

Hello Bear Point Members:

Here is your June update for all things Bear Point.

Independence Day Celebration (July 6th)

Our celebration is fast approaching and we hope you are planning to join us in the BPCA park for a fun afternoon. Festivities will begin around 11AM until 4PM.

- We will have live music in the park from 12:00 PM to 3:00PM. Feel free to bring a lawn chair and cooler and enjoy the sounds of The Doc Johnson Band. You may also want to bring an umbrella or small canopy depending on the weather.
- We will be selling bar-b-que plates for \$8.00 each (BBQ Sandwich with two sides). Drinks will be \$1.00 each. You can purchase a ticket for plates and drinks on the day of the event by cash or check.
- We will also be pre-selling whole pork butts for \$40.00. If you wish to purchase a whole pork butt, you will need to send an email to samspencer@bearpointca.com. You will receive a confirmation email of your pre-sell. You will need to pay for your purchase on July 6th by cash or check.
- We will have a bake sale with cakes donated by our members. If you are interested in baking a cake or cookies, please send an email to samspencer@bearpointca.com and I will direct your message to Tara Nichols and/or Cathey Olive. You will need to bring your baked goods to the BPCA on the morning of July 6th.
- We are also planning to have some other games/treats for the kids.

Please come out and join us for a fun day celebrating our freedom and celebrating our community. PLEASE NOTE: Members should monitor their email over the holiday in case we have to change times and activities due to weather.

Boat Launch Update

Following the repair to the piers at the boat launch earlier this year, the committee started looking at options for addressing issues with the boat ramp. Several options were considered, but the committee elected to have the boat ramp dredged the entire length of the launch area as a starting point to evaluate the ramp condition. Measurements post-dredging indicate there is plenty of water to float vessels from a typical trailer. However, there may be issues with shorter trailers or extra long trailers depending on the tide and how rough the water is around the launch. We believe this has adequately addressed the launch issues for the immediate future.

We will re-evaluate the launch periodically and determine when additional dredging is required. The committee is still pursuing long-term solutions to the issues at the ramp, but we believe this is the most responsible course of action at this time. We would like to thank member Jim Webb for the dredging services he provided.

Given the status of the boat launch, we **do not** plan to review any proposal for additional spend at this time for the boat launch. Therefore, there is **no planned vote** for any improvement spending scheduled for our June 29th meeting.

Towed Vehicle

We had to have an unauthorized vehicle towed from the boat launch area this past weekend. We had suspended security for the weekend due to anticipated inclement weather. Unfortunately, someone

attempted to take advantage of not having security in place. We have given plenty of notice to all members that unauthorized vehicles/trailers will be towed from the boat launch area. We have Exception Passes available for emergency situations – but those should be rare as all authorized users have had enough time to properly label their trailers. We do not like having to make these difficult calls, but we are also committed to protecting the benefits of our members to keep out unauthorized vehicles/trailers. As a reminder, any boat launch member or family member found to be assisting an unauthorized entry to the boat ramp will have their privileges revoked. Please do your part as a member to help monitor this area and keep unauthorized vehicles out. Please remember to LOCK THE GATE. Thank you!

Neighborhood Vandalism

On June 8th at approximately 5 AM, the Cold Mil 4 Dolphin Cruise boat and Cold Mil Dolphin Cruise office located in Bear Point Harbor was vandalized by an unknown male. Some residents have reported hearing suspicious activity in the early morning hours, but Orange Beach Police have been unable to find the person responsible. If you have a home security camera, we are asking you to review your security footage between the hours of 4AM and 6AM, Saturday morning, June 8th for any suspicious activity. It was reported the vandal left the marina area and was seen walking along Bay Shore Drive North and then up Armadillo Ave. Let's do our part to help catch the person responsible for this criminal activity. If you have any information regarding this crime, please contact the Orange Beach Police Department.

Safe Golf Cart Operation

We still continue to see a few kids in the neighborhood operating golf carts in an unsafe manner. We have received reports of operating at unsafe/high speeds, children standing on moving golf carts, and running stop signs. As property owners, you are responsible for your guests, family and children when operating a golf cart. PLEASE address this issue with your children. We do not want to see anyone injured by improper operation of a golf cart. Those types of incidents will only draw attention to the privilege we all enjoy in this community. We are aware of, and thankful for, the Orange Beach Police Department for helping us monitor and address when unsafe operation is observed. Let's do our part in policing ourselves and protecting all in our community.

Pet Waste Station

A new pet waste station has been installed on the sign at the entrance of the park. One of the responsibilities of guests and owners for having pets in the park is to clean up after them. Please make sure you bag all pet waste and dispose of it properly. Depending on feedback from our members, we may consider installing additional pet waste stations.

Seawall/Bulkhead

The seawall/bulkhead at the park is in need of repair. The Board is currently pursuing options for the membership to consider. This past weekend, we observed several children in the water near the seawall with large waves crashing over the wall. This creates a dangerous situation with loose boards, exposed fasteners, and barnacles that are attached to the underwater structures. One of our board members (Kevin Sinyard) took the aluminum swim ladder down and cleaned the barnacles and growth from the ladder to make it safer. Thanks Kevin!!! We will be working on options to present to the membership in the near future to make this area safer and more attractive.

Property Condition

I have had many questions lately about our ability to address neglected and unsightly properties throughout the neighborhood. While the Re-Declaration of Covenants and Restrictions Bear Point Estates covers building appearance, we (the civic association) do not have the authority to enforce the covenants and restrictions. We are researching our options on what we can do to notify homeowners of the need to repair structures to meet the covenants and restrictions. So to be proactive, we would like to ask all property owners to make sure you are addressing issues such as failed or failing roofs (several still covered with tarps and plastic), unpainted exterior covering of homes, and unsightly landscaping. The condition of your property has an effect on the value of your neighbor's property – so do the right thing to make sure you are contributing to making our community better.

Next Meeting!!!!

Our next General Membership Meeting will be June 29th at 9:00 AM. We will have a membership and financial update for our members. We hope to have some good discussion around the repairs that are needed at the BPCA as well as some new proposals for sprucing up our buildings and park. If you have something you would like to have added to the agenda, please contact me at samspencer@bearpointca.com or Grant Nichols at vp@bearpointca.com. In order to maintain an organized meeting, please send your suggested agenda item **before June 24th** so we will have enough time to research the issue and add to the agenda.