Poquito Times

A Newsletter Published by the Poquito Bayou Community Association

September NEWSLETTER

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Upcoming Events

Next PBCA Meeting

When: 10/7/2026 @ 6 PM

Where: Location TBD

What: Members are welcome to attend our monthly meeting

Chili/Soup Cook-Off & General Membership Meeting

When: 10/17/2026 @ 4 PM

Where: Leo Norred Park

What: More details on page 2!

Trunk-or-Treat

When: 10/31/2026

Where: Leo Norred Park

What: More details coming soon!

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Chili & Soup Cookoff
& GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING



This year we are combining our General Membership meeting with a neighborhood **Chili & Soup Cookoff** on October 17!
This event is open to **ALL Poquito Bayou & Longwood** residents, even if you're not a member of PBCA!

If you would like to be a PBCA member, you can join using the info on pg 4 or join at the event.

To enter the Chili & Soup Cookoff, please contact Felicia feliciamurphy0319@gmail.com

There are several **open positions** in our Community Association and we would love for you to join the fun! Our neighborhood is the best in the area and we need your help to keep it the BEST! Attend this meeting to see how you can help with as little or as much time as you're able to give.





Hurricane Season

GET READY. STAY READY.



We are in the height of hurricane season in Florida. Make a plan & prepare now, **before** a storm.

General

- [ ] Two week minimum supply of medication, regularly used medical supplies, and a list of allergies
- [ ] A list of the style, serial number, and manufacturer information of required medical devices
- [ ] Batteries
- [ ] Flashlights
  Do not use candles
- [ ] NOAA Weather Radio
  Battery operated or hand cranked
- [ ] Cash
  Banks and ATMs may not be available after a storm
- [ ] Cell phone chargers
- [ ] Books, games, puzzles or other activities for children

KNOW YOUR ZONE, KNOW YOUR HOME

- KNOW IF YOUR HOME IS IN AN EVACUATION ZONE, A LOW-LYING FLOOD-PRONE AREA, A MOBILE HOME, OR LABELED AN UNSAFE STRUCTURE.
- KNOW IF YOUR HOME CAN WITHSTAND STRONG WINDS AND HEAVY RAIN.
- KNOW YOUR EVACUATION ROUTE AND HAVE A PLAN IF TOLD TO EVACUATE.
- REINFORCE YOUR HOME BY TRIMMING TREES & LIMBS, AND SECURE ITEMS THAT COULD BECOME PROJECTILES DURING A STORM AND CAUSE DAMAGE.
- DOCUMENT AND TAKE PICTURES OF YOUR PROPERTY AND VALUABLES.
- UPDATE AND KNOW YOUR INSURANCE POLICIES.

BUILD A DISASTER SUPPLY KIT

- BUILD A DISASTER SUPPLY KIT THAT CONTAINS AT LEAST 7 DAYS' WORTH OF FOOD AND SUPPLIES FOR EACH MEMBER OF THE FAMILY, INCLUDING PETS.
- YOUR KIT SHOULD INCLUDE WATER, SHELF-STABLE CANNED FOOD, BATTERIES, FLASHLIGHTS, REUSABLE ICE, PET ITEMS, TOYS, PORTABLE POWER BANKS AND MORE.
- HAVE MULTIPLE WAYS TO RECEIVE WEATHER ALERTS AND LISTEN TO ALL ORDERS FROM LOCAL OFFICIALS.

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Candidates Night 2026

THANK YOU, NANCY & STEVE ELLISON!

About 225 people attended the 16th PBCA Candidates Night at Bob Hope Village to hear from 13 candidates representing our county and district. It was a great opportunity for candidates to share info about themselves and their visions for our area, & answer a few questions from the crowd.





Paul Lux, Okaloosa County Supervisor of Elections, and Carolyn Ketchel, our County Commissioner, opened the evening with a warm welcome. PBCA's David Boyd did a fantastic job as emcee, with Lendy Edwards as timekeeper, and other PBCA members provided refreshments and helped with putting on the event. Nancy & Steve Ellison orchestrated this event and executed everything perfectly, with help from past coordinator, Bob Davis!

General Election
NOVEMBER 3

Early Voting
OCTOBER 19-31

More info at VOTEOKALOOSA.GOV

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 Join/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

Veteran's Day Celebration

NOVEMBER 11, 2026 @ 4 PM

PBCA's annual Veteran's Day Celebration at Leo Norred Park will feature a Quilt of Valor ceremony again this year, with these beautiful, handmade quilts bestowed upon members of our community who have been nominated by loved ones, or you can even nominate yourself. The celebration is open to our whole community!

If you want to nominate an individual, please go to www.qovf.org/nominations-awards.

Note: The Flying Needles Quilt Guild in Niceville gives the QOVs. Please put Barbara Ouellette from FNQG on the form as the "QOV coordinator."

WHAT IS A QUILT OF VALOR?

QOV is a quality, handmade quilt awarded to a service member/veteran who has been touched by war, thanking them for their service and sacrifice to our country.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

- Any service member/veteran who served in any branch of the military, National Guard, reserves, Merchant Marines, or anyone who serves at the Dover Mortuary Facility.
- Served during war, conflicts, police actions, peacekeeping missions, and counter-terrorism operations.
- Only veterans with an Honorable or General Discharge status.
- No posthumous awards; individual must be living.



For more info, please contact Pam Martin at pcmartin1@outlook.com or 850-376-8283.





Local Events

UPCOMING EVENTS IN OUR AREA





September 25-27
Destin Seafood Festival
At Destin Harbor Boardwalk

October 3
Binnicker Memorial Run at
Bob Hope Village, Shalimar
http://www.afev.us/run

October 8
Blessing of the Animals - Blessing and Adoption Event
At St. Simon's on the Sound, FWB

October 16
Jewels & Jeans - Annual Outreach Ministries Fundraiser
At St. Simon's on the Sound, FWB

October 24-25
MKAF Festival of the Arts: juried fine arts festival with over 100 artists
At Mattie Kelly Cultural Arts Village, Destin
https://mkaf.org/festival-of-arts/





Financial Report

AUGUST 2026

Balance Forward from July 31, 2026 $10,599.77

	August 2026	Year to Date 2026
Income		
Membership Dues	$20.00	$1,764.62
Donations	$25.00	$652.31
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	$45.00	$4,307.57
Expenses		
Gulf Power	$49.61	$424.29
Bank Service Fee	$0.00	$0.00
Postage/P.O. Box	$0.00	$0.00
Veteran's Memorial	$366.75	$456.63
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	$102.98	$267.98
Halloween/Fall Festival Event	$0.00	$0.00
Project/Repairs/Shed	$21.39	$1,250.87
Leo Norred Mowing	$150.00	$300.00
Total Expenses	$690.73	$4,128.40

Regions Bank Reconciled Balance August 31, 2026	$310.37
Venmo Balance as of 08/31/2026	$7,378.88
Paypal Balance as of 08/31/2026	$2,264.79
Total Funds	$9,954.04
Obligated Funds	$0.00
Reserved for Veteran's Memorial	-$79.73
Available Funds August 31, 2026	$9,874.31

Meeting Minutes

SEPTEMBER 14, 2026

Meeting called to order at 18:00 (by Tricia Flaherty)
Present: Tricia Flaherty, David Boyd, Pam Martin, Nance Wendel, Tricia Flaherty, Carla Hunt, Emily Granfield, Ken and Mary Ann Leone, and Nancy and Steve Ellison.

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

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer's reports for June and July were distributed by email. Income was $45.00, expenses were $690.73. Total funds are $9,954.04 and available funds (not obligated) are $9,874.31. The report was approved without dissent.

Committee Reports: Pam reported no change in memberships. Ken discussed pavement damage at the edges of the road from the recent infrastructure improvement project, but the county is waiting to see what Cox (Spectrum) does with the old poles (previously FPL but became property of Cox when the electrical lines were moved to the new poles). Ken also showed how the lettering can be enhanced for monument plaques that have faded. Nance discussed movement on abandoned homes. A letter will be distributed to be given to new residents by Street Directors. No reports from the BHEV or Boat Ramp committees, except that Bud Flaherty repaired the dock bumper strip.

Old Business: Pam reported that Yard of Month (YOM) has ended for the year and the signs will be removed soon. Pam discussed the Leo Norred Park sign, and potential fixes for the letters affected by the elements. A park cleanup was scheduled for 10 October at 0900.
Tricia proposed website maintenance, and a motion was made by Mary Ann and seconded by Carla, with a price of approximately $30/month. Candidates night was held 06 August at Bob Hope Village (BHEV), and there was general agreement that Nancy and Steve organized a great event.

New Business: Events for the rest of 2026 were discussed. The General Membership meeting is scheduled for 17 October at 1600, followed by a chili cook off at 1630. The Halloween event is scheduled for 31 October. The Veterans Day even will be held on 11 November at 1600, and Quilt of Valor will participate. The Garage Sale weekend will be 07-08 November. Friendsgiving is scheduled for 21 November at 1600. No budget amendments were proposed, but suggestions can be sent to Tricia. New plaques for the monument are in work, and new poles are being acquired.

Announcements: Newsletter articles for next newsletter due to Emily Granfield by 17 September. Next PBCA board meeting scheduled for 1800, Monday, 07 October, location TBD.
Meeting adjourned approximately 19:03 pm.

Recording Secretary: **David Boyd**