

BEAR POINT UPDATE

Hello Bear Point Civic Association Residents and Members:

June and July were very active months for the BPCA and we are still going strong into the second half of the year. Our June 29th meeting presentation is posted on bearpoint.org if you were unable to attend to the General Meeting.

JUNE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING:

A few highlights from the meeting are the passage of two proposals to restore the beach at the BPCA park and to replace the deteriorating pavilion with a new covered area adjacent to the building. The restored beach area will return the park to it's original state with a natural beach being placed between the marina and the swim pier. This will allow members to enjoy the water without the risk of getting injured on the bulkhead wall. Work will begin on this project in late fall after all of the permits have been secured. The new pavilion has been ordered. This new structure will provide a covered space immediately adjacent to the association building. This covered area will be the perfect place to enjoy the sunset as well as providing an updated space for cooking and outdoor activities. We will keep you updated as both of the projects get underway.

SPECIAL CALLED MEETING

At our last general meeting, one member proposed a change to the by-laws to extend the term of our Officers (President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer) to the same term limit as the Board of Director positions (two year terms). In accordance with our by-laws, this will require a vote by the general membership. This special called meeting will be held on Saturday, August 24th at 9AM at the BPCA. This meeting will address the proposed by-law changes ONLY. Please review these proposals and attend on **August 24th** to cast your

vote.

Additionally, the Board of Directors is also making a proposal to change the by-laws to allow voting by other means versus members having to be present at a General Meeting to vote. Proposed language for both proposals is attached to this email. We will also try to post this to the website for easy access.

Our Officer and Board of Directors Elections are scheduled for **Saturday, September 28th at 9:00 AM**. Depending on the outcome of the proposed by-law change allowing for voting by means other than in-person voting, we will send out additional information about elections for 2020 Officer and BOD in the near future.

GOLF CART INFORMATION AND UPDATE

Another highlight of the meeting was the presentation by Chief Joe Fierro of the Orange Beach Police Department. Chief Fierro provided some interesting statistics from the speed monitoring sign recently placed on Low Drive. A large portion of the conversation centered around golf carts in the community and future plans for the City of Orange Beach as it relates to golf carts. With recent incidents, golf carts have been the center of discussion and rumor throughout the community. The City of Orange Beach is currently reviewing a proposed ordinance to address the operation of carts on city streets and sidewalks. More than likely, this new ordinance will result in a registration process for carts and an official position limiting the operation to a minimum age. We will keep you updated as best we can, but you should also consider attending the City Council Meeting and provide your input on this subject. What we can do NOW is make sure we are policing our own community. Only one week ago, one cart was observed with seven teenagers riding on the cart and jumping on the backside of the cart. Fortunately, the resident who observed this got their attention and

demanded they stop. It is these types of behaviors we need to address to make our community safe for all residents. Again, we will try to update our members when we hear more about the proposed ordinance.

INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION A SUCCESS!!!

Based on the comments from visitors and residents, our July Celebration was a SUCCESS! Not only did we have guests and residents enjoying food, music and each other's company, but we also managed to raise just over \$1100. We look forward to future events in the park and hope that all residents will help us keep our park clean. There is rumor of a possible MOVIE NIGHT in the park. Plans are to erect a sail and project the movie so residents can bring their lawn chairs or carts and sit and watch the movie. More to come on those future events!!!!

BOAT LAUNCH UPDATE

Things have been relatively quiet at the boat launch so far this summer. We did have a couple of the bumpers knocked off the new pier pilings and we are in the process of getting those re-installed. Thanks to Craig Reaves and Bear Point Harbor, we also moved the fence at the ramp entrance to allow more room for trailer swing when entering. Hopefully this will give drivers more room to maneuver when entering and when pulling empty trailers out of the ramp. I would remind everyone to LOCK THE GATE behind you when entering and when leaving. We still have some "creepers" who attempt to take advantage of an opened gate, so it is important to make sure the gate remains closed. Additionally, please be respectful and thoughtful when parking your empty boat trailers. Make sure there is enough room for other trailers to pass when parking your empty trailer. We will have security operating from 7AM to 7PM on Labor Day Weekend to help control access to our private launch.

DECEMBER GOLF CART PARADE REMINDER

December will be here before you know it, so start making plans NOW for decorating your cart and joining our Golf Cart Parade. Last year was the best year ever with approximately 30 entries and we want it to be bigger and better this year. So start your preparation now.

GOLF CART POKER CRAWL

While not a BPCA event, some residents are organizing a Poker Crawl for the neighborhood for August 18th from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM. The crawl will originate at the Bear Point Harbor Dock Store and end at the area East of the Flipper's Tiki Bar. Teams will present their sealed cards and best hand wins. Teams will travel by cart to five to seven designated homes in the neighborhood to gather playing cards to build a poker hand. The host houses will be eligible for prizes if voted Best Host House by the teams. Cost of entry will be \$20.00 per cart and \$5.00 per rider. Monetary prizes will be given with a portion of the proceeds going to a local Veterans organization.

Details and rules of this event are being finalized. We will publish more information about this event within the next week.

Everyone please be safe this summer and THANK YOU for being a members of the Bear Point Civic Association.

Sam Spencer on behalf of the BPCA Officers and Board of Directors.

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