

POQUITO TIMES

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THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Sean Cramer

SUMMER IS ALMOST HERE!

That means plenty of sunshine, warm days, and lots of kids out and about enjoying the season. As we dive into boating, beach trips, and all the other wonderful Florida activities, let's remember to stay safe and look out for one another. It's always a pleasure to be part of such a great neighborhood. Wishing everyone a fun and safe summer!



Editor's Notes

"Horticulturally, the month of May is opening night, homecoming, and graduation day all rolled into one." —Tam Mossman

Now that the pollen has finally left us, new flowers have opened, new life is arriving and kiddos are graduating and headed for new adventures!

So much to celebrate!

I'll echo Sean's request that we watch out for everyone out and about. Drive safe, and have a Blessed May!

Hey neighbors!

PBCA is thinking about organizing a Neighborhood Game Night at Bob Hope Village, and wanted to see who'd be interested!

Looking at June on a Friday or Saturday night-

We'll keep it casual and fun-bring your own beverage and a light snack to share. We'd also love to hear what games you'd like to have available.

This event will be for adults only.

Who's game? Drop a comment on the PBCA facebook page with your preferred night and favorite game.



BOARD GAME NIGHT



EASTER HUNT AND BAKE SALE

**WHAT A GREAT DAY! THANK YOU FOR ALL THE HARD
WORK AND FOR ALL THOSE THAT CAME OUT TO
PARTICIPATE AND HAVE FUN!**

THE BAYOU IS A GREAT COMMUNITY!!!!



YARD OF THE MONTH

Spring is in the air

On every street, there's that one yard that stands out, the envy of the block, the pride of the community, the "Yard of the Month." But what goes into earning this prestigious title?

The Yard of the Month isn't just about aesthetics; it's a symbol of community pride and neighborly appreciation. It celebrates the dedication and care homeowners invest in their outdoor spaces, turning them into havens of beauty and tranquility for all to enjoy. 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.

Each month, the selection of the Yard of the Month is a cause for celebration—a chance to shine a spotlight on the hard work and creativity of homeowners who go above and beyond to enhance the beauty of our neighborhood. It's a reminder that small gestures can make a big difference and that beauty flourishes when we come together as a community.

As we stroll through our neighborhood, let's take a moment to appreciate the beauty that surrounds us—the vibrant flowers, the lush lawns, and the meticulously maintained landscapes that make our community shine. And let's remember that behind every Yard of the Month lies a story of passion, dedication, and community pride—a story worth celebrating and sharing with the world.

April is the start of our Yard of the Month. We hope you enjoy each month as a yard is picked, to celebrate.

See below when your street will be judged.

If there is no winner on a street, then there would only be 1 winner that month.

2025

April – Maple Ave and Birch Ave

May - Poquito Rd 1-72 and Poquito Rd 73-149

June – [Holly Ave and Japonica Ln](#)

July- Magnolia Ave and Hickory Ave

August – Poplar Ave and Walnut



April's Yard of the Month **4 Birch Ave** **&** **27 Maple Ave**



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Time to Renew Your PBCA Membership for Another Exciting Year!

We look forward to another year of community building and fun, and we can't do it without your continued support. Please renew your membership today to help us achieve even more in 2025. Over the next couple of months, you are going to see some things your 2024 dues are making happen. You may have noticed, the fence around the park is being repaired with new fence post and slats. Be on the lookout for more great things going on in the neighborhood.

Membership Renewal Details:

- Annual Membership: \$20.00 per family
- Donations: Always welcome and greatly appreciated!

How to Renew:

- Drop off at the PBCA mailbox located at 17 Magnolia Ave (Pam Martin's house). Checks will be accepted, made payable to PBCA. Or mail to 68 ~~Poquito~~ Road, Shalimar, FL 32579 or pay online Venmo at www.poquitobayou.com.

Thank you for your continued support. Together, we can make PBCA an even better place to live!

Warm regards,

STREET STATS

		5/6/2025		
Bay Street		2		0%
Birch Ave		38	6	16%
Hickory Ave		27	4	15%
Holly Ave		24	2	8%
Japonica Lane		28	4	14%
Magnolia Ave		43	18	42%
Maple Ave		41	6	15%
Poplar Ave		46	12	26%
Poquito Road	1 through 51	43	12	28%
Poquito Road	52 through 94	36	12	33%
Poquito Road	95 through 149	32	11	34%
Other		1	10	1000%
Walnut Ave		35	6	17%
		384	103	27%

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MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION

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Date Paid: _____ Dues: _____ Donation: (specify area): _____

Check# _____ Cash: _____

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____ Spouses Name: _____

Address: _____ Telephone No.: _____

E-Mail Address: _____ Concerns: 1. _____

2. _____ 3. _____

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 _____

Are you interested in serving on the PBCA Board of Directors? _____ Street Director _____

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

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POQUITO BAYOU COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
FINANCIAL REPORT
April 2025

Balance Forward from March 31, 2025 **\$10,424.98**

	<u>April</u> <u>2025</u>	<u>Year to Date</u> <u>2025</u>
Income		
Membership Dues	\$400.00	\$1,751.91
Donations	\$280.00	\$675.00
Veteran's Memorial	\$0.00	\$0.00
Halloween Event/Fall Festival	\$0.00	\$0.00
Easter Event/Bake Sale	\$226.00	\$226.00
Annual Meeting Bake Sale/Raffle	\$0.00	\$0.00
Annual Meeting Donations	\$0.00	\$0.00
Crawfish & Shrimp Boil	\$0.00	\$991.50
New Sign Fundraiser	\$0.00	\$0.00
Advertising	\$50.00	\$220.00
Donut Fundraiser	\$0.00	\$0.00
Garage Sale	\$88.32	\$88.32
Total Income	\$1,044.32	\$3,952.73

Expenses		
Gulf Power	\$42.03	\$220.80
Bank Service Fee	\$0.00	\$0.00
Postage/P.O. Box	\$0.00	\$0.00
Veteran's Memorial	\$0.00	\$0.00
Garage Sale	\$0.00	\$0.00
Annual Membership Meeting	\$0.00	\$0.00
Supplies	\$0.00	\$0.00
Childrens Christmas Party	\$0.00	\$0.00
Friendsgiving Event	\$0.00	\$0.00
Annual State Registration	\$0.00	\$61.25
Website Expense	\$0.00	\$216.00
Crawfish & Shrimp Boil	\$0.00	\$540.39
Easter Event	\$210.83	\$423.65
Candidates Night	\$0.00	\$0.00
Halloween/Fall Festival Event	\$0.00	\$0.00
Project/Repairs	\$0.00	\$1,021.16
Membership Mail Out	\$0.00	\$0.00
Leo Norred Mowing	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Expenses	\$252.86	\$2,483.25

Regions Bank Reconciled Balance April 30, 2025 **\$3,972.88**

Venmo Balance as of 04/30/2025 \$5,273.88

Paypal Balance as of 04/30/2025 \$1,970.28

Total Funds **\$11,217.04**

Obligated Funds -\$1,000.00

Reserved for Veteran's Memorial -\$760.95

Available Funds April 30, 2025 **\$9,456.09**

POQUITO BAYOU COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the May 5th, 2025 meeting

Leo Norred Park, Shalimar

Meeting called to order at 18:00 (by Sean Cramer)

Present: Sean Cramer, Felicia Murphy, David Boyd, Tricia Flaherty, Bob Davis, Mary Ann Leone, Mary Travis, Jef Marsh, and Michael Aid.

Minutes of the April meeting had been distributed; motion to approve was made by Mary and seconded by Bob, minutes were approved.

Old Business: The board discussed cameras for the park to discourage vandalism. Mary Ann will check on Trail Cams and Bob will check on legal issues. Ken Leone has been painting the monument posts, and he and Mike will set a time to cut ten new posts into twenty and paint. Once all posts are in place and painted, the new Monument sign will be installed. It will be similar in design to the Leo Norred Park sign recently placed at the corner of Poquito and Poplar. Felicia reported that 50-60 children participated in the Easter Egg hunt, and going forward, there will not be separate hunts by age group. The associated bake sale raised \$225, and the eggs/baskets cost \$426, so only \$201 was spent on the event. The garage sale (held in April) has reportedly continued to be popular.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer's report for April was presented by Tricia. Income was \$1,044.32 and expenses were \$252.86. Total funds are \$11,217.04 and available funds (not obligated) are \$9,456.09. The report was approved by acclamation.

Membership: Pam previously reported 103 paid members thus far in 2025.

Abandoned Homes Committee: Nance was not present, but reported by email that she has gathered information along with Tammi Aid and will contact Carolyn Ketchel with the documentation.

Poquito Boat Ramp Park: The sink hole/erosion is growing, but the County is aware.

Street & Traffic Safety/BHEV: Bob will continue to work on getting BHEV to upgrade their back fence.

Street Directors: No news to report.

New Business: Felicia will use Facebook to assess interest in an adult game night at BHEV (Gaetz Bldg). If sufficient interest, a date will be set. The maximum capacity is 75, but if at least 25 people chose to participate, the board felt it would be money (\$250 rental) well spent on a social event.

Announcements: Newsletter articles for next newsletter due to Tammi Aid by 10 May. Next PBCA board meeting scheduled 1800 on Monday, 02 June, at Leo Norred Park (tentative location).

Meeting adjourned at 18:27 pm.

David Boyd, Recording Secretary

BOB HOPE VILLAGE NEWS

If you like the Air Force Enlisted Village, aka Bob Hope Village, as a neighbor, you will be pleased with the planned development of Victory Village. Last summer we completed the purchase of 80 acres of land from Eglin AFB and our plan is to develop a sister community which will help joint service enlisted retirees and spouses as well as be a home for wounded warriors as they age. We are in the early phases of zoning and future land use map updates with Okaloosa County and we're also looking at what additional community services and infrastructure will be needed for our neighborhood. We are already working on adding additional sewer capacity along with a larger water main which will benefit everyone with more water pressure! We have also allocated space on the property for a small EMS station to be operated by Ocean City Wright Fire Department. If you have any questions or concerns, please let us know. We are proud to be part of the Poquito Bayou community and want to be good neigh-

Brooke P. McLean, CMSgt (ret)
Air Force Enlisted Village, Inc.
President/CEO

May

MON. – FRI. 11AM-1PM



KNIFE'S EDGE
CATERING AND SPECIALTY CUISINE

30 HOLLY AVE.
SHALIMAR, FL 32579
(850) 376-1916
CALL FOR AFEV CAMPUS
DELIVERY

2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				¹ MONTE CRISTO SANDWICH & roast potatoes	² COOKOUT grilled burgers & dogs (no regular menu)	³
⁴	⁵ BEEF TACO, CHICKEN QUESADILLA, chips/queso & guac salad	⁶ PORK FRIED RICE, & egg roll	⁷ BEEF STROGANOFF, egg noodles & vegetable	⁸ CHICKEN & WAFFLES w/fruit salad	⁹ FISH & CHIPS	¹⁰
¹¹	¹² *CLOSED*	¹³ MEATLOAF, mashed potatoes & veg	¹⁴ CHICKEN PARMESAN, spaghetti & salad	¹⁵ PASTRAMI & SWISS on RYE & fries	¹⁶ COCONUT SHRIMP, French fries & coleslaw	¹⁷
¹⁸	¹⁹ CHICKEN FRIED STEAK, mashed potatoes & veg	²⁰ SLOPPY JOE, tots & slaw	²¹ LASAGNA, garlic bread & salad	²² COLD SALAD PLATE (tuna, chicken, egg)	²³ CRAB CAKES, rice pilaf & vegetable	²⁴
²⁵	²⁶ *CLOSED for MEMORIAL DAY*	²⁷ GRILLED CHICKEN CLUB SANDWICH & potato salad	²⁸ BOURBON CHICKEN, rice & vegetable	²⁹ CHICKEN POT PIE & side salad	³⁰ FISH TACOS & rice	³¹

POSITION	NAME	ADDRESS	PHONE #	EMAIL ADDRESS	
DIRECTORY OF OFFICERS					
President	Sean Cramer (Whitney)	20 Poplar Ave	850-259-9034	crame.dog97@gmail.com	update d 03/06/2023
Vice President	Michael Aid (Tammi)	37 Hickory Ave	334-379-2901	michael.aid@outlook.com	Update d 12/31/2022
2nd VP	Felicia Murphy (Matt)	16 Birch Ave	850-698-3686	felicia.murphy0319@gmail.com	Update d 12/31/2022
Recording Sec	David Boyd (Sabrina)	3A Pogoito Rd.	904-236-4712	s2d2Boyd@yahoo.com	Update d 02/26/2023
Corresponding Sec	Pat Hollarn	139 Pogoito Road	850-585-7768	integrityunlimited@cox.net	Update d 02/26/2023
Treasurer	Tricia Bryant Flaherty (Bud)	68 Pogoito Road	850-585-8334	tblm81@aol.com	
Past President					
STREET DIRECTORS					
Birch	Felicia Murphy (Matt)	16 Birch Ave	850-698-3686	felicia.murphy0319@gmail.com	
Hickory	Tammi Aid (Mike)	37 Hickory Ave	703-789-3596	tamsaid@outlook.com	
Holly	Whitney Cramer (Sean)	20 Poplar Ave	850-830-8582	WhitneyCramer@gmail.com	Updated 05/18/2023
Japonica	Felicia Murphy (Matt)	16 Birch Ave	850-698-3686	felicia.murphy0319@gmail.com	Updated 05/18/2023
Magnolia	Mary Travis	38 Magnolia	850-685-9921	marytravisfwb@gmail.com	Updated 02/14/2025
Maple	Cindy Henry (Richard)	9 Maple	850-803-3841	dianne4016@aol.com	
Poplar					Update d 02/14/2024
1-51 Pogoito	Mary Ann Leone (Ken)	30 Pogoito Road	850-543-7054	maleone@cox.net	Update d 02/26/2023
52-94 Pogoito	Tricia Bryant Flaherty (Bud)	68 Pogoito Road	850-585-8334	tblm81@aol.com	
95-149 Pogoito	Ralph Johnson	147 Pogoito Road	850-651-7906	dirajo147@yahoo.com	
Walnut	Nance Wendel (Rick)	16 Walnut Ave	(850) 461-8537	nanceadw@cox.net	Update d 1/29/2021
ACTION COMMITTEE CHAIR PERSONS					
Event Director 1	Felicia Murphy (Matt)	16 Birch Ave	850-698-3686	pba.eventdirectors@gmail.com	Update d 05/18/2023
Event Director 2	Whitney Cramer (Sean)	20 Poplar	850-830-8582	pba.eventdirectors@gmail.com	Update 05/18/2023
PT Editor	Tammi Aid (Michael)	37 Pogoito Road	(703)789-3596	tamsaid@outlook.com	
CERT	Cara Teeter	12 Hillcrest	(804)413-1778	poquitobayocert@gmail.com	
Email	Davi Todd (Richard)	35 Maple Ave	(325)864-9245	djtodd86@gmail.com	
Emergency Action					
Flag	Don Kreis (Vicki)	27 Magnolia	850-240-0544	donkreis@cox.net	update d 01/19/2024
Garage Sale	Nance Wendel (Rick)	16 Walnut Ave	(850) 461-8537	nanceadw@cox.net	Update d 1/29/2021
Leo Norred Park	Matt Murphy (Felicia)	16 Birch Ave	(850) 525-3717	murphysoutdoorservices@gmail.com	Update d 5/3/2021
PBCA Membership	Pam Martin	17 Magnolia Ave	(850) 376-8283	Pcmartin1@outlook.com	
PBCA Sign	Tricia Bryant Flaherty (Bud)	68 Pogoito Road	(850) 585-8334	tblm81@aol.com	
Pogoito Boat Ramp					
PT Advertising	Tricia Bryant Flaherty		850-585-8334	tblm81@aol.com	
Street Maintenance	Bob Davis (Sally)	34 Pogoito Road	(850) 651-3034	bobbyz55x@gmail.com	
Vet Mem. Plaques	Ken Leone	30 Pogoito Road	850-543-7054	maleone@cox.net	
Candidate Night	Bob Davis (Sally)	34 Pogoito Road	(850) 651-3034	bobbyz55x@gmail.com	
Yard of MO 1	Pam Martin	17 Magnolia Ave	(850) 376-8283	Pcmartin1@outlook.com	
Pogoito Website	Crystal Mayes	25 Hickory Ave	618-530-4541		Update d 4/6/2021
Welcome	Cindy Henry (Richard)	9 Maple	(850) 803-3841	dianne4016@aol.com	
XMAS Décor Com 1	Tricia Bryant Flaherty (Bud)	68 Pogoito Road	(850) 585-8334	tblm81@aol.com	
XMAS Décor Com 2	Nance Wendel (Rick)	16 Walnut Ave	(850) 461-8537	nanceadw@cox.net	

ADVERTISING IN THE POQUITO TIMES- FOR 2025!

PBCA MEMBER: \$50 YEARLY FOR BUSINESS CARD SIZE. \$100 YEARLY FOR DOUBLE THE SIZE.

NON-MEMBERS: \$70 OR \$120 DEPENDING ON THE SIZE.

PLEASE DROP OFF PAYMENTS MADE TO PBCA, AT 68 POQUITO ROAD, ALONG WITH A BUSINESS CARD.

