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News From Your POA Board President

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Summer Greetings to all Padre Island Property Owners!

There is a lot of activity on our Island and it looks to be a great and enjoyable summer. You are reminded by many to be prepared for hurricane season so I won't belabor the point any more than that.

For those living in or visiting the Sea Pines area of the Island you may have noticed some welcome additions to the street medians...your PIPOA has embarked on an ambitious effort to landscape some of our most worthy areas and we began by targeting the Sea Pines area. Many new palm trees have been planted and some landscaping is completed with additional, more extensive work planned for the near future.

Building activity is up and while I hesitate to use the word "boom" we are experiencing levels that we haven't seen in some time. Additionally, our realtors are starting to see increased activity in a variety of subdivisions including both waterfront and water-access homes, condos and lots. We all hope these positive trends continue to keep our Island vibrant and energized.

Your POA continues to look for ways to improve our Island properties and common areas, from monitoring weed levels on vacant lots to active representation on the Island Strategic Action Committee. The POA is involved in many issues...from small areas of concern between neighbors to major planned developments and road improvements being discussed for the Island community.

Our goal is always to represent the collective desires of the Property Owners in the most advantageous way possible to enhance your property and our Island way of life. We are always interested in hearing from our Property Owners regarding suggestions to improve our common areas, our Island facilities, and our advocacy of your ideas and concerns with the City and the County.

Until next time, be happy, be safe!

Jeff Carlson

PADDLE FOR PARKINSON'S



The 2nd Annual Paddle for Parkinson's is scheduled for Saturday, September 3. Last year's event was successful, but we hope this year will be even bigger and better. The participants paddle thru the canals. So watch for the paddleboarders and kayakers as they make their way to the finish at Billish Park where there will be barbecue and prizes. In addition to raising money to help find a cure for Parkinsons, other non-profit organizations will participate this year with booths and food at Billish Park following the race. If you want to enter, have questions, or need more information, go to www.catchthecure.org.

CANAL CLEAN-UP

Keeping our canals clean needs to be every ones job. As you can see from the picture, fish carcasses do not just disappear! Oxygen keeps our canals alive. Oxygen is depleted as it is used to degrade the fish matter. We are required to test the levels of oxygen as well as other nutrients every week during the months of May thru October. So, please, when you clean your fish, put the remains in the garage can.

We also have a contract for taking trash out of the canals. Things like plastic bags, palm fronds, Styrofoam cups, and even lawn furniture end up in our canals due to the almost ever present winds. Make sure your furniture is secure and you keep a trash bag on your deck and in your boat to dispose of trash, again, in your garbage can.



MEDIANS



Palm trees and rocked medians are making their way down Sea Pines. The first two medians have been completed and the next three are scheduled for more palm trees and rocks.

When the City annexed the Island, one of the conditions was that the POA would maintain the medians. Whitecap and Commodores have rock, palms and other plantings, but Sea Pines had grass (weeds) and only a few palm trees. The Board of Directors decided it was time to upgrade the look on Sea Pines. Keeping the palms watered is a project! When you ask "what do the annual fees pay for," this is just one example of the many projects done by the POA and volunteers.

POA UPDATE

by Maybeth Christensen, Executive Coordinator

The book shelves are growing at the office. In fact, they outgrew my office and we now have moved them to our "library." You don't need to swap book for book. Just stop by and browse the shelves and take what looks interesting. A volunteer resident has even alphabetized the books by author.

We've been busy notarizing documents for residents. There are two notaries public at the office. So, if you need a notary public, we will be happy to help you. It is just another opportunity for us to serve you.

Unleashed dogs, and dog owners who allow their pet to defecate on private property and then don't have the courtesy or common sense to pick up after them continue to be a nuisance problem on the Island. Pet ownership carries a responsibility to the pet as well as your neighbors. Remember, we do not have open fields. All of those lots are owned by individuals and are private property.

The POA has been involved in numerous meetings regarding the Park Road 22 bridge. That item was in the 2004 City bond election. As we all know, we still do not have a bridge. Many of the organizations on the Island are working together, meeting with various City Council Members and pointing out the need for the City to build that bridge. Putting in the canal to connect the west side of Park Road 22 to the east side (Lake Padre) would increase the water exchange in the back canals and help with our water quality. It could also lead to the economic boost the Island and the City really needs.

The other item which the City has not completed is the Aquarius extension which was included in the 2008 bond election. (Are you seeing a pattern here?) The latest on that project is that it will be completed by February, 2012. We'll keep pushing our elected officials to carry through on what the voters decided.

City of Corpus Christi

Brush & Bulky Items Set-out Schedule Area 1
Jul 4 - 17
 Sept 5 - Sept 18
 Nov 7 - Nov 20
Bulky items can be set out only during the dates listed in **BOLD**.
Brush is collected beginning the week after the last date listed for set out times.

A City permit is required if you have a home alarm system. The application form is available on the Corpus Christi Police site. There is an annual fee for the permit and a fine if you do not have the permit.

The City has a large recycle bin located at the boat ramp on Fortuna Bay. It was an experiment that has definitely worked. Most of the condos in the area do not have recycle bins as they have the large trash containers from private haulers. The recycle bin is definitely being used. Although there are markings for separation of recycle materials, those can be ignored as we have what is called a "single stream" system meaning the contractor separates the material.

Call 826-CITY for City ordinances, codes or questions regarding City services OR CCTEXAS.COM

CORPUS CHRISTI POLICE DEPARTMENT CITIZEN OBSERVER

The CC Police Department now has a Citizen Alert Network. The Alert Network allows the CCPD to instantly update you about crimes, emergencies and other important information such as hurricane information. All alerts are delivered via e-mail and are also available via text message on your cell phone. It's easy to sign up just go to www.citizenobserver.com/registration.isp. Fill out the form and you are registered. CitizenObserver is a secure website and protects your privacy.

The benefit of the Alert Network is it allows two-way communication between law enforcement and the public. Law enforcement can update citizens and as we learn about fugitives, missing person and unsolved cases, we can provide tips directly to the CCPD.

The Police Department also has a new number for non-emergency police calls - 886-COPS (2677). The new number will get you to the right person without going thru several layers as was the case with the old number.



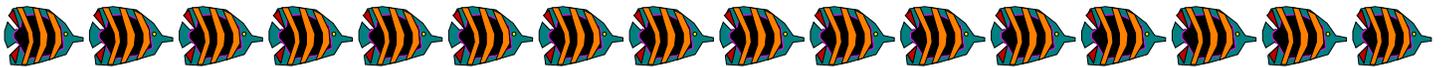
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CALENDAR



JULY

NO BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

19 - Island Night at the Hooks

19 - PIBA Mixer - Christus Spohn Island Family Medicine

30 - LITTER CRITTER - POA OFFICE



AUGUST

11 - PIBA luncheon - Country Club - Congressman Farenthold scheduled speaker

15 - PIBA MIXER - 5:30 PM Kiwanis Club host at Keller Williams

17 - School starts for the Island Charter Schools

23 - BOARD OF DIRECTORS, 5:30 PM, POA OFFICE

27 - LITTER CRITTER - POA OFFICE



SEPTEMBER

5 - POA Office Closed for Labor Day

8 - PIBA luncheon - Country Club - Dr. Escamilla from DelMar College

19 - PIBA Mixer - 5:30 PM place to be announced

24 - LITTER CRITTER - POA OFFICE

27 - POA Board of Directors, 5:30 PM, POA Office

