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President's corner

101 Critical Days of Summer in Florida: Stay Safe and Hydrated.

With the start of the 101 Critical Days of Summer, a period stretching from Memorial Day to Labor Day, it's crucial for residents to prioritize safety and health. As temperatures soar, the

risk of heat-related illnesses, such as heat exhaustion and heat stroke, increases significantly. Staying hydrated is essential; make sure to drink plenty of water throughout the day, especially when engaging in outdoor activities. Recognize the signs of heat stroke, which include confusion, dizziness, headache, and rapid pulse. If you or someone else exhibits these symptoms, seek immediate medical attention. Additionally, be mindful of the sun's intense rays. Wear sunscreen with a high SPF, reapply it regularly, and seek shade during peak sun hours. Wearing lightweight, loose-fitting clothing and a wide-brimmed hat can also help protect against sunburn and overheating. Enjoy the summer responsibly by taking these precautions to ensure a safe and enjoyable season for all.

Sean

DON'T WAIT 'TIL IT'S TOO LATE!

Want to learn more about hospice, as well as have input into what it could grow to be? A group of medical professionals are considering a new hospice care organization and want input from as many of the local communities as possible before finalizing their company plans. An Okaloosa County nurse, Mrs. Pat Dingess of Baker, would like to meet with small groups of 6-7 to 18-20 people, such as church Bible or study groups, book clubs, small business people, neighbors, etc., to speak with and listen to what is wanted and needed for this part of our lives. If you are interested, contact me and I will put Pat in touch with you and your group. Pat is a long-time friend of mine and I am helping her find small groups to address.

Pat Hollarn integrityunlimited@cox.net or 850-585-7768

People Protecting Poquito Bayou update – Dave Hensley

There's no update on the FDEP/EPA testing.

At the last County Commissioners meeting on May 21st, we are now starting a new front: working with Okaloosa County Commissioners and Growth Management modifying the current land development code to limit clear cutting. May 21st was our first step towards that goal. We need to do research on the effects of clear cutting, what other counties across the country are doing to limit clear cutting and then present this information to the county commissioners. We need concerned citizens to attend future county commissioner meetings to speak on topics related to clear cutting. We need numbers to show up for support and to speak. If you're not comfortable speaking, perhaps your research can help someone present your facts before the county commissioners. This is a team effort!!!

Ms. Ketchel, our County Commissioner, advised me via email that Mr. Elliot Kampert, Okaloosa County Growth Management Director had presented the proposed Land Development Code change affecting clear cutting to some developers and he got stiff opposition. It will be brought before the county commission in mid-July. When we get an advanced copy of the proposed change, we'll forward it to our PPPB concerned citizens email distribution group and our PPPB Facebook webpage.

At the May 21st County Commissioner' meeting, the commissioners approved proceeding with working with Eglin AFB on acquiring multiple "orphan parcels" of land: 'GENERATIONAL OPPORTUNITY': Okaloosa County sets sights on Eglin AFB orphan parcels for development. You may have seen the recent article regarding this. Basically, parcel one is Camp Pinchot, parcel two is East Garnier Creek and parcel five is the former Poquito Bayou MFH area. If my memory serves me correctly, Camp Pinchot and East Garnier Creek were slated for privatized military family housing back in 2005, which was fought by concerned citizens in Longwood. It'll be interesting to see how the public reacts to this news.

(Hensley article cont'd)

We're still trying to get a good snapshot of "Red" the Red Cockaded Woodpecker.

Shelly Hakspiel, who lives at 6 Sharilyn Drive has spotted a gopher tortoise on the property:



We may have a contest on our PPPB FB webpage on the cutest name for this turtle. FDEP representative Kolby Altablet, confirmed that it was indeed a Gopher Tortoise. Quote: "Yes, I can confirm that it is a gopher tortoise and a very striking one at that." Kolby suggested that we document any gopher tortoises or burrows on vacant properties by taking a photo and document our observation to FWC's [Gopher Tortoise Sightings \(myfwc.com\)](https://myfwc.com). Shelly Hakspiel did that. I did have a conversation with an individual who was a key member of the Association of Bayou Conservation, the group that successfully stopped Eglin's attempt of privatizing eight hundred acres over in the Camp Pinchot and East Garnier's Creek area back in 2005. He told me that the presence of the gopher tortoise was one of the key reasons the Air Force decided to build elsewhere.

If you haven't signed up to receive emails regarding the latest information, please provide me with your name and email address. Also, if you want the most current information, please join our People Protecting Poquito Bayou Facebook Webpage (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/3451572028406950>).

RIDDLE FOR LUNCH AT KNIFE'S EDGE

What rock group consists of four famous men, but none of them sing?

Text: 850 685-4759 with answer. Must be active member of PBCA to participate.



Upcoming Hurricane Season. The 2024 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>

FLORIDA'S 2024 HURRICANE SEASON OUTLOOK

According to the National Hurricane Center, the 2024 Atlantic hurricane season is expected to be an active one, with **23 named storms, 11 hurricanes, and 5 category 3 or stronger hurricanes predicted.** The Colorado State University (CSU) forecast team also predicts an extremely active season, with an identical forecast.

PBCA CANDIDATES NIGHT 2024

Circle your calendars for August 8th. The PBCA will be hosting our bi-annual Candidates Night at Bob Hope Village. We hope to have all the county candidates and will be inviting some of the state and one U S race contestants. Starts at 615 with social and guests will start speaking at 715.



51 Poquito Rd

&

95 Poquito Rd



We have two new Yards of the Month. This month's judging was done on 1-72 Poquito Rd & 73-149 Poquito Rd.

51 Poquito Rd. and 95 Poquito Road were the Winners for June.

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 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.

2024

April – Poplar Ave and Walnut
May – Maple Ave and Birch Ave
June - Poquito Rd 1-72 and Poquito Rd 73-149
July – -Holly Ave and Japonica Ln
August Magnolia Ave and Hickory Ave

POQUITO BAYOU COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
Minutes of the June 3rd, 2024 meeting
Leone residence, 30 Poquito, Shalimar

Meeting called to order at 18:01 (by Sean Cramer)

Present: Sean Cramer, Michael Aid, Felicia Murphy, David Boyd, Pat Hollarn, Tricia Flaherty, Mary Ann Leone, and Nance Wendell.

Minutes of the May meeting had been distributed; motion to approve was made by Michael and seconded by Nance, minutes were approved.

Old Business: Mike reported that the Veteran's Memorial Committee action is on hold since the Chair, Jane Fedosky-Hensley, has had other more pressing issues recently. An update is likely at the next meeting. The sign on the monument will also be requiring repair, and a discussion was held on that. The Bylaws committee has continued work on its proposal, and should be ready for the next (August) meeting, and then presented for approval at the October general membership meeting. The Abandoned Homes Committee plans to focus on the two most pressing needs, and determine what violations that can be sent to Code Enforcement.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer's report for May was presented by Tricia. Income for May was \$1,238.21 and expenses were \$594.26, largely due to the success of the Murphy's Crawfish Boil. Total funds are \$10,132.67 and available funds (not obligated) for budgeted items are \$7,028.45. Motion to approve was made by Michael and seconded by Felicia, report was unanimously approved.

Membership: Felicia reported 123 paid members. When people move here, an effort will be made to contact them about membership, and Whitney plans to participate.

BHEV: Candidate night will be held 08 August at BHEV. A separate meeting will be held in the weeks before by those responsible, since the next Board meeting will be only three days prior. A motion was made by Michael and seconded by Pat to authorize up to \$250 for refreshments, and it passed.

Poquito Boat Ramp Park: There is a sinkhole in the ramp park, and the County is aware.

Street & Traffic Safety: There was no update.

Street Directors: There was no update.

Projects Update: Felicia reported that the irrigation system has working, and that may be affected by rainfall and the water table. The owner of the drilling company has promised to address any problems in the near future. There is no update on the storage building project.

Park Update: The County Parks representative Matt Davidson has helped keep our park maintained, and an effort will be made to ensure his successor is encouraged to do the same.

Events: Candidate night will be on 08 August. A shrimp boil or pork butt sale is proposed for Autumn. Don Kreis typically handles the flag in the park, but will be unable for D-Day (06 June), so Michael will fill in and lower the flag to half-staff on 06 June as is customary and appropriate. Pat announced that a friend of hers (Pat Dinges) is willing to speak to groups about the details of Hospice Care, since this is a subject about which many are woefully ignorant until forced into that situation.

Legendary Cove Subdivision: Dave was not present, but sent an update about the Sunset Road development proposal (Legendary Cove) and discussed the recently discovered gopher tortoise, which could result in some delay since they are a protected species. There is no change in the CERCLA process.

Announcements: Newsletter articles for next newsletter due to Bob Davis by the end of the week. Next PBCA board meeting scheduled for 1800 on Monday August 5th at the Flaherty home, 68 Poquito.

Meeting adjourned at 18:48 pm.

David Boyd, Recording Secretary

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Walnut	Nance Wendel (Rick)	16 Walnut Ave	(850) 461-8537	nanceadw@cox.net	Updated 1/29/2021
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