

HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS



Upcoming Hurricane Season. The 2023 hurricane season started June 1st. If you’ve lived here for a while, you know what to do. If you’re new to our neighborhood and Florida, please start preparing for hurricanes. Here’s some basic information to help you get started: <https://www.ready.gov/hurricanes>

Abandoned/Neglected Homes Task Force (June Update)

Objective: There are several homes in the community that appear to be neglected in a variety of ways. Our objective is to identify, gather information and submit this data to the county for possible improvement actions by either the county or by our community association.

Several of us met June 2nd and began the review of homes we feel fall into this category. We have been told that there is a certain point of dilapidation that will allow the county to take action even if they do not identify any ‘code’ violations, but we will start by submitting our data to the code enforcement department.

For each home, we will gather

- Information we can about current owner(s)
- Photos of condition
- Status of property (ie, Probate or other legal action)
- Property appraiser records to identify county assessed value
- Tax records to determine if taxes are up to date
- Open permits
- Liens against the property

We will meet again in early July.

Task force: Nance Wendel, Deb Henderson, Tami Aid, Pam Martin, Jolene Bruce
 Tami and Jolene could not make the first meeting.

Editor note: The picture above is not from our neighborhood but we have some homes nearly as bad or worse.



PBCA PROJECTS

Our association is soliciting ideas for projects/ community improvements that we might be able to make in the coming weeks and months. Any ideas out there in our community and if so, would you be interested in championing them? Please contact Seam Cramer at 850 259-9034 or email cramedog97@gmail.com.

People Protecting Poquito Bayou (PPPB) June 2023 Update – Dave Hensley

We've been pursuing multiple avenues in challenging the proposed 139-home cookie cutter home subdivision to be built by D.R. Horton.

Well water testing update. We hired Geoff Maddux of GLM & Associates to collect well water samples from three homes on North Drive and Sharilyn Drive and test them for any traces of petrochemicals which may have originated from the asphalt plant. Geoff determined that the aquifer flows west/northwest towards North Drive and Sharilyn Drive. The well water samples were collected IAW Florida DEP protocols on May 30th. I received a phone call from Mr. Maddux advising that there were no significant traces of petrol-chemicals in the three wells tested. We will publish the full test results in the August issue of the Poquito Times.

Concerned Citizens poll taken from May 30th to June 5th. We conducted a poll online on the People Protecting Poquito Bayou Facebook webpage and sent it out via email to over 130 concerned citizens. Respondents were asked to choose three of the ten concerns. They're listed below:

- Additional water tower.
- Asphalt plant contamination.
- Clear cutting.
- Endangered/Threatened species/trees.
- New subdivision emulates adjacent subdivision in lot size.
- Access the Davis Cemetery by family members.
- Natural twenty-foot buffer of existing trees along southern and western boundaries.
- Nature preserve in the area.
- Stormwater runoff.
- Traffic concerns/needed road improvements/northern ingress/egress for proposed subdivision.
- County Solution for Longwood Elementary Overcrowding (added by a concerned citizen).

The results of the polls were very interesting.

Online Poll:

- Clear cutting of the trees (22%).
- Traffic concerns (21%).
- Natural twenty-foot buffer (9%).

Email Poll:

- Traffic concerns (21%).
- Clear cutting of the trees (19%).
- Legendary Cove subdivision emulates adjacent subdivision (16%).

Online Petition update. As of Monday, June 5th, over 90 individuals have signed our online petition requesting level 1 testing at the asphalt plant before the sale goes through. Back in May, approximately 119 concerned citizens signed this petition. In addition, over 265 concerned citizens have signed a hard copy of the petition. If you want to go door-to-door to solicit signatures, please contact us at mdhensley13@gmail.com. We appreciate your support.

Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) accessing the former asphalt plant. Back in early March, a concerned citizen contacted the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) regarding the possibility of contamination on the site. The EPA tasked the FDEP to gain access to the property to check for potential contamination. Unfortunately, FDEP is unable to gain access to the property.

Legendary Cove Subdivision Development Order update. We were advised in a recent email that the engineering firm has submitted a revised packet of updated documents to the Okaloosa County Growth Management office. Back in mid-March the Okaloosa County Growth Management office identified errors on the Development Order documentation and tasked the engineering firm to correct these errors before proceeding. We have asked for these documents to review. After our review, we will begin fine-tuning our opposition and rebuttal to the Development Order. **If you have expertise in civil engineering, traffic/road safety, storm water engineer, etc., we can use your talents. Now is the time to step up to the plate to serve your community.** In addition, the Okaloosa County Growth Management office was advised by the project engineers that they are conducting an environmental analysis to determine whether there is any contamination. Barring any last-minute changes, we were told that the Okaloosa County Growth Management office's review will be done around June 26th. At this point, the Okaloosa County Growth Management office will determine whether to approve the Development Order. They will at that time issue a Notice of Intent (white sign) to approve or approve with conditions the development order. At that time, we will petition for a Development Order hearing within seven days after the Notice of Intent is issued. We will list why we object to the issuance of the Development Order. No later than fourteen (14) days after the date the petition is filed the Petitioner shall submit a Memorandum of Error which contains the specific Code requirements and provisions by citation the Petitioner is objecting to, the reasons why the development order is not consistent with the identified citations, and any corrective actions to remedy the objections raised.

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Concerned citizens attending County Commissioner meetings. Challenging this proposed D.R. Horton subdivision is time-consuming and requires commitment. We need concerned citizens to attend county commissioner meetings. If you're working, that's understandable. If you're retired or available to attend future county commissioner's meetings, we need you there to show your support. Lately we've had four to five concerned citizens attend these meetings. We need numbers. We still have T-shirts available. The next Okaloosa County Board of Commissioners

Regular Meeting (South) is scheduled for Tuesday, July 18th, 2023, at 8:30 AM. Location: Okaloosa County Administration Building, 1250 Eglin Parkway N. in Shalimar. Please mark your calendars.

Please check out our People Protecting Poquito Bayou (PPPB) Facebook page. Please request access to our webpage. If you're not on Facebook, we send out emails to concerned citizens. If you wish to be added to our concerned citizens email list, please contact me at mdhensley13@gmail.com. Thanks.

June Membership

Below are the latest membership stats.
 We made a jump up to 29%. Great job.
 Thank you for all those that have paid.

If you have not done so, please consider paying your membership dues of \$20.
 You can pay by check, cash, Venmo or PayPal.

You can drop cash or check off at 17 Magnolia Ave. There is a black mailbox on the chain link fence to the left side of home.

Your dues help to do great things in the neighborhood.

<u>6/4/2023</u>					
Bay Street		2	1		50%
Birch Ave		38	6		16%
Hickory Ave		27	4		15%
Holly Ave		24	4		17%
Japonica Lane		28	4		14%
Magnolia Ave		43	13		30%
Maple Ave		41	7		17%
Poplar Ave		46	17		37%
Poquito Road	1 through 51	43	17		40%
Poquito Road	52 through 94	36	15		42%
Poquito Road	95 through 149	32	9		28%
Other			6		#DIV/0!
Walnut Ave		35	8		23%
		383	111		29%

PBCA YARD OF THE MONTH

The Poquito Bayou Yard of the Month Award recognizes the hard work and pride exhibited by residents who beautify their yard.

May's Yard of the Month goes to!!!!

**This month we have yards on Poplar
and Walnut**

34 Poplar Ave the Dickey Family
&
2 Poplar Ave the Higginbotham Family
&
5 Walnut Ave the Erven Family



34 Poplar Ave



35 Walnut



2 Poplar Ave

This year we will have two Yards of the Month, one for each street being judged.
If there is no winner on a street, then there will only be one winner.

See below when your street will be judged.

April – Magnolia Ave and Hickory Ave

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POQUITO BAYOU COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
Minutes of the June 5th, 2023 meeting
Davis Residence, 34 Poquito

Meeting called to order at 18:00

Present: Sean Cramer, Pam Martin, Bob Davis, Dave Hensley, Michael Aid, Felicia Murphy, David Boyd, Pat Hollarn, Tricia Flaherty, Nance Wendell, and Mary Ann Leone.

Minutes of the May meeting had been distributed; motion to approve was made by Michael and seconded by Bob, minutes were approved. Treasurer's report for May was presented by Tricia, motion to accept by Bob, seconded by Michael, report was accepted. The current balance is \$10,082 between the various accounts, including bank, Venmo, and PayPal. The money for the plaques still must be paid.

Membership: Pam reported 111 members (26%) with paid renewed membership thus far for 2023.

Welcome: Street Directors Felicia and Whitney are working on a new Welcome package to be sent out.

Emergency Action/Watch/CERT: Nannette Savage has volunteered to become the new CERT coordinator. This is a program that has been dormant for many months, so excitement was expressed. Dave will email her with the relevant information. Bob has emailed Ashley (Okaloosa County) regarding our Emergency Action Plan, but no update at this time.

BHEV: Bob is the liaison. He is still pursuing a plan for access to the workout facilities.

Events: No events are currently scheduled for June or July, and the events calendar was discussed later in the meeting.

Leo Norred Park: No change in status reported.

Poquito Boat Ramp Park: Dave reported no major issues currently.

Street & Traffic Safety: The stop sign at Evergreen and Birch is covered by foliage. No data from the speed detectors (Fall 2022) has been provided yet.

Street Directors: Felicia met with Crystal about publishing a PBCA calendar on the community PBCA web page. New people are getting involved, and the information mailer is in work.

Old Business: Mike discussed the costs of renting storage vs erecting a shed, and the costs are such that building a shed would be less costly within two years compared to renting. A motion was made to authorize up to \$1000 for purchase of shed and blocks for foundation, after obtaining county permission for space in Leo Norred Park, which Mike is pursuing. The motion passed by acclamation. With respect to the pathway between Magnolia and Holly used by children walking to school, there has apparently been no change, and board members will walk the path in the coming days so we can better delineate to the county our expectations for cleaning the path for children who use it to walk to school. The Abandoned Homes committee plans to meet tomorrow and an update should be available at the next meeting. Nance purchased new Yard of the Month signs, as well as Yard Sale Signs.

New Business: Regarding spending goals, two major events are planned, one targeted for kids (a Fall Festival) on 28 October, while the second will be for adults following the General Membership meeting on Thursday, 12 October, tentatively planned for BHEV. Other events that are currently on the schedule include a Shrimp Boil on 16 September, the Yard/Garage Sale on 04 November, the Friendsgiving on 18 November, and the Christmas Parade on 16 December. The annual Veterans Day Ceremony at the park will be held on Saturday, 11 November, and will include a Quilt of Valor Ceremony, along with guest speaker, Col Ed Hubbard, one of the Vietnam POW Heroes. Bob, despite his advanced age, demonstrated his tech savvy nature by using AI site to help generate ideas for a community association.

PPPB: Dave discussed the Sunset Road development proposal (DR Horton) and the water samples that are being tested in an attempt to prevent an ecological disaster. The County has apparently been vigilant in trying to enforce applicable rules, but the rules are stacked in favor of developers and not for private citizens.

Announcements: Newsletter articles for next newsletter due to Bob Davis by Sunday June 11th. Next PBCA board meeting to be held Monday August 7th at the Flaherty home at 68 Poquito at 1800.

Meeting adjourned at 19:07 pm.

POQUITO BAYOU COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

FINANCIAL REPORT

May 2023

Balance Forward from April 30, 2023 **\$6,949.70**

	<u>May 2023</u>	<u>Year to Date 2023</u>
Income		
Membership Dues	\$0.00 1	\$1,490.00
Donations	\$0.00 2	\$517.00
Veteran's Memorial	\$0.00	\$50.00 *
Halloween Event	\$0.00	\$0.00
Easter Event Income	\$0.00 4	\$217.00
Annual Meeting Bake Sale/Raffle	\$0.00	\$0.00
Annual Meeting Donations	\$0.00	\$0.00
Crawfish & Shrimp Boil	\$0.00 3	\$825.00
New Sign Fundraiser	\$0.00	\$50.00
Advertising	\$0.00	\$100.00
Garage Sale	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$170.00</u>
Total Income	\$0.00	\$3,419.00

Expenses		
Gulf Power	\$60.29	\$367.08
Postage/P.O. Box	\$0.00	\$97.00
Veteran's Memorial	\$0.00	\$0.00
Garage Sale	\$450.73	\$484.77
Candidates Night	\$0.00	\$0.00
Supplies	\$158.96	\$265.89
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	\$647.38
Easter Event	\$0.00	\$281.52
New Sign	\$0.00	\$0.00
Mardi Gras Event	\$0.00	\$0.00
Halloween Event	\$0.00	\$0.00
Project/Repairs	\$0.00	\$0.00
Leo Norred Mowing	<u>\$160.00</u>	<u>\$800.00</u>
Total Expenses	\$829.98	\$3,220.89

Reconciled Balance May 31, 2023 **\$6,119.72**

* Veteran's Memorial Collected to Date \$3,510.00

Venmo Balance as of 05/31/2023 **\$2,882.95**

Paypal Balance as of 05/31/2023 **\$1,079.85**

Total **\$10,082.52**

YTD	
1 Dues Actual	\$1,529
2 Donations Actual	\$502
3 Crawfish Boil Actual	\$1,324
4 Easter Event Actual	\$251

POQUITO BAYOU COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC. MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION YEAR

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. Or mail to P.O. Box 1124, Shalimar, FL 32579

(PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY) FOR YEAR 2022 _____ OR 2023 _____

Date Paid: _____ Dues: _____ Donation (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 _____, Street Director _____

Other interests, ideas; things you'd like addressed? What are they? _____
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The form was not changed but 2023 dues are \$20 vice \$10. We are investigating a number of ways to enhance our neighborhood



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 DELIVERY

June

2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
				MEATBALL SUB & chips	FISH & CHIPS	
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	CHICKEN CORDON BLEU, roasted potatoes & veg	SHEPHERD'S PIE & side salad	MEATLOAF, mashed potatoes & veg	KENTUCKY HOT BROWN, & French fries	COOKOUT grilled burgers & dogs (no regular menu)	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	GRILLED CHICKEN CLUB SANDWICH & pasta salad	PORK CHOPS, baked potato & applesauce	LASAGNA, garlic bread & salad	CHICKEN MARSALA, pasta & vegetable	SEAFOOD SALAD CROISSANT & potato salad	
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	CHICKEN PARMESAN, spaghetti & salad	BEEF TACOS, chips, queso & guacamole salad	POT ROAST, potatoes & carrots	GRILLED REUBEN SANDWICH & fries	CRAB CAKES, rice pilaf & vegetable	
25	26	27	28	29	30	
	CHICKEN FRIED STEAK, mashed potatoes & veg	GRILLED CHICKEN THIGHS, roasted potatoes & tomato salad	CHICKEN SALAD COLD PLATE 9	SWISS STEAK, mashed potatoes & side salad	MINI SHRIMP BOIL	

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