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OCTOBER 23 @ BOB HOPE VILLAGE GATES CENTER

6:00PM SOCIAL TIME

6:30 MEETING

NEW BOARD MEMBERS NOMINATED AND VOTED INTO OFFICE....

SEVERAL POSITIONS OPEN

WE ARE LOOKING FOR NOMINATIONS

President, 1nd & 2nd VP, Corresponding Secretary, Newsletter Editor, St Directors

GUEST SPEAKER

BROOKE MCLEAN, CEO OF THE AIRFORCE ENLISTED VILLAGE

URGENT NOTICE!!!

Volunteers Needed to Keep our Community Association Alive

The Poquito Bayou Community Association thrives because of passionate volunteers who give of their time and energy. Right now, we're facing a critical shortage. Without new volunteers stepping up, we may have to suspend all our community services—and that means saying goodbye to all the things we've built together

What we May Lose Without Your Help:

- Maintenance and upkeep of Norred Park

 - Landscaping

 - Irrigation

 - Electrical system

 - Playground equipment inspection and upkeep

 - Fencing

 - Other miscellaneous upkeep

- Liaison with County Government

- Yard of the Month Contests

- Monitoring Streets and Roads Condition/coordinate with County

Also, all the great activities that the neighborhood enjoys will have to be cancelled or severely curtailed to include semi-annual garage sales, Easter egg hunts, Halloween trunk or treat, Christmas parade and Santa with kids, Friendsgiving, and the Veteran's Day ceremony.

How can you make a difference?

Attend our general membership meeting at 6 PM, October 23rd in the BHV Gates Center.

Meet the current members of our board of directors and become better informed about the PBCA.

Email: Michael.aid@outlook.com

Call/Text: 334-379-2901

Step up and take ownership of your neighborhood. No experience required—just a willingness to pitch in. Your willingness to help ensures our park stays green, kids stay entertained, and our neighborhood stays connected.

You need to act now! If we don't secure some new leaders by the end of this calendar year, we may have no choice but to limit or terminate our services. Let's come together to protect the heart of our community.



GUEST SPEAKER

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

The future of the Air Force Enlisted Village (AFEV) includes the development of Victory Village, a specialized community for aging wounded warriors and their caregivers, built on 80 acres of recently acquired land from Eglin Air Force Base. This expansion, beginning with the Victory Village project, will broaden AFEV's mission to serve not only Air Force families but also wounded warriors and their families from other military branches, with a long-term vision of providing a continuum of care for these aging service members. 

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MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION

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 are accepted, made payable to PBCA. Or mail to 68 Poquito Road, Shalimar, FL 32579 or pay via Venmo/PayPal at www.poquitobayou.com. THANK YOU!!

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 they? _____

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POQUITO BAYOU COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the September 8th, 2025 meeting

Aid Residence, 37 Hickory, Shalimar

Meeting called to order at 18:00 (by Michael Aid)

Present: Michael Aid, David Boyd, Tricia Flaherty, Bob Davis, Mary Ann Leone, Pam Martin, Nance Wendell, Mary Travis, and Lendy Edwards.

New Business: The future of the organization was discussed, with a list produced and distributed by Bob to show the contributions that the organization makes to the community. These include maintaining and improving the park, neighborhood garage sales, Easter Egg Hunts, Halloween events (e.g. Trunk or Treat), Christmas Parade, Friendsgiving, Veteran's Day Service, Candidates night, decorations, Yard of the Month contests, and coordination with local officials of various agencies. The organization is in desperate need of new volunteers and board members, and especially a new President. Mike will send out (via email, Facebook, and newsletter) a plea to the neighborhood for volunteers to keep the association alive and functioning, with general agreement by all present.

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

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer's reports for August was presented by Tricia. Income was \$40.00 and expenses were \$283.46. Total funds are \$10,936.74 and available funds (not obligated) are \$9,175.79. The report was approved after a motion by Pam, seconded by Bob.

Old Business: The Veterans Monument sign is complete and is awaiting placement until after the new posts are in place and painted. The General Membership meeting has been set for 23 October, at 1800 (program to start at 1830), at BHEV, with guest speaker CMSgt (ret) Brooke McLean, President of AFEV, discussing growth of AFEV. Trunk or Treat will be held Sunday 26 October at Leo Norred Park, with Mary Ann as POC. The neighborhood garage sale will be held 08-09 November (Saturday principal, Sunday rain date), with Nance as POC. The Veterans Day Ceremony is tentatively set for 11 November at 1600.

Committee Reports: No reports due to discussions regarding the future of PBCOA.

Announcements: Newsletter articles for next newsletter due to Tammi Aid by 12 September. Next PBCA board meeting scheduled for 1800, Monday, 06 October, location TBD.

Meeting adjourned 18:50 pm.

David Boyd, Recording Secretary

POQUITO BAYOU COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
FINANCIAL REPORT
August 2025

Balance Forward from July 31, 2025 **\$11,180.20**

	<u>August 2025</u>	<u>Year to Date 2025</u>
Income		
Membership Dues	\$40.00	\$1,951.91
Donations	\$0.00	\$695.00
Veteran's Memorial	\$0.00	\$0.00
Halloween Event/Fall Festival	\$0.00	\$0.00
Easter Event/Bake Sale	\$0.00	\$256.00
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	\$0.00	\$220.00
Donut Fundraiser	\$0.00	\$0.00
Garage Sale	\$0.00	\$178.32
Total Income	\$40.00	\$4,292.73

Expenses		
Gulf Power	\$45.70	\$402.74
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	\$0.00	\$423.65
Candidates Night	\$0.00	\$0.00
Halloween/Fall Festival Event	\$0.00	\$0.00
Project/Repairs	\$137.76	\$1,158.92
Membership Mail Out	\$0.00	\$0.00
Leo Norred Mowing	\$100.00	\$300.00
Total Expenses	\$283.46	\$3,102.95

Regions Bank Reconciled Balance August 31, 2025 **\$3,622.58**

Venmo Balance as of 08/31/2025 \$5,343.88

Paypal Balance as of 08/31/2025 \$1,970.28

Total Funds **\$10,936.74**

Obligated Funds -\$1,000.00

Reserved for Veteran's Memorial -\$760.95

Available Funds August 31, 2025 **\$9,175.79**

The Poquito Bayou Community Association is in the process of expanding the Poquito Bayou Veterans Monument. The Veterans Monument is intended to show our neighborhood's appreciation of and to honor current and former military members who are residents or family of residents.

Twenty new posts have been purchased, cut, primed and painted. The new posts will soon be installed, providing spots for 20 personalized plaques. Plaques cost \$50 each and are available to anyone who has served or is serving in the military, along with eligible family members. Anyone interested in purchasing a personalized plaque for themselves or for another Veteran can submit the plaque order form.

POQUITO BAYOU COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION VETERANS MONUMENT PLAQUE ORDER FORM

Please fill in the lines exactly as you want the name to appear on the plaque. The plaque is approximately 5 1/2" X 6" and will hold 7 lines with a maximum of 17 spaces per line for letters, dashes, numbers, slashes, punctuation marks and spaces. Use proper name, rank, service, etc. as in the following example:

Line 1: NAME: John A. Doe or IN MEMORY OF: Name would then go on line 2, and so on.

Line 2: DATE OF BIRTH AND DEATH (If needed), YEARS ONLY: 1921 – 1991

Line 3: RANK AND BRANCH OF SERVICE: Example: SGT. USAF (Use abbreviations)

Line 4: DATES OF SERVICE, YEARS ONLY: 1961-1989

Line 5: CONFLICT (If applicable) Example: World War II, Korea, etc. (continue on line 6 if needed)

Line 6 & Line 7 Optional: Example: Father, Mother, Son, Daughter of: John A. Doe, or Poquito Bayou Street Address, etc.

LINE 1: _____

LINE 2: _____

LINE 3: _____

LINE 4: _____

LINE 5: _____

LINE 6: _____

LINE 7: _____

Plaques are \$50 each

Please make checks payable to "PBCA", and return the form with the check to Tricia Flaherty, 68 Poquito Road, Shalimar Fl 32579. Phone: 850-585-8334.

The Veterans Monument is intended to show our neighborhood's appreciation for residents or family members of residents who served or who are currently serving in the military.

September

MON. – FRI. 11AM-1PM



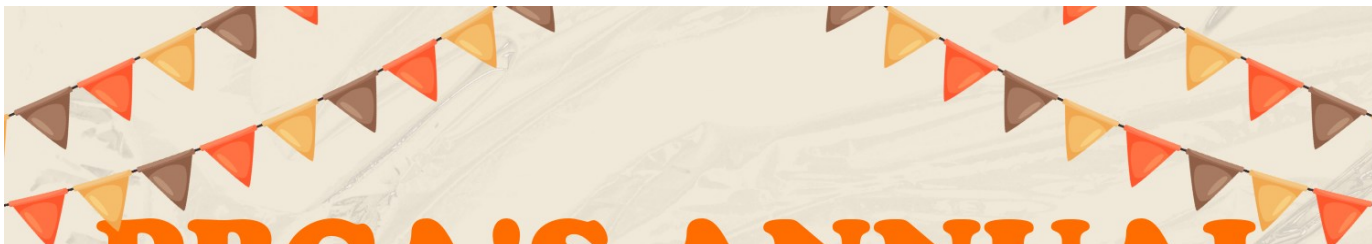
KNIFE'S EDGE

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 *CLOSED* LABOR DAY	2 PHILLY CHEESESTEAK & French fries	3 MEATLOAF, mashed potatoes & veg	4 THAI GRILLED CHICKEN THIGHS, roasted potatoes & tomato salad	5 FISH & CHIPS	6
7	8 ASIAN CHICKEN SALAD	9 *CLOSED* PRIVATE EVENT	10 NATL. TV DINNER DAY TURKEY, stuffing, mashed potatoes & vegetable	11 CHICKEN MARSALA, pasta & side salad	12 CRAB CAKES, rice pilaf & vegetable	13
14	15 PULLED PORK PLATE, beans & potato salad	16 BEEF TACOS, chips & queso	17 MONTE CRISTO SANDWICH, roast potatoes & fruit salad	18 BISCUITS & GRAVY, eggs & corned beef hash	19 OKTOBERFEST (AFEV event. Sign-up req.)	20
21	22 BEEF STROGANOFF, egg noodles & vegetable	23 CHICKEN POT PIE & side salad	24 LASAGNA, garlic bread & salad	25 CHICKEN QUESADILLA, beans & rice	26 COCONUT SHRIMP, French fries & coleslaw	27
28	29 CHICKEN FRIED STEAK, mashed potatoes & veg	30 FRENCH DIP SANDWICH & French fries				



PBCA'S ANNUAL TRUNK OR TREAT



JOIN US FOR A FRIGHTFULLY
FUN HALLOWEEN!



PBCA is looking for volunteers to set up trunks in the park for Halloween. Participants will need to be set up by 5pm. This is a great way to still see all the cute kiddos and their costumes if your house doesn't get a bunch of trick or treaters.

OCTOBER 31 5- 7 PM

LEO NORRED PARK



**Busy on Halloween? That's Okay,
you can still help by donating candy
to give to everyone that signs up.**

**TO SIGN UP : comment here or contact Tricia at 850-585-8334
tblm81@aol.com**

PBCA's NEIGHBORHOOD GARAGE SALE

Nov. 8th & 9th

7am–12pm



Maps will be available Sat. morning at
www.poquitobayou.com & on facebook.

Be sure to look for mailboxes with balloons

**PBCA's
COMMUNITY**

GARAGE SALE



Contact Nance for sign up by 11/5

850-461-8537

**\$10 *see
attached flyer
for signup
information**

Nov. 8th & 9th

**7:00AM TO
12:00PM**

nance.wendel@era-american.com

Poquito Bayou 2025 Semi-Annual Fall Community Garage Sale
Saturday Nov 8th and Sunday Nov 9th – 7 am-12 noon



Time again to gather your 'extra' stuff for the semi-annual sale!! Some folks thought it would be great to Sell MORE STUFF!! So, let's go again! Gather your stuff, price it and set it up for the yard sale junkies to come out and peruse!!!

Saturday Nov 8th will be the start up and instead of having a rain date, we will just advertise that the sale carries over into Sunday the 9th. This also acts as a rain date. 7 am to 12 noon is the time. PBCA will sponsor an ad in the NWF Daily News that will run Thursday, Friday and Saturday, ending Nov 9th to invite our neighbors to COME ON OUT and see us. Sharing the date with each other tends to draw a greater number of shoppers and pickers... Everyone Wins! YAY!

For Everyone in Poquito Bayou subdivision who wants to participate.... Fill out the Below Form and get it to Nance either drop it off at 16 Walnut, text me a photo of it, or email it to nance.wendel@era-american.com and bring me \$10 for the ad and balloon!! Cash or a check (Payable to PBCA)! Or go ONLINE to <https://www.poquitobayou.com/events-1> . If you drop it by the house, please let me know so I can be looking for it 😊 **RETURN PLEASE BY Wednesday 11/6/24.**

If you wish, fill out the PBCA Annual Membership form in this newsletter and include that additional \$20 with your payment to take care of both at once! I will get it to our Treasurer with all due haste.

Late Friday afternoon, I will deliver the Balloon for your mailbox and maps will be placed at the northeast corner HOLLY and POQUITO for the shoppers denoting the addresses of participating neighbors.

PBCA Garage Sale Coordinator: Nance Wendel, 16 Walnut 850-461-8537

PBCA Garage Sale COUPON

Name: _____ Address: _____

Phone: _____ \$20 paid by _____ Cash _____ Check # _____

Summary of Items for Sale: _____

Kill 2 Birds! Combine w/membership and drop off to Nance – 16 Walnut Ave....

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.

