Poquito Times

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Thank You,

Nancy & Steve Ellison, for putting on an incredible Candidate's Night event!

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Upcoming Events

Next PBCA Meeting

When: 09/14/2026 @ 6 PM
Where: 70 Poquito Rd.
What: Members are welcome to attend our monthly meeting

Chili/Soup Cook-Off & General Membership Meeting

When: 10/17/2026
Where: Leo Norred Park
What: More details coming soon!

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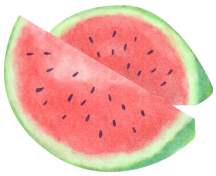

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There are open PBCA positions

Contact us for more info & JOIN THE FUN!

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Time for the kids to go

BACK-TO-SCHOOL

EVEN IF YOU DON'T HAVE KIDS IN SCHOOL

the whole community needs to be aware of

SCHOOL BUS STOPS

and children walking to and from these bus stops.



IT IS THE LAW

to stop for school buses. Our neighborhood has a lot of kids who go to many different schools.

Keep in mind, there are also

HANDICAPPED CHILDREN

who are picked up using a wheelchair lift in our neighborhood, which can take extra time.

NO ONE'S SCHEDULE IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN THE SAFETY OF ALL OUR CHILDREN!

Please remain stopped until

LIGHTS STOP FLASHING

and the 'STOP' arm is retracted.

NEVER PASS A BUS

with the 'STOP' arm out.



Yard of the Month

JULY WINNERS!





AUGUST WINNERS!





The Yard of the Month isn't just about aesthetics; it's a symbol of **COMMUNITY PRIDE.** It's a nod to the weekend warriors and the lovers of nature who transform ordinary yards into **extraordinary landscapes**.

The Yard of the Month **uplifts** the entire neighborhood, **inspiring** others to take pride in beautifying their own outdoor spaces. It fosters a sense of belonging and connection, strengthening the fabric of our communities.

Let's celebrate the dedication and care our neighbors invest in their outdoor spaces!







The General Membership meeting on October 17 is open to **ALL Poquito Bayou & Longwood residents!**

If you're not a PBCA member, you can join using the info below or join at the event.

This year, we are combining the meeting with a fun **Chili & Soup Cook-Off!** More info is coming soon, if you'd like to enter.

Join or Renew
PBCA MEMBERSHIP

Anyone in the Poquito Bayou OR Longwood neighborhoods can join the PBCA!

Thank you for being an integral part of the PBCA Community!

Here is your reminder that it's time to renew your membership. It is only **$20 per family** for the year, and you can also donate more toward our vibrant and welcoming community events.

We can't make all these events happen without your support! Please renew your membership **TODAY** to help us achieve even more in 2026.

How to Renew:

- Fill out the form on our website HERE
- Pay dues via Venmo @PoquitoBayou-CommunityAssociat or PayPal – Poquito Bayou
- OR drop off at the PBCA mailbox: 17 Magnolia Ave. *(Make checks payable to PBCA)*

We appreciate your continued support. Together, we can make our neighborhood an even better place to live!

Membership Chair: Pam Martin



- Easter Egg Hunt
- Crawfish Boil
- Trunk-or-Treat
- FriendsGiving
- Christmas Caravan
- Community Yard Sales
- Fall Candidates' Forum

Labor Day

SEPTEMBER 7, 2026

A little history...

Labor Day was created to honor American workers' contributions & achievements in building the strength & prosperity of the country.

The first Labor Day celebration was held September 5, 1882 in New York City, with 10,000 workers marching in a parade.

President Grover Cleveland officially made the first Monday of September a federal holiday in 1894.

Local Events

- **9/5-9/7:** Perfect Hues Art Fest - Baytowne Wharf
- **9/5:** Emerald Coast Greek Festival
- **9/6:** Labor Day Showdown Bike, Car & Truck Show
- **9/6:** HarborWalk Village Labor Day Celebration with fireworks



Neighborhood Support

There are elderly and/or disabled folks in our neighborhood who may need help from time to time. Please contact PBCA to let us know if you, or a neighbor, needs assistance.

We would like to establish a list of these residents so that we can check in with them, especially after a bad storm/hurricane. As a community, we can offer support and help with things like refrigerated meds, electricity outages, oxygen tanks, mobility issues, etc.



Financial Report

JULY 2026

Balance Forward from June 30, 2026 **$10,798.04**

	July 2026	Year to Date 2026
Income		
Membership Dues	$0.00	$1,744.62
Donations	$0.00	$627.31
Veteran's Memorial	$0.00	$250.00
Halloween Event/Fall Festival	$0.00	$0.00
Easter Event/Bake Sale	$0.00	$199.00
Annual Meeting Bake Sale/Raffle	$0.00	$0.00
Annual Meeting Donations	$0.00	$0.00
Crawfish & Shrimp Boil	$0.00	$1,125.00
New Sign Fundraiser	$0.00	$0.00
Advertising	$0.00	$150.00
Donut Fundraiser	$0.00	$0.00
Garage Sale	$0.00	$166.64
Total Income	$0.00	$4,262.57
Expenses		
Gulf Power	$48.27	$374.68
Bank Service Fee	$0.00	$0.00
Postage/P.O. Box	$0.00	$0.00
Veteran's Memorial	$0.00	$89.88
Garage Sale	$0.00	$103.25
Annual Membership Meeting	$0.00	$0.00
Tribute Garden	$0.00	$58.12
Childrens Christmas Party	$0.00	$0.00
Friendsgiving Event	$0.00	$0.00
Annual State Registration	$0.00	$61.25
Website Expense	$0.00	$219.00
Crawfish & Shrimp Boil	$0.00	$735.97
Easter Event	$0.00	$251.04
Candidates Night	$0.00	$165.00
Halloween/Fall Festival Event	$0.00	$0.00
Project/Repairs/Shed	$0.00	$1,229.48
Leo Norred Mowing	$150.00	$150.00
Total Expenses	$198.27	$3,437.67

Regions Bank Reconciled Balance July 31, 2026	**$956.10**
Venmo Balance as of 07/31/2026	$7,378.88
Paypal Balance as of 07/31/2026	$2,264.79
Total Funds	**$10,599.77**
Obligated Funds	$0.00
Reserved for Veteran's Memorial	-$446.48
Available Funds July 31, 2026	**$10,153.29**

Meeting Minutes

AUGUST 3, 2026

Meeting called to order at 18:00 (by Felicia Murphy)

Present: Felicia Murphy, David Boyd, Pam Martin, Lendy Edwards, Nance Wendel, Tricia Flaherty, Carla Hunt, Emily Granfield, Ken & Mary Ann Leone, & Nancy & Steve Ellison.

Minutes of the June meeting had been distributed. A motion to approve was made by Tricia and a second by Carla, they were approved without dissent.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer's reports for June and July were distributed by email. Income was $0, expenses were $251.42. Total funds are $10,599.77 and available funds (not obligated) are $10,153.29. A motion to approve for both was made by Carla, seconded by David, and approved without dissent.

Committee Reports: Pam reported 95 memberships. Ken discussed pavement damage at the edges of the road from the recent infrastructure improvement project, and plans to meet with county officials. Pam reported that the buried electrical wire project involves poles to residences, while the power lines will remain on the new enhanced poles. Nance discussed the three current abandoned homes in the neighborhood, as well as recent changes. A discussion was held regarding how to assist those no longer able to care for their yards, and this will be something to consider moving forward. No reports from the BHEV or Boat Ramp committees.

Old Business: Pam reported that Yard of Month (YOM) signs will be placed within a week. Pam reported that the new Leo Norred Park sign has shown signs of deterioration, and enhancement ideas were discussed. Felicia reported that mowing the park was being done monthly for $150, and would be through October, and then as needed until Spring. The plan is to authorize the purchase of stones for the Memorial Garden at our September meeting, and have a work day in October to make it a reality. Candidates night will be held 06 August at Bob Hope Village (BHEV). The room is reserved for1700-2100, and it will start at 1815, with speaking at 1900. Nancy discussed various responsibilities and setup will begin at 1600. Felicia noted that the cost would probably be a bit over $400 since room reservation and food costs had increased since the previous event two years ago, and there were no objections. There are currently thirteen candidates expected to speak.

New Business: Events for the rest of 2026 were discussed, and will be finalized at the September meeting. The General Membership meeting is tentatively scheduled for 17 October. The Halloween event is scheduled for 31 October, and up to $350 was approved for snacks/treats. The Veterans Day even will be held on 11 November. The Garage Sale weekend will be 07-08 November. Friendsgiving is tentatively scheduled for 21 November. Felicia will not run for President in 2027, so a candidate is needed by the time of the General Membership meeting. Budget suggestions should be brought to the September meeting. New plaques for the monument are nearly ready, and new poles will be acquired. A motion was passed, having been made by David with second by Pam to purchase up to 10 poles, unless other poles can be obtained, a possibility which Pam discussed. There was general agreement that Ken can plan the new pole placement in keeping with the current general appearance.

Announcements: NNewsletter articles for next newsletter due to Emily Granfield by 10 August. Next PBCA board meeting scheduled for 1800, Monday, 14 September, Granfield residence, 70 Poquito.

Meeting adjourned approximately 19:17 pm.

Recording Secretary: **David Boyd**