

POQUITO BAYOU TIMES

A Newsletter Published by the Poquito Bayou Community Association

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER



Greetings,
 The school year is complete. Another class of seniors has graduated. Congrats Seniors!!! Summer is right around the corner. Keep an eye out for kids!

Hurricane season started June 1st. We have a new CERT Chief, Tracy Mankowich. If you want to support our community CERT team, please contact Tracy at tracymank@yahoo.com. Now is the time to get your gas cans filled, purchase hurricane-related supplies and looking at your home protection plan. If you plan to stay during a hurricane, please advise Tracy. This includes if you have special needs (power for oxygen & medications).
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Signs at Leo Norred Park in Need of some TLC.

Dave Hensley

Our signs at Leo Norred Park are showing signs of aging. We're looking for volunteers to repair, paint and replace letters. Ken Leone is currently working on our Veteran's Memorial flag case. We appreciate Ken's dedication and hard work on that project. If you want to assist please contact me at pbcapresident@gmail.com.

Thanks.

I believe that the Leo Norred Park sign was put up back in 2003 and needs a major overhaul.



Poquito Bayou entry sign on following page

June 2021 Yard of the Month

Marion Russell and Cathy Halprin, Judges

The best thing about YOM judging is the neighbors we meet, and this month was no exception. Our June YOM winners, the Parker family at 26 Hickory, are enthusiastic gardeners and graciously showed us all around their amazing front and back yards. More bushes, plants, flowers, and fruit trees than we can mention, and even special areas for birds and turtles, make this yard truly special. Their children, fortunate to be growing up learning so much about plants and animals, were our favorite part. Congratulations to this great, hardworking family!

There were a lot of well-kept yards on Hickory and Walnut. Good job all! 30 Walnut is beautiful and very neat and is our runner up. We also loved the large flowering bush at 36 Walnut and the gorgeous grass at 11 Hickory and 35 Walnut. 24 Hickory is impeccable as always, and 23 Hickory has pretty grass and great colorful flowers and bushes bordering the house.

We'll judge Poplar in July, 73-149 Poquito in August, Birch and Japonica in September, and 1-72 Poquito in October. Stay hydrated and wear your sunscreen and enjoy your summer!



Additional pictures on following page



Help us with ideas for a new and better community entrance sign! Contact David at pbcapresident@gmail.com.

Below is a snap shot view of our PBCA membership by street. As you can see we have less than a third of eligible homes with membership. For only \$10 per year you help support our association which works to make our community better for all residents. A membership form can be found on a following page.

PBCA Membership Status 2021 6/5/2021

| | | Homes | Members | % Members |
|---------------|----------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Bay Street | | 1 | 1 | 100% |
| Birch Ave | | 38 | 4 | 11% |
| Hickory Ave | | 27 | 7 | 26% |
| Holly Ave | | 24 | 6 | 25% |
| Japonica Lane | | 28 | 6 | 21% |
| Magnolia Ave | | 43 | 14 | 33% |
| Maple Ave | | 41 | 10 | 24% |
| Poplar Ave | | 46 | 12 | 26% |
| Poquito Road | 1 through 51 | 37 | 11 | 30% |
| Poquito Road | 52 through 94 | 36 | 11 | 31% |
| Poquito Road | 95 through 149 | 32 | 12 | 38% |
| Sunset Lane | | 1 | 0 | 0% |
| Walnut Ave | | 35 | 7 | 20% |
| | | 377 | 101 | 27% |

President's Corner cont'd:

Additional YOM Pictures

PBCA Membership. Pam Martin. (*See add'l info following*) Our PBCA Membership Chairperson reported that as of June 1st, we have 112 PBCA members. That's an increase of five from May 1st. Really not a positive report since we have almost 400 families eligible for membership. We would dearly love to get to 200 this year.

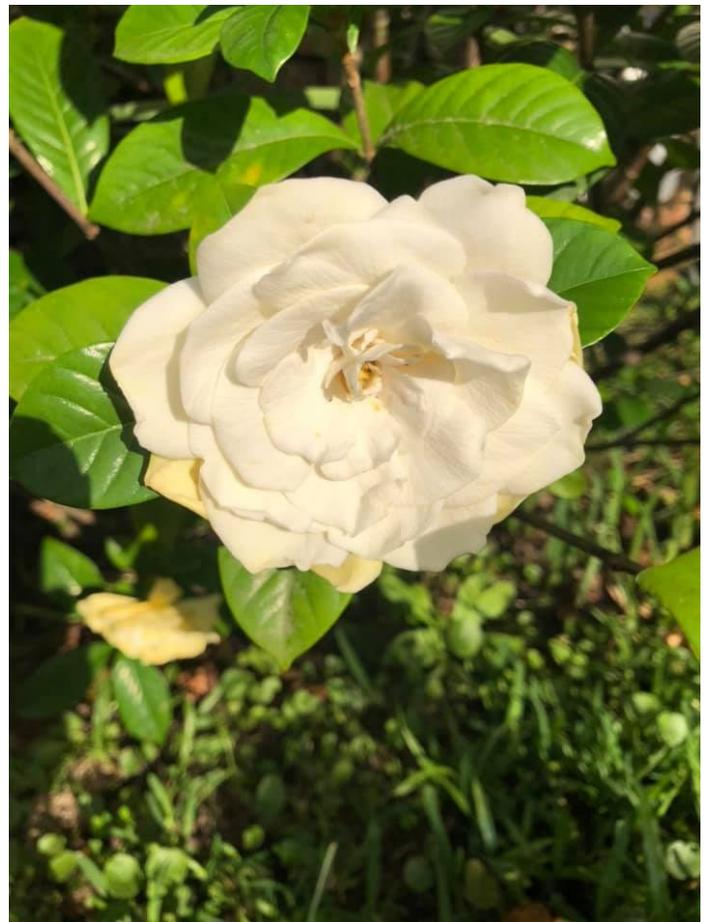
Poquito Fiesta De Mayo Potluck on Saturday May 15th. Kiki Higginbotham reported that they had a great event with about 35 people in attendance. This was our first-ever Fiesta De Mayo potluck. I anticipate that there will be more occasion related potlucks.

Improvement to Leo Norred Park and Poquito Boat Ramp Park. We had a meeting with key Okaloosa County Facilities and Parks Department members on April 5th which resulted in a plethora of county work orders for both parks. At Leo Norred Park, picket fence railings were replaced and the park entrance by the corner of Poquito Road and Poplar Ave has a small picket fence in front of it to slow down kids who may run out onto Poquito Road! At the Poquito Boat Ramp Park, the dock extension is about 90 percent complete. Keith Myers reported that some parts are on back order. We have requested with the new Parks Coordinator that the swimming area be roped off. Three "No Parking on Sidewalk" signs were installed by County workers around the bend of the sidewalk heading into the boat ramp park. This prevents vehicles and boaters from parking over the sidewalk. This has been very frustrating for us seeing this and having to call the Sheriff's Office to send a deputy to investigate. Head down to the boat ramp area and check it out.

Our Poquito Bayou sign and Leo Norred at Leo Norred Park are in need to painting and repair. I have written a detailed article about these projects in this month issue of the Poquito Times. Ken Leone has volunteered to refurbish the flag case at the Veteran's Memorial. We appreciate Ken's efforts.

You may have noticed a Vacation R.O.W. sign at 22 Magnolia. I invited Beth and Ken Holmes to attend our June PBCA board meeting. They answered our questions and a majority felt that they had a good case for the extra land for right of way. This was the third topic of discussion at the Okaloosa County Board of Commissioners meeting on June 15th. I spoke for PBCA supporting this request. One good thing that came out of the meeting was a county public works official stated that the county will clean up the north end of the pathway (Holly Ave) and will be putting in a sidewalk this summer!

We recently experienced an issue with a young man in his early 30's with mental health issues in our neighborhood. Jane and I were out in Palm Springs California when it all came to a boiling point. He was sleeping at Leo Norred Park and was storing multiple bikes there! Multiple phone calls and some emails from concerned citizens got the Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office involved and they finally issued a trespass order forcing him not to sleep at Leo Norred Park. Outside mental health organizations were contacted. The biggest lesson learned from this is if you see something suspicious, please call the OCSO at 850 651-7400 and report it. Let the OCSO deal with it. Ashley Bailey, the OCSO Crime Prevention representative sent me some crime prevention tips. I put those crime prevention tips in this month's issue of the Poquito Times.



Calling All Carpenters. We need You!

Dave Hensley

We've had some concerns about safety around the Leo Norred Park children's playground. We decided to approach the concern incrementally. First, Bill Miller has added new fence rails close to the playground area to close off that exit to prevent kids from running out onto Poplar Ave. In our March PBCA Board meeting we discussed putting homemade wood benches around the playground area giving parents additional seating between the playground and the fence along Poplar Ave. ***This is where we need some handy carpenters to help in building some home-made benches.*** They need to be easy to build with no back. These benches will be strategically positioned around the children's playground at Leo Norred Park. These benches will also benefit folks who come to the park to sit and watch planned activities. We do have some existing materials which include six to eight inch in diameter posts we used for the Veteran's Memorial. They're about 15 to 24 inches in length. If you're interested in joining us in an organized work day, please let contact me at pbcpresident@gmail.com or 850 582-3780. Thanks. Dave



CERT News:

We have had our first storm and it was mild. We still need a fully functional CERT Team in place. If you are interested, please email me at tracy-mank@yahoo.com and we can meet and discuss the program and needs. It is not necessary at this time to be certified; we can get that scheduled for you. Please check out the website for Okaloosa County regarding Hurricane preparedness so you can have your essentials in place before a storm hits.
Tracy Mankowich

PBCA membership form is provided for your convenience. Please help us keep our association alive and well. Takes just a few minutes to fill out the form and attach check. Then drop in PBCA box at 17 Magnolia. Or you can join electronically by going to the PBCA website <https://www.poquitobayou.com/memberships> and clicking on the membership link. Then just follow the instructions. Your \$10 membership dues is less important to us than your actual interest and support.

PBCA MEMBERSHIP FORM

POQUITO BAYOU COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC. MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION YEAR 2021

Please complete this form and submit along with your \$10 dues to your Street Director or drop it off at the PBCA mailbox located at 17 Magnolia Ave (Pam Martin's house). Checks will be accepted, made payable to PBCA. You may also mail to P.O. Box 1124, Shalimar, FL 32579

(PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY)

Date Paid: _____ Dues: _____ Contribution (specify area): _____ Check #: _____ Cash \$ _____

Name: _____, _____ Spouse's Name: _____
(Last) (First)

Address: _____ Telephone No.: _____ E-Mail Address: _____

Minor Children: Boys () Ages: _____ Girls () Ages: _____ **Please enter current E-Mail Address**
(If it changes, notify pcmartin1@outlook.com)

Concerns: 1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____
4. _____

Would you be willing to help with: Events for Kids _____, Baking _____, Adult Social Events _____, Leo Norred Park & Clean-Up Days _____, Garage Sales Event _____,
Interest in Action Committees: Street Maintenance & Traffic Safety _____, Environmental Matters _____, Emergency Action & Neighborhood Watch _____
Eglin Interface _____. Are you interested in serving on PBCA Board of Directors? _____ Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Training _____.

Other interests, ideas; things you'd like addressed? What are they?

(USE BACK OF FORM IF NECESSARY)

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POQUITO BAYOU COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
Minutes of the June 7, 2021, Meeting
139 Poquito Rd

The meeting was called to order by President Dave Hensley at 6 pm. In attendance were Dave Hensley, Tricia Flaherty, Pam Martin, Mary Ann Leone, Keith Myers, Bob Davis, Nance Wendel, Ken and Beth Holmes, Pat Hollarn. Rick Wendel arrived late and left after speaking.

Minutes of the May 3 meeting had been distributed. Motion to approve was made by Nance, seconded by Bob, minutes were approved. Treasurer's report was presented by Tricia, motion to accept by Pam, seconded by Keith, report was accepted.

Emergency Action/Neighborhood Watch: Position still vacant, current information will be obtained from Ashley Bailey in the Sheriff's department.

Leo Norred Park: new volunteer is Matt Murphy.

Welcome: Nance provided information on new tenant at 14 Walnut.

Membership: Pam indicated there are currently 112 members but will double-check.

Poquito Boat Ramp Park: Keith reported on the county improvements, to be done by fall.

Street Mx & Traffic Safety: Bob reported on pothole near Eglin Pkwy being repaired/filled.

Old Business: Dave reported that the Poquito de Mayo Potluck on May 15 at the park was successful, had about 35-40 people, no expenses, just a good time. June 5 roadside cleanup was canceled due to county work ongoing. Dave also gave an update on county repairs to both parks.

New Business: Rick Wendel talked about his visitation at AFEV gym and offered to be liaison to AFEV. Dave will investigate.

Big sign needs repair, painting, and letters, which Pam volunteered to get.

New procedures for sending out the newsletter with text notification will ensure timely publishing via email, Facebook, & website.

Ken Holmes then presented more detail on their petition to have part of the county right of way between the two houses on Magnolia vacated, and the board in discussion learned more and felt we approved what they were doing. They will gain 20 feet but are not allowed to construct any building, only fencing and/or sprinklers. The county remains allowed to use the access if necessary and would fix any disturbed areas. Dave intends to attend the hearing.

Newsletter articles due June 12 to Bob Davis, publishing on June 15. No meeting in July. June 7 meeting adjourned at 7:08 pm.

NOTE: Subsequent to the meeting, newsletter article deadline changed to June 27, publishing on June 30, as that will be a double issue for June—July.

Newsletter deadline June 27th to Bobbyz55@gmail.com

Meeting adjourned 7pm 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

**POQUITO BAYOU COMMUNITY
ASSOCIATION**

FINANCIAL REPORT

May 2021

Balance Forward from April 30, 2021

\$6,564.67

| | May 2021 | Year to Date 2021 |
|------------------------------|---------------------|----------------------------------|
| Income | | |
| Membership Dues | \$50.00 | \$1,020.00 |
| Contributions | \$100.00 | \$1,095.00 |
| Donations for Park Well/Pump | \$0.00 | \$220.00 |
| Veteran's Memorial | \$0.00 | \$35.00 |
| Easter Event Income | \$0.00 | \$298.00 |
| Advertising | \$0.00 | \$320.00 |
| Garage Sale | \$0.00 | \$120.00 |
| | | |
| Total Income | \$150.00 | \$3,108.00 |
| Expenses | | |
| Gulf Power | \$69.57 | \$365.52 |
| Postage/P.O. Box | \$0.00 | \$59.00 |
| Veteran's Memorial | \$0.00 | \$76.96 |
| Garage Sale | \$48.15 | \$48.15 |
| Candidates Night | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Supplies | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Children's Christmas Party | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Annual State Registration | \$0.00 | \$61.25 |
| Website Expense | \$0.00 | \$168.00 |
| Easter Event | \$0.00 | \$358.22 |
| Mardi Gras Event | \$0.00 | \$110.03 |
| Project/Repairs | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Leo Norred Mowing | \$0.00 | \$260.00 |
| | | |
| Total Expenses | \$117.72 | \$1,507.13 |

Reconciled Balance May 31, 2021

\$6,596.95

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

Crime Prevention Tips

Ashley Bailey OCSO Crime Prevention Manager

- Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office non-emergency number 850-651-7400; emergency ALWAYS call 911
- If you see something, say something, do something.
 - Call the Sheriff's Office to report suspicious activity or people in the neighborhood.
 - People sleeping in the parks or public areas.
 - Pulling on vehicle handles or hiding in bushes.
 - Any odd behavior not "normal" for your neighborhood.
- If someone unknown knocks on the door and seems suspicious, do not open the door! Call law enforcement!!
- If you plan to travel for the summer, register for a vacation watch on **Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office website** and have a **watch order** placed on your home.
 - Also, you can ask a trusted friend or neighbor to keep an eye on your home.
- Keep all doors and windows closed & locked.
- Make sure all bushes and trees are cut back. Follow the 3 feet/6 feet rule; bushes less than 3 feet & trees above 6 feet.
- Add motion lights to the outside your home.
- Security cameras are an expensive way to keep an eye on your house

If you have any questions or need any additional information. Contact Crime Prevention Manager Ashley Bailey at 850-259-0031 or email abailey@sheriff-okaloosa.org



Giana and John Powers,
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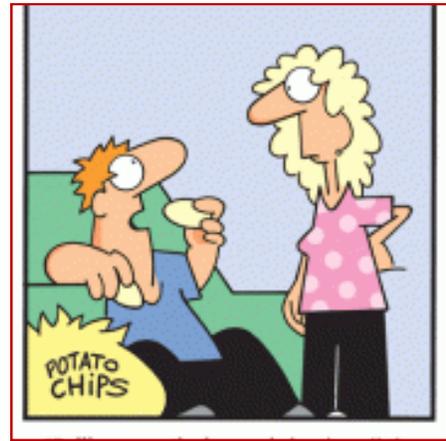
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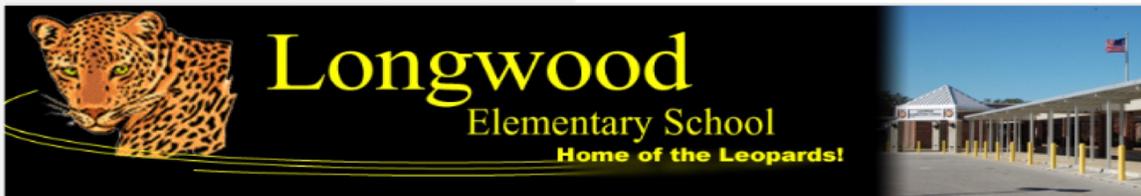


YARD SALE POLL

PBCA management is interested in finding out how many folks would like to have a community yard sale this fall—some Saturday in October or early November. If you would like to participate in a fall yard sale, please Text Nance at 850-461-8537 or email her at nance.wendel@era-american.com . Please include your preferred date. Please also cc Rebecca.Baker@era-american.com on all



Caption the cartoon.
(send your input to bob-byz55x@gmail.com)



BACK TO SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

Fill a backpack with school supplies for Longwood Elementary and drop it off at the Longwood front office. Supply lists are posted on the school website

www.okaloosaschools.com/longwood/content/home and in store at Walmart.

Any and all supply donations are welcomed!

**POQUITO BAYOU COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION DIRECTORY OF OFFICERS, DIRECTORS and ACTION
CHAIRPERSONS**

| POSTION | NAME | ADDRESS | PHONE # | EMAIL ADDRESS |
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| President | Dave Hensley (Jane) | 1 Bay Street | (850) 582-3780 | pbcaresident@gmail.com |
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| 1-51 Poquito | Mary Ann Leone (Ken) | 30 Poquito Road | 850 651-4070 | kcleone@cox.net |
| 52-94 Poquito | Tricia Bryant Flaherty (Bud) | 68 Poquito Road | (850) 585-8334 | tblm81@aol.com |
| 95-149 Poquito | Ralph Johnson (Dianne) | 147 Poquito Road | (850 651-7906 | dirajo147@yahoo.com |
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| Candidates Night | Bob Davis (Sally) | 34 Poquito Road | (850) 651-3034 | bobbyz55x@gmail.com |
| CERT | Tracy Mankowich | 7 Magnolia | (850 598-3508 | tracymank@yahoo.com |
| Children Events | Kiki Higginbotham (Ray) | | | KHigg11@gmail.com |
| Email | Davi Todd (Richard) | 35 Maple Ave | (325)864-9245 | djtodd86@gmail.com |
| Emergency Action | Vacant | | | |
| Events Planner | Kiki Higginbotham (Ray) | | | pbcaevents@gmail.com |
| Flag | Don Kreis (Vicky) | 27 Magnolia | (850) 651-6513 | donkreis@cox.net |
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| Leo Norred Park | Matt Murphy | 16 Birch Ave | (850) 217-4170 | murphysoutdoorservices@gmail.com |
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| Poquito Website | Crystal Mayes | 25 Hickory Ave | 618-530-4541 | |
| Welcome | Cindy Henry (Richard) | 9 Maple | (850) 803-3841 | dianne4016@aol.com |
| XMAS Décor Com | Tricia & Nance | | | |
| Yard of the Month | Cathy Halprin | 6 Japonica | (850) 651-6448 | halprins@cox.net |
| | Marion Russell (Craig) | 32 Japonica | (850) 582-5813 | marionrussell4@icloud.com |

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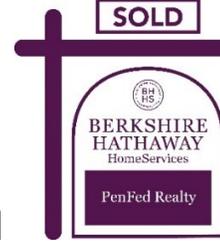
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