

TERRAMAR TIMES



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FUND RAISER: A Huge Success

Submitted Pat Kirk and Bonny English

The Bay Restoration Committee teamed with the Social Committee in a fund raising effort on March 7th 2009. A Crawfish Boil and Silent Auction were held at the pavilion in an effort to replace three channel markers in our main navigation channel.

The weather cooperated beautifully and neighbors from all over the Island and the Mainland came for some drinkin', dancin', and donatin'. Neighbors from Tiki Island, Spanish Grant, Jamaica Beach, Sea Isle and Bay Harbor were in attendance and it really made this event a special day.

George Olson, with Olson Piling, stepped up and offered to replace the three channel markers for free. We would like to personally thank Mr. Olson for his generous donation with an estimated value of \$4,000. He sent his crew within two weeks of the event and installed our new navigation aids.

Other thanks go out to the band "Crawfish Johnny and the Pirates" who are all Islanders and donated their time to keep our toes tapping with their excellent renditions of Jimmy Buffet and light rock and country. There were many residents and other folks who made this event a success including Brian Law, our head crawfish wrangler from Houston and his fabulous volunteer crew, Terramar resident Linda Reed for heading up a delicious array of desserts and volunteers from the Board.

The silent auction ended up being a big hit with some serious bidding going on. Approximately 15 items were donated from residents, neighbors, and business owners. The cash proceeds of this fundraiser of \$3,582.43 are going to be used in our ongoing dredging and marsh restoration project.

It is this type of event that once again proves that Galveston is a wonderful place to live and that we are indeed lucky to have such good neighbors.



Worker Bees setting up for the fun day!



Gearing up for some good food and fun!



...and the band plays on!

FUND RAISER

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Mudbugs are ready!



All is well again!



Olson Piling hard at work

HUMMINGBIRDS ARE COMING BACK!

Put your feeders out for our tiniest of bird friends. They are either back now or are coming back very soon. After their incredible journey across the Gulf of Mexico, this is their first stop and they are going to be hungry. Ike damaged a lot of the natural nectar plants and they will be looking for a food source. Help out our little friends with a free meal!



FISHING REPORT FOR APRIL

Submitted by Captain Joe Kent

April is a month welcomed by Galveston Bay Fisherman. With March now behind us, we are into April. This year, we have had a mild winter which contributed to good fishing during March.

Normally, it is April before most of us old timers to Galveston Bay fishing get excited about the prospects of hitting the jetties and other areas in pursuit of trout and other fish.

Growing up in Houston, San Jacinto Day, April 21, was always a holiday for schools and for state and city offices. It was the day we celebrated the Battle of San Jacinto where Texas won its freedom from Mexico. It was also a day that many anglers marked on their calendar to hit the Galveston Bay for the first time of the year.

A while back, I was reminiscing with Captains Cookie and Lloyd Pepper about the Houston holiday and found that they were well aware of the tradition surrounding the occasion. The weather usually was warmer on April 21, and we were encountering just about the last stage of milder days before summertime conditions hit. I bet there were more Houstonians fishing Galveston Bay than at any other time since the first of the year. Crabbing was usually good, as the water had warmed sufficiently to draw blue crabs close to shore. Whether fishing from shore or from a boat, fishing was usually pretty good.

As the years have progressed, the big event is no longer a holiday and the numbers of anglers fishing that day have dropped off. April 21 still has a lot of meaning, as it continues to signal the start of the summer fishing season. The jetties, San Luis Pass Bridge and other spots are candidates for that first big run of speckled trout. The baits used are the same as other times of the year, with live shrimp taking the lead.

Techniques are different from summertime, as free shrimping without weights and popping corks are preferred over the summertime bottom bumping method. This is one of the best times for wade fishing, as trout, reds and flounder are found along the shorelines, especially during the warm afternoons of April.

Summertime species start appearing in the surf and ling will become more numerous when clear, greenish water makes its way close to shore.

Mid to late April is when it all gets underway, so plan to go out and enjoy some good fishing.



RESTAURANT REVIEW

Submitted by Willa Nadalin and Sally Morris



Sally Morris recently contacted me to share her experience with Hummels Deli in Pirates Beach.

So, this month's Restaurant Review will be on pizza!

Pizza out on the West End is an unusual commodity.

I have one friend who was looking at homes to buy out here and when I told her we couldn't get pizza delivered she panicked. She ended up buying a condo

at the Galvestonian. That was a severe reaction, I realize but how often have you wished that you could pick up the phone and order a pizza? Well, we still can't get it delivered, but you can call and it will be ready by the time you get there, or, you could have someone pick it up on the way back to Terramar Beach.

Credit cards and cash are accepted. The price of a loaded large pizza, and Sally says it is "really" loaded is \$9.49 plus tax. I spoke to Hummels this morning and told them if they added delivery that they could do well with Terramar Beach orders! If you do try the pizza, just tell them you really wish they would deliver!!!!

Hummel's Deli
13733 FM 3005
409-737-9954

BOB's By Line:

Submitted by Bob Majewski

President TBICA

March has been a very active month in and around Terramar Beach. There was a very successful crawfish boil benefiting the dredging project and replacement of the markers at the end of our main channel. Thanks to George Olson of Olson Piling for doing that free of charge for us! Many items were auctioned off and donations totaled over \$3,500.

Many thanks to Bonny English, Pat Kirk and all who donated time and auction items to make the crawfish boil a great success.

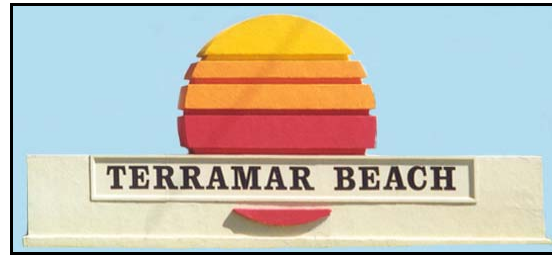
The street paving crews have returned and we have been promised that the boulevard will be paved this week. The City of Galveston is still looking for funding to complete other projects like Gulf Dr. and Verano, which was paved west of the boulevard before Ike and now needs extensive repair. They have also told us that they will clean the sand out of the front entrance area so we can get that back to pre-Ike condition.

The pool committee has been diligently working on the pool and related equipment, which had a lot of damage from the storm. They hope to have things cleaned up, equipment properly running and all cracks in the deck sealed well before pool season officially starts. The plan is to open the pool Memorial Day weekend so please let your guests know that the "Pool Closed" sign and the chain and padlock on the gate mean that the pool is not open. We have already had to ask people to leave the pool after they were able to get in somehow.

The DRC people have repaired the bulkhead at the pavilion after the crew cleaning up the canals cracked it with their heavy equipment. They also removed all of the trash from the marina area that was left when they vacated. The fence has been straightened and damaged sections replaced so the lock has been placed on the gate.

Warmer weather is returning, things are starting to "green-up" and the water temperature is getting closer to fishing and swimming temps. Remember to be safe in and around the water and always remember to be a good neighbor.

Have a great Spring!



ANNUAL MEETING AND PARTY

June 13, 2009

The annual meeting of the Terramar Beach Community Improvement Association will be held on June 13, 2009 at the pavilion. Coffee and donuts will be served between 9-10 AM during registration and our hope is to adjourn the meeting before the heat of the day becomes too intense.

Please return to the pavilion at 3 PM as we host a Barbecue fundraiser featuring a silent auction. Hurricane Ike caused uninsured damages to the structures at the pool and marina and we are trying 'to squeeze blood from a turnip' so to speak as we move forward with repairs.

You can help in this effort by donating items for the silent auction. If you own a business that offers goods or services and would like to donate an item, GREAT! If you would like to solicit donations from area merchants, WONDERFUL. If you are a crafter and want to share your talents and skills, WELCOME.

Suggestions include gift cards to area restaurants, hotels, area attractions, gift baskets or certificates for services such as car detailing, pet grooming, lawn care etc. No donation is too small and all donors will be acknowledged at the fundraiser. Cash donations to offset expenses of the Barbecue fundraiser are also appreciated.

For more information or to make a donation. Contact:

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If you would like to be on the slate for the June election, please contact one of the members of the nominating committee. Candidates must be members in good standing in Terramar Beach, meaning that maintenance dues must be up to date and there are no current deed restriction violations.

It is important to get your name, resume and the position you are interested in filling to the committee early if you would like your name to be on the mail out letter and ballot. As a result of the voting at our last Annual Meeting, the by-laws have been changed to allow proxy voting.

Nominations from the floor will also be taken.

NEW TERRAMAR BEACH DECALS

A special thanks to Greg Julian for donating new decals for automobile windows. Frank and Linda Vaccaro donated the design. The decals can be used on your car or golf cart.

These will be available for purchase at the Annual Meeting. If you would like to purchase decal or two before then, Please contact:

Willa Nadalin

willanad@aol.com .

Decals: \$2.00 each



T-SHIRTS, CAPS, KOOZIES

These items will be available for purchase at the Annual Meeting on June 13. Cash only.

T-shirts: \$15.00 each

Baseball Caps: \$20.00 each

Koozies: \$2.00 each

Proceeds from these sales will go towards projects which enhance our subdivision.



TERRAMAR BEACH DIRECTORY

If you are not now included in the Terramar Beach directory and would like to be, please check out the form on page 8 of this newsletter.

If you are currently listed in the directory but have had changes to your e-mail address, phone number or address, etc, please send or e-mail those changes in as soon as possible.

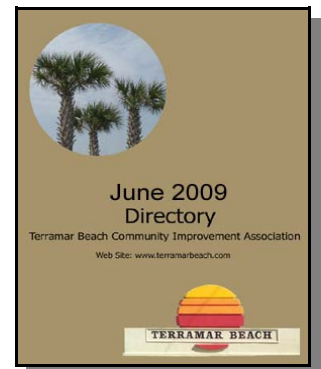
The Terramar Beach board of directors has voted to "go green" this year. A pdf version of the directory will be available via e-mail.

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7TH ANNUAL FEATHERFEST

Submitted by Jim Stevenson

I hope everyone understands how important FeatherFest is to so much of what we hold dear. The Galveston birding festival tells scores of businesses and officials that people in Texas care about birds, and that ecotourism means dollars, and not just warm, fuzzy birding experiences. The island is replete with endangered species, and critical habitat hangs on by fingernails.

I am delighted to give my days as a volunteer guide for FF, and sat on the executive committee for years, because I believe in the power of ecotourism and public environmental education. More over, I want to support people like Mort Voller who give countless hours making FF happen, and feel one weekend a year is a painfully small amount to give in exchange for all they do.

Please consider attending FF this year. It's the first weekend in April, and there should be songbird migrants around, like Indigo Buntings. Go to the website, Galveston FeatherFest, and see what you might be interested in. Attendance is currently pretty low, perhaps because of the storm, or the economy. But smaller groups mean a richer experience for you.

Come support what these Earth Stewards are doing for our natural heritage!



BIRD OF THE MONTH

Submitted by Jim Stevenson

Laughing Gulls are our island's most abundant bird, found everywhere in every season. From February through August their heads are black, and in fall and winter it's mostly white. This is to protect them from the UV rays of the sun in summer, and other gulls that only winter here, and have no black head, don't face that problem. [In other parts of the world, there are other species with black hoods in their summer].

Laughing Gulls are named for their call notes, and island residents seldom go a day without at least subconsciously hearing their raucous call. They beg for food from beach-goers, they rob fishermen of their bait, and are pretty tough on smaller nesting birds.

Studies show that our summer Laughing Gulls are not the same ones that winter here! This is actually true of other species that seem to be permanent residents as well, such as Brown Pelicans and mockingbirds.

Thousands of Laughing Gulls breed on nearby Pelican Island, on the west side, in the salt marsh. Through March and April the males call constantly, thus enlarging and ripening the ovaries of the females. This leads to mating, and an even higher population.

Most escaped Ike's wrath by flying down the coast southwest, but it's safe to say, "they're back!"

Announcing: Terramar Beach "YARD OF THE MONTH"

Tina Stevens-Dye asked recently "why don't we have a *Yard of the Month*"?. I responded that it sounded like a great idea and asked if she would like to head up that committee. She agreed!!

Beginning in April the committee will canvas the neighborhood to select the best yard. Initially this will happen on the third Thursday of the month.

Tina tells me that color will help. After Ike, Tina says she is anxious to see lots of color in our neighborhood. For now, the prize will be an indigenous plant that will do well in the area and a bag of soil. So come on, get your yards all spiffed up! Good Luck!

Winners will get a hand made sign designed by Tina to keep in their yard for the month. The Yard of the Month will be announced in the Terramar Times.

If you would like to be on the Yard of the Month committee, Contact:

Tina Stevens-Dye
832-275-5999



ADOPT A BEACH Saturday April 25th

Please join your neighbors in the next coast-wide clean up on April 25, 2009.

We will meet in front of Terramar Beach just opposite of the boulevard at 9:30 am. Bring sunscreen, gloves and something to drink.

Plastic bags will be provided.

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Submitted by Anne Hedgcoxe

This is a Hedgcoxe Family favorite!

Lemon Bars

- 1 cup flour
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 cup butter (softened)
- 1/4 cup sugar



Mix until mealy. Press mixture into a 9 by 9 inch pan. Bake at 350 for 20 minutes.

Beat 2 eggs and mix with:

- 4 tablespoons of fresh squeezed lemon juice
- 1 cup sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon baking powder
- 3 tablespoons flour

Pour over crust. Bake at 350 for 25 minutes or until light brown on the edges.

Let cool, cut and roll in powder sugar.



PROJECT UPDATE

Submitted by Rachel Ruiz

The City apologizes for any inconvenience that may have been caused due to the road conditions.

The City and Contractors are working hard to get Terramar Beach completed. Once the project is complete the City will work to evaluate the drainage issues that have been occurring and will determine what can be done to alleviate the issue.

Please feel free to e-mail me if you should have any questions. Rachel: villarrealrac@cityofgalveston.org

Terramar Directory Form

Please e-mail your completed form or information to:

Willa Nadalin: willanad@aol.com

Monica Clark: terramardirectory@gmail.com

Or you may mail the completed form to: TBCIA RR#4 Box185X39 Galveston TX 77554

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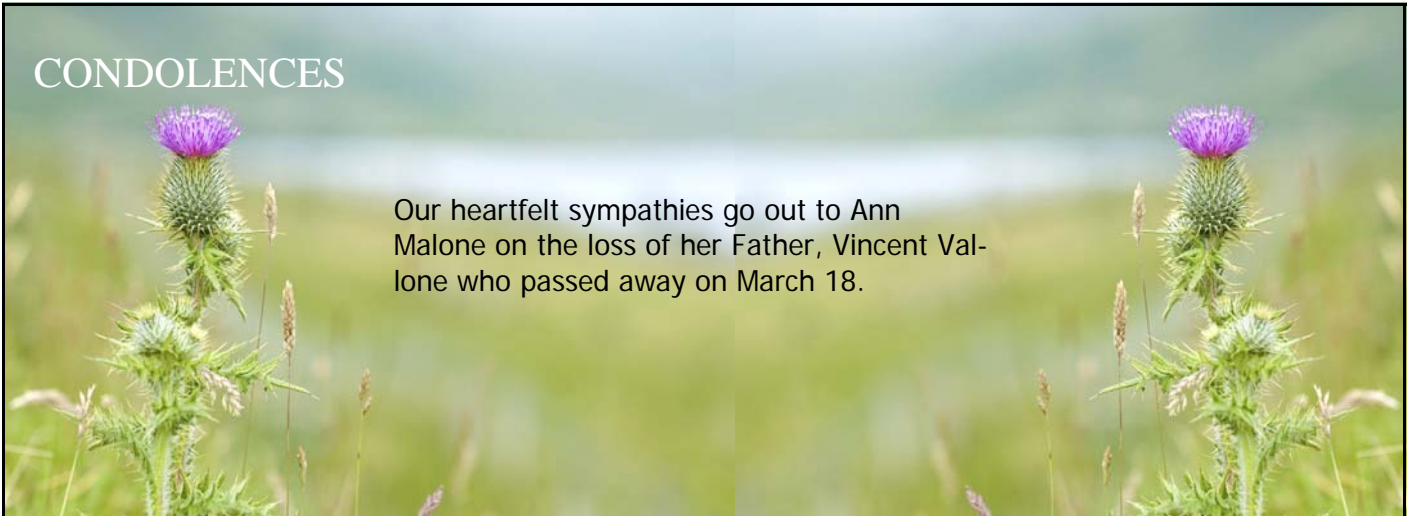
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CONDOLENCES

Our heartfelt sympathies go out to Ann Malone on the loss of her Father, Vincent Val-lone who passed away on March 18.



PRINTED COPIES ARE AVAILABLE AGAIN!

Thanks to the generosity of Mike and Tina Dye, printed copies of the Terramar Times will once again be at the mail box area. Mike and Tina have also volunteered to get a box to put them in and to print them each month.

These copies are for those who do not have computer access. Please do not take a copy if you have the capability to view the newsletter online or print your own.



A FRESH NEW LOOK

Did you notice? The Terramar Times has a new look! Monica Clark, otherwise known as "Superwoman" volunteered to format the newsletter monthly for me and I cannot thank her enough! She has made it look so professional now.

She is also the best Directory Assistant anyone could ask for! She totally formatted the directory last year and has kept up with the additions and changes for next year. If you have had any changes to your e mail address, phone numbers or home address, please be sure to get that information to her no later than May 31.

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