

Hello Bid-A-Wee Residents

Greetings from your Bid-A-Wee Beach Park (BAWBP) Board of Directors. We want to say a big THANK YOU to all who attended the Annual Membership Meeting held June 3, 2023 and bring you up to date on more recent Board activity. Immediately following the Annual Meeting your Board appointed the following Officers: President, Norman Ward; Vice-President, Kendall Taylor; Secretary, Julianne Smith; and Treasurer, Debbie Brown.

We think it's important for all residents to understand the scope of the Board's responsibilities. First and foremost, every Board member is a *volunteer* who is committed to protecting the perpetual dedication of our beach park by ensuring no conditions of the beach dedication are broken. The Board is NOT a homeowners' association. It has no role in the oversight of BAW community homes and property. These concerns should be brought to the attention of Bay County Code Enforcement (codeenforcement@baycountyfl.gov/850-248-8290).

The only fiscal resources available to allow the Board to fulfill its responsibilities are resident dues. Bid-A-Wee currently has 632 land parcels. Of those, 408 have paid their 2023 dues. If you have not yet done so, please consider paying them today. We need your support now more than ever as we work to maintain our beach and our access to it. If you are uncertain of your payment status, please email us at bidawebeachpark@gmail.com. And remember, dues paying residents (members) are eligible for a Waste Pro (refuse collection) discount using their membership number.

If you have visited our beach recently, you may have seen we are again supporting two critical bird species: Least Terns and Black Skimmers. Both are endangered species, so we want to ensure all who use our beach protect their nesting ground by staying out of all roped off areas. Gate 2 walkway is currently closed as it crosses the Terns' nesting area. Please be sure your family members and guests are aware of these restrictions as well.

We know many residents are aware of the upcoming challenges being presented to our continuing beach access as a result of the PCB Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) project. Of particular concern is the potential loss of our current golf cart parking areas. At its July 8th meeting, the BAWBP Board of Directors appointed a Golf Cart Parking Committee. The current Committee includes Norman Ward, Glynn Churchwell and Stan LeCain. Committee members have initiated discussions with PCB City Council members and the Corradino Group (the CRA Contractor) and have been invited to meet with them to consider how we might work collaboratively to develop options for BAW golf cart parking. We want to clarify that the Board's Golf Cart Parking Committee is NOT part of another independent committee composed of BAW property owners addressing a broader scope of issues related to the current CRA plan.

As you take advantage of the Gulf's gorgeous blue waters, please stay alert to the flags flying. We want you, your families and guests to be safe while they enjoy the most beautiful sandy beach in all of Florida!! Stay alert and stay healthy.

To stay current on your Board's activities and other updates, please be sure we have your most current email address. Contact bidaweebeachpark@gmail.com to update your email address, ask questions or report issues with gate entry.

Enjoy your Summer and take care,

BAWBP Board of Directors