

CANALS AND TURNING BASIN GET A CLEAN UP/OUT

After Hurricane Ike deposited a lot of debris in the waters surrounding our subdivision, FEMA (yes, FEMA!!) came recently to give us a hand in cleaning out the mess. The interesting thing is that the contractors that were here from Louisiana were disappointed that there was not more debris for them to pull out. I explained to them that we are a resourceful community and that we had already scheduled three volunteer work days since the storm and that our property owners had cleaned out most of the mess on their own. Several barges were launched from our boat launch and were here for almost a week. The barges had huge machines loaded onto them that scooped the golf carts, riding lawn mowers and appliances out of the water.



Just a small amount of the trash removed



Looks like a riding lawn mower!



Lloyd Pepper is helping to locate some of the submerged items

SAVE THE DATE!! CRAWFISH BOIL FUNDRAISER



The Dredging and Social Committees are planning a Crawfish Boil Fundraiser for Saturday, March 7 from noon until 5 o'clock. The proceeds from this event will be used to replace the channel markers that were lost to Hurricane Ike. There will be live music and a silent auction. Beverages will be available for a donation and crawfish will be \$5.00 per pound. Please bring chairs.



AUTOMOBILE DECALS TO BE AVAILABLE AT ANNUAL MEETING

A special thanks to Greg Julian for donating new decals for automobile windows. Frank and Linda Vaccaro donated the design. These decals will be sold at the Annual Meeting on June 13. The decals can also be used on golf carts. If you would like a decal or two before the Annual Meeting, contact Willa Nadalin at [willanad@aol.com](mailto:willianad@aol.com). The decals will cost \$2.00 each.



SIGN UP NOW FOR WATER AEROBICS

Beginning this summer, Phyllis Clary will be leading a water aerobics class at the Terramar Beach pool. The classes will be for one hour, beginning at 9:30 AM on Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Punch cards will be sold with five sessions per card. Terramar Beach property owners will pay \$20.00 per card and non residents will pay \$25.00 per card. You will be required to sign a release form before participating in the classes. All proceeds from these classes will go towards the maintenance of the pool. If you would like to sign up, please contact Phyllis at: phylliscallahan@hotmail.com

WELCOME BACK, PHIL!!

Long time Terramar Beach resident, Phil Svec returned to the neighborhood after a long absence due to medical issues. Phil had surgery to repair the cataracts in both eyes and can see you perfectly, so wave when you go by! One of the first things he said was, "This place looks a mess"! He was here after the storm, but really couldn't see the damage. So his successful surgery comes with good news and bad news.

FRANK HELFRICH UNDERGOES HEART SURGERY

Frank Helfrich underwent heart surgery on Thursday, February 26. He is at Methodist Hospital in the Medical Center. Please keep Frank in your prayers for a speedy recovery. (Yes, this is the same Frank that fell off of the ladder and broke his arm and rode his riding lawn mower into the Bay in the last couple of years.)

CONDOLENCES

Sincere sympathies go out to Mike Dyess on the loss of his son, Brad (Bubba) Dyess on February 13.



SPRING BREAK THIS MONTH

This year, Spring Break signals a return to our neighborhood of many property owners who have not been here for quite a while. It may also bring some unwanted "visitors". There have been multiple reports of home break ins and theft of items under homes lately, so do keep an eye out for each other and call the police if you see anything unusual.

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Submitted by Donna Romeym

This is our favorite recipe we use when we are entertaining. You make it a day ahead, so you don't have to be in the kitchen the day of the entertaining.

Pasta Salad with Shrimp and Basil

1 pound medium shrimp, cooked and peeled
4 cups cooked medium seashell pasta (about 2 cups uncooked pasta)
2 cups chopped plum tomatoes (about 1 pound)
1/2 cup chopped green peppers
1/3 cup fresh lemon juice
1/4 cup chopped shallot
1/4 chopped fresh or 4 teaspoons dried basil
2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon black pepper
1 garlic clove, minced

Combine all ingredients in a large bowl. Cover and refrigerate at least 8 hours. Yield 8 servings (serving size 1 cup).



DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS

Don't forget to "Spring Ahead" on Sunday, March 8.



FRUSTRATION PUT TO RHYME

Marilyn Leidel owns a home in Terramar Beach that was damaged by Ike. She was told that her pilings should be replaced and as most of us have experienced, the contractor did not live up to his end of the deal! Marilyn uses poetry as therapy.

The Waiting Game

by Marilyn Leidal

You make the call and all in all

Happy you got a live one

They come to look what Ike's done shook

Then give you a bid...what fun!

The date is set so there's no fret

Until the date comes and goes

You make the call **now** all in all

No answer...this really blows!

It's been 30 days, too many delays

But nothing we can do

Wait it out, no need to shout

We're just the house of blues!

So pilings guy, we're not so shy

Get your permit...no more missed days

We've got your money and it's not funny

That our house shimmies and sways!

FISHING REPORT FOR MARCH

Spring Break in Galveston

By Capt. Joe Kent

By the time most of you read this, Spring Break in Galveston will be upon us. Hundreds of Spring Breakers, as they are called, will be converging on the west end of Galveston Island and for many, the idea of fishing is foremost in their mind.

For almost 25 years, I was a regular spring break visitor on the west end, operating out of my house in Sea Isle. It was a time when my daughter drew lots of her friends down to help celebrate the arrival of spring and the school holidays.

Each year, fishing was an issue as the kids, along with some of the adult chaperones. Everyone wanted to wet a line in addition to a dip in the cold surf waters.

After a number of years of experience with spring break weather, I started telling folks that whatever weather they encountered when they arrived likely would be totally different when they departed. I don't think there were hardly any exceptions to that rule.

For fishing, wind was almost always an issue. The kids wanted to go fishing in the West Bay yet the wind was always howling from either the south or the north. The beachfront fishing piers offered a decent shot at catching a fish as did the canals in all of the west end subdivisions.

Panfish were mostly the catch of the day, when we were lucky enough to have something go after the dead shrimp or squid at the end of our lines. I do recall one year, back in the 1990's when one of the young men in our group landed a slot red from the Nueces Street Canal at Sea Isle. What an exciting experience for him and the rest of us.

This year with all of the changes brought on by the hurricane, there has been more activity in West Bay than I previous years. Lots of trout along with reds and flounder are there for the taking when conditions are right.

Terramar Canals have been holding some nice trout all winter and there is no reason to think that they will not be there over spring break. In any event, enjoy the time off from school and work and remember to keep safety foremost in your plans.



BIRD OF THE MONTH

Submitted by Jim Stevenson

Founder of the Galveston
Ornithological Society

We have often talked about water birds, but this bird of the month is a land bird, and a mighty small one at that. It is called the Barn Swallow.

Swallows are insectivorous birds that feed on the wing, and are great migrators. There are several species of them, but the most abundant is the Barn Swallow. It is recognized by its long, forked tail and reddish under parts.

Swallows leave North America for the winter, and follow the coastline around Texas toward Mexico. Because of this, they can be seen flying northeast "up" Galveston, right over Terramar, and will eventually turn north and head inland to nest. In fall, they reverse the process and are seen flying southwest toward Mexico and beyond.

Barn Swallows are just getting started right now, but by late March, they will stream past almost continuously until they begin tapering off in mid-May. A scant few have nested on Galveston, such as at the State Park.

If you want to learn more about birds, you can be on my e-mail list with bird pictures, by writing me at galornsoc@earthlink.net

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