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Greetings Neighbors!

By Mike Aid

I wanted to follow up on my article last month to highlight the continued work and improvements at Leo Norred Park.

The weather continues to cooperate allowing us to enjoy our outdoor facilities and parks.

I mentioned last month that Okaloosa County Facilities and Parks Maintenance was collaborating with us (the PBCA) to repair the mats under the playground equipment. Your association identified this hazard just a few months ago and the County jumped right in to help. You may have noticed the work that took place on Tuesday, May 7th and the yellow hazard tape that marked the repair areas. We appreciate everyone respecting the hazard tape and staying off the mats while they were curing. They are good to go now, and the below pictures are an example of the before and after conditions.



Before Repairs



After repairs

Additionally, we continue to work to ensure the sprinkler system is functional and working properly. We believe we have the problem identified and, for now, the system is working. This will help us plant some flowers around the Poquito Bayou entrance sign and the Veteran's Monument.

Finally, I want to thank everyone for helping us keep an eye on the park and prevent the vandalism that we saw earlier this year. We have not had any incidents in the past month, and we are all appreciative.



Legendary Cove Subdivision Update – Dave Hensley

On March 25th, we received an email from Allison Hankins, Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) Site Manager advising us that her office had submitted their Pre-CERCLA Screening Assessment report on the APAC Southeast site (AKA former asphalt plant on the 40.83 acres at 105 Sunset Lane) to EPA and were waiting on their approval.

On April 23rd, 2024, Ms. Hankins advised that: "I am pleased to announce that our Pre-CERCLA Screening assessment of the APAC Southeast site in Okaloosa County has been completed. I have attached the report to this email, it is in the form of a portfolio with a cover page, a checklist containing the written report, and tables and figures. As a result of our findings, we have decided to move forward with this site and plan to complete a Preliminary Assessment with Sampling (PAWS) in Fiscal Year 2025, likely in June 2025."

On page 4 of the Pre-CERCLA Screening Checklist/Decision Form, Ms. Hankins recommends adding this site to the Superfund site inventory. Page 6 of the Pre-CERCLA & Screening Summary and Decision Rationale goes into detail on FDEP's document review. Some of these issues we brought to the public's attention. In the eighth paragraph, Ms. Hankins mentions observations from a former asphalt plant employee which are part of the rationale for further investigation. At the end of this package is a Witness Contamination Map Ms. Hankins created based on the eyewitness testimony.

What happens next? I asked Ms. Hankins recently about the next course of action. She advised me that they will ask the owners of the property for permission to conduct sampling and testing. If for some reason the owners choose not to cooperate, then they will conduct sampling and testing along the right of way along Sunset Lane and on selected properties along North and Sharilyn Drives that are adjacent to the property. If the latter takes place, FDEP will be contacting selected homeowners to coordinate the testing around January 2025.

The separate attachment is Figure 4, Site Vicinity Map which shows the homes that may be selected for testing. The actual testing will take place in April and May 2025 with a report published in June 2025. We understand that **the development order won't be approved until after this report is published.** (cont'd on following page)

(Hensley article cont'd)

While this testing process progresses, we plan to focus on a revision by the Okaloosa County Growth Management Department's Land Development Code (LDC) which will restrict the practice of clear cutting. We're not sure what the details of this proposal are currently. If you are interested in expressing your support for this proposed initiative, please contact us.

Currently, FDEP and the EPA have grounds to conduct testing to determine if the former asphalt plant is contaminated or not. The goal is for this property to be free of any contamination before development takes place. If you wish to read the full report, contact me at mdhensley13@gmail.com or join our People Protecting Poquito Bayou Facebook page to view this important document.

National Hurricane Preparedness Week was May 5 to 11 2024.

The 2024 hurricane season starts 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. Be ready for hurricane season. You need to take action TODAY to be better prepared for when the worst happens. Here's some basic information to help you get started:

<https://www.ready.gov/hurricanes>.

<https://www.noaa.gov/hurricane-prep#:~:text=National%20Hurricane%20Preparedness%20Week%20is,begin%20pre%2Dseason%20preparations%20now>.

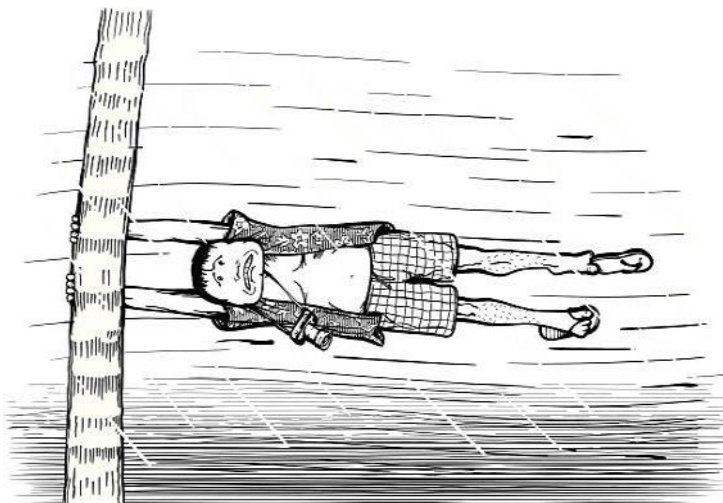
<https://myokaloosa.com/sites/default/files/users/PSUser/Hurricane%20Guide%20071618.pdf>

Low Cost/No Cost Preparedness Tips:

- **Make a Plan** – Every household should have a disaster plan specific to the needs of everyone in their household, including consideration of children, pets and seniors. Visit FloridaDisaster.org/PlanPrepare for more information.
- **Build a Kit** – Take the time now to identify items households may need on hand during or after a hurricane. Essentials of a kit should include enough non-perishable food and water to last each member of the family for at least seven days, extra medication and important personal documents. For a complete checklist, visit FloridaDisaster.org/Kit.
- **Have Multiple Ways to Receive Weather Alerts** – Every household should have multiple ways to receive weather alerts and follow all directions from local officials. Residents are encouraged to have a battery-operated or hand-crank weather radio to ensure they can continue to receive alerts from the National Weather Service in the event of power outages or damaged cell towers.
- **Know Your Zone, Know Your Home** – It's important for residents to know if they live in an evacuation zone, a low-lying, flood-prone area, a mobile home or an unsafe structure during hurricane season. It is also very important for residents to know their home and its ability to withstand strong winds and heavy rain. This information will help residents better understand orders from local officials during a storm. .

For more information and to determine evacuation zones, visit FloridaDisaster.org/Know.

- **Keep Gas Tanks Half Full** – Residents should keep their vehicle's gas tanks at least half full during hurricane season to ensure they have enough fuel to evacuate as soon as possible without worrying about long lines at gas stations and to avoid gas shortages prior to a storm. For Floridians with electric vehicles, it's recommended that the battery be maintained between 50% - 80% capacity at all times, depending on the type of vehicle and what the vehicle's manual recommends. Visit FloridaDisaster.org/HalfwayFull for more information.





May Yards of the Month
34 Maple Ave
&
41 Birch Ave



We have two new Yards of the Month. This month's judging was done on Maple Ave and Birch Ave
34 Maple Ave and 41 Birch were the Winners for May.

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 May 6th, 2024 meeting

Boyd residence, 3A Poquito, Shalimar

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

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

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

Old Business: Mike reported that the Veteran's Memorial Committee met 22 April and discussed two plans. No final decision has been made, but the general consensus is to start by adding 20 posts, with the potential to add 20 more in the future. The sign will also be repaired, without changing the information. While several people have inquired about adding their names, there is no standby list, so that will be started. Nance suggested creating a page on the web to describe the monument and how it evolved, recognizing the enormous work that has been done, especially by Jane Fedosky-Hensley. Tricia plans to begin work on that so members can better appreciate the monument to veterans. The Bylaws committee is finalizing its proposal for the June meeting (and approved at the October general membership meeting). The list of officers/directors will shrink by a couple, but the plan is to add the Membership Director, since that has become such an important position. The Abandoned Homes Committee plans to meet in June and create a report to send to Code Enforcement. As after action report for the April Garage Sale, Nance plans to use web maps exclusively with no paper copies. There were reportedly about 8 homes that piggybacked on the sale without contributing to the signs/advertising. Pam reported Yard of Month signs are up.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer's report for April was presented by Tricia. Income for April was \$626.48 and expenses were \$210.96. Total funds are \$9,488.72 and available funds (not obligated) for budgeted items are \$6,384.50. Motion to approve was made by Felicia and seconded by Nance, report was unanimously approved.

Membership: Pam reported 102 paid members. Bob showed prototypes for nametags at events designating members. When people request Facebook membership, they will be contacted about membership in PBCA.

BHEV: Candidate night will be held 08 August at BHEV. A discussion was held and the board initially voted 7-3 in favor of local candidates (county offices, not state/federal), but due to a relatively small number of competitive races, an expansion of invites will be pursued. A discussion of amendments was discussed, but the amendments will not be on the ballot until November (not in August).

Poquito Boat Ramp Park: There was no update.

Street & Traffic Safety: There was no update.

Street Directors: There was no update.

Projects Update: Felicia reported that she checked the irrigation system recently and it was working, though it may be affected by recent rain and the water table. Matt Murphy spoke with the owner of the well drilling company who promised to check out any reported problems since it was done in the past 6 months. Mike reported that determining best site for a storage building is a work in progress.

Park Update: Mike and Sean reported that County Parks representative Matt Davidson has done a great job making our park better for children, and the rubber mat patches should begin this week, with new "bear resistant" trashcans already installed. Pat will draft a letter to the County thanking him for a job well done.

Events: Felicia reported the Crawfish Boil will be held Saturday 11 May.

Legendary Cove Subdivision: Dave was not present, but sent an update about the Sunset Road development proposal (Legendary Cove) and discussed the CERCLA process, with a recent email memo confirming that more environmental testing is required, to be completed around June 2025. The amazing work that Dave Hensley has done on behalf of our neighborhood was recognized.

Announcements: Newsletter articles for next newsletter due to Bob Davis by May 11th. Next PBCA board meeting scheduled for 1800 on Monday June 3rd at the Leone home, 30 Poquito.

Meeting adjourned at 19:05 pm.

David Boyd, Recording Secretary

PBCA
Financial Report
April 2024


Balance Forward from March 31, 2024	April 2024	YTD 2024	\$9,073.20
Income			
Membership Dues	\$260.00	\$2,211.07	
Donations	\$35.00	\$663.17	
Veteran's Memorial	\$0.00	\$280.00	
Halloween Event/Fall Festival	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Easter Event Income	\$144.00	\$144.00	
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	\$187.48	\$187.48	
Total Income	\$626.48	\$3,705.72	
Expenses			
Gulf Power	\$42.92	\$241.49	
Bank Service Fee	\$0.00	\$12.00	
Postage/P.O. Box	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Veteran's Memorial	\$0.00	\$115.48	
Garage Sale	\$92.36	\$92.36	
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	\$192.00	
Crawfish & Shrimp Boil	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Easter Event	\$75.68	\$225.68	
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	\$210.96	\$1,071.75	
Regions Bank Reconciled Balance April 30, 2024			\$4,819.25
Venmo Balance as of 04/30/2024			\$3,057.97
Paypal Balance as of 04/30/2024			\$1,611.50
Total Funds			\$9,488.72
Obligated Funds			-\$1,000.00
Reserved for Veteran's Memorial			-\$2,104.22
Available Funds April 30, 2024			\$6,384.50

POSITION	NAME	ADDRESS	PHONE #	EMAIL ADDRESS	
DIRECTORY OF OFFICERS					
President	Sean Cramer (Whitney)	20 Poplar Ave	850-259-9034	cramedog97@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	feliciamurphy0319@gmail.com	Updated 12/31/2022
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Corresponding Sec	Pat Hollarn	139 Poquito Road	850-585-7768	integrityunlimited@cox.net	Updated 02/26/2023
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Past President	Dave Hensley (Jane)	1 Bay Street	850-582-3780	pastpbcapresident@gmail.com	Updated 02/26/2023
STREET DIRECTORS					
Birch	Felicia Murphy (Matt)	16 Birch Ave	850-698-3686	feliciamurphy0319@gmail.com	
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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.net	Updated 02/26/2023
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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	Bob Davis (Sally)	34 Poquito Road	(850) 651-3034	bobbyz55x@gmail.com	
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Email	Davi Todd (Richard)	35 Maple Ave	(325)864-9245	djtodd86@gmail.com	
Emergency Action					
Flag	Don Kreis (Vicki)	27 Magnolia	850-240-0544	donkreis@cox.net	updated 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	murphysoutdoorservices@gmail.com	Updated 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	Dave Hensley (Jane)	1 Bay Street	(850)582-3780	pastpbcapresident@gmail.com	Updated 02/26/2023
PT Advertising	Jane Fedosky-Hensley	1 Bay Street	(850) 651-5300	djinshalimar@gmail.com	
Street Maintenance	Bob Davis (Sally)	34 Poquito Road	(850) 651-3034	bobbyz55x@gmail.com	
Vet Mem. Plaques	Jane Fedosky-Hensley	1 Bay Street	(850) 651-5300	djinshalimar@gmail.com	
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	
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Poquito Website	Crystal Mayes	25 Hickory Ave	618-530-4541	-	Updated 4/6/2021
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XMAS Décor Com 2	Nance Wendel (Rick)	16 Walnut Ave	(850) 461-8537	nanceadw@cox.net	

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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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5	6 CHICKEN CORDON BLEU, rice & vegetable	7 CHICKEN ENCHILADA, rice & beans	8 LASAGNA, garlic bread & salad	9 QUICHE, fruit & side salad	10 SHRIMP BASKET, French fries & coleslaw	11
12	13 *CLOSED*	14 GRILLED BRATWURST, slaw & German potato salad	15 MEATLOAF, mashed potatoes & vegetable	16 PULLED PORK STUFFED POTATO & side salad	17 SEAFOOD SALAD CROISSANT & potato salad	18
19	20 BREAKFAST for LUNCH! PANCAKES, bacon, sausage & eggs	21 SLOPPY JOE & tots	22 BEEF STROGANOFF, egg noodles & salad	23 CHICKEN FINGER BASKET	24 EGGPLANT PARMESAN, spaghetti & side salad	25
26	27 *CLOSED*	28 BEEF TACOS & guacamole salad	29 CHICKEN TERIYAKI BOWL	30 COOKOUT grilled burgers & dogs (no regular menu)	31 COCONUT SHRIMP, fries & pineapple coleslaw	



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