



Clear Lake Shores Islander

Clear Lake Shores Civic Club Newsletter

October 2006

Letter from the Prez

By Allan Batchelor

Did everyone hear that collective “ahhhhhh” Sunday night around sunset ? A drop dead gorgeous sunset and our first cool front made for an unbeatable ending to a great week.

Well, ready or not here comes Halloween. Look for more info on the children’s party inside. Tell Tammy Perkins thanks for hosting this event the next time you see her. If I’m talking about Halloween you know that Thanksgiving is right around the corner. This one will probably be the biggest one yet. Mike Bass has signed on again as Maestro. I understand he’s still looking for a hand or two so please, if you can, pitch in. You’ll be surprised at how much fun you’ll have. Hey Mike, if the Batchelor family wanted to donate a big fat turkey for the event what do I need to do?

We voted to hold off on Party in the Park. When it pops up again I’ll let y’all know. The Grand Opening ceremony for Jarboe Park is set for Friday the 20th. It sounds like Vaness has quite the outing planned for that event. You won’t find a better reason to take off a little early on a Friday!

Movie Night was the biggest one so far. I’ll use the term “Oldie but Goodie” loosely here because Harry Potter is one of my favorites. Our new screen isn’t quite a big as the old one but it sure looked better to me. What did you think? Hey, how about next time we start 30 minutes earlier and start up an old Bogey flick after we run the kids off ? What do you think Lisa? Bogey and Bacall and Bacardi?

We still have our By-Laws revisions to sort out. If we get input back from the attorney by next meeting I’ll have it all available. My plan was to vote on them by article but we got a little side tracked. I’d really like to get this vote over with.

The EDC has generously agreed to fund several of our projects. All these little things are all going to make the City Hall building a more valuable asset for the City and for us as a Club. We are working with a couple of classes at San Jacinto college on updating and options for our kitchen too. I think it’s cool that our kitchen has been turned in to a class project for the students. Next up, The Slurpee Machine!

I might be wrong, Susan Adams will correct me if I am, But I think I saw the new club sweatshirts in the office last week. Just in time for the change in weather. I saw a whole box of new shirts in all sorts of colors too. They’re available at any meeting so don’t hesitate to ask!

Well last months missive covered the whole front page and Susan Perez told me to knock it off so.....See you around the Island!



Vaness Hamilton and Neal Pleasant receiving new Jarboe Park Sign

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The purpose of the newsletter is to inform CLS citizens of island news and events, to provide a forum for positive dialogue, and to encourage submission of unbiased letters and articles, under the guidelines of the Civic Club bylaws and policies. Signed articles, announcements, ideas for publication must be submitted to the editor by the 19th of each month by e-mail, telephone or in the Islander box at the City Hall Annex. The Civic Club reserves the right to edit for style, policy and space.

Business Ads: Deadline: 15th of each month
All Ads must be paid in advance

	Monthly	6 months	Yearly
Business Card -	\$15	\$80	\$100
1/4 page	\$25	\$135	\$200
1/2 page	\$35	\$195	\$300
Full page	\$65	\$350	\$600
Classified	\$5		

6 months or more to be included on the ad list

Club Memberships: \$10.00 per family July 4, 2006 thru July 3, 2007.

Important Telephone Numbers

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 Dispatcher: 281-538-0659
 City Hall: 281-334-2799
 Municipal Court: 281-334-0697
 Mosquito Control: 281-534-2726
 CLS Public Works 281-334-1083
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 Reliant Electric: 713-201-7777
 Reliant/Entex: 281-534-4569
 Centerpoint Energy
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 Galveston County Emergency Management
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 Sheriffs Dept. : 281-534-2531
 Depart. Public Safety: 713-957-6192
 Dept. of Transportation: 409-948-4000
 Local Roads Conditions/Closures:
 713-802-5074
 American Red Cross: 409-945-7200
 Salvation Army: 409-763-1691
 National Weather Service: 281-337-5074
 Marine Information Recording: 281-337-7895
 Girl Scouts - 832.253.1101

Phone Numbers for Seniors

AARP: 1-800-424-2277
 American Society for Aging: 1-800-537-9728
 Bay Area United Way: 1-979-282-6000
 Social Security: 1-800-772-1213
 American Red Cross/ Medical
 Transportation: 281-282-6039
 Web site: www.senior.com/about

Pet Liaison : Lezlie Cates Smith:

Weekdays - 281-837-4154
Nights & weekends - 281-334-1467

Clear Lake Shores Web Site
www.clearlakeshores-tx.gov

Schedule of Events

October

- 03 - City Council Meeting - 7pm
- 05 - Civic Club Pot Luck & Meeting - 7pm
- 10 - EDC Meeting - 7pm
- 13 - CLS Ladies Luncheon - see page 10
- 17 - City Council Meeting - 7pm
- 20 - Opening Ceremony Jarboe Park - 10am
- 27 - Stewart Elementary Fall Carnival - 5 - 9pm
- 31 - CLS Children's Halloween Party - 6 - 7:15pm

Civic Club Pot Luck Dinner & Meeting



Date: Thursday, October 5th

Time: 7pm

*Entrees: L - R
Veggies or Salad: A - K
Desserts S - Z*

To be discussed : Allowing Lazy Bend residents to join the Civic Club. Children welcome.

CLS Ladies Luncheon



Date: Friday, Sept 13th
Time: 11:30am
Place: Signature Bistro (See page 9)

Roselyn Pierce has arranged for complimentary transportation with Joe Jordan's San Francisco Trolley.

Children's Halloween Party



Date: October 31st
Time: 6pm - 7:15pm

Place: City Hall

Costume Contest
Snacks
Games

Then on to trick or treating

Coming Next Month



Thanksgiving Annual Dinner

Date: Saturday, November 11th
Time: 11am - 3pm
Price: \$8 adults
\$4 children

Needed Volunteers for desserts!

Please call Susan Perez
281-538-0079
Email: susan.perez@axseum.com

It's Two Months Away!!

What are we talking about? Our Annual Adult Christmas Party, that's what! Don't forget to MARK your CALENDARS for FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8 so you don't miss out on the fun.

The Scholarship Fund is hosting our Annual Adult Christmas Party.

Date: Friday, December 8
Time: 8:00pm – Midnight
Place: Clubhouse

Entry Fee Donation: \$15.00 Singles
\$25.00 Couples

NOTE: Your entry fee donation is to help us defray costs of our
"LIVE BAND".



Contact Susan Perez at susan.perez@axseum.com for reservations.



Wine will be available for a small donation!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!



Setups will be available!!!!!!!!!!!!



NEW INFORMATION:



APPETIZERS will be served!!!

Children's Hallooween Party!!!!

By Tami Perkins



BOO!!! This year I am coordinating the children's Halloween Party for the Clear Lake Shores Civic Club. I reserved the club house for Halloween, October 31st. In the past we've had our parties a week or to prior to Halloween, but this year I would like to try something different. I would like to host the party from 6-7:15pm before the kids go out trick or treating. It will be still daylight at 6pm but dark by 7pm. The Halloween party will have a costume contest, door prizes and refreshments. This will be a chance for s the kids to gather before trick or treating to see each other's costumes and get them in a festive mood. They are always so restless anyway waiting for dark to fall they may as well be partying! We don't really need sweets because they'll be getting all that candy and we will provide them with some of that on their way out.

I will need lots of small finger food type snack sandwiches, crackers, chex mix, gold fish, etc., to help fortify them for the evening. We will provide bottled water and or juice for them that they can take with them. We will have some Target gift certificates for the costume contest winners and some door prizes as well. If the City still has the coffin they made we will let the kids stand in it to have their picture taken.

For The Trick & Treaters



If people wish to give out candy on Halloween night and their living quarters are on the 2nd story, please get a lawn chair and some mosquito repellent, sit in the driveway or at ground level and "treat" the kids to not having to climb stairs. The little ones especially have a hard time with costumes and candy sacks, and it's dark. And, don't forget to put your porch light on! In addition, if folks are going

gone or don't wish to give out candy, please turn off the porch lights from 7-10pm. There's nothing worse than going up to a house with the porch light on, knocking and waiting, only to have no answer or be told they don't have any candy.



The Summer of Cycling

In the spirit of making lemonade out of lemons and proving that age is just a number, Mike Zuteck took a diagnosis of blood clots in his legs and traded in his marathon running shoes for more time on his bicycle. He even tweaked the custom fairing and handlebar set-up to improve speed and comfort.

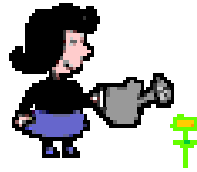
Training hard in the spring winds, Mike set a personal best for the MS-150 1st day's distance from west Houston to LaGrange of 98 miles in 5 hours.

Next up was a trip to the mountains for the Bicycle Tour of Colorado. This year's tour was a 471 mile loop beginning and ending in Pagosa Springs. The 38,000 feet of climbing over the 6 riding days included passes at over 10,000 feet in altitude and the Dallas Divide leading up to Telluride. The weather covered the spectrum from 36 degree mornings, to rain showers, to 90+ degree afternoons.

The final challenge was the Ride Around Mt. Rainier in One Day (RAMROD) on the outskirts of Seattle. This 154 mile ride has 10,000 feet of climbing over 3 passes. Mike added a special pedal crank that would be easier on his knees in the climbs. After the flight from Houston to Seattle, Mike had to reassemble the bike. On Ride morning, Mike headed out at 5:15 am. The 1st part of the ride is relatively flat, through beautiful tall trees. The 1st climb reaches the entrance to the National Park about lunch time. The last and hardest climb starts at Mile 100 in a south facing canyon with a tailwind, seeming much hotter than the predicted 83 degree high. The last 40 miles are downhill, but into a headwind. Mike finished the entire course in 12 hours and 26 minutes, saying it was the hardest thing he's ever done. Then, he rode his bike back to the hotel.

What's the next challenge for this guy over 60? Back to running and to qualify for the Boston Marathon.

OCTOBER YARD OF THE MONTH



Don't miss the elves that adorn Cindy's gardens at 312 Queen lending it a very whimsical attitude.

All the beds are done in shades of pink and purple with just the right amount of yellow thrown in for contrast.

Cindy has used a wide variety of annuals such as dianthus, lantana, moss rose, coleus, petunia, cockscomb, and verbena, to name just a few...she has used lots of lush green umbrella bamboo, hibiscus, crepe myrtle, schefelera, and several varieties of palms to make a beautiful backdrop for all the annual color...the bougainvillea at the corner of the driveway is especially pretty and in full bloom.

The day I was there to write this article I was entertained by many varieties of butterflies and swarms of hummingbirds.

Stop by and enjoy the talent.

Stewart Elementary Fall Carnival

It's that time of the year again! Mark your calendars and plan to join us at Stewart's Fall Carnival .

Date: October 27th.

Place: Stewart Elementary School

Time: 5 pm - 9 pm



We are located in Clear Lake Shores, on the north side of Marina Bay Blvd, across the street from Target and Office Depot.

There will be food, games, entertainment, prizes, a haunted house, a costume contest, rides and lots of family fun.

Proceeds of the Carnival go toward the installation of playground equipment for the school yard and other worth causes for our children.

Hope to see you there!

Report from your Mayor & City Council

Recently the Mayor and the City Council have approved several important changes that we wanted to

share with you in this article.

Several months ago the Mayor and Council started meeting with an outside consultant to discuss and determine the need for a City Administrator. The City now has 14 full time and four part-time employees and is responsible for handling almost \$2 million dollars a year of tax payer's money. We have been fortunate in recent history of having a Mayor who is retired and is willing to spend 4-5 hours a day managing the day-to-day operations of the City. All of us on Council felt we needed to prepare for the eventuality of the day when a future Mayor might be working full time and could not make such a significant commitment. We also felt it was critical to provide greater continuity and consistency from year to year.

We were careful in designing the position as a City Administrator, not a City Manager. We had no intention of converting to a City Manager form of government. The City Administrator is responsible for implementing the goals, programs, and directives of the City Council on a day-by-day basis. The Mayor's role will be to provide leadership, bringing forward policy issues of importance for consideration by the City Council. The Mayor will assist the City Administrator in helping carry out the day-to-day implementation of the approved policies, procedures, ordinances, and projects approved by the City Council.

We determined that rather than have three highly paid personnel (City Administrator, Police Chief and Director of Public Works) we could consolidate all three positions and reassign some responsibilities to subordinates, making greater use of their talents. In making these changes we believe the City can actually do a more effective job in serving our residents and in the process save some money.

Chief Shelley has been promoted to City Administrator on an " interim" basis; he will continue to serve as Police Chief as well. This approach will allow City Council to determine whether the job duties defined for the City Administrator and our reorganization of responsibilities to Chief Shelley and his subordinates are a workable solution to both our short and long term needs.

In the meantime, these organizational changes have resulted in a surplus in the proposed 2006-2007

budget. We have elected to use this surplus in the following manner:

1. Reduce property taxes from .2386 per hundred dollars to .2100 per hundred. This is the lowest City tax rate since 1982 and one of the lowest tax rates of any city in Galveston County.
2. We opted to increase the money we put into the "rainy day fund", from the original \$50,000 to \$100,000. At the end of this next year we will have over \$250,000 in this fund. We are investing this money in the meantime and will have it available, if and when, we have an unexpected disaster, or a major expenditure such as a bridge repair, etc. It is especially important to build up this fund to cover storm damages and temporary loss of revenue as other cities have experienced due to Katrina and Rita. It is not a question of whether such an event will occur; the only question is when.
3. Increase our Emergency Management budget from \$1500 to \$5,000.
4. Provide our employees with a good health plan and a 4% raise.

We were able to do all of the above, while still contributing \$300,000 to our Road and Drainage Fund which will give us \$1,000,000 to work on East Shore and other major road and drainage projects and maintenance.

Our proposed budget, while cutting property taxes, assumes that our proposed sales tax revenue for next year will be very close to what we actually received this year which is very conservative given that this year our sales tax revenue was about 13% ahead of last year.

In the event that something happens and all of our plans do not materialize, we are committed to cut expenses to ensure we operate "within our means". Going back and raising property taxes in the future is our last option.

If you have any questions, or have any suggestions please don't hesitate to ask one of us, your elected officials.

Signed

Kathy McIntyre, Mayor, and City Council Members, Vern Johnson, Mike Bass, John Wright, Vanessa Hamilton, Pete Carrothers

Island Gardening Tips for October

By Julie Moncur



- You'll get more life out of summer annuals by deadheading and lightly pruning now.
 - Time to sow spring-blooming wildflowers.
 - Apply blood meal to pansy beds and work into the top 6 inches of soil before setting out transplants.
 - Start planting garlic cloves now to mid-November. Nice texture in flowerbeds.
 - Consider starting a compost bin for those fall leaves that are about to fall.
 - Divide and reset spring and summer-blooming perennials such as daylilies, verbena, Louisiana Iris, cannas, and phlox
 - Cut spent rose blooms back to first five leaflet stem to stimulate production of more blooms.
 - Fall is a good time for planting most types of herbs.
 - Cut back on watering your hibiscus.
 - Make your own potting soil with half composted peat moss and half perlite.
 - Get spring bulbs in now through November. Tulips, crocus and hyacinth bulbs need to be pre-chilled in refrigerator for 6 to 8 weeks.
 - You can overseed lawns with annual rye now. Rye will die out when the weather warms up in spring.
 - Fertilize lawns for last time this year near end of month through mid-November with 3-1-2 or 1-1-2 ratio fertilizer. Fall fertilizer is the most beneficial to a health lawn.
 - stop watering and feeding Plumerias. Allow plants to drop leaves and go dormant but protect them from freezing. Store in garage or inside your home.
 - Near end of month, put in transplants of sweet William, petunias, pinks and snapdragons. Wait until November for violas and pansies when cooler weather prevails. Now until February is the best time to plant trees and shrubs in the landscape
 - Wait to mow when the sun is shining. Wet grass compacts moist soil and can spread fungus diseases.
 - Mark caladiums with a popsicle stick or other marker so you can find them to dig them up when all the leaves have gone.
- HAPPY ISLAND GARDENING!**

Another Letter from the Prez Concerning By-Law Revisions.

By Allan Batchelor

For those of you that were unable to attend the last club meeting, let me recap. Our members who opposed the changes in our by laws have stated their case. At first blush one might be tempted to believe their cause was a procedural issue. Truth be told and as they unabashedly pointed out, the real problem was with the part that allowed for our neighbors in Lazy Bend to join the Civic Club. In their presentation to halt the voting up or down of the proposed changes, their focus was on the Articles of Incorporation of Clear Lake Shores Civic Club. Specifically, Article IV. It reads "The purposes for which this corporation is organized are: The promotion of social welfare, community good and general welfare of the community embraced within the city of Clear Lake Shores, Texas; for the bringing about of civic betterment and social improvements," As your president and a proponent of the changes outlined in the past several Islanders I offer my rebuttal. I present to you the very same Articles of Incorporation. I will refer to the next page. Specifically, Article VIII. "The corporation shall have such members as may be authorized by it's By-Laws, pursuant to section 2.08B of the Texas Non-Profit Corporation Act" Unquote.

I understand there is an underlying animosity between some of our neighbors. I also believe it needs to be overcome. When I first brought up this subject I was warned of repercussions so I readied myself. I must admit I was pleasantly surprised when the opposition was discovered to be surprisingly small on both sides of Bayou Lane. It also surprised me that when queried there was no substantial argument against the proposal. The presentation made to the membership at last months meeting focused on the legality *as interpreted* in Article IV. Article VIII seems fairly plain to me. It's up to us. I think its time someone extended an olive branch to our neighbors and it seems to me this is the easiest and most obvious way to do it. Now, you need to know that my goal is only to allow you, the membership, to vote on it. Period. No "cherry picking" through the Articles of Incorporation. No grand standing, no oratories. Vote yes or vote no. It's not up to a small handful of vocal members on either side of any issue to dictate how this club operates, it's up to you the majority. See you at the next meeting?

Jarboe Bayou Park

By Vanesse Hamilton

It's almost finished! All the major work has been completed leaving just a few minor details to complete. Once again, volunteers have stepped to the plate to keep the new sod green. Helle and Lowell Brown organized individuals to keep the water flowing when Mother Nature wasn't dropping rain. Thanks to Helle, Lowell, Al Burns, Julie Moncur, Jerry and Judy Cartwright, Robert Pajak, Mary Broerman, and Kevin Foley.

Neal Pleasant presented the new sign for the park at the first council meeting in September. It is beautiful and ties in with the new Clear Lake Shores sign near City Hall. The plan is to have a similar sign for each of our parks. Thank you, Neal, for a great job! And thanks to the EDC for funding the sign project.

The last meeting of the Jarboe Bayou Park Steering Committee was held on September 21. Committee members present were Neal, Kristen Hennings, Debbie deVore, and I. It was a moment to enjoy the fruits of our labors (yes, we met in the park), pat each other on the back, and relinquish our responsibilities to the Master Park Planning Committee. In the future for the park, the Pool Committee will be working on the development of the community pool in the southeast corner of the park. The EDC has funded an open-air pavilion to be located south of the parking lot. The construction of the pavilion will be coordinated with the pool. A few more trees donated by citizens will be planted as the weather cools. If you are interested in donating a tree for the park, just let me know. Some trees are being given in memory of a loved one.

When the rains have come, the open areas where new topsoil was laid and the heavy construc-



Spoonbill sighted at New Jarboe Park. Photo by Al Burns

tion equipment impacted the ground cover, it becomes tempting for some to try mudding in their golf carts. While it sounds like fun, it is damaging the new park. Sod has been torn up. The topsoil that was graded for proper drainage and a smooth surface for new grass to grow has been rutted and dug across the parking lot and pathways. Plus, it's disturbing the area your neighbors have been tending. New seed has been sown on the exposed soil. For it to grow, the seeds need to be undisturbed. When you visit the park, please keep your golf cart and bicycles within designated parking areas. For pedestrian traffic, please stay to the paths and piers or grassy areas. Most of the areas where new sod was laid are ready for foot traffic except just after a heavy rain. The pathways and piers are for pedestrians, not golf carts (we won't mention any names). Jarboe Bayou Park is your newest park and it still needs nurturing until the grasses, sod, and trees get established. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Plans are underway for an opening ceremony for the park on October 20, Friday, at 10 a.m. A brief program to give the park to the citizens and thank our funding agents and volunteers involved will be followed by refreshments and time to enjoy the park. Hope to see you there! The First Party in the Park was to follow on October 21 but the Civic Club, realizing members may be overextended this fall, decided to wait until the spring. (I've raised my hand to help in the spring and all ready have some beverages promised for the occasion.)

While many folks have referred to Jarboe Bayou Park as Vaness's Park, we all did this together. I simply led the implementation of an idea born almost ten years ago. But I couldn't have done it without you, the Jarboe Bayou Park Steering Committee, the EDC, and City Council. The plan was created and overseen with input from our local natural resource agencies, most particularly, U. S. Fish and Wildlife – Debbie DeVore - and NOAA, National Marine Fisheries – Kris Benson. You, the citizens, made sure the leadership knew the project was supported. Now it is YOUR park – Jarboe Bayou Park. Enjoy! (It is beautiful now, but give it two years! Together, we'll watch it grow.)

Jump Right On & Hold Your Hat!

We are going on a trolley ride! This will be great! A trolley ride! How long since any of us had that pleasure, if ever!

The Clear Lake Shores Ladies Luncheon is being hosted this month by Roselyn Pierce and she is taking us for a ride! Thanks to her

generosity she is going to have us go in style to the restaurant of her choice, which happens to be The Signature Bistro on Nasa Road One.

She has arranged for Joe Jordon to pick us up at City Hall at 11:30am on Friday October 13th and deliver us to the restaurant. The ride is free!

The restaurant is very good and I think all will enjoy their food. The price for lunch is \$15 dollars and includes a 3 course meal and includes the tax and tip. Please bring exact money.

I look forward to this event and hope to see some new faces!

RSVP: Roselyn Pierce phone: 281-334-2973

Email: rpierce3@houston.rr.com



Ornamental & Perennial Seminar and Sale

Date: Saturday October 21, 2006

Time: Seminar begins at 8:00 a.m.; the plant sale will be open from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.

Place: Wayne Johnson Community Center, Carbide Park, LaMarque

Events: Annual sale focusing on landscape plants and Perennials that perform well in Galveston County. This year's offering will feature plants for creating a butterfly garden, plus a good selection of foundation plants for new yards.

Phone: 281-534-3413, Ext 6 or e-mail galv3.wt.net

Thank You , Thank You! **THANK YOU**

I would like to say a HUGE THANK YOU to all of the friends on the island that made the benefit for Randy Lootens such a success. It is nice to know that we have such special people in our community that truly came together at a time of need. I thought that we would collect a few dollars and we could help a little. We collected about \$6700.00 and boy what a BIG help this was. Randy and his family can now not worry about day to day needs and he can concentrate on getting better. He is dying to get back to work but I told him to give his body time to heal. Again thanks so much for coming together to help someone in need! I hope Melinda Batchelor's hands have dried out (She was the #1 car washer)!! Also, I hope that Glenn Dowell got the smoke smell off from smoking so much meat!!



Thanks, Debby Bradley

A Big Heartfelt THANK YOU to all!

I just wanted to take a moment out to thank all of my family, friends and everyone that helped out in any way at the benefit last month. As a lot of you know I have been battling Crohns disease for the past ten years and although the disease is controllable, the past year has been pretty rough on me and my family. I think that I am out of the woods for awhile and will be fine for years to come. As long as I listen to the doctors and the wife. Just know that y'all brightened our lives at a very dark time and although I feel that I will never be able to thank everyone enough. This is a start!

Gratefully Yours,
Randy Lootens

Do you have the Smiley Face?



In the advertising section of the Islander someone will find a smiley face. Is it you? If so, you may redeem it at the next Civic Club meeting and receive your prize

Island Cooking

By Susan Perez

Cooler weather - coffee & muffins in the morning. What could be better!



Orange Crumble Muffins

1 1/2 cups plus 2 tablespoons all-purpose flour
1/2 cup sugar
2 teaspoons baking powder
1/2 teaspoon salt
1 large egg, lightly beaten
1 stick plus 1 tablespoon (9 tablespoons) melted unsalted butter
1 cup milk
3 tablespoons orange juice concentrate, thawed
2 1/2 teaspoons finely grated orange zest
1/4 cup chopped pecans
1/4 cup firmly packed light brown sugar
Orange-Butter, recipe follows

1. Preheat the oven to 400 degrees F. Lightly grease 2 small muffin tins (with 24 (1 3/4-inch) wells), and set aside. Or use your larger pans accordingly.
2. In a large bowl, sift together 1 1/2 cups of flour, the sugar, baking powder, and salt.
3. In a bowl, beat together the egg, 8 tablespoons of the butter, the milk, orange juice concentrate, and 2 teaspoons of the zest. Add the wet ingredients to the dry, combining just until moistened and being careful not to over mix. Divide the batter among the prepared muffin tins, filling each halfway.

Crumble Topping

In a small bowl, combine the remaining 2 tablespoons of flour, the chopped pecans, the brown sugar, and the remaining 1 tablespoon of melted butter and 1/2 teaspoon of grated zest. Mix to combine and sprinkle 1 teaspoon on top of the batter for each muffin. Bake until the muffins are set and golden brown and a tester inserted into the middle comes out clean, 14 to 16 minutes. Remove from the oven and let sit for 5 minutes in the tins, then cool on wire racks. Serve with orange-butter on the side.

Orange-Butter:

1 stick unsalted butter, at room temperature
1/4 cup sweet orange marmalade
1 teaspoon honey
In a bowl, cream together the ingredients. Transfer to a decorative crock or small bowl. Cover with plastic wrap and refrigerate until slightly firm. Serve with the muffins or spread on toast.

Clear Lake Shores Police Department Blotter
August 15, 2006 – September 15, 2006

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Proposed CLS Civic Club
By-Law Amendments
By Allan Batchelor

The following proposed amendments to the CLS Civic Club By-Laws will be voted upon at the September meeting. The changes being considered are **bolded and underlined** and represent additions to the by-laws unless otherwise indicated. The primary addition is a proposal to allow Lazy Bend residents to join the club as non-voting members. The balance of the proposed additional articles are of a procedural nature and reflect operating policy already informally adopted by the club. Please review these proposed changes and come prepared to vote in the September meeting. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call or e-mail me (281-538-8180, abatchelor@houston.rr.com)

Proposed By-laws Revisions
CLEAR LAKE SHORES CIVIC CLUB

Article One – Name

Section One. The name of the organization shall be the Clear Lake Shores Civic Club.

Article Two – Purpose

Section One. The purpose of the club shall be to promote civic pride, develop the general welfare and establish public unity in the community, to suggest needed improvements in the community and to assist in all economic and social enterprises and activities that are in the interest of the community.
 non-partisan.

Article Three – Membership

Section One. The membership of the club shall be composed of the inhabitants or property owners of the city of Clear Lake Shores **and members in good standing of the Lazy Bend Association, the latter being a non-voting membership.**

Section Two. Any inhabitant or property owner of good character may become a member by paying the annual membership fee of \$10.00 to the treasurer. This fee includes all members of the household.

Section Three. Dues are payable on or before the first day of July each year and membership shall terminate unless dues are paid on or before that time.

Article Four – Meeting

Section One. This club shall meet on the first Thursday of the month at 7:00 PM or on dates determined by a vote of the board of directors. **A regularly scheduled Civic Club meeting can be can-**

Seabrook United Methodist Church
Annual Senior Bazaar

October 14, 2006
8:30-2:30
1102 Meyer Street
Seabrook, Texas

Many white elephant, homemade food,
&
Handmade items for sale. Come & have
fun!

celled by a vote of the board if the meeting is deemed unnecessary.

Section Two. Special meetings of the members may be called at the request of any of the officers. The Secretary shall cause written notice of the time and place of each special meeting, indicating briefly the purpose thereof, and notice is to be e-mailed to each member at such address as appears on the membership records, at least **three (was ten)** days prior to such meeting. No business shall be transacted at special meetings except that for which the meeting was called.

Section Three. All meetings shall be open to the general public. The privilege of making motions, debating and voting shall be limited to members in good standing.

Section Four. No member shall speak more than once on the same subject or question until all that wish to speak shall have had the opportunity to do so, not twice without permission from the chair.

Section Five. Four (4) members in good standing shall constitute a quorum.

Section Six. The following shall be the usual order of business at all meetings:

1. Call Meeting to Order
2. Opening remarks and introduction of visitors
3. Reading of the minutes of the previous meeting
4. Treasurer's report
5. Communications
6. Committee reports
7. Old and unfinished business
8. New business
9. Program
10. Adjournment

Article Five – Election of Officers

Section One. The officers of the club shall consist of a President, a Vice President, Recording Secretary and Treasurer, all of whom shall be nominated and elected at the regular meeting in April and shall be installed at the regular meeting. Officers shall serve for a period of one year, or until their successors have been installed.

Section Two. The above named officers shall constitute the Executive Committee. All resolutions passed by the Executive Committee shall be submitted to the club for approval.

Section Three. In case a vacancy occurs in any office, the club shall elect a successor to serve the unexpired term, except in the office of President. Should a vacancy occur in that office, the Vice President becomes the President for the unexpired part of the term.

Section Four. Any member in good standing for

three months prior to nomination to office becomes eligible to hold that office if elected.

Section Five. The officers in the order named, shall in the absence of the President or Vice-President perform the duties of the President.

Section Six. Terms of the Officers shall be limited to three consecutive years.

Article Six – Duties of Officers

Section One. The President shall preside at all meetings, preserve order, enforce the by-laws and exercise supervision over the affairs of the club generally. She/He shall not be entitled to vote, except at the election of officers, or in case of a tie vote. She/He shall appoint all committees, except as hereinafter provided and is a member of all committees. She/He shall see that all members and officers respond properly to all duties that may be assigned them. **He shall write a monthly article for the Islander outlining Cub past and future club events, donations and other items of interest to the membership.**

Section Two. The Vice-President shall assist the President in the discharge of her/his duties and shall occupy the chair in her/his absence. She/He shall act as a activities chairman and shall select an Activities Committee.

Section Three. The Recording Secretary shall keep a record of the proceedings of all meetings of the club, shall have custody of all past minutes, by-laws and records pertaining to the club, except those of the Treasurer. She/He shall notify all members of all special meetings. **The secretary shall keep a written record of all memberships. She/He shall notify all members by e-mail of meetings, events and special meetings. She/He will publish the club minutes to the City web-site and keep officer contact information and by-laws on the web-site current.**

Section Four. The Treasurer shall receive all monies of the club, keep an accurate record of all receipts and expenditures, and shall pay all expenses as voted upon by the club. She/He shall present a detailed report at each regular meeting of the club. At the end of each fiscal year her/his books and records shall be audited by a committee appointed by the President.

Section Five. **Expenditures without a vote of the Membership. After a majority vote of the elected Officers of the Club, any Officer may spend on the Club's behalf a sum of Club funds not to exceed \$300.00 without a vote of approval by the Club's membership. Any expenditure under this Article 6, Section 5 will be reported to the Membership on the financial statement at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the membership.**

Article Seven – Miscellaneous Proceedings

Section One. These by-laws may be amended or revised at any regular meeting, by a two-thirds majority vote of the member's present, notice having been given of the proposed amendment or revision at two previous meetings.

Section Two. Roberts Rules of Order shall be the authority for conducting meetings, when not in conflict with the by-laws.

Section Three. The use of the electronic mail (email) distribution list is for the exclusive use of the current elected board. The distribution list will not be shared or distributed to any organization or club member without prior consent of the majority of the current membership. Prior to release to any organization or member, all members will have the opportunity to have their current electronic mail address removed from the distribution list.

Former board members in custody of hard copies will turn over all copies current or otherwise to newly elected board members. The office holder responsible for maintaining the current distribution list will, upon leaving office, relinquish all electronic copies current or otherwise to the person identified by the sitting Club President. The responsible officer also agrees to remove all electronic copies from any personal computer not owned or operated by the Clear Lake Shores Civic Club. Until otherwise decided by a majority vote of the Clear Lake Shores Civic Club board, the office of Secretary (was Treasurer) will be responsible for the maintenance and security of the distribution list.

Article Eight – Club Events

Section One. The Civic Club hosts a number of "recurring" community focused events annually. A recurring event can be cancelled or discontinued for the following reasons 1.) a chairman cannot be found to sponsor the event 2.) the membership votes to discontinue the event 3.) the club does not have sufficient financial resources to fund the event.

Section Two Civic Club recurring events should be planned and executed according to the following guidelines: 1.) a chairman for the event will be appointed by the president 2.) the chairman will present the funding needs for the event to the membership for approval. 3.) The chairman will organize a committee as needed, plan and execute the function. 4.) The chairman will write an article for the Islander promoting the event and forward to the editor of the Islander for

publication and to the Secretary to be e-mailed to the membership. Additional promotion can be pursued by the chairman individually. 5.) The chairman will write a follow-up article for the Islander describing the event and the success thereof.

Section Three New club events can be proposed to the membership at any time and must be approved by a majority of the membership. Guidelines for approving and executing a new event are the same as for recurring events with the additional steps: 1.) the sponsor of the idea for the proposed event will present the idea for the new function to the membership at a regularly scheduled Civic Club meeting, including high-level resource needs, profit potential and/or other benefit to the community 2.) The membership will vote to pursue the idea in more detail including the development of detailed funding requirements for the event.

Section Five. The chairman will keep a record of all funds spent for an event and other resource requirements. This information will be passed on to the Secretary for safe-keeping and provided to subsequent chairs of these events. The chairman will present receipts for all expenditures to the Treasurer for reimbursement. The chairman can also request a submit corresponding receipts to the Treasurer.

Article Nine – The Islander

Section One The Islander is a publication of the Clear Lake Shores Civic Club and will be funded by same. The Civic Club will provision the Islander Editor with the operating supplies that the Editor needs. All equipment purchases must be approved by a vote of the membership.

Article Fourteen – Miscellaneous Expenditures

Section One Occasionally the Club identifies or is asked to donate to charitable and other causes. A vote of the membership is required to fund these expenditures. The expenditures should 1.) be of a charitable nature and/or 2.) benefit the Clear Lake Shores or surrounding.

Amended and Revised **TBD**

October 2006

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 City Council meeting 7pm	4	5 Civic Club Pot Luck & Meeting 7pm	6	7
8	9	10 EDC Meeting 7pm	11	12	13 CLS Ladies Luncheon 11:30 see Page 9	14
15	16	17 City Council Meeting 7pm	18	19	20 Grand Opening Jarboe Park 10 am	21
22	23	24	25	26	27 Stewart Elementary Fall Carnival 5pm - 9pm	28
29	30	31 CLS Children's Halloween Party 6pm - 7:15				