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Dear Neighbors, as we embrace the warmer days ahead, it brings me great joy to announce the much-awaited return of our sprinkler systems! With the arrival of spring, it's time to awaken our lawns and gardens from their winter slumber. In the spirit of blossoming new life, we're excited to reintro-

duce the "Yard of the Month" tradition. Let's celebrate the beauty that unfolds in our front yards with an array of spring flowers and lush green landscapes. Nominate your fellow neighbors or even yourself, as we look forward to highlighting the captivating gardens that make our neighborhood even more enchanting. Wishing everyone a delightful spring filled with the fragrance of blooming flowers and the joy of cultivating a thriving community. Best regards,

Sean Cramer President, PBCA

# Your Voice Does Matter Especially When a Lot of Voices Speak – Dave Hensley

Last year, many concerned citizens expressed their concerns about the traffic and road conditions around the Poquito/Longwood community. Last October, Okaloosa County Commissioner Carolyn Ketchel recommended that we express our concerns to the Okaloosa/Walton Traffic Planning Organization (https://www.ecrc.org/ programs/transportation planning/okaloosa-walton tpo/ index.php). Shirley Godbold and I attended the next TPO meeting on November 15th, 2023. Shirley focused on the N. Poquito Road/Lewis Turner Blvd intersection, and I focused on the Sunset Lane/Eglin Parkway intersection. I mentioned that the turn lane onto Sunset Lane hadn't been completely paved whereas the former Poquito Military Family Housing area was. We were told: "Be patient." The biggest takeaway was accessing names, email addresses and phone numbers for two FDOT representatives. I provided the FDOT contact information to our local community via email and on Fa-

On January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024, the following post was made on the Poquito Bayou Community Facebook page:

- Regarding Eglin Pkwy/85 & Sunset Lane road resurfacing project.
- YOU MUST ALSO CONTACT THEM IF YOU WANT ANYTHING DONE.
- Please comment once you have contacted them so we know how many supporters we have. Come on all you anti-speed-bumpers!!!
- ¶ I sent the following message to Matt Gaetz, & Pat Maney via their websites and directly emailed District MPO Liaison Administrator Bryant Paulk

E: bryant.paulk@dot.state.fl.us P:850-981-2754 and District MPO Liaison – West Christy Johnson E: christy.johnson@dot.state.fl.us

P: 850-981-2777

Hwy 85 is in the process of being resurfaced and our neighborhood has been forgotten.

The hwy 85/Sunset Ln entrance to the Poquito Bayou neighborhood has unfinished road paving that is causing damage to our vehicles. This has been left unresolved for months now. We have called FDOT and local representatives with no help. What can we do?

# Three days later, the following was posted on the Poquito Bayou Community Facebook page:

A RESPONSE FROM BRYANT PAULK re Eglin/Sunset

The Department has received numerous complaints about the subject project. While the construction project is ongoing, the contractor is unable to complete the additional paving until overnight temperatures rise above 45 degrees. Other miscellaneous work will continue on the project until the temperatures rise sufficiently to allow asphalt paving. The Department is monitoring the efforts of the contractor to encourage them to complete the paving as soon as the weather allows.

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I don't know how many concerned individuals contacted FDOT, but I suspect FDOT received numerous phone calls. A few weeks later, the turning lane from Eglin Parkway turn lane onto Sunset Lane was paved! Lesson learned: one or two people complain, officials don't respond; many people complain, results happen. Please keep that in mind regarding future challenges with our neighborhood.

## Big Changes Coming to our Community, Follow Up - Dave Hensley, People Protecting Poquito Bayou

There's no change with the proposed Legendary Cove Subdivision. The Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) is still conducting their document review of the former asphalt plant documents. Once their review is complete, they plan to forward their comments to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) along with testing recommendations. Once we find out what the outcome is, we'll let you know.

In the past, we have told you about parcels of orphan land owned by Eglin being leased to the public for development. Last month we talked about the recent announcement of the proposed development of 98-acre Research and Development campus around the University of Florida Research Engineering & Education Facility. Shirley Godbold and I attended the Eglin AFB's Industry Day on February 7<sup>th</sup>.

On February 7<sup>th</sup>, Mark Franks, Mayor of Shalimar posted an image from The City of Shalimar FB webpage showing two slides titled: "Orphan Parcel Strategic Plan, Parcel 5, Poquito Bayou Parcel 91 Acres. This is the former Poquito Bayou Military Family Housing Area. This consists of a 27-acre general business park, a 24-acre high technology and business park. Please note that there is an eight-acre area with attached family homes with shared access with egress onto Poquito Road. When these are built, they will be north of 1 Poquito Road and Sunset Lane. We anticipate some sort of Industry Day for this project soon.

# Davis Cemeter Proposed Defense Industry Park 2.0 Victory Village Proposed Legendary Cove Subdivision Air Force Enlisted Village Rerouting Eight Acres of Hwy 85 attached and detached housing Commercial Property Development Shops/restaurants

This is a rough outline of all the upcoming or proposed developments in our neighborhood.

It's very apparent that our quiet piece of paradise is going to change dramatically over the next three, five and ten plus years. We are requesting that the County Commissioners and Growth Management look long-term to ensure that the Poquito/Longwood/Bob Hope Village communities don't become another Destin or Crestview. We need concerned citizens to monitor these new developments. Our focus has been on the proposed Legendary Cove Subdivision. People Protecting Poquito Bayou won't be challenging any of these other proposed developments.







Easter



# YARD OF THE MONTH

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 the 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.

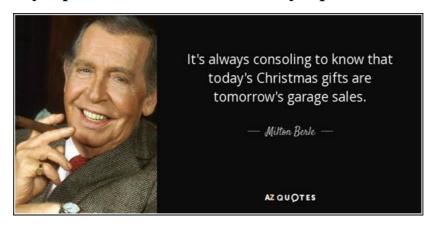
If there is no winner on a street, then there would only be 1 winner that month.

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 2024 Semi-Annual Spring Community Garage Sale Saturday April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024 and Sunday April 21<sup>st</sup> – 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 April 20<sup>th</sup> will be the start up and instead of having a rain date, we will just advertise that the sale carries over into Sunday the 21<sup>st</sup>. 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 April 20<sup>th</sup> 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 <a href="mailto:nance.wendel@era-american.com">nance.wendel@era-american.com</a> and bring me \$10 for the ad and balloon!! Cash or a check (Payable to PBCA)! Or go ONLINE to <a href="https://www.poquitobayou.com/events-1">https://www.poquitobayou.com/events-1</a>. If you drop it by the house, please let me know so I can be looking for it. **RETURN PLEASE BY Wednesday 4/17/24.** 

If you wish, fill out the PBCA Annual Membership form in this newsletter and include that \$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 copies of the list for you to share with the shoppers denoting the addresses of participating neighbors and a summary of the items they have for sale!!

## 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:			

### POQUITO BAYOU COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

#### Minutes of the March 4th, 2024 meeting

Hollarn residence, 139 Poquito, Shalimar

Meeting called to order at 17:58 (by Sean Cramer)

Present: Sean Cramer, Whitney Cramer, Dave Hensley, Jane Fedosky-Hensley, Michael Aid, Bob Davis, Felicia Murphy, David Boyd, Pat Hollarn, Tricia Flaherty, Mary Ann Leone, Pam Martin, Nance Wendell, and Chuck Domanick. Minutes of the February meeting had been distributed; motion to approve was made by Bob and seconded by Nance, minutes were approved.

Old Business: Jane reported that the Veteran's Memorial Committee met recently with Jane and David, Michael, Ken Leone, and Chuck Domanick present. Options for expansion were discussed with two primary proposals. It was agreed that the two proposals would be reduced to one page summaries so the Board could review and vote on them at the May meeting. Mike reported that the Bylaws committee (Mike, Dave, Pat, and Felicia) is working to produce revisions that can reviewed by the Board this summer and voted on at the General Membership meeting in October. Nance reported that the Abandoned Homes Committee (Nance, Pam) will be meeting soon to analyze data. The burned home at 35 Holly has been demolished.

<u>Treasurer's report:</u> Report for February was presented by Tricia. Income for February was \$618.81 and expenses were \$60.72. Total funds are \$8,511.86 and available funds (not obligated) for budgeted items are \$5,587.85. Felicia recommended Paypal be discontinued due to excessive fees; the Board agreed.

<u>Membership</u>: Pam reported 86 paid members as of the end of February. Pam asked for guidance on distribution of the list. A motion was made by David and seconded by Mike to allow distribution to any board member for official PBCA business, but would not be publicly distributed to avoid privacy issues. The motion passed unanimously.

BHEV: No update per Bob.

<u>Street & Traffic Safety</u>: Per Bob, autos are still speeding. He called in the broken pavement issue and white lines have been painted to delineate upcoming county repairs.

<u>Poquito Boat Ramp Park</u>: Dave reported no update.

<u>Street Directors:</u> Felicia said a meeting was recently held with Felicia, Mary Anne, and Tricia in attendance. Projects are in work. Pam reported Yard of Month will be April through August.

Events: Felicia reported that the Easter Celebration (with 1400+ eggs) will be held at 1400 (younger children) and 1600 (older children) on Saturday 30 March, with an accompanying bake sale to help raise funds for the event. The Boil will be postponed until Fall. The garage sale will be 20-21 April.

<u>Projects Update:</u> Mike said the foundation is laid and the pumphouse would be constructed with multiple consecutive good weather days. The sprinklers will then be turned on. No news on the storage shed, due to other projects taking priority. Regarding the rubber mats for the playground, Mike said the County rep said that full replacement would cost about \$90,000 and repair would be about \$5,500. That is not in the County Budget for this year, but Mike, Felicia, and Sean plan to meet with the County Parks rep Matt Davidson to help him understand the needs of the community.

<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, still awaiting FDEP reports. There is a 30 March deadline. Bob reminded us of the PPPB Facebook site with information.

<u>Announcements</u>: Newsletter articles for next newsletter due to Bob Davis by Thursday March 7th. Next PBCA board meeting scheduled for 1800 on Monday April 1<sup>st</sup> at the Aid home at 37 Hickory.

Meeting adjourned at 18:55 pm. David Boyd, Recording Secretary

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## POQUITO BAYOU COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION FINANCIAL REPORT February 2024

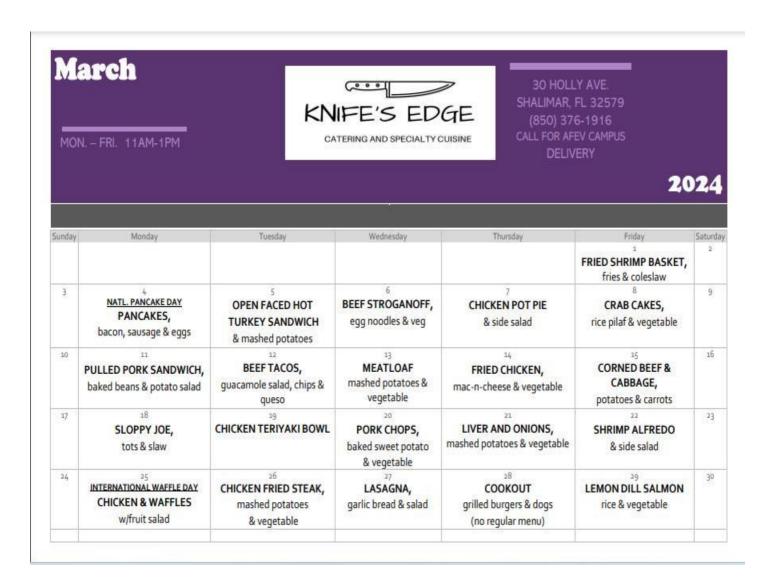
Balance Forward from January 31, 2024

\$7,953.77

	February	Year to Date	
	2024	2024	
Income			
Membership Dues	\$558.81	\$1,492.26	
Donations	\$60.00	\$408.17	
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	\$0.00	\$220.00	
Donut Fundraiser	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Garage Sale	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Total Income	\$618.81	\$2,120.43	
Expenses			
Gulf Power	\$48.72	\$154.14	
Bank Service Fee	\$12.00	\$12.00	
Postage/P.O. Box	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Veteran's Memorial	\$0.00	\$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	\$0.00	\$150.00	
Donut Fundraiser	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Halloween/Fall Festival Event	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Project/Repairs	\$0.00	\$131.49	
Membership Mail Out	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Leo Norred Mowing	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Total Expenses	\$60.72	\$463.32	
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Regions Bank Reconciled Balance	ce February 2	9, 2024	\$4,045.18
Venmo Balance as of 02/29/2024			\$2,901.47
Paypal Balance as of 02/29/2024			\$1,565.21
Total Funds			\$8,511.86
Obligated Funds			-\$1,000.00
Reserved for Veteran's Memorial			-\$1,000.00
	0. 2024		
Available Funds February 2	3, 2024		\$5,587.85

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POSITION	NAME	ADDRESS	PHONE #	EMAIL ADDRESS			
		RECTORY OF OFFIC	T				
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)	•	850-585-8334	tblm81@aol.com			
Past President	Dave Hensley (Jane)	1 Bay Street	850-582-3780	<u>pastpbcapresident@gmail.com</u>	Updated 02/26/2023		
STREET DIRECTORS							
Birch	Felicia Murphy (Matt)	16 Birch Ave	850-698-3686	feliciamurphy0319@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	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			
	Nance Wendel (Rick)	16 Walnut Ave	(850) 461-		Undated 1/20/2021		
Walnut	Nance Wender (Rick)	16 Walnut Ave	8537	nanceadw@cox.net	Updated 1/29/2021		
	ACTION	COMMITTEE CHAII	PERSONS				
Event Director 1	Felicia Murphy (Matt)	16 Birch Ave	850-698-3686	<u>pbcaeventdirectors@gmail.com</u>	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			
			(325 )864-	-			
Email	Davi Todd (Richard)	35 Maple Ave	9245	ditodd86@gmail.com			
Emergency Action			0.0.10	5/25.55 ( 8/15.55			
Flag	Don Kreis (Vicki)	27 Magnolia	850-240-0544	donkreis@cox.net	updated 01/19/2024		
1105			(850) 461-				
Garage Sale	Nance Wendel (Rick)	16 Walnut Ave	8537	nanceadw@cox.net	Updated 1/29/2021		
	Mott Museby (Folicie)	16 Birch Ave	(850) 525-	murphysoutdoorserv-	Updated 5/3/2021		
Leo Norred Park	Matt Murphy (Felicia)	10 BILLII AVE	3717	<u>ices@gmail.com</u>	Opuateu 5/5/2021		
	Pam Martin	17 Magnolia Ave	(850) 376-	Pcmartin1@outlook.com			
PBCA Membership			8283				
DDC4 6:	Tricia Bryant Flaherty (Bud)	68 Poquito Road	(850) 585-	tblm81@aol.com			
PBCA Sign	, , , ,	·	8334				
Poquito Boat Ramp	Dave Hensley (Jane)	1 Bay Street	(850)582-3780	<u>pastpbcapresi-</u> dent@gmail.com	Updated 02/26/2023		
			(950) 651	<u>dent@gmail.com</u>			
PT Advertising	Jane Fedosky-Hensley	1 Bay Street	(850) 651- 5300	djinshalimar@gmail.com			
			(850) 651-				
Street Maintenance	Bob Davis (Sally)	34 Poquito Road	3034	bobbyz55x@gmail.com			
			(850) 651-				
Vet Mem. Plaques	Jane Fedosky-Hensley	1 Bay Street	5300	<u>djinshalimar@gmail.com</u>			
Candidate Night		24 Poquito Pood	(850) 651-	hobbugEEv@gmail.com			
Candidate Night	Bob Davis (Sally)	34 Poquito Road	3034	bobbyz55x@gmail.com			
Yard of MO 1	Pam Martin	17 Magnolia Ave	(850) 376-	Pcmartin1@outlook.com			
			8283				
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Poquito Website	Crystal Mayes	25 Hickory Ave	618-530-4541	-	Updated 4/6/2021		
	Cindy Henry (Richard)	9 Maple	(850) 803-	dianne4016@aol.com			
Welcome			3841				
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XMAS Décor Com 1			8334 (850) 461-				
XMAS Décor Com 2	Nance Wendel (Rick)	16 Walnut Ave	(850) 461- 8537	nanceadw@cox.net			
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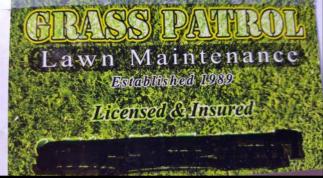
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Jackie Schmid (Walt)	40 Poplar Ave	(704) 616-5037	jfschmid55@aol.com	Updated 12/27/2020
Bill Miller	25 Maple	(850) 217-4170	millew@cox.net	
Erika Partanen	12 Maple	(972) 948-7542	<u>eri-</u> <u>ka.partanen@gmail.com</u>	
Mariann Rosenquest (Ken)	7 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	poquitobayousail- or@gmail.com	Updated 11/5/2020
Matt Davis	14 Hickory Ave	(951) 285-1103	matt.davis84@yahoo.com	Updated 11/9/2021
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See Knife's Edge March Menu on page 8.

## ADVERTISING IN THE POQUITO TIMES- FOR THE COMING YEAR

IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR TO RENEW OR START YOUR ADVERTISING IN THE POQUITO TIMES.

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 1 BAY ST. ALONG WITH A BUSINESS CARD.

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