

Labor Day Celebration

Terramar Beach celebrated Labor Day with a cook out and home made ice cream party at the pavilion. Approximately sixty of our neighbors participated for this "Summer's End" party. Good food and great ice cream was shared and totally enjoyed by all! A Slip and Slide was there for the kids to keep them cool! Thanks to "Chef Jim Reed" for a delicious variety of meat that he grilled, including some of the best boudin ever!!!!



FISH FRY COMING UP – SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20!

You catch 'em – we FRY 'em!!

Another fun event is scheduled at the Pavilion for Terramar residents!! Come at 2 PM on Saturday, October 20 and bring a side dish to share with your neighbors. If you are lucky enough to be catching fish lately, please bring some cleaned and filleted. Look for more information on the web site!!!! Linda Reed is coordinating this event.

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LOGGERHEAD TURTLE RESCUED ON TERRAMAR BEACH

By Wendy Majewski

On September 4, an injured loggerhead turtle washed ashore in Terramar Beach. John Stone spotted the turtle and Bob Majewski kept it from going back into the surf while his wife, Wendy contacted the turtle rescue. With the help of Willa Nadalin's cell phone and the Galveston Police dispatch unit, turtle expert Ben Higgins arrived on site. He explained that the loggerhead had a massive head injury from a boat propeller and a shark bite to his front flipper and would be transported to the Houston Zoo for surgery that day. When asked how many turtles are rescued off the beach Mr. Higgins replied, "Alive? No more than three or four a year." At the Houston Zoo his skull was wired together and he was given an IV drip of antibiotics. At that time prognosis for his recovery was poor.

Nicknamed Yertle, the loggerhead is back in Galveston at the NOAA/Fisheries Sea Turtle Facility located at 4700 Ave U (behind the San Luis Resort). He is doing better than expected and will be released back into the gulf upon his full recovery.



FISHING REPORT FROM LLOYD AND COOKIE PEPPER

October is the month of change. Cooler days mean cooler water. If the Gulf gets rough, the redfish start to spawn in the passes. The tide brings the eggs into the Bay. After a drop of water temperatures to the 70's, the flounder will start their move to the Gulf for the winter. All do not leave, but over 50% will. First fish where water comes out of lakes and coves. Around the beginning of November when the water temperature is below 70 degrees, fish the Pass. Fish with light weights and live mudfish, mullet or piggy perch. The new "Gulp" baits on a jig head will work.

The high tides of late September have made redfishing very good in shallow water near the grass shorelines.

Texas Parks and Wildlife Hatchery in Lake Jackson have released over 200,000 redfish fingerling inside Terramar Beach. These fish are about 32 centimeters. Redfish will grow one inch a month until they get about 20 inches. If you catch small redfish, handle them as little as possible and release them. The slot for redfish is 20 – 28 inches.

TERRAMAR BEACH T-SHIRTS AND FLAGS

We are considering placing an order for T-Shirts and flags with the Terramar Beach sunset logo. We don't know the prices yet, but we are assured by a local resident that they will be reasonable. If you are interested in ordering either the T-Shirt or a flag, please contact Willa Nadalin at 409-737-9144 or willanad@aol.com. These might make great Holiday gifts!!!!

DIANNA PUCCETTI - KEEPING US INFORMED

City Council Passes FY 2008 Budget and Calls 4B Sales Tax Election for November 2007

On September 13th, the City Council passed the FY 2008 Budget which totals \$85.4 million. A large portion of the budget is the Capital Improvement Plan. The 2008 budget contains a significant amount of dollars for infrastructure improvements in underserved areas.

Terramar Beach sanitary sewer dollars were funded from existing bond sources and will begin in 2008. Street improvements that will follow once the sewer installation is completed are included as part of the budget for 2008 and are funded from Industrial Development Corporation (IDC) funds. I am pleased that these improvements have been fully funded for Terramar Beach. It has been a long time coming and will produce some short-term inconveniences for residents during the construction work.

In November 2007, the City of Galveston will hold an election related to the 4B Sales Tax. This half-cent tax is one that is currently being collected, and the City desires to continue the tax and the positive impact that the dollars have on the entire community. This is not an additional tax – it is an extension of a tax that you are already paying any time that you purchase something in Galveston and pay sales tax. There are many benefits to the Island from this funding stream, which currently is allocated to sewer improvements, streets and drainage, and beach nourishment. I do not have enough space in this column to provide all the details concerning the 4B Sales Tax as a working tool for the City, but a few short facts are:

The half-cent currently generates approximately 4 million dollars a year for the

purposes defined. The City can take that funding and leverage it to purchase bonds which currently provide a ten to one return on the dollar. In other words each one million that the City puts up can support the repayment of \$10 Million in bonds. It is also important to know that every time a visitor to the Island makes a purchase and pays sales tax, they are helping to fund City projects and infrastructure improvements. The City Manager projects that approximately one-third of the sales tax generated for the fund is from the purchases made by visitors to the Island.

Please watch for additional information explaining the upcoming election on the City Access Channel (16) or the City website: www.cityofgalveston.gov Mayor Thomas and City Manager LeBlanc presented the 4B Sales Tax at the WGIPOA meeting on Saturday September 14. They are continuing the meeting circuit to educate residents about the upcoming election.

Last, but certainly not least, as I write this column, a Golf Cart Ordinance is being drafted at the City. I will make sure that residents are alerted to the date that the ordinance will go to Council for a vote so that you can attend to support the passage of the ordinance if you would like.

Remember that Hurricane season is not over until November. Be prepared, but let's all hope that we continue this season with only drills. Enjoy this gentle beginning to the fall season, and please do not hesitate to contact me with questions or concerns at 409-740-0424 (home phone) diannapuccetti@cityofgalveston.gov or my personal e-mail which recently changed dpuccett@comcast.net

Council Member Dianna D. Puccetti

A WORD FROM BRANDON WADE

City Sewer is on the Way

The City of Galveston will soon be advertising for bids a contract to extend sanitary sewer service to those in Terramar Beach that do not already have sewer. It is expected that the project will be bid in November with the City Council considering award of the contract in January. If all goes well, it appears that the City could be under construction by Spring 2008. Included in the project will be replacement of a few undersized water lines to allow for placement of fire hydrants where none currently exist. In addition, the City will be repaving the streets. Finally, the City will be constructing some major drainage improvements in Terramar Beach. The construction activity will, at times, be very disruptive; however, the City will work to minimize it to the extent possible. Should you have questions regarding the upcoming construction, please email the city at publicworks@cityofgalveston.org , or call (409) 797-3630. In addition, the City will have a project inspector and a project coordinator to assist the subdivision through the construction process.

REPORTS FROM THE BEACH!!

September has been a VERY productive month for fishing right here in the front of our neighborhood!! The surf has gone from being "green to the beach" to sandy and rough, but all that means is two of our favorite species of fish were being caught in good numbers. Some of the lucky anglers were Bob Majewski, Kathy Olivera, Ron Froncek, Gary Handley, Mike Samano, Tom Hetzer and Willa Nadalin. Trout and Redfish were landed with consistency. An occasional black tip shark and of course the dreaded hard head catfish were also caught.



RECIPE CORNER – Submitted by Wendy Majewski

A different recipe for redfish on the halfshell.

Redfish on the halfshell

Ingredients

- 1 Redfish
- onion powder
- fresh garlic
- salt and pepper
- one strong beer
- 1/4 stick of butter
- one tablespoon of Worcestershire
- one crushed garlic clove
- one teaspoon of Tony Chacherre's or Zatarains

Start with a fresh caught redfish. Fillet the redfish leaving the skin and scales on. Lay the redfish fillet skin side down. Sprinkle on the flesh, onion powder, fresh garlic, salt and pepper. Rub these in with your fingers. Place redfish in the fridge for 1 to 2 hours. Just before taking the redfish out of the fridge, take a saucepan and add beer, butter, Worcestershire, garlic clove, Caribbean jerk, and a little pepper. Get the grill hot. Oil the skin side of the fish. Place fish on grill skin side down. Baste the flesh with the mixture in the saucepan every 10 minutes. The redfish should take from 30 to 45 minutes to cook on low to med heat. The skin will curl up keeping most of the basting mixture on the meat, keeping it very moist. When its time to remove the redfish from the grill most of the scales will stay on the grill.

Just a note: I saw a neighbor saving the ribs after he filleted his catch of redfish. Says he seasons them well and throws them in the fryer when he fries a batch of fish. "Lots of good meat left on them bones" said he. Waste not want not.

CLASSIFIED ADS

FOR SALE: Computer desk on wheels...Purchased at Home Depot...Good piece of furniture in very good condition...asking \$75.00 but will consider reasonable offer. Please call (409) 737-1450.

Hi neighbor . . . ever wondered what that cute little baby blue house on the corner of Terramar Drive just as you pull into the neighborhood cost to rent? Well, Dick & Elaine (also Terramar owners) own that little house and would love to rent it to you when you have a house full of guest and there just aren't enough beds. The cost is quite reasonable. We charge \$450.00 a weekend, which *usually* runs Friday evening through Sunday departure. For our fellow Terramar residents, we will extend that to read Thursday through Sunday departure. Please *do* call if you need the extra bedrooms or know someone who would like to lease a furnished home long term: 713-523-4488. Visit our website www.galvestonislandgetaway.com

LJF Discount Lawn Service

Need yard work done? Mowing, Tree Trimming – Call Larry Farmer

Home – (409) 737-4286

Cell – (832) 651-9904



TRASH CANS AND BEING A GOOD NEIGHBOR

Many of our neighbors are "weekenders" and therefore are not here on Monday after the trash is picked up. In the interest of good neighborliness, please see that your neighbor's trashcans are rolled back to their homes and secured. Often times the wind will pick up and trash cans will get blown into the street and even worse, into the canals. Let's keep Terramar Beach beautiful!

WE NEED YOUR ALUMINUM CANS!!

Recycling aluminum cans is not only environmentally responsible, it is profitable!! Please save your cans and deliver them to Rosanna Molina's at 23107 Camino (just put them in a plastic bag in the driveway). Rosanna takes them once a month to the recycling place on Broadway and the money received goes into our Terramar Beach FUN FUND!!

Yesterday is but today's
memory, tomorrow is
today's dream.

Kahlil **Gibran**

*Lebanese artist & poet
in US (1883 - 1931)*

Terramar Beach Residents Participate in Annual Beach Clean Up

Many of our neighbors showed up on Saturday, September 22 to get down and dirty by cleaning the beach. Statewide, 9,604 volunteers removed 189.84 tons, or 379,706 pounds of trash from 185.5 miles of Texas beaches. Most of the trash consisted of typical items left by beachgoers: cigarette butts, soda cans, beer bottles, beach toys and tires. This mix of trash has changed over the years that Adopt-A-Beach volunteers have walked the beaches. When the program started in 1986, the bulk of trash on Texas beaches came from international ships that simply dumped it overboard. Since then, data collected by Adopt-A-Beach volunteers has helped to pass an international shipping treaty that bans such sloppy practices and requires all oceangoing vessels to dispose of their trash responsibly while in port.

