Poquito Times

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May NEWSLETTER

Memorial Day - May 25, 2026

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Upcoming Events

PBCA Crawfish Boil

When: 05/16/2026 @ 2 PM
Where: Leo Norred Park
What: Anyone who ordered (by 5/13) may pickup at 2 PM or stay and eat at the park.

Longwood Legacy Event

When: 05/27/2026 @ 5:30 PM
Where: Longwood Elementary
What: All current and past Longwood staff and students are invited.

PBCA Meeting

When: 06/01/2026 @ 6 PM
Where: 68 Poquito Rd.
What: Members are welcome to attend our monthly meeting.

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Memorial Day in Poquito Bayou: A Community Built on Service, Strength, and Remembrance

Memorial Day holds a **profound** meaning in Poquito Bayou, a neighborhood shaped by **generations** of military service. With so many veterans, active-duty families, and military retirees calling this community home, we understand the significance of this day in a deeply personal way.

Our Veterans Monument stands as a **powerful symbol** of that legacy. It honors men and women from Poquito Bayou who have served our nation — those who returned home and those whose service ended in **sacrifice**. On Memorial Day, the monument becomes a place of special reflection, reminding us of the **heroes** who gave their lives and the families who carry their memory.

This day is more than a long weekend or the start of summer. It is a moment to pause and **remember the fallen**, to honor the cost of freedom, and to teach the next generation why this day matters. Memorial Day calls us to reflect on the **courage, duty, and sacrifice** of those who never made it home.

But here in Poquito Bayou, it is also a time to **stand together** as a community. We **honor** the veterans who still live among us — neighbors whose stories, service, and continued contributions strengthen the fabric of our neighborhood. Their presence reminds us that military service is not just history; it is part of who we are.

As we gather with loved ones, raise our flags, or spend a quiet moment at the Veterans Monument, let us carry forward the **spirit of remembrance**. Let us honor the fallen with gratitude, support the families who remember them, & remain a community that values service, unity, and respect.

Poquito Bayou remembers.
Poquito Bayou honors.
Poquito Bayou will never forget.

By: Felicia Murphy & Tricia Flaherty
(edited by CoPilot)

Park Improvements
brought to you by PBCA

New **flags** and **flowers** will be installed at the Veterans Monument this month!

The new **Leo Norred Park sign** will also be installed soon!

Gardener's Corner

MAY: HYDRANGEAS

By: Nancy Ellison (edited by Grok)



Hydrangeas are just starting to bloom in our area. These beloved flowering shrubs known for their large, showy flower heads (called corymbs or panicles) in shades of blue, pink, purple, white, and green will be dotting our landscape this month. There are **over 70 species** native primarily to Asia and the Americas. Their name comes from the Greek roots (hydros + angos) meaning **"water vessels"**. They love water. Most cultivated varieties are deciduous so they will lose their leaves during the winter.

Popular Types of Hydrangeas

- **Bigleaf** *(H. macrophylla)* — Sometimes called a mophead or lace cap hydrangea. They are known for their large round flower clusters. The color can change due to the soil pH from blue to pink (acidic soil = blue; alkaline = pink). Example: rebloomer 'Endless Summer'.
    - **Panicle** *(H. paniculata)* — Cone-shaped light green, white or pink blooms that age gracefully. These are very hardy and sun-tolerant. Example: 'Limelight'.
        - **Smooth** *(H. arborescens)* — Native to North America. Big white domes, like the classic 'Annabelle'.
            - **Oakleaf** *(H. quercifolia)* — Attractive oak-like leaves that turn red/orange in fall with white or pink flowers. These are very drought tolerant once established.



Basic Care Guide

- **Light**: Most prefer morning sun and afternoon shade.
- **Soil**: Rich, well-draining, moist, but not soggy.
- **Watering**: Consistent moisture is key. Water in the morning, especially in the first couple of years. Mulch to retain moisture.
- **Pruning**: Critical and type-specific. Prune bigleaf/lace cap after blooming (old wood bloomers). Prune panicle/smooth in late winter/early spring (new wood bloomers). **Wrong timing is the top reason for no blooms.**
- **Fertilizer**: Sparingly since too much nitrogen favors leaves over flowers.
- **Hardiness**: Varies by type (zones 4–9).



Hydrangeas grow relatively fast (up to 2 feet per year in good conditions) and make excellent borders, hedges, containers, or cut flowers.

Note:
They are toxic to people and pets if ingested.

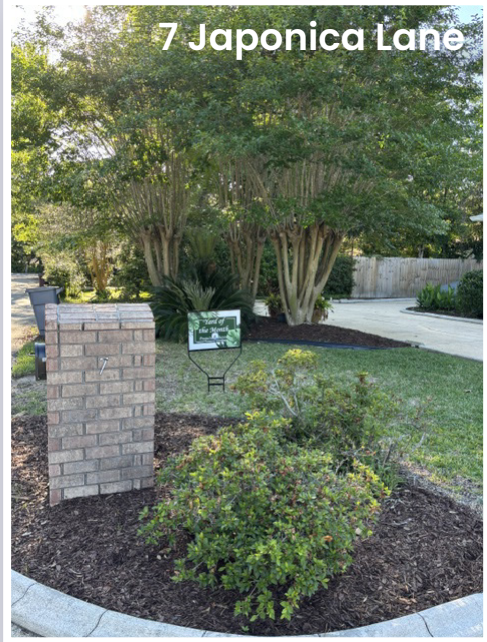






Yard of the Month

MAY WINNERS!





The Yard of the Month isn't just about aesthetics; it's a symbol of **community pride** and neighborly **appreciation**. It's a nod to the green thumbs, the weekend warriors, and the lovers of nature who transform ordinary yards into **extraordinary landscapes**.

The impact of the Yard of the Month extends far beyond the boundaries of individual properties. It **uplifts** the entire neighborhood, **inspiring** others to take pride in their own outdoor spaces and **beautify** their surroundings. It fosters a sense of belonging and connection, strengthening the fabric of our communities one yard at a time.

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

Judging Schedule

June:
Magnolia Ave
& Hickory Ave

July:
Poplar Ave &
Walnut Ave

August:
Maple Ave
& Birch Ave



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:

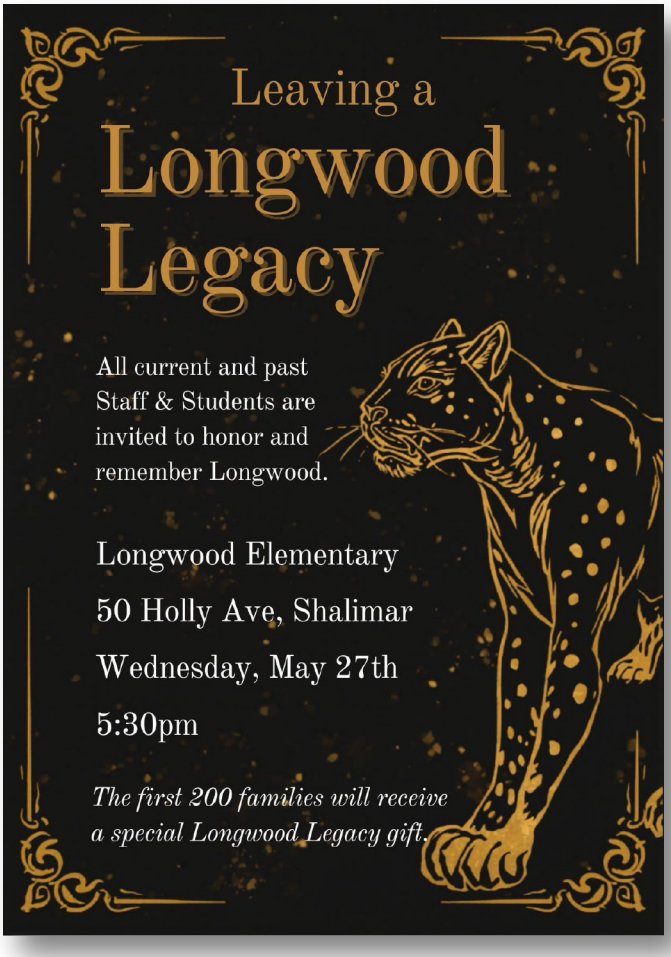
- Fill out the form on our website HERE
- Pay dues via Venmo @PoquitoBayou-CommunityAssociat or PayPal – Poquito Bayou
- OR drop off at the PBCA mailbox: 17 Magnolia Ave. *(Make checks payable to PBCA)*

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







Financial Report
APRIL 2026

Balance Forward from March 31, 2026 $10,143.64

	April 2026	Year to Date 2026
Income		
Membership Dues	$138.81	$1,534.62
Donations	$30.00	$577.31
Veteran's Memorial	$150.00	$200.00
Halloween Event/Fall Festival	$0.00	$0.00
Easter Event/Bake Sale	$139.00	$199.00
Annual Meeting Bake Sale/Raffle	$0.00	$0.00
Annual Meeting Donations	$0.00	$0.00
Crawfish & Shrimp Boil	$15.00	$15.00
New Sign Fundraiser	$0.00	$0.00
Advertising	$50.00	$100.00
Donut Fundraiser	$0.00	$0.00
Garage Sale	$96.64	$96.64
Total Income	$619.45	$2,722.57
Expenses		
Gulf Power	$48.62	$225.11
Bank Service Fee	$0.00	$0.00
Postage/P.O. Box	$0.00	$0.00
Veteran's Memorial	$89.88	$89.88
Garage Sale	$0.00	$0.00
Annual Membership Meeting	$0.00	$0.00
Tribute Garden	$58.12	$58.12
Childrens Christmas Party	$0.00	$0.00
Friendsgiving Event	$0.00	$0.00
Annual State Registration	$0.00	$0.00
Website Expense	$0.00	$219.00
Crawfish & Shrimp Boil	$0.00	$0.00
Easter Event	$97.83	$251.04
Candidates Night	$0.00	$165.00
Halloween/Fall Festival Event	$0.00	$0.00
Project/Repairs/Shed	$0.00	$1,020.65
Leo Norred Mowing	$0.00	$0.00
Total Expenses	$294.45	$2,028.80

Regions Bank Reconciled Balance April 30, 2026	$1,464.97
Venmo Balance as of 04/30/2026	$6,738.88
Paypal Balance as of 04/30/2026	$2,264.79
Total Funds	$10,468.64
Obligated Funds	$0.00
Reserved for Veteran's Memorial	-$396.48
Available Funds April 30, 2026	$10,072.16

Meeting Minutes
MAY 4, 2026

Meeting called to order at 18:02 (by Felicia Murphy) **Present**: Felicia Murphy, David Boyd, Pam Martin, Nance Wendel, Carla Hunt, Lendy Edwards, Tricia Flaherty, and Nancy Ellison.

Minutes of the April meeting had been distributed. A motion to approve was made by Nance and a second by Pam, they were approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: April was distributed by email. Income was $619.45 and expenses were $294.45. Total funds are $10,468.64 and available funds (not obligated) are $10,072.16. A motion to approve was made by Pam, seconded by Nance, and approved unanimously.

Committee Reports: Pam reported 94 memberships. Felicia plans to send an email to the county about the damage to the roads during the infrastructure improvement project. Felicia and Bud partially filled in the erosion under the boat ramp. Nance reports only two abandoned homes remain in the neighborhood, but there is now a trailer by the home on 13 Birch awaiting demolition. No reports from BHEV and Street Directors committees.

Old Business: The top portion of the Leo Norred Park sign should be up in the next two weeks or so.
The meeting host signup sheet was discussed, with openings for August and November. The storage shed has been erected at 68 Poquito, and partially filled. Flags have been purchased, and will be placed in time for Memorial Day, Flag Day, & Independence Day.

Nancy brought a sample pot of flowers and discussed options for the seasonal flower display in the Veterans Monument in the park. Felicia suggested blue pots, since red and white flowers could be complemented by blue pots while keeping the red, white, and blue theme. David moved to spend up to $250 for the flowers and pots, and Tricia seconded, with unanimous passage. The garage sale was held 02-03 May, with 17 participants.

New Business: The Crawfish Boil will be held 16 May at the park. The two yard of the month (YOM) selections for May are on Holly and Japonica.

Announcements: Newsletter articles for next newsletter due to Emily Granfield by 11 May. Next PBCA board meeting scheduled for 1800, Monday, 01 June, location Flaherty home, 68 Poquito.

Meeting adjourned 18:50 pm.

Recording Secretary:
David Boyd

