

## MEMORIAL DAY "PICNIC AT THE PAVILION"

The Terramartian Social Club hosted a Memorial Day weekend old-fashioned picnic at the pavilion on Saturday May 24th. Many of your fine neighbors attended carrying baskets and coolers overflowing with all the traditional barbecue goodies and lots to share with everyone in attendance. A slip and slide was on hand to keep the youngsters occupied (and I did overhear Frank Cope contemplating giving it a try!) and a keg of beer and a popcorn machine were donated to keep the adults happy.

Lots of new folks joined in the celebration and we welcomed many more old timers as well. Hope to see you again on July 5th.

Danke Schoen to everyone who helped make the day a success especially Frank and Linda Vaccaro, Scott Arnold, Willa and Ed Nadalin, Mike Biasi and Bob and Wendy Majewski.



More new neighbors, Mike and Kathy Biasi



Elaine Roufa, Bill Goodwin, Dick Tate, Bryan Ritchey



New Neighbors, Charles and Phyllis Clary



Long time residents, Larry and Patty Erdman

## **ANNUAL MEETING – SATURDAY, JUNE 14, 10 AM**

The Annual Meeting will be held on Saturday, June 14 with check in beginning at 10 AM. Bar-B-Que from Grand Prize will be served at 11 AM and the meeting will begin at noon. If your name begins with A-L, please bring a side dish. If your name begins with M-Z, please bring a dessert. Proxies will not be used this year and voting on three by-law changes will take place so please try to attend. You must attend to be able to vote.

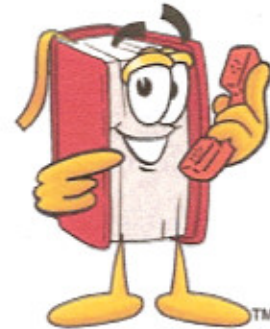
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## **PROGRESS IS UNDERWAY!!!**

The signs of progress are evident in Terramar Beach lately with patches to the streets that were quite bumpy with potholes and cuts made for water and sewer lines recently. Willa Nadalin contacted Brandon Wade, Assistant City Manager, after she received complaints from some of the residents regarding the deteriorating condition of some of the streets. As usual, Brandon responded in a timely manner and the repair work was completed in less than a week. And speaking of progress, the work on the long awaited Sewer Project for Terramar Beach is well underway. You will notice a lot of activity going on this summer and patience will be needed to deal with road blockage and delays. Just keep in mind that this will greatly improve our neighborhood in the long run.

## **NEW DIRECTORIES AVAILABLE AT ANNUAL MEETING**

The new Terramar Beach directories will be available at the Annual Meeting on June 14. Be sure to pick up a copy! **Monica Clark** spent countless hours totally reformatting the directory and most of that time spent was while she was caring for two of her grandchildren ages one and two! You are amazing, Monica! Thank you so much for sharing not just your time but your expertise as well. Also, **Bonny English** spent countless hours printing most of the directories for FREE!!! She also bound them for us. Thanks, Bonny!!



## **VANDALISM IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD**

The Port A Potty at the pool was set on fire recently and it burned to the ground and also singed the backside of the newly painted pool maintenance building. This will cost the subdivision many hundreds of dollars. If you know who is responsible for this heinous act of vandalism, please contact Ed Nadalin, President of the TBCIA. If you see anyone committing acts of vandalism in the neighborhood, please call the police.

**FOURTH OF JULY  
CELEBRATION AT THE  
PAVILION – JULY 5, NOON**

The Terramartians Social Club will sponsor a Fourth of July celebration at the pavilion on Saturday, July 5 at noon. Get creative and decorate your golf carts or your bicycles with a patriotic theme. There will be prizes for the most creatively decorated golf cart and bicycle. Hot Dogs with all the trimmings will be served. Please bring either a side dish or a dessert to share. We hope to have horseshoes, washers, a slip and slide and a water slide. A Fire Engine from Sea Isle will visit us as well. Pack your beverages and bring a chair. We will have some tables, but if you have a portable table, please bring that too! Questions? Call Willa at 737-9144.



**BETTY ELBUS RETIRES!**

Congratulations to Betty Elbus on her retirement from the Houston Fire Department. A party was held on Saturday, May 17 to celebrate this momentous occasion! Betty plans to spend some time learning to fish and was gifted with a brand new rod and reel!

**HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!!!!**

Father's Day is Sunday, June 15! Best Wishes to all of the Dad's in the neighborhood.



**SLATE FOR ELECTION – 2008**

The following are the candidates for board positions:

President – Bob Majewski  
Vice President – Scott Arnold  
Secretary – Alice Lincecum  
Treasurer – Marcy Anderson  
Section 2 Director – Linda Vaccaro  
Section 4 Director – Mark Plagens  
Section 6 Director – Bryan Ritchey  
Section 8 Director – Frank Helfrich

No proxies will be allowed this year. You must be present to vote. The Annual Meeting is on Saturday, June 14 at the pavilion. Check -in begins at 10:AM with lunch to be served at 11:AM and the meeting will begin at noon.



Next month we hope to have a new column with stories and photos from the "Old Days" of Terramar Beach. If you have any photos or stories you would like to share, please contact Willa Nadalin at 737-9144. All photos will be returned.

## BIRD OF THE MONTH

*Submitted by Jim Stevenson*

Founder of the Galveston Ornithological Society

Our June bird is the Black Skimmer. They are quite a unique bird, the only species with the lower half the bill longer than the upper. They use this to fly low over the water and flick fish up in their mouths. Thus the name "skimmer." Their entire top is black, too. Skimmers nest on our beaches, but vehicular traffic has nearly ended this habit in our area. They and Least Terns, an endangered species, have all but ceased nesting on Galveston Island. If their population continues to drop, they will become an endangered species, and millions of taxpayer dollars will be spent rescuing them.

Skimmers feed most often at dawn and dusk, as winds average less at those times. They can even feed at night, as it's all a reflex to them. They nest in June, and some desperate birds even try nesting in parking lots, such as at Dow Chemical.

Truly, the fate of this bird is in our hands.



## LLOYD PEPPER'S MONTHLY FISHING REPORT

After a very windy May and very little rain, all fishing should pick up soon. The first time the surf gets flat and clear, the trout should be in. Best time is before daylight and the first couple of hours in the morning. The last couple of hours of daylight are usually productive as well. Best baits are live shrimp,  $\frac{3}{4}$  ounce spoons,  $\frac{1}{2}$  ounce jig heads and red and white tails.

The Bay is best with moving tides coming in or going out. Live shrimp under popping corks work well. A leader of twenty-four inches in three to five feet of water or lengthen the leader for deeper water. If you see dirty water, fish along the edges. Drift the middle of the Bay with cut bait for Gaff tops. Watch for slicks (oily looking water). Let's hope it rains soon or the Bay will get too salty. We used twelve to fifteen pound test line with twenty-pound monofilament leaders with a swivel between main lined leaders with stop line twist.

Cookie's boat is still for sale. It is an eighteen-foot Boston Whaler. Call for more details at 409-737-1136.



## PROJECT UPDATE FROM RACHEL RUIZ

As you are probably aware of by now the construction has started in Terramar. May 27, 2008 was the first day of construction and the contractors started in the area of Miramar and Obra. The sewer portion of this project will be installed first hand. From there we will work on the water and then the drainage. If anyone has any questions at all please feel free to contact me at 409-737-9920. Thank You, Rachel Ruiz



## THINK GREEN – RECYCLE YOUR ALUMINUM CANS!!

The Cash for Cans program is still underway. Cans can be dropped off in plastic bags at Rosanna Molina's at 23107 Camino. Funds from the cans will be used for future Terramartian events and also special projects in the neighborhood.



## RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Submitted by Kathy Biasi

### AVOCADO SOUP

- 4 large peeled avocados
- 1 poblano chile
- ¼ cup white wine
- 1 Tablespoon lemon juice
- 2 Tablespoon onions chopped
- 8 cups chicken stock
- 2 small red canned peppers chopped
- salt and pepper to taste

Puree avocados in blender with poblano chile, wine, lemon juice, onion and salt and pepper to taste. Heat the chicken stock, avocado puree and red peppers. Divide among bowls and serve. Garnish with cilantro.



## RESTAURANT REVIEW

Submitted by Kathy and Mike Biasi

There are many restaurants in Galveston on the Strand but one of my favorites is Willie G's on the water. They have a beautiful view of the water and the boats, but also have a menu that will satisfy every palate. My favorite is the fish tacos. It is so rich with spices and cooked to perfection. Willie's is also best known for their fish dishes, which are amazing. The portions are very large and really enough for two. There is a wait sometimes especially on the weekends, but well worth the time. Bon Appétit.

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