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THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

This February, we've seen something truly rare in Okaloosa County - snow! While we all enjoyed the unique sight, it's a reminder that even in Florida, we need to be prepared for the unexpected. If you haven't filed for your homestead exemption, now is the perfect time. This exemption can save you money on your property taxes, and applications are due by March 1st 2025. Stay warm, stay safe, and stay tuned for some exciting updates coming to our neighborhood park. More details will be shared soon!

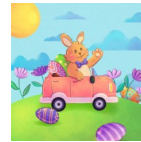
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Mark your Calendars Upcoming Events



CRAWFISH BOIL

MARCH 29



EASTER EGG HUNT

APRIL 12 (more info to come)



GARAGE SALE WEEKEND

THIS WEEKEND APRIL 26 & 27

(more info to come)



Editor's note....

Valentine's Day Facts



Candied hearts were originally sold as medical lozenges to treat sore throats in the 19th century.



145 million greeting cards are exchanged every year for Valentine's Day.



250 million roses are grown just for Valentine's Day.

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY

**!! Poquito Sign down
for repair-
Be back soon !!**

Time to Renew Your PBCA Membership for Another Exciting Year!

As we embark on another year filled with community spirit and engagement, we want to take a moment to thank you for being an integral part of the PBCA Community/Neighborhood and remind you that it's time to renew your membership

Last year, thanks to your support, we were able to:

- Easter Egg Hunt: Over 1,500 eggs hidden for approximately 100 kids, with separate hunts for different age groups, complete with hot chocolate and treats.
- Crawfish sale – with great crawfish and time meeting and sharing with our neighbors.
- Fall Candidate's Forum: A standing-room-only event that fostered civic engagement.
- Trunk or Treat: A festive gathering in the park.
- Community Yard Sale: An opportunity for neighbors to connect and share.
- Christmas Parade: A joyful celebration of the holiday season.

Improvements to our community infrastructure:

- Repairing the rubber pad under the park equipment.
- Replacing road signs.
- Repairing roadside holes to enhance safety for walkers and bikers.

How to Renew:

POQUITO BAYOU COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC. MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION YEAR

Please complete this form and submit it along with your \$20 dues. 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 via Venmo/ at www.poquitobayou.com. THANK YOU!

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

Name: _____ Spouse's Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone No.: _____ E-Mail Address: _____

Minor Children: Boys () Ages: _____ Girls () Ages: _____

Concerns/comments:

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 the PBCA Board of Directors? _____ Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Training _____. _____. Street Director _____

Saturday March 29th 3PM



hosted by PBCA

CRAWFISH BOIL

Order:
Felicia Murphy
feliciamurphy0319@gmail.com
call/text 850.698.3686

\$30 order includes:
sausage,
corn & potatoes

venmo

LEO NORRED PARK

all orders will be packaged to-go, but please bring a chair & stay a while

ORDERS MUST BE PLACED & PREPAID BY MAR. 26th

PBCA SPRING BAKE SALE

CALLING ALL BAKERS

We need baked goods for our
Bake Sale at the Easter Event

SAT. April 12th

Contact Felicia to sign up

feliciamurphy0319@gmail.com

850-698-3686



Poquito Bayou and Longwood Cats and Kittens

For neighbors not on our Facebook page, we wanted you to be aware of a wonderful ongoing project.

Cats, kittens, everywhere! Well, maybe not everywhere, but the feral feline population in Poquito Bayou and Longwood has been growing. A very kind and generous animal lover and neighbor, Brenda Armacost, partnered with the Okaloosa Animal Protection League (APL) and Crossroads Animal Clinic to get our colony under control. Brenda traps the cats overnight, the following morning takes them to Crossroads for surgery, then takes them to her home for the night, and releases them the following morning where they were trapped. In addition to neutering/spaying, the cats are also given a rabies shot, flea/tick prevention, microchip, and a tipped ear so they can be easily identified. As of mid February, our neighborhood has 32 cats that will no longer be reproducing.

All of this would not have been possible without Brenda spearheading the project and generous donations from our community, APL, and Crossroads. APL donated \$50 per cat for our first 30 cats, and donations from our community funded the remainder. The project is now completely our financial responsibility. Crossroads will continue the surgeries at shelter pricing—males are \$87, females \$98.

If you have questions or a feral cat that needs neutered/spayed, please text or call Brenda at 850-357-3542. Donations of any amount will be greatly appreciated so we can continue this fantastic project. You can donate directly to Crossroads, 850-586-7696 (there is a fee for using a credit card), drop off a check or cash at Crossroads, 601B Eglin Pkwy (beside Batteries Plus), or Brenda will pick up a check at your home (payable to Crossroads). Thank you, thank you!



**POQUITO BAYOU COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
FINANCIAL REPORT
January 2025**

Balance Forward from December 31, 2024 **\$9,746.96**

	<u>January 2025</u>	<u>Year to Date 2025</u>
Income		
Membership Dues	\$118.81	\$118.81
Donations	\$50.00	\$50.00
Veteran's Memorial	\$0.00	\$0.00
Halloween Event/Fall Festival	\$0.00	\$0.00
Easter Event Income	\$0.00	\$0.00
Annual Meeting Bake Sale/Raffle	\$0.00	\$0.00
Annual Meeting Donations	\$0.00	\$0.00
Crawfish & Shrimp Boil	\$0.00	\$0.00
New Sign Fundraiser	\$0.00	\$0.00
Advertising	\$0.00	\$0.00
Donut Fundraiser	\$0.00	\$0.00
Garage Sale	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Income	\$168.81	\$168.81

Expenses		
Gulf Power	\$93.09	\$93.09
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	\$0.00
Website Expense	\$0.00	\$0.00
Crawfish & Shrimp Boil	\$0.00	\$0.00
Easter Event	\$0.00	\$0.00
Candidates Night	\$0.00	\$0.00
Halloween/Fall Festival Event	\$0.00	\$0.00
Project/Repairs	\$502.21	\$502.21
Membership Mail Out	\$0.00	\$0.00
Leo Norred Mowing	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Expenses	\$595.30	\$595.30

Regions Bank Reconciled Balance January 31, 2025 **\$3,244.23**
 Venmo Balance as of 01/31/2025 \$4,312.97
 Paypal Balance as of 01/31/2025 \$1,763.27

Total Funds **\$9,320.47**
 Obligated Funds -\$1,000.00
 Reserved for Veteran's Memorial -\$1,511.94
Available Funds January 31, 2025 **\$6,808.53**

POQUITO BAYOU COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the February 3rd, 2025 meeting

Travis Residence, 38 Magnolia, Shalimar

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

Present: Sean and Whitney Cramer, Felicia Murphy, Bob Davis, David Boyd, Tricia Flaherty, Nance Wendell, Pam Martin, Mary Travis, Mary Ann Leone, Michael and Tammi Aid.

Minutes of the January meeting had been distributed; motion to approve was made by Mike and seconded by Nance, minutes were approved. Bob asked for clarification on sign nomenclature. The neighborhood sign will also be called the entry sign.

Old Business: The board discussed signs for most of the meeting. The entry sign will be repaired by Kevin from World of Signs, who described the process. The sign will be away for two weeks or more. Mike made a motion to allow Kevin to make this repair, Bob seconded, and it passed unanimously. The plan is to have separate signs designating Leo Norred Park and the Poquito Bayou Veteran's Monument. Kevin brought some materials to show some of the options, with aluminum being far out of the price range of PBCA. After discussion, the group decided to pursue the poly-AL product with acrylic letters, and Kevin will produce quotes for the two signs. The group agreed to a framed brown park sign without cutouts for the park sign, 3x2 ft. The monument sign will match the plaques in shape and style. Ken Leone has the rails/posts for the park fence, and they have been paid for. Felicia reported that a class project will result in the donation of at least 3 new picnic tables for Leo Norred Park. The Abandoned Homes Committee is monitoring houses that are not being cared for due to aging owners in facilities.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer's report for January was presented by Tricia. Income was \$168.81 and expenses were \$595.30 (including the rails). Total funds are \$9,320.47 and available funds (not obligated) are \$6,808.53. She noted that Felicia managed to put on the entire Christmas children's celebration for just \$112.17. The report was approved after a motion by Pam and second by Felicia.

Membership: Pam reported at least a dozen membership forms have been received for 2025.

BHEV: Bob reported the Brook McClain would be willing to meet and explain Victory Village.

Poquito Boat Ramp Park: No current issues reported, per Sean who visits regularly, including in snow.

Street & Traffic Safety: Bob reported some slight repairs of road edges since our last meeting.

Street Directors: Felicia plans to have a meeting within the next month. Mary Travis serves Magnolia.

New Business: The Spring Boil is scheduled for 08 March, and the Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for 12 April. The garage sale will be held 26-27 April. The County Commission voted on 07 January to move forward with the Eglin Orphan Parcels development.

Announcements: Newsletter articles for next newsletter due to Tammi Aid by 11 February. Next PBCA board meeting scheduled 1800 on Monday, 03 March, at the Martin home, 17 Magnolia.

Meeting adjourned at 18:58 pm.

David Boyd, Recording Secretary



February

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

unday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1
2	3 PHILLY CHEESESTEAK & French fries	4 BEEF TACOS, chips & queso & guacamole salad	5 MEATLOAF, mashed potatoes & vegetable	6 PORK FRIED RICE, & egg roll	7 CHICKEN FINGER BASKET	8
9	10 CHICKEN FRIED STEAK, mashed potatoes & vegetable	11 CHICKEN POT PIE & side salad	12 LASAGNA, garlic bread & salad	13 RUEBEN SANDWICH & French fries	14 GALENTINE'S BRUNCH (must pre-order through AFEV) (Closed to the Public)	15
16	17 CUBAN SANDWICH & French fries	18 CHICKEN ENCHILADAS rice & beans	19 BEEF STROGANOFF, egg noodles & vegetable	20 TUSCAN CHICKEN PASTA & side salad	21 FISH & CHIPS	22
23	24 MIDWEST PORK TENDERLOIN SANDWICH, & potato salad	25 STUFFED CABBAGE, mashed potatoes & veg	26 FRIED CHICKEN, mac-n-cheese & veg	27 SPAGHETTI & MEATBALLS, bread & side salad	28 COOKOUT grilled burgers & dogs (no regular menu)	

POSITION	NAME	ADDRESS	PHONE #	EMAIL ADDRESS	
DIRECTORY OF OFFICERS					
President	Sean Cramer (Whitney)	20 Poplar Ave	850-259-9034	crame977@gmail.com	updated 03/06/2023
Vice President	Michael Aid (Tammi)	37 Hickory Ave	334-379-2901	michael.aid@outlook.com	Updated 12/31/2022
2nd VP	Felicia Murphy (Matt)	16 Birch Ave	850-698-3686	felicia.murphy0319@gmail.com	Updated 12/31/2022
Recording Sec	David Boyd (Sabrina)	3A Poquito Rd.	904-236-4712	s2d2Boyd@yahoo.com	Updated 02/26/2023
Corresponding Sec	Pat Hollarn	139 Poquito Road	850-585-7768	integrityunlimited@cox.net	Updated 02/26/2023
Treasurer	Tricia Bryant Flaherty (Bud)	68 Poquito 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					Updated 02/14/2024
1-51 Poquito	Mary Ann Leone (Ken)	30 Poquito Road	850-543-7054	maleone@cox.net	Updated 02/26/2023
52-94 Poquito	Tricia Bryant Flaherty (Bud)	68 Poquito Road	850-585-8334	tblm81@aol.com	
95-149 Poquito	Ralph Johnson	147 Poquito Road	850-651-7906	dirajo147@yahoo.com	
Walnut	Nance Wendel (Rick)	16 Walnut Ave	(850) 461-8537	nanceadw@cox.net	Updated 1/29/2021
ACTION COMMITTEE CHAIR PERSONS					
Event Director 1	Felicia Murphy (Matt)	16 Birch Ave	850-698-3686	pbcaeventdirectors@gmail.com	Updated 05/18/2023
Event Director 2	Whitney Cramer (Sean)	20 Poplar	850-830-8582	pbcaeventdirectors@gmail.com	Update 05/18-2023
PT Editor	Tammi Aid (Michael)	37 Poquito 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	850-240-0644	donkreis@cox.net	update d 01/19/2024
Garage Sale	Nance Wendel (Rick)	16 Walnut Ave	(850) 461-8537	nanceadw@cox.net	Updated 1/29/2021
Leo Norred Park	Matt Murphy (Felicia)	16 Birch Ave	(850) 525-3717	murphyhysoutdoorservices@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 Poquito Road	(850) 585-8334	tblm81@aol.com	
Poquito Boat Ramp					
PT Advertising	Tricia Bryant Flaherty		850-585-8334	tblm81@aol.com	
Street Maintenance	Bob Davis (Sally)	34 Poquito Road	(850) 651-3034	bobbyz55x@gmail.com	
Vet Mem. Plaques	Ken Leone	30 Poquito Road	850-543-7054	maleone@cox.net	
Candidate Night	Bob Davis (Sally)	34 Poquito Road	(850) 651-3034	bobbyz55x@gmail.com	
Yard of MO 1	Pam Martin	17 Magnolia Ave	(850) 376-8283	Pcmartin1@outlook.com	
Poquito 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 Poquito 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.

THERE IS A MAILBOX ON THE PORCH NEXT TO THE FRONT DOOR. PLEASE INCLUDE ANY CHANGES.