

Veteran's Day weekend began with a celebration honoring J.R. Halliburton, grandson of Rusty Smith (Section 7). J.R. recently returned from an extended tour of duty in Afghanistan and was greeted by Terramar Beach residents in a golf cart salute to the Armed Forces. Several of his fellow GI's were in attendance and, thanks to Joe and Karen Newton (Sec.2), spent the night as guests in their beautiful home. Brian Lobo (Sec. 2) treated the troops to his awesome brisket and Bernd Linden (Sec. 2) and Ed Nadalin provided ice-cold beverages. To quote J.R. as he related the events of the day to a latecomer, "It was really cool, man".

J.R. and his friends are awaiting deployment to Iraq.



Rusty Smith, J.R. and Pam Halliburton



Bernd Linden and J.R. Halliburton

Recent Automobile Break Ins

During the first weekend of November, items were stolen from several automobiles that were left open by their owners. Just a reminder that all vehicles should be locked if they are unattended.

Chuck Morris Takes on Centerpoint Energy.....and WINS!

Chuck Morris was dismayed and disappointed when he saw Centerpoint Energy erecting a huge regulator across Hwy. 3005 from his home back in March of this year. He immediately went to work making phone calls to anyone who would listen to his concern. With much determination, he made it to the top, and managed to convince them that he and other neighbors on Verano did not want to look out of their front doors at that huge industrial mess. It took many phone calls and quite a long time, but it is now gone! It was moved just west of Terramar Beach this month. Way to go Chuck!

PROGRESSIVE DINNER AND POKER RUN

The Progressive Dinner/Poker Run has been postponed until a later date, probably when the weather warms a bit. Linda Reed said that the response was not enough at this time of year to go through with the plans. She said that it is most successful when you have a total of fifty people and as of Thanksgiving weekend, she only had around thirty people signed up. Look for more information sometime in the Spring.

Thanks to the Cope's for Holiday Decorations

Frank and Sharon Cope designed (well, mostly Sharon did that), and put up the beautiful display at our entrance. They actually bought and donated most of the lights used in the display. It looks great guys!



Sharon Cope at work!!



Terramartian's Eat Out!

This is a new addition to our monthly Terramar Times! Every month we will publish a restaurant review from the restaurants in our area. If you would like to contribute to this, please feel free to submit your own review.

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Two of our "ladies who do lunch" visited the "New" Marios on 61st. Street recently. Mario's has been in business since 1967 and just opened their new restaurant in a new building behind the original restaurant on October 28. This new place seats 213 people and has a private party/meeting room that seats at least 90 people.

Giovanni and Ellen Smecca have a very successful business involving several other family members. Their chef, Nicola Notarnicola, is from Southern Italy and has been with them for 25 years.

The buffet was the most popular menu item on the day the ladies visited. It is a huge buffet with at least five hot menu items like hot pasta and chicken and fish. A favorite on Wednesdays (which is the day the ladies were there) is a seafood bisque. Delizioso! A very nice salad bar and pizza bar also included will help to fill those tummies. Dessert (as if

you would have room for it) was provided as well. The cost for the lunch buffet was \$9.96 and it includes tax and ice tea. The dinner buffet is priced at \$11.95.

For those of us who are "Pizza Deprived" on the West End, Ellen explained that they would deliver to the deli in Pirates Beach for a minimum \$20.00 order and a \$3.00 delivery charge. All menu items are available for delivery. They will call to set up a time to meet there.

For additional information, visit their web site at www.marios-ristorante.com or call them at 409-744-2975.



We extend our heartfelt condolences to Linda Vaccaro (Sec.2) for the loss of her mother. Please keep Linda and her family in your thoughts and prayers.

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Dianna Puccetti - KEEPING US INFORMED

City staff will have a golf cart ordinance ready in early 2008 for Council to review. One difficulty has been the feedback from the GLO stating that since golf carts are considered motor vehicles under the State Traffic Code, they can only be driven on the beach where motor vehicles are allowed. This continues to be a point of contention but an ordinance will be forthcoming for next years season. In the meantime you may drive your golf carts to the beach in areas where vehicles are allowed and if you have a disability and need the cart to access the beach you may also take it on the beach. Remember that your cart should be licensed, it should have the triangle safety sign on the back, it must be operated by a licensed and insured driver.

Brandon Wade has good news concerning the sewer project. Be sure to read his column.

Happy Holidays to each of you. Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can be of assistance to you. My e-mail is diannapuccetti@cityofgalveston.org

Council Member Dianna Puccetti

A WORD FROM BRANDON WADE

The City of Galveston received bids on November 7, 2007 from potential contractors for the Terramar Beach project. This project will provide sanitary sewer to those who don't already have it, will provide fire hydrants to those who don't have them nearby, and will result in complete repaving of all streets in the subdivision. The low bidder was

E.P. Brady, LTD, of Houston, and is the same contractor that is currently working for the City in the Sea Isle Subdivision. The bid was for \$3,170,392.75, and was slightly under the expected, budgeted amount. The Staff will be asking the City Council for approval of the contract on December 6, 2007. This means that construction could begin as early as February or March 2008. We will advise you of your project schedule as soon we receive it from the contractor. Sheila Wiora of our Capital Improvement Project Management Department has been assigned as Project Coordinator for the City, and she will help the Citizens of Terramar Beach throughout the construction process. Sheila may be reached at (409) 797-3630, or at publicworks@cityofgalveston.org. We look forward to the opportunity to bring infrastructure improvements to Terramar Beach.

FISHING REPORT FROM LLOYD AND COOKIE PEPPER

Let's hope the bad weather of Thanksgiving week is the last for a while. The flounder run should be on. The best spot close to us is San Luis Pass close to the bridge. Sea Wolf Park is also good. Best baits would be live mudfish and mullet. Any soft plastics, shrimp tails, curly tails, shad would work. Red with white tail is the best color.

Chris Jamail found trout drifting from Green's Cut to the Pass. Look for bait fish or birds working. Best birds working early and late. This should hold up until mid December if we don't get a bad Norther!



TERRMARTIAN'S SOCIAL CLUB

The first meeting of the newly formed Terramartians Social Group will take place on Saturday, January 19. We will meet at the pavilion, weather permitting. If the weather is too cold or rainy, we will post the meeting place online or at the pavilion. The time for the meeting is 10 AM. At this first meeting, officers will be elected for the coming year and plans for upcoming activities will be discussed. Any and all ideas will be considered by the members. Sign up forms will be available at the meeting and dues will be collected. The cost for membership is \$25 per year per household.

Food Drive

Thanks to all of you who made a contribution of food for the Salvation Army. Wendy Majewski took a van load of groceries on the Wednesday before Thanksgiving to the center on 23rd and Broadway. Your generosity was much appreciated by those less fortunate.

Van full of food!!!



RECIPE CORNER

No Bake Peanut Butter Doodles

Submitted by Monica Clark

Heat in pot until melted:

- 1 cup Light Karo Syrup
- 1 cup Sugar

Add to pot and stir until melted:
18 oz jar Crunchy Peanut Butter

Pour over ½ box (about 6 cups) Captain Crunch Peanut Butter Cereal. Spoon in mounds onto wax paper and let cool. Store in covered airtight container. Makes a lot!!



Barbara Bush's All American Clam Chowder

Submitted by Judy Duncan

- 1 7 OZ. can minced clams with liquid
- 3 slices bacon
- ½ cup minced onion
- 1 cup cubed potatoes
- 1 can Cream of Celery soup
- 1 ½ cup milk
- Black Pepper to taste

*Save the clam liquid (liquor)

Cook bacon until crisp. Break into 1 inch pieces. Brown onion in bacon grease. Add clam liquor and potatoes. Cover. Cook over low heat until potatoes are done...about 15 minutes. Blend in bacon pieces, minced clams and other ingredients. Heat but don't boil. Bacon may be used for garnish. Serves 4.



THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS IN TERRAMAR BEACH

'Twas the night before Christmas when
all through Terramar Beach

Not a creature was stirring, the coyotes
and possums not far out of reach.

The stockings were hung by the outside
bar with care,

In hopes that St. Nicholas would soon
be there.

The children parked their golf carts and
went off to bed,

While visions of police cars danced in
their heads.

And Mom in her swimsuit and I almost
sane,

Had just settled down for another
football game.

When out on the lawn there arose such
a clatter,

I sprang from my recliner to see what
was the matter.

Away to the front deck I flew like a flash,

I looked right and left bumped my head,
got a gash,

The moon reflecting on the waters of the
bay,

Gave the luster of morning, made it look
like midday.

When what to my wondering eyes
should appear,

But a group of eight section leaders
very, very near.

With others to join them on the board
one and all,

I knew in a moment they would answer
the call!

Their leader Big Ed was delighted he
came,

He whistled and shouted and called
them by name.

Now Hartman, now Baker, now Pat Kirk
and Saxon,

On English, on Ringrose, on Gonzales
and Krupa!

To the Gulf to the Bay, to the marina to
the pool,

Leading us, working for us, in the spirit
of Yule.

And then in a twinkling, I heard barely
audible,

The clinking of glasses of adult
beverages, most potable.

I got in my golf cart and rushed to the
pavilion,

A party in progress, looked like a
cotillion.

Happy sounds, merry tunes, frivolity
abounded,

Many neighbors came out and all were
astounded!

Hot dogs, ice cream, and favors for all,

A great time was had by all large and
small.

And now the time to go home was near,

Goodies consumed, and all out of beer.

I heard all exclaim before out of sight,

Merry Christmas to all and to all a good night!