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Dear Neighbors,

In the spirit of Valentine's Day, why not spread some love and kindness throughout our neighborhood? Did you know that Valentine's Day has a rich history dating back to ancient Rome? It was originally celebrated as a pagan festival called Lupercalia,

which honored the coming of spring and fertility. Over time, it evolved into a Christian feast day in honor of St. Valentine, a priest who secretly married couples against the Roman Emperor's decree.

Today, Valentine's Day is celebrated as a day of love and affection around the world. Consider leaving anonymous notes of appreciation or small acts of kindness for your neighbors. Whether it's raking up a neighbor's leaves, bringing in a neighbor's trash bins, or simply sharing a smile, these small gestures can make a big difference in brightening someone's day. As always, if you have any suggestions, concerns, or community news you'd like to share, please don't hesitate to reach out. Let's continue to make our neighborhood a welcoming and vibrant place for all. Wishing you all a joyful February filled with warmth, kindness, and community spirit. Warm regards,

Sean



MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

It's already February and I wanted to thank those who have paid their memberships early. We are off to a great start, Eighty plus memberships have been paid. Remember dues are \$20 a year. You can pay by dropping off at 17 Magnolia Ave in the PBCA drop box, pay by Venmo or PayPal using our website: https://www.poquitobayou.com/ (sorry can't link it, you'll have to enter the url in your browser)

We have been able to do great things from your dues. Look forward to seeing you at one of our upcoming events: a low country boil and the easter hunt for the young ones. Look out for more activities on our Facebook page.

The Yard of the month will start in March again this year.

Thanks

Pam

PBCA Membership

LAND DEVELOPMENT EXPLOSION

In case you haven't noticed Poquito Bayou is in the midst of an explosion of land development. First there is the Legendary Cove Subdivision off Sunset; Victory Village right next door to it; the Air Force looking at future use of the former military housing area just across the bayou from us; and finally the additional Air Force research into a multi use development adjacent to the REEF and Lewis Turner.

David Hensley and the PPBB group have been watching and reporting on all this potential growth surrounding our neighborhood. They have provided more information on all this potential development in articles following. <u>Please take the time to read</u> about what's taking place next door.

Eglin AFB to lease 98 acres for mixed-use technology and research park development

Eglin Air Force Base will host an industry day on Feb. 7 to explore potential growth opportunities for a mixed-use technology and research park on base grounds.

• The event will take place from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Research Engineering and Education Facility at 1350 North Poquito Road, in Shalimar, Florida.

The Air Force is soliciting private and public interest in the development of a 98-acre parcel of non-excess, underutilized land surrounding the Research Engineering Education Facility at Eglin through the lease of all or a part of the parcel for purposes of financing, permitting, developing, constructing, owning, maintaining, and operating commercial buildings by a private sector developer and/or a public entity.

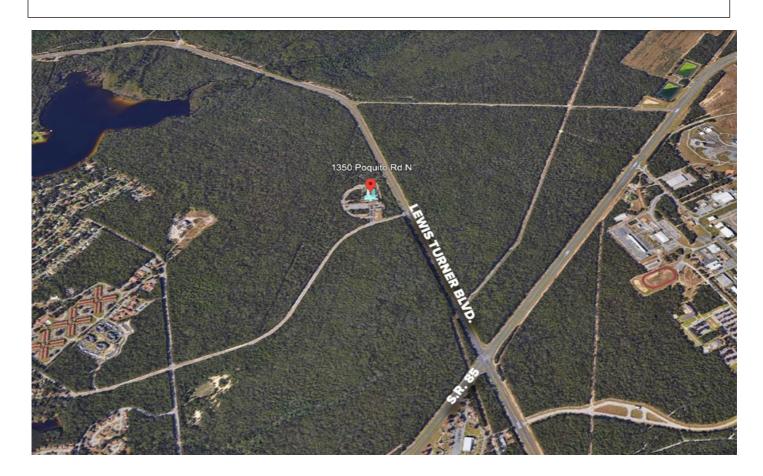
• **Potential developments include** hotels, business parks, solar arrays, sports complexes and wastewater facilities.

The industry day forum will allow private sector developers, public entities and the surrounding community to learn more about the opportunities available.

The Air Force must receive fair market value in lease payments or in-kind considerations. A draft Request for Lease Proposals is expected to be posted to SAM.gov by Jan. 18, with submissions due March 29 at 5 p.m.

Interested parties are encouraged to attend the event to exchange ideas, provide comments and ask questions. Registration is open by emailing <u>EglinAFB.EUL@Specprosvcs.com</u>

https://www.getthecoast.com/eglin-afb-looks-to-lease-98-acres-for-mixed-use-technology-and-research-park-development/?fbclid=IwAR1lAnnRG48wBVSMipeVFEGYPTHEo2_ylmuZB7m8c2Cp1-



CHANGES ARE COMING TO OUR AREA IN SEEMINGLY RAPID SUCCESSION

By David Hensley

We have no update with the Legendary Cove Subdivision project. er, there are updates in other areas. Change is coming to the Poquito Bayou/Longwood Community.

Howev-

Shirley Godbold and I attended the Eglin AFB's Industry Day for the proposed mixed-use Enhanced Use Lease at the UF Research Engineering & Education Facility this morning. There were a wide range of individuals in attendance: military & civilian members, local officials (County Commissioner Mel Ponder & Shalimar Mayor, Mark Franks), defense contractors and builders. There were seven presentations from the military (GS) and Mr. Nathan Sparks, One Okaloosa Economic Development Council. This is phase II of the development process, soliciting bids, which will take approx. six to eight months. Below is an artist concept of what the campus would look like. Here's a WEAR Channel 3 news report: https://weartv.com/amp/news/local/eglin-air-force-base-seeks-proposals-for-98-acre-commercial-development-project



LONGWOOD ELEMENTARY

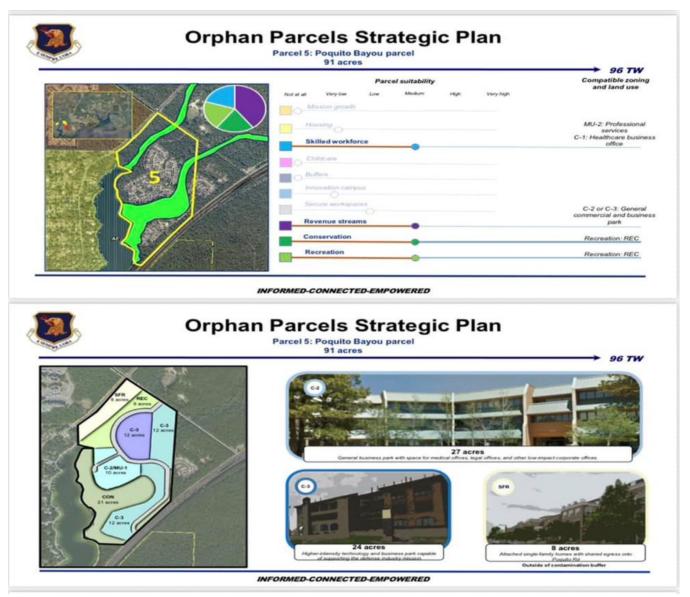
Longwood Elementary School was honored to participate in the 2nd Annual Valentines for Veterans event at Bob Hope Village. The event was coordinated by the Northwest Florida Military Officers Association and Retired Brigadier General Fran Hendricks. Longwood students created and delivered over 300 valentines to show appreciation to retired veterans.

Family Engagement Literacy Night was held in January with over 200 students and family members present. The night was filled with interactive literacy activities and take-home resources sponsored by the New World's Reading initiative.

Students are continuing toward instructional and academic achievement gains as we enter the second semester. The latest data from the state required Florida Assessment of Student Thinking (FAST) test indicates learning gains are occurring in Kindergarten through Grade 5.

I got the images below from The City of Shalimar FB webpage posted by Mark Franks, Mayor of Shalimar. Please check out the images to see what might be coming for the former Poquito Bayou Military Family Housing Area (MFHA). Just across the bayou from us.

David Hensley



Please note above the attached single-family homes with shared egress onto Poquito Road. We did hear that there will be a similar industry day for the former MFHA in about six months.

People Protecting Poquito Bayou (PPPB) will not be challenging either of these two projects. Our primary reason for not opposing is that we don't have a large staff to oppose these developments and the proposed Legendary Cove Subdivision project. Opposing the proposed Legendary Cove Subdivision project has been a challenging task. We can't take these other two projects on. If there are concerned citizens who want to oppose these upcoming projects, we can help you organize. You can as a concerned citizen express your concerns before the Okaloosa County Commissioners.

Dave Hensley, Lorraine Whetstone & Shirley Godbold

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POQUITO BAYOU COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION Minutes of the February 5th, 2024 meeting Aid residence, 37 Hickory, Shalimar Fl

Meeting called to order at 18:00 (by Michael Aid) Present: Dave Hensley, Michael Aid, Tammi Aid, Felicia Murphy, David Boyd, Pat Hollarn, Tricia Flaherty, Mary Ann Leone, Pam Martin, Galen Miller, and Lendy Edwards.

Minutes of the January meeting had been distributed; motion to approve was made by Mary Ann and seconded by Pat, minutes were approved. Treasurer's report for January was presented by Tricia, motion to approve by Pat and seconded by Pam, accepted unanimously. The new format was well received by all present. Income for January was \$1,501.62 and expenses were \$402.60. Total funds are \$7,953.77 and available funds (not obligated) for budgeted items are \$5,029.76.

Membership: Pam reported 70 paid members as of the end of January.

<u>Events</u>: Felicia reported that the Easter Celebration (for which she has already stuffed 1300 eggs) will be 30 March, the Boil will be 13 April, and the garage sale will be 20-21 April. Food truck events also take place in the Park, but are not sponsored by PBCA.

BHEV/Street & Traffic Safety: No updates. No data from speed detectors has been promulgated.

<u>Poquito Boat Ramp Park</u>: Dave reported no update, with relative quiet at the ramp recently.

Street Directors: Felicia said a meeting would likely be held later this week.

Projects Update: Mike said the foundation is laid and the pumphouse would be constructed with multiple consecutive good weather days. No news on the storage shed, due to other projects taking priority. Mike was present and reported that Memorial lighting was repaired this weekend with Lendy and Ken Leone locating a short behind the Memorial. Lendy recommended new lighting for the flag, and a motion was made by Mike and seconded by Pam to implement lighting improvement; motion passed. There was also discussion of placing posts to stop golf cart traffic through the rail fence by the Poquito Bayou sign to prevent ruts from forming. Felicia reported that some of the park picnic tables were in poor condition, and the Board is exploring options, to include quotes from the County. The County is obtaining quotes for replacement and/or repair of the rubber padding under the equipment.

Old Business: Dave reported that Jane will be holding a Veteran's Memorial Committee meeting early next week, with multiple volunteers volunteering to serve. The Bylaws committee is working to procure maps of the various named subdivisions. The board meeting signup has been filled out for 2024. The Abandoned Homes Committee will be speaking to Galen Miller, who was able to help get the 35 Holly property on the County Code Enforcement Committee agenda, and he described the process and how to provide information to the committee, including contacts. The burned home at 35 Holly is now scheduled for demolition, since it has been open to the elements for approximately 18 months.

<u>Legendary Cove Subdivision</u>: Dave discussed the Sunset Road development proposal (Legendary Cove, DR Horton) and described the process as being in a holding pattern, waiting for soil sampling and reviews. Dave also discussed potential traffic issues resulting from the development of the UF REEF technology campus at the corner of Lewis Turner and N. Poquito, the Legendary Cove subdivision, a long lease development in the Loblolly area, and Victory Village. Plus, there is a plan to re-route Hwy 85. Dave noted that the REEF development industry day event on 07 Feb.

<u>Announcements</u>: Newsletter articles for next newsletter due to Bob Davis by Monday February 12th. Next PBCA board meeting scheduled for 1800 on Monday March 4th at the Martin home at 17 Magnolia.

Meeting adjourned at 18:59 pm.

David Boyd Recording Secretary

PBCA Fin Report Jan 2024

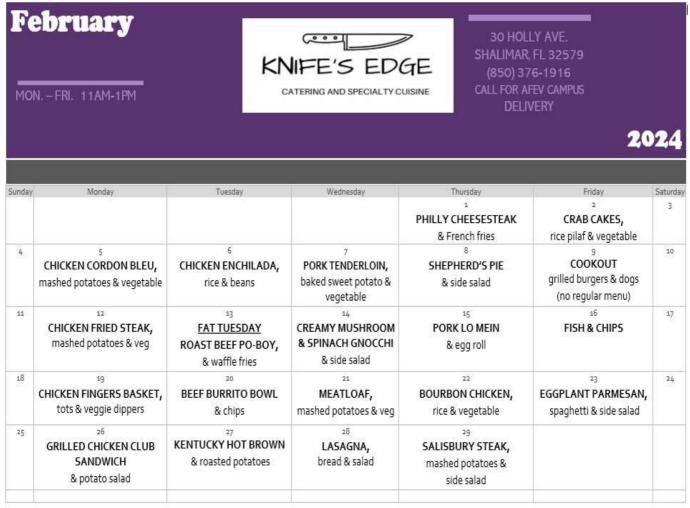
Balance Forward from December 31, 2023

\$6,854.75

	Jan 2024	YTD 2024	
Income			
Membership Dues	\$933.45	\$933.45	
Donations	\$348.17	\$348.17	
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	\$220.00	\$220.00	
Donut Fundraiser	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Garage Sale	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Total Income	\$1,501.62	\$1,501.62	
Expenses			
Gulf Power	\$105.42	\$105.42	
Bank Service Fee	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Postage/P.O. Box	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Veteran's Memorial	\$15.69	\$15.69	
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	\$150.00	\$150.00	
Donut Fundraiser	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Halloween/Fall Festival Event	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Project/Repairs	\$131.49	\$131.49	
Membership Mail Out	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Leo Norred Mowing	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Total Expenses	\$402.60	\$402.60	
Regions Bank Reconciled Balance January 31, 2024			\$3,585.90
Venmo Balance as of 01/31/2024			\$2,821.47
Paypal Balance as of 01/31/2024			\$1,546.40
Total Funds			\$7,953.77
Obligated Funds			-\$1,000.00
Reserved for Veteran's Memorial			-\$1,924.01
Available Funds January 31, 2024	6		\$5,029.76

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POSITION	NAME	ADDRESS	PHONE #	EMAIL ADDRESS	
	DI	RECTORY OF OFFIC	CERS		
President	Sean Cramer (Whitney)	20 Poplar Ave	850-259-9034	<u>cramedog97@gmail.com</u>	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	feliciamurphy0319@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	
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Holly	Whitney Cramer (Sean)	20 Poplar Ave	850-830-8582	Whitneybcramer@gmail.com	Updated 05/18/2023
Japonica	Felicia Murphy (Matt)	16 Birch Ave	850-698-3686	feliciamurphy0319@gmail.com	Updated 05/18/2023
Magnolia	Allison Alley	18 Poplar Ave	850-499-8452	alstory1823@gmail.com	Updated 05/18/2023
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.neet	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	
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Walnut	Nance Wendel (Rick)	16 Walnut Ave	8537	nanceadw@cox.net	Updated 1/29/2021
	ACTION	COMMITTEE CHAII	R 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	Bob Davis (Sally)	34 Poquito Road	(850) 651- 3034	bobbyz55x@gmail.com	
CERT	Cara Teeter	12 Hillcrest	(804)413-1778	poquitobayoucert@gmail.com	
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			(325)864-	-	
Email	Davi Todd (Richard)	35 Maple Ave	9245	djtodd86@gmail.com	
Emergency Action			3243	<u>ajtoddooleegindin.com</u>	
Flag	Don Kreis (Vicki)	27 Magnolia	850-240-0544	donkreis@cox.net	updated 01/19/2024
riug			(850) 461-		
Garage Sale	Nance Wendel (Rick)	16 Walnut Ave	8537	nanceadw@cox.net	Updated 1/29/2021
	Matt Murphy (Folicia)	16 Birch Ave	(850) 525-	murphysoutdoorserv-	Updated 5/3/2021
Leo Norred Park	Matt Murphy (Felicia)	10 BILCH AVE	3717	ices@gmail.com	Opuateu 5/5/2021
	Pam Martin	17 Magnolia Ave	(850) 376-	Pcmartin1@outlook.com	
PBCA Membership			8283		
DDCA Ciar	Tricia Bryant Flaherty (Bud)	68 Poquito Road	(850) 585-	tblm81@aol.com	
PBCA Sign			8334	pastpbcapresi-	
Poquito Boat Ramp	Dave Hensley (Jane)	1 Bay Street	(850)582-3780	<u>pastpbcapresi-</u> dent@gmail.com	Updated 02/26/2023
			(850) 651-		
PT Advertising	Jane Fedosky-Hensley	1 Bay Street	5300	<u>djinshalimar@gmail.com</u>	
Street Maintenance	Bob Davis (Sally)	34 Poquito Road	(850) 651- 3034	bobbyz55x@gmail.com	
			(850) 651-		
Vet Mem. Plaques	Jane Fedosky-Hensley	1 Bay Street	5300	<u>djinshalimar@gmail.com</u>	
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	-	Updated 4/6/2021
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Welcome	Cindy Henry (Richard)	9 Maple	3841	dianne4016@aol.com	
XMAS Décor Com 1	Tricia Bryant Flaherty (Bud)	68 Poquito Road	(850)7585- 8334	tblm81@aol.com	
XMAS Décor Com 2	Nance Wendel (Rick)	16 Walnut Ave	(850) 461- 8537	nanceadw@cox.net	

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Jackie Schmid (Walt)	40 Poplar Ave	(704) 616-5037	jfschmid55@aol.com	Updated 12/27/2020
Bill Miller	25 Maple	(850) 217-4170	millew@cox.net	
Erika Partanen	12 Maple	(972) 948-7542	<u>eri-</u> <u>ka.partanen@gmail.com</u>	
Mariann Rosenquest (Ken)	7 Japonica	(850) 226-3484	mdrosenquest@gmail.co m	
Giana Powers (John)	29 Magnolia Ave	(850) 305-4124	gianapowers@gmail.com	
Wayne Canipe (Cheryl)	13 Poplar Ave	(757) 510-6393	canipex5@yahoo.com	(757) 5106388
Tracey Phillips (Brian)	35 Holley Ave	706 424-1626	tphillips0723@gmail.com	Updated 10/29/2020
Katie Doyle (Kevin)	10 Magnolia	(979) 229-9274	kitsag06@gmail.com	
Keith Myers (Sue)	37 Poplar Ave	859-368-2126	poquitobayousail- or@gmail.com	Updated 1/2/2021
Keith Myers (Sue)	37 Poplar Ave	859-368-2126	<u>poquitobayousail-</u> <u>or@gmail.com</u>	Updated 11/5/2020
Matt Davis	14 Hickory Ave	(951) 285-1103	matt.davis84@yahoo.com	Updated 11/9/2021
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A doctor and a truck driver are in love with the same woman. The truck driver had to go on a week-long trip and gave the woman seven apples before he left. Why? Text 685-4759 with your answer. (No repeat winners please)

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See Knife's Edge February Menu on page 8.

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