement. Frequently we can't swim down by the boat ramp due to high fecal matter content. We asked if the county could work with the Health Department in determining if the fecal matter content from testing is animal or human? We pointed out some erosion where a concrete pad was removed that needs to be addressed. There are several "Restricted area- Restoration in progress" signs in the swimming area need to be removed since the core log" project is no longer there.

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In addition, we proposed and/or recommended the following:

- A Kayak launch area and jet ski slides.
- The county apply for permit to add sand to beach area once the dock extension project is complete.
- More "No wake" area signs (that are used in the Hands Cove area) with the Corps of Engineers.
- Improve the parking area by upgrading the white poles and repaint them.
- We needed more Trash cans chained to "No Parking" signs where boats egress and unload from water.
- A swim rope with buoys from end of New dock to existing- former swim rope pole.
- Request a sub service lease agreement.
- Design and implement Master Drainage plan to include retention pond area for existing low-lying area.
- Work with Choctawhatchee Basin Alliance (CBA) to further curtail shoreline erosion and improve restoration efforts through grant from Okaloosa county.
- Re-distribute signs throughout park for better access to public and to also improve aesthetics of boat ramp and park.
- Repair downed and twisted signs.
- Improve and re-sign Handicapped accessible area.

I sent our detailed bullet paper to Butch Hendrick and he appreciated our inputs. He was going to meet with our County Commissioner, Carolyn Ketchel the next day. I'm hoping that our meeting and detailed list helped. Time will tell.

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April 2021 Yard of the Month

Marion Russell and Cathy Halprin, Judges

Our favorite yards on Holly are 35, 37 and 39. These are great every year! On Maple, 34 and 43, look fantastic.

7 Maple is our runner up. It has beautiful grass and new beds with plants and flowers along the house and around the mailbox. Great job from these hardworking homeowners.

The Yard of the Month for April 2021 is the gorgeous yard of the Jacksons at 5 Maple. We love the brick paths and wall, the appropriate red Maple tree, the huge variety of plants, and the painstaking attention to every detail of this property. This could be the best yard in the neighborhood. Congratulations!

We will judge Magnolia in May. In the meantime, get your rakes and blowers ready; the live oaks are shedding! This is my least favorite event of the year. Anyone who wants to say hello can walk past our yards on Japonica. We'll be outside almost every day scooping up oak leaves, etc. for the rest of the month. Happier news: grass is turning green and flowers are blooming. Happy spring, neighbors!











Poquito Bayou Annual Community Garage Sale April 24^{th,} 2021 – 7 am-12 noon



If you made a little dough last year, Whoop Whoop! So, let's go again! Gather your stuff, price it and set it up for the yard sale junkies to come out and peruse!!!

This year we're moving back to the beginning of April in hopes the hot-tepid weather will cooperate and stay away until the next week!! April 24th is the day, 7 am to 12 noon is the time. PBCA will sponsor an ad in the NWF Daily News that will run Thursday, Friday and Saturday, ending April 24th to invite our neighbors to COME ON OUT and see us. Sharing the date with each other tends to draw a greater number of shoppers and pickers... Everyone Wins! YAY!

For Everyone in Poquito Bayou subdivision who wants to participate.... Fill out the Below Form and get it to Nance either drop it off at 16 Walnut, text me a photo of it, or email it to nance.wendel@era-american.com and bring me \$10 for the ad and balloon!! We can take cash or a check (Payable to PBCA)! If you drop it by the house, please let me know so I can alert Rick and the cat we're having company!

If you wish, fill out the PBCA Annual Membership form in this newsletter and include that \$10 with your payment to take care of both at once! I will get it to our Treasurer with all due haste!

Late Friday afternoon, I will deliver the Balloon for your mailbox and copies of the list for you to share with the shoppers denoting the addresses of participating neighbors and a summary of the items they have for sale!!

PBCA Garage Sale Coordinator: Nance Wendel, 16 Walnut 850-461-8537

Address:			
\$10 paid by	Cash Cl	Check #	
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Kill 2 Birds! Combine and drop off to Nance – 16 Walnut Ave....

POQUITO BAYOU COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION DIRECTORY OF OFFICERS, DIRECTORS and ACTION

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Email	Davi Todd (Richard)	35 Maple Ave	(325)864-9245	djtodd86@gmail.com			
Emergency Action	Vacant	·					
Events Planner	Kiki Higginbotham (Ray)			pbcaevents@gmail.com			
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Updated on: 4/6/2021

POQUITO BAYOU COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION Meeting Minutes

April 5, 2021 17 Magnolia

CALL TO ORDER: DAVE HENSLEY, PRESIDENT

IN ATTENDANCE: DAVE HENSLEY, JANE FEDOSKY, KEITH MYERS, NANCE WENDEL, PATRICIA BRYANT-FLAHERTY, JACKIE SCHMID, KEN ROSENQUIST, TRACEY PHILLIPS, PAT HOLLARN SALLY DAVIS, KIWI HIGGINBOTHAM, PAM MARTIN, MARY ANN LEONE, CHERYL ARCHER, SHANNON PATCH

Welcome two new street directors, Mary Ann Leone for 1-51 Poquito and Cheryl Archer for Hickory.

Minutes and financial report from March reviewed and accepted. See attached financial report.

Easter Party budget was \$100. Lunch was sold, people donated time, money, and candy. We spent \$358.22 and took in \$298.00.

Emergency Action and Neighborhood watch- Position still open. NTR

Leo Norred Park an accident happened on a broken concrete bench. The concrete has been removed. Research being done with county to see if wooden benches can be placed. Two fence rails were replaced. Waiting on a quote for having the fence pressure cleaned.

Welcome - 8 Magnolia is new and will be greeted.

Membership- Pam Martin one hundred and two confirmed paid members currently.

<u>Children's Events</u>-Kiki Higginbotham thanked all her helpers for the Easter event, especially Shannon Patch. Volunteers are needed for all events. Pat Hollarn has a large donation of paper products for next event. Next budgeted, sponsored event is Halloween. However, block parties and events are potluck and planned by street directors.

CERT-NTR

<u>Poquito Boat Ramp</u>- Dave and Keith met with county representatives Amanda Maxwell and Butch Hendrickson. Parking Lot, parking poles, new dock, curtain system to help prevent erosion. A complete report is available.

Street Safety- Bob Davis NTR

PoquitoBayou.com website- Thank you Crystal for a wonderful job. A new monthly neighbor article will be coming soon.

Garage Sale- April 24 is garage sale from 7am-12.

Code enforcement to be called concerning abandoned homes. A PBCA resident has volunteered to see if anything can be done.

Next meeting May 3, 6pm at Deb Frank's home, 14 Birch

JFS

Seeking Poquito Bayou Stories.

Dave Hensley

This year we've published several articles about the origins of Leo Norred Park. I wanted all Poquito Bayou residents to learn more about the history of Leo Norred Park. Now I'd like to expand the history effort to include Poquito Bayou Subdivision. For example, our house at 1 Bay Street was a Day Camp back in the 1950's and 60's. During a recent conversation with one of my neighbors, she mentioned that she lived in Poquito Bayou back in the 60's. I asked her if she remembered the Day Camp here at 1 Bay Street. She said that she did! If you grew up in Poquito Bayou back in the 60's what unique things or places do you remember about the neighborhood? Please send me your memories to my email address, pbcapresident@gmail.com. Thanks. Dave

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Membership Dues	\$230.00	\$740.00	
Contributions	\$175.00	\$910.00	
Donations for Park Well/P	·	\$180.00	
Veteran's Memorial	\$35.00	\$35.00	
Easter Event Income	\$298.00	\$298.00	
Advertising	\$0.00	\$120.00	
Garage Sale	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Total Income	\$788.00	\$2,283.00	
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Expenses			
Gulf Power	\$67.72	\$229.14	
Postage/P.O. Box	\$0.00	\$59.00	
Veteran's Memorial	\$76.96	\$76.96	
Garage Sale	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Candidates Night	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Supplies	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Childrens Christmas Party	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Annual State Registration	\$61.25	\$61.25	
Website Expense	\$168.00	\$168.00	
Easter Event	\$358.22	\$358.22	
Mardi Gras Event	\$110.03	\$110.03	
Project/Repairs	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Leo Norred Mowing	\$0.00	\$260.00	
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