

Dear Property Owners of Terramar Beach,

May 1, 2000

Well, another year has almost passed. Last years main topic of discussion was dredging the main canal. Well, things have not changed. To share some things with you prior to our annual meeting will hopefully answer some of your questions.

**Dredging:** We have accepted a bid from a contractor, and as soon as the Corps of Engineers okays our addition of an optional spoils site (3 acres in the pool area) we will begin the process. Once started, this will take about 6 weeks. Sounds simple right? Well, it has not been.

As we were soliciting bids for the dredging, your Board was asked (by a property owner in Section 1) to look at the feasibility of using the dredged materials to rebuild our 1/2 mile of dune on the Gulf. The Board considered this to be a reasonable request, especially since two board members were already very active in the Beach Restoration project at the local and state level. Support for our proposal was sought from the very active West Galveston Property Owners Association. To go into all of the details would take at least 10 pages, but the final result is that we have their support, and have been included in their list for beach re-nourishment with the General Land Office for the State. Vice-President Aimone and Section 5 representative John Pacinda have made presentations to the City, County, and the State to seek their support. At this time, things look very positive. Now, you are probably saying "what in the world has this got to do with our dredging our main canal." Well, I will attempt to tell you.

A committee of three board members was put together to oversee the dredging issue. Those members are Stan Krupa (chair), Bill Aimone, and Bob Bowe. Stan Krupa has kept me informed as to their progress. On March 16, 2000 Stan met with the Corps of Engineers and their comment was that everything looked okay, but for us not to expect approval from them for two months. Now, one would think that this is something that could be handled right away, but all of us have to realize that we are put into their system, and when our paperwork comes up, it will be dealt with.

To add further to this issue, we will need to wait until our request for grant monies has been approved before we can start on the dredging. WHY? You ask, and the reason is we are trying to save some of your fees. If our grant is approved, we will be reimbursed 75% of our cost for building the dike (\$15,000 bid price), and 75% of the cost of trucking (\$35,000. bid price) the dredged materials to the beach. Yes, you have not approved the trucking of the materials to the beach. This you will be asked to approve at the upcoming meeting. If you do not approve the trucking of the materials to rebuild our dune, then the board will sell the materials at a fixed dollar amount (\$60. a truck load), and recoup a lot of our expenses on the dredging. However, your Board will encourage you to approve the trucking costs to rebuild our dune. Of course, all of this is based upon our project receiving grant dollars to accomplish this. Something for all of us to think about though, is do we want to rebuild our dune even if the grant is not approved? As your President, I would recommend this expenditure; however, you the homeowners will decide this at our meeting.

As you can tell, the simple task of getting our canal dredged has not been simple at all, and has required your board to meet on a monthly basis.

Now, to other business and issues:

On the 11th of March, your Board participated in a brain storming session to set short and long-term goals for your association. With a list of approximately 33 issues, these were trimmed to a reasonable number of five, with a sixth that applies as a continuous issue. We will be sharing

these with you at the annual meeting, and look forward to your participation.

I would like to thank Mr. Lloyd Pepper and others who were insistent with the Corps of Engineers, the State Wildlife Commission, and the General Land Office in bringing about the removal of the unsightly pile of dredged bay materials brought about by Mr. Rutherford. There is a lot more to this story, but I will not get into that now.

Concerning our court case; an Appeals Court of three justices heard both sides on January 27th. According to our Attorney Mr. Charles Daughtry, we should be receiving their determinations soon. Mr. Daughtry feels very confident on our behalf. Hopefully, we will be able to give you a final report on this issue in June.

In closing, I will address several issues, which continue to be concerns within our community.

1. Dogs not on leashes. One cannot walk their dog down some of our streets, because some of our residents do not have their dog either inside a fence, or on a leash. One needs to consider the safety of others, and insure our pets are leashed as required by the City of Galveston as well as our deed restrictions.
2. People not being courteous to others. I have had homeowners call me to complain that their neighbors have had loud parties until way past what would be a reasonable time. I would hope that each of us would take into account the effect our party will have on our neighbors.
3. Allowing unsupervised under aged children to drive golf carts, motor cycles, and other motor vehicles. None of us would want one of your children to be injured, or to cause harm or damages to others because they are not capable of properly handling the vehicle they are riding or driving. Remember that all traffic laws (including 20 MPH) also apply to Terramar Beach.
4. Pride in ones property and subdivision. Some properties are in dire need of maintenance, i.e. mowing, painting, dock and bulkhead repairs. Drive around our community, and you will see those I'm making reference to.

As your outgoing President, I wish to thank all of the Board Members who have assisted me this past year. Also, those of you who have taken the time to call me, or speak one on one at other times. The Architectural Committee for staying on top of the building that is going on, and insuring all our deed restrictions are met. A special thanks to all of you who have been working on your homes, and continually working to improve your property, and in turn showing that thing called COMMUNITY PRIDE. Special ku-dos to those of you who have beautified the areas at the end of the canals, Patti and Ann for the creativity displayed on our bulletin board and to those of you along the beach for your restorations and repairs. I look forward to seeing each of you at the annual meeting.

Sincerely,

Dick Meisinger