Holiday Greetings from your POA Board and Staff

Holiday Season Greetings to all Padre Island Property Owners!

We enjoy seeing so many of you as you stop by to pick up a book from our book swap area. We now have 8 bookcases full of great authors and we can always use more books and bookcases.

All 3 of your office staff are notaries public. If you need something notarized, we are happy to provide this service free of charge. If you need witnesses as well as a notary, just give us a call - 949-7025 - to make sure all 3 of us will be in the office.

2012 trailer stickers are available for purchase at the office. The cost is $10. You also need the round blue sticker on the vehicle towing the trailer. They cost $5. You need to have the stickers on your trailer and vehicle if you are going to park at one of the boat ramps. Remember, you can only park at the ramp for 72 hours. The ramps are not storage areas.

The round sticker is not a form of Island identification to get you back on the Island in case we have an evacuation due to a hurricane. If you do not have an Island address on your driver’s license, you need to get an emergency re-entry card from us.

The Litter Critter continues to be a well-used service. We always need more volunteers to help direct traffic. We have several metal recyclers who pick up the metal so we try to place metal and other reusable items on the side.

2012 ANNUAL MEETING

SATURDAY
MARCH 10, 2012
10 AM

SEASHORE LEARNING CENTER GYM
ENCANTADA & PR 22

We look forward to seeing you at the annual meeting. This is our opportunity to report to you on what the Board and your staff have done during 2011. It is your time to ask questions and hear first-hand what is happening on the Island.

There will be coffee and rolls, as well as door prizes.
Jeff Carlson, President, Padre Isles Property Owners Association

Subject: OPEN LETTER TO ALL PADRE ISLAND PROPERTY OWNERS

1. With this letter, I respectfully ask each property owner for their vote(s) to retain my current seat on the PIPOA Board of Directors. I have served for over 3 years having filled a vacancy on an interim basis in December 2008 and then was privileged to earn your votes for a permanent seat in March of 2009. Since then I have been a strong supporter of accelerating the repairs to our bulkheads, which has shown a marked improvement for all property owners. I also was one of the first to push for establishing priorities and a viable system to rebuild bulkheads, infrastructure, etc. with our accumulated emergency insurance funds after a natural disaster. This initiative is now underway and progress is being made to create a mechanism whereby recovery may be accomplished in support of all property owners. I worked extensively to update our Strategic Five Year plan to provide guidelines for future board actions and prioritize expenditures and initiatives, minimizing time and effort on items beyond our charter or scope while concentrating on the most critical and necessary areas to enhance our Island. These are just a few of the accomplishments that I have been honored to be a part of with an extremely competent and dedicated Board of Directors.

2. Additionally, I support the following projects to strengthen opportunities for our property owners:

a. The Schlitterbahn Water Resort: this unique and exciting project will, in my opinion, energize the Island and provide property owners with improved property values, small businesses with increasing revenues, and realtors and service providers greater visibility to grow our community.

b. The Park Road 22 Overpass: an exceptional improvement which not only enhances our road structure, but improves dramatically the water quality and sea life of our canals because of increased water exchange. Boat owners will have easier access to Packery Channel and walkers, joggers, and golf cart drivers will have better access to the beach side of Whitecap Blvd. I see this project as critical to our future.

c. The newly-designed Aquarius Extension: as I looked out my window today I saw a fire off Tesoro near Whitecap. The Fire Department was forced to take a long route to assist our neighbor. This is not only sad and unfortunate yet easily rectified. It is imperative that the recent jury verdict not be allowed to hinder the City from completing a wide, beautifully landscaped and, most importantly, safe street connecting Aquarius with Commodores. A road without sidewalks, curbs, and proper lighting places our joggers, dog walkers, golf cart drivers and bicyclists at extreme risk, not to mention car drivers passing on too narrow a street. It is essential that we push now for a proper connector to keep our residents safe and provide direct emergency vehicle access to Whitecap. Anything less would be a travesty.

3. Having spent 28 years on active duty with the US Navy, I have been blessed on numerous fronts. Finding a magnificent community like Padre Island is just one of many. It has been a distinct pleasure and privilege to have served on the PIPOA Board of Directors for the past 3+ years. I feel I owe something back to my community and this is certainly one way I can repay the debt for your unwavering support to me and my family while I was on active duty. I hope that the many accomplishments the Board has achieved while I have served is indicative of my loyalty to you and our Island and will be incentive for you to once again honor me with your vote. Thank you. Respectfully, Jeff Carlson

Nancy Tressa

My name is Nancy Tressa and I am seeking re-election for the Padre Isles Property Association. I have been on our board for three terms. My husband and I have been island residents for fifteen years and are still enjoying our island lifestyle.

During my most recent term, the endeavors in which I have been involved that have brought me the most pride are:

- Hiring and supporting a very competent and responsive Executive Coordinator Maybeth Christensen
- Developing a sound budgetary process with on-going monthly monitoring to provide our residents with confidence in the board’s fiduciary efforts
- Continuing to improve our island quality of life by providing additional landscaping features through the association with the Beatification Trust Committee
- Improvement of the association’s communication efforts with local governmental agencies by closely working with organizations such as the Padre Island Business Association and the Island PAC

My background is in educational administration, therefore, I feel have the communication and organizational skills necessary to meet the continued challenges that our island faces in the future. I feel my previous board experiences provide me the expertise needed to facilitate our residents as they participate in the further development of our island to ensure the sanctity of their homes while protecting their investment in our community.

I hope that I can count on your support and vote. Thank you. Sincerely, Nancy Tressa
Candidates for Board of Directors - continued

John (Jack) Sharlow, Treasurer, Padre Isles Property Owners Association

I am running for reelection to the POA Board. I have served for two years on the Board, and have served as Treasurer for one year. I previously served on the Homeowners Advisory Committee for three years.

I appreciate the opportunity to serve the people of the Island. It is my intent to continue to exercise fiscal responsibility and be responsive to input from our homeowners. Our Island faces challenges associated with most communities but with the added threat of storms and even the possibility of a hurricane, a board member needs knowledge and experience to respond to problems of any magnitude. My background has given me the preparation to lead while paying close attention to the problems and concerns here on the Island.

Over the years I have served on various professional committees and boards at the local and state level. I spent many years with the Lions Club, have served on several condo association boards and currently am president at our ranch property in the hill country. I’ve participated in the Island PAC, town meetings, the neighborhood watch efforts, and the turtle patrol.

I received my Doctorate in Mathematics from the State University of New York at Albany in 1971. I spent thirty-four years as a Professor of Mathematics and seven years as Department Chair of Mathematics and Computer Science. Upon retirement I was awarded the title of Professor Emeritus for meritorious service.

My wife, Linda, and I moved to the Island from Connecticut in 2004, and have been property owners here since 1997. We truly believe we have found paradise on this Island. While I enjoy all the hobbies associated with this waterside community, I believe I have the time, the energy, and the interest to serve the Padre Isles Property Owners well. Thank you for this opportunity to serve and thank you for your vote. Thank you, Jack Sharlow

Larry Stern

I first came to the island in 1991. I eventually ended up owning 3 homes here. Two were rental properties but the one I used for my residence was at 15370 Bowsprit a beautiful sea green 3 story with a boat house on a finger tip lot. I expanded my home by purchasing the lot next door and building an enclosed pool and adding 3,000 feet of decking. It was a showplace and we often entertained because we enjoyed our neighbors and we were very proud of our home. There was much mutual respect for each other’s property and quality of life.

Unfortunately business took me out of the country for several years and it was not practical to maintain my residence. I sold my residential property while keeping the rental properties. The new owners did not respect the property or their neighbors. They let the home deteriorate to the point that while many things were noticeable from the outside, the inside was only a shell of its former grandeur. No doubt bringing the value of the other homes on the street down even further in the current economy. This home was eventually sold at auction in October 2011. No doubt the new owners will be saddled with extraordinary remodeling expenses. This saddened me that a once great property had been ruined for the neighborhood by unthinking individuals and lack of enforcement of codes.

I recently moved back to the Island purchasing a property on Aquarius St. Twenty years later we are faced with the following:

- the prospect of unprecedented growth
- increased tourism
- heavy traffic on our roads
- serious speeding problems
- Damage to private and public property caused by careless driving
- long delays on decisions by the POA Board
- rented properties with absentee owners
- loud music
- uneven enforcement of the codes
- part time island residents who do not accord their properties the time and effort needed for proper maintenance
- rental management companies not doing their part to keep the properties up to code

I enjoyed this community two decades ago. I want to give back some of that service I received. I would like to make it the island I remember. Therefore I am going to run for election to the POA Board of Directors in the March 2012 election.

My life and my career have been about process improvement. I think there is an opportunity to improve the way we work and live on the island by soliciting new fresh innovative ideas.

I have over 25 years experience as a Board member of various public and private entities. I am currently serving on two Boards of which I am Chair and President respectively.

My single interest is in making the Island the most desirable place to live and enjoy. Thank you, Larry Stern
Construction on the Aquarius Street extension should start in early January with completion by Memorial Day!

Water quality is always a concern. If you are having a problem with dishes or glassware being cloudy after washing them in your dishwasher, the first thing to try is to change your dishwashing product. Because of the changes in the product formula as a result of various environmental laws, the only product recommended by the City which works with our type of water is Finish.

The City has been extremely prompt at responding to other concerns regarding our water. If you have other issues, call the office - 949-7025.

HOME BURGLARY PREVENTION TIPS FROM THE CC POLICE DEPARTMENT

Lock doors and windows, especially garage doors

Keep garage doors shut, even when doing yard work

Lock storage sheds

(25% of all residential burglaries are through unlocked or open doors.)

Do not leave valuables in boats or cars overnight

Shut window shades and blinds when not at home

Get to know your neighbors

Street lighting is not always adequate. Leave a front light on and encourage your neighbors to do the same.

CALL POLICE IF YOU SEE SOMETHING SUSPICIOUS FOR NON-EMERGENCIES - CALL 886-COPS