



The CommuniCape v2.0 August 2024

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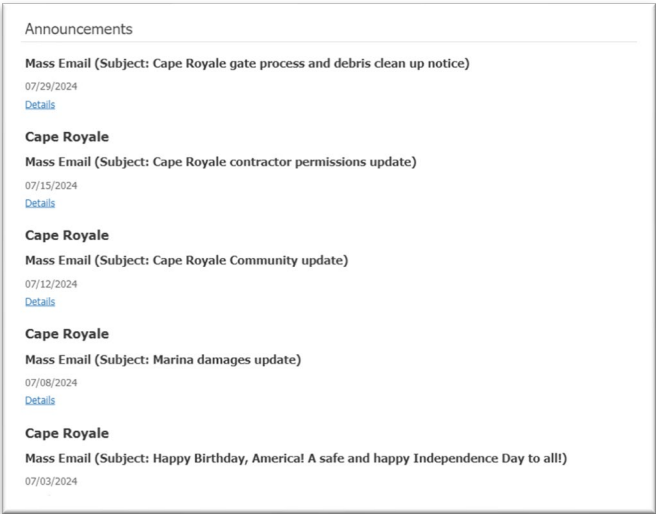
The POA Has Distributed Important Documentation

During July the POA published several important documents* to homeowners via [CiraNet](#). The documents included information on the damages to the Marina made by Hurricane Beryl, information about debris clean up, and most importantly information regarding the gate process.

If you haven't already, please take a few minutes to read this important information.

Since the July 4th weekend the gate attendants have been handing out materials that describe the new gate procedures to everyone entering through the contractor lane.

Beginning August 1st, the new gate procedures will be effect. For full details on the amendment to our Deeds Restrictions adopted by the community and the subsequent policy adopted by the board, please visit [CiraNet](#). There are no changes to vehicles entering through the transponder lane.



The new gate process affects literally every person entering and leaving the Cape including residents, contractors, long-term renters/short-term renters (LTR/STR), and those using the marina for the day.

Additionally, there may have been some confusion regarding who receives STR information. This point of clarification has been added:

There was a misconception that STR property owners had to give the rental form to the contiguous neighbors. That's incorrect. *Only the POA office and the gate* get the form. The STR owner needs to give to contiguous neighbors the identity and contact information of the responsible person, not the personal information of the STR renter.

*The documents in their entirety are located on the [Grand Manors \(CiraNet\)](#) site. Steps to the documents in CiraNet:

- Login to [Grand Manors \(CiraNet\)](#). Please call the POA office at 936-653-3233 if you have problems accessing your Grand Manors (CiraNet) account.
- Navigate to 'My Dashboard' tab found on the left side of the page
- The list of unread Announcements should pop up. Click on 'Details' to view the document.



Views From the Cape

Hurricane Beryl Says Hello to the Cape

For a Category 1 hurricane Beryl really had a lot to say to the Cape. Massive trees fell for her, electrical lines snapped, and boats ran amok. Even though Beryl struck nearly a month ago, the Cape is still cleaning up after her.



Beryl's winds were so strong that they knocked Pier F into Pier E at the Marina. Paula Dixon, who took the photograph above, kept the Cape updated as to the state of the Marina during Beryl.



The Cape lost power for three days while crews began working to remove trees and other debris that had fallen on the power lines. In some instances, the power poles fell across electrical cables knocking down power lines and taking transformers with them.

The photo to the left, taken by Tammy Evans, shows several crews working on the power lines just outside the entrance to the Cape.

4th of July Boat Parade, 2024 Version

It was a beautiful 4th of July morning that brought out the boats for the Cape Royale boat parade.





A big thank you to Dayna Peterson who took these great pictures.

The Cape Royale Boating Association (CRBA) hosted their annual 4th of July boat parade held on Lake Livingston. The boats were cheered along by the onlookers gathered on the shoreline.

Cape Royale Boating Association

CRBA is in its 29th year, still going strong, promoting boating on the lake and bringing some very popular social events to the Cape for both boaters and non-boaters.

2024 EVENTS:

- **July 4th** – 17 boats participated in the Patriotic Decorated Boat Parade, and we served 246 people at the Picnic – a new record. Thanks, all who contributed to the success of the events, and to all who joined us for a glorious day!
- **July 27th** – CRBA hosts a stop for CRCA Golf Cart Poker. STOP BY & SAY HI!
- **September 14th** – 1st race of Fall Series
- **October 12th** – Annual Street Dance
- **November 9th** – Annual Members Meeting
- **January 25, 2025 – 29th** – Annual Commodore's Banquet - catered dinner with live music and installation of the new Governing Board & Officers.

For more details & more events, or to join or renew membership, see <https://crba-livingston.com/>

Your support through membership (**still just \$25 for family**) is essential!

Submitted by Paul Hoffman

Little Entrepreneurs Make a Big Donation



Thank you, Lesli McBride for sharing.

2nd Annual 4th of July Crazy Cousins Lemonade Stand

While the boat parade made way, the Crazy Cousins set up their lemonade stand. They helped keep the onlookers cool and hydrated.

The Crazy Cousins donated their proceeds of \$150 to Care Share. Your support of these youngsters goes a long way to teach the kids a valuable life lesson, and to help a great cause here in the Cape.

Pictured here is Lucia, Adelaide, Josephine, Clara, Isaac, and Jack.

Cape Royale Civic Association

July, along with Hurricane Beryl, blew right in whether we were prepared or not!

CRCA wasn't sure until the last minute if we would have power to host July Bingo. Thankfully we did! So, to celebrate power to the people, Bingo was free to all CRCA members! A good time was had by all. We had so many winners and "losers"- too many to list.

Please join us on August 10 for Bingo. The fire code states the clubhouse can safely accommodate 125 people. We apologize in advance if we have to turn you away. Bingo begins at 6:30pm.

June Golf Cart Poker was very well attended with 160 players! Thank you again to our wonderful hosts.



July's Golf Cart Poker proceeds will benefit the Care Share Food pantry in Coldspring. Thank you for your generosity.

August Golf Cart Bingo is August 24. See y'all there!

Tina Hoffman
CRCA President

Cape Area Volunteer Fire Department Update

11 Sheriff Dispatch Calls

296 Total Hours: 25 Call hours, 36 Training hours, 235 Other hours

Active Fire/Water Rescue Personnel: 14

Booster 811 returned to service.

Hummingbird Mega 360 Sonar received – ready for install.

Participating in local, weekly Emergency Radio Nets – VHF/UHF.

Planning to erect Radio Tower at Station to provide redundant radio communication capabilities during destructive weather events.

In Deeds... a note from the Deeds Committee

Hurricane Cleanup

It's hard to believe that we are three weeks post Beryl. We know that all of you are working hard to get your properties cleaned up. A reminder that the POA will not be picking up/hauling off debris that is not on POA property. Debris removal is the responsibility of the property owner and deed restrictions prohibit burning brush. The CRUD brush site is open to owners but we encourage you to contact them ahead of time to review their rules. The Board has asked that all debris including tree debris be cleaned up no later than September 1.

Submitted by Tamara Peak



Welcome to the Water!

Rain, rain, go away!

All repairs have been made to the pool deck expansion joints to ensure safety for our swimmers. That means we are up and running for end of summer fun! Pool passes are still available and can be purchased at the pool by check or money order.

Watch for announcements of special events: come join us!

The Cape Care Committee Extends an Invitation

What makes a community?

Is it just people living next door to each other in brick and mortar houses? Or is it people caring for one another? Helping out when someone is in need. Or just being a friend to your neighbors?

Recently the Cape suggested to a few of us that we form a committee called the Cape Care Committee. You can think of us as the three C's! Communication, Care and Community. Practicing the 3 C's will make the Cape a nicer place to live in.

Right now, there are just two of us on the committee, Debbie Clifton and me, Mary Shay, and so we would like to build our committee. Just think, what if we have a hurricane this summer or some more of those rain and windstorms. I know that after living here for almost 30 years that those were the worse storms I have experienced, but who knows we may see more! I lost 3 trees and if it wasn't for some friends with trucks to help me get the yard cleaned up, I would have had a very expensive experience.

Our goal is to set up volunteers around the Cape that would perhaps be able to help neighbors in need! Do you have used medical equipment taking up room that perhaps others could use instead of having to buying new things? We have a place to store them if you would like to give them a new home. We wouldn't necessarily be giving them away for good, but rather just loaning them to someone else in need. Or perhaps you would not mind loaning someone your truck to clean up the mess.

I'm sure there are a lot of good ideas out there, and we'd really like to hear them. So, we are going to set up a meeting on the **10th of August in the Civic Room at 10:30am** where we can meet with interested resident and get your ideas and suggestions! I sure hope to see you there.

Our goal is to start small and grow with care! We need everyone's ideas to make this an exceptional community effort!

Mary Shay

PS: More information coming up in the next newsletter.

Calendar of Events for August 2024

Please check the CiraNet calendar for up-to-date information:

August 10 – Mary Shay's Cape Care Committee, 10:30am, Civic Room

August 10 – CRCA Bingo Night

August 15 – Napoleon Bonaparte's 255th Birthday

August 24 – POA Board Meeting, 2-4pm, Clubhouse (Saturday meeting)

August 24 – Golf Car Poker, registration at 5pm (Saturday late afternoon)

Welcome to New Residents

We are excited to welcome you to our community! We are happy that you chose Cape Royale, and we are looking forward to getting to know you.

As a new resident we have a welcome package, information about the Cape, and gift for you. [Click here](#) to alert us that you're here so you can receive your special welcome.

Cape Committee Volunteers Are the Best

We are always happy to welcome new volunteers on the committees. Volunteering is a great way to meet your neighbors and to get involved in the community. There are projects and events that would greatly benefit from your help, your expertise, and your insights. The Cape Committees can use your help year round, and you can participate on committees without a long term commitment, too.

Use this link for general information on all [Cape Committees](#) to find out more about each group. Use the list to reach out to the [Committee Chairperson](#) for more details, and to join the group(s) of your choice.

Cape Kitty Update

We're getting a breather! Kitten season has slowed down! Our little sight-impaired kitten, Peanut, has found a home and adoption will be completed Thursday if everything goes well! He has done amazingly well and can navigate Linda's downstairs and find her in the kitchen plus he can always find food in the kitchen.

Unfortunately, Beryl, wiped out all the wonderful clean-up the fire department did. Fortunately, most of the stuff that fell was small and the larger stuff was picked up by unknown volunteers. Thank you. Cats survived with not too much trauma.

We just completed a request for another PetSet grant to pay for spay and neuter cats of low-income people in the community. We have given out 55 vouchers and completed about 30. Thank you



doctor Merry! To be eligible people must show proof of Medicaid, food stamps, disability, school lunch program or low income per tax statement.

As far as we know, we provide the only services for cats in San Jacinto County. The County shelter serves only dogs. Dr. Merry does provide low cost spay/neuter for dogs of low-income people and we administer that program but they have to pay. Dr. Merry is so busy her appointments are about 2 months out.

For those of you who read Facebook or Next Door, there have been multiple litters of puppies dumped in the county. It is amazing how similar these puppies look!

Thank you all for your donations of food, supplies or cash. Remember you can donate through PayPal Cape Kitty Rescue by clicking the button on our Facebook page.

Cape Royale Book Club

The August meeting of the Cape Royale Book Club will be held on August 26 at 6:00 in the Civic Room. The book we will be discussing is Listen for the Lie by Amy Tintera.

A Little Something Else

Lessons Learned from Beryl

For a Category 1 hurricane, Beryl sure did a lot of damage here in the Cape and our surrounding areas. Someone said it was like Mother Nature took a weed eater to the trees. While we tried to be prepared, there are things that were missed:

- **Gasoline** – The lines for gas were insane, and not just in Coldspring, but in all the counties surrounding us. Containers for gas were scarce, too. Note to self: when the electricity is out, the gas pumps at the Marina don't work.
- **Portable burner** – Yes, checked that off the list. One can of propane didn't last very long, and there was none in stock, anywhere. Hello, Amazon...
- **Generator** – Like fuel and fuel containers, generators were all sold out. There were some available out east of Houston in Victoria. Then the Costco in Conroe got a shipment of 24 that sold out in an hour. On a hot, sticky day with not a whisper of a breeze blowing, that generator is worth every dime even if it does sit unused 90% of the time.
- **Electronics** – Our phones and other portable electronics are our life line to information and communication. CRUD had charging stations available for anyone who needed a boost. CRUD hopes to have these connections available during future outages.
- **Neighbors** – Neighbors checked on neighbors and people pulled together to help each other. Trees were moved to allow for passage, full-timers cleaned out refrigerators for weekenders, rides were given and meals were shared. The Cape Royale community is a blessing!

Parking at the Pool

Parking spaces just outside the pool entrance are for handicap parking only. While there is handicap signage in that space it may not be visible from the street. There seems to be a lot of 'unmarked' cars and carts using spots that are specifically reserved for handicap parking.

If your car doesn't have a handicap designation, please don't park in the handicap spaces at the pool. If you need a handicap marker for your vehicle, ask your physician.

Technically Speaking

Does Texas have money for you?



TEXAS UNCLAIMED PROPERTY A Division of the Texas Comptroller

Texas unclaimed property which is a division of the Texas Comptroller, has returned more than \$4 billion

in unclaimed property to its rightful owners. You can easily look up your name to see if they are holding money for you. Use [this URL](#) to go directly to the site to start your search.

Just One Line:

- 📍 Thank you, CRUD, for providing charging stations for electronics during and after Beryl.
- 📍 Lake Livingston has an X (Twitter) page: [Follow Lake Livingston Dam on Twitter](#)
- 📍 What does a pig say on a hot summer day? I'm bacon...
- 📍 From August 1st to December 25th is 147 days.

Cape Royale Group Activities Available to All

Did you know that there were so many things to do here in the Cape?

Below are some of the ongoing activities available to all residents. Reservations are not required for you to play or join any of these activities. Activities are free except where noted.

- **Tennis:** Mondays/Fridays at 9am, and Tuesdays at 5:30pm at the tennis courts. All levels welcome!
- **Pickleball:** Tuesdays 8am, Saturdays at 8am, and Thursday at 7pm at the tennis courts. All skill levels are represented, and all are welcome!
- **Mah Jongg:** Tuesdays at 1pm in the Civic/Game Room. New players are welcome to come and learn!
- **Bridge:** Wednesdays at 1pm in the Civic/Game Room. There is a fee of \$1 per person per session. If you are a bridge player, or are interested in learning to play bridge, please contact [Shelley](#) or [Zelda](#). Also, bridge lessons and non-scheduled pick-up bridge games are available. Contact [Shelley](#) or [Zelda](#) for information.
- **Mexican Train:** Thursdays at 12:30pm in the Civic/Game Room.
- **Cape Royale Book Club:** The book club meets the last Monday of each month at 6:00pm at the Civic Room. You can join in person or via the Nextdoor group 'Cape Royale Book Club'. Contact Sissy Watkins at [281-382-2039](tel:281-382-2039) or sisanna@hotmail.com if you have any questions.

- **CRCA:** The Cape Royale Civic Association hosts a monthly Bingo night and the May-October monthly Golf Cart Poker Run. Check the newsletter, calendar, and the marquee outside the gate for dates and times.
- **CRBA:** The Cape Royale Boating Association hosts events throughout the year. Check the newsletter, calendar, and the marquee outside the gate for dates and times.

For a calendar view of all the activities in the Cape please check out the Cape's [CiraNet Calendar](#). If you have trouble accessing CiraNet please get in touch with the POA office at 936-653-3233.

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July POA Board Meeting Documents

[CiraNet](#) has all the Board Meeting agendas, final meeting minutes, and board information.

➡ **Deadline for submitting information for the CommuniCape** - the August call for submissions to be sent on August 22nd with the deadline to submit information on August 28th at 5pm. Contact Zelda with suggestions and article ideas.

➡ **To Publish Pictures in the CommuniCape** - Cape photographers who would like their work published in the Newsletter should contact [Cape Royale Community Relations Email](#). For publishing information on the <https://caperoyale.org> website, please contact CRPOAwebmaster@gmail.com.

➡ **CiraNet** - Just about anything you need to know about the Cape can be found on [CiraNet](#), the resident/owner portal, or our website at www.caperoyale.org. If it's not there, let us know and we'll add it. Call [855-947-2636](tel:855-947-2636) if you need help accessing [CiraNet](#).

➡ **Additional URLs**

Click the links below for:

- [Cape Royale Website](#) for Cape Royale related documents
- [Cape Royale Community Relations Email](#) for questions, suggestions, and comments regarding the CommuniCape newsletter.