

BAW Community

A Message from your Board of Directors

Winter is almost behind us which means Spring is just around the corner. Like the change in Seasons, our beach has seen some change as well. With the help of volunteers from our community, much has been accomplished to maintain our Beach property. We can't say enough how grateful we are for those of you who donate your time, skills, hard work, and knowledge to the betterment of our beach property.

Thanks go out to Jim Smith and the community members who worked with him for their efforts to have Bid-A-Wee Beach established as an official Florida Heritage Site. If you haven't had the chance to see the new plaque, take a moment to visit Gate 3 and read about our proud history.

We also want to say thank you to Roger Denton and his crew for their hard work moving Gates 1, 2 and 4 out of the path of the CRA construction. Without the efforts of Roger and his volunteer crew—Tim Smith, John Swecker, Cole Wilcoxson and Charles Vergauwen - we risked damage to or the complete loss of these three gates.

A shout out as well to Steve Langley for his ongoing efforts to keep the gate locks and hinges in working order and for picking up the trash along the BAW section of Front Beach Road. Likewise, thanks to all who help keep our sandy beach free of trash. Not only do you help maintain the beauty of our sugar sands, but you also help protect our sea and land creatures from the damage trash can inflict on them.

We had to replace a section of the chain link fence just west of Gate 5 after a vehicle knocked it down. We are taking bids now for the mowing and trimming palms.

The BAWBP CRA Committee has continued to work with the City and Department of Environmental Protection on the potential of golf cart parking for our beach. While nothing has been finalized specific to parking, we have been told there will be five (5) beach access points off of Front Beach Road, one at each of our gates.

Speaking of beach access, remember it is Spring Break and the same rules apply to our beach as they do for all PCB beaches: **NO** alcohol on the sandy beach (during

the entire month of March); **NO** metal shovels; **NO** holes deeper than 2 feet; **NO** parking on unpaved portions of the road after dark; and music cannot be heard from more than 25 feet away.

You will be receiving annual membership information from the Board Secretary in the next few weeks. Please mark your calendars now for the Annual Membership Meeting on June 15, 2024 (due to the availability of the Lyndell Center). Also, the gate code will be changed on April 1st (no "fooling")! The new code will be emailed prior to the change.

As always, should you have any questions or need assistance, please contact us at bidaweebeachpark@gmail.com