



THE KEYS BREEZE

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BARBEQUE WRAP UP

The 2nd Annual Keys Barbeque, which took place way back in September, was a great success. Again the weather was perfect and everyone appeared to have a super afternoon. The music this year was provided by "The Music Machine."

Dennis Trenten, Board vice president, did a fine job of coordinating the planning this year. Besides the Board members, most of whom were on hand all day, many other people put in a lot of hours of hard work to make it work. Some of those helpers were Bill Dierk, Elizabeth Mylander, Lefty Peledo of Ventura Rubbish, Mary Rizzo, Melton Sarnoff, Joan Shugar, Frank Swarz, and of course the Board members' husbands, wives, kids and friends who always seem to get coerced into lending a hand. Thanks, all of you. It was fun.

There was one sour note; someone stole the banner from the paddle tennis courts. A lot of work went into making the banners last year, and we had intended to use them for a number of years to save time and money. It was not a very funny prank. If someone has the banner or knows who does, please see that it gets returned and nothing more will be said.

BOARD MEMBERS NEEDED

The annual meeting and election of the Board of Directors will be coming up in January. Half of the Directors' terms end each year, so several volunteers are needed to fill those vacancies. If you or someone you know would be willing to serve, please call Dennis Trenten (644-3911) who is heading up the Nominating Committee.

PALM TREE TRIMMING

By Dennis Trenten

Many palm trees in the Keys need trimming (some desperately!), and to wait for the city to do it may mean to wait indefinitely. Steve Marshall, an experienced, insured tree trimmer, is working in the area for what I believe are the best prices available. Steve's prices start at \$20 - to trim a tree with minimal growth - and go up. I paid \$25 to trim a palm tree with 1½ to 2 years growth. Steve's price included trimming, cleaning up the debris and hauling it away. He lives in Los Angeles and can be called at (213) 985-4747. He will come to your home and give a free estimate when he is in the area.

In conclusion, I haven't found anyone who is competitive with Steve Marshall for the service provided. If other persons living in the Keys know of other palm tree trimmers, please let me know and their names and telephone numbers will be included in future "Keys Breeze" issues.

HOME DECORATION CONTEST

The holiday season is fast approaching, and that means it is time to prepare for the Parade of Lights and Home Decoration Contest. We understand the Port District has selected Saturday evening, December 17, for its Parade of Lights, so if you want to enter your boat, contact the Port District for details.

The Keys Home Decoration Contest is run by the Keys Association and all houses, duplexes and condos in the Keys are eligible for prizes. Judging of the houses generally does NOT occur on the evening of the Parade of Lights because of the difficulty in getting up and down the channels to see the waterfront decorations. We will be sending out a flyer soon with all the details including which night the judging will take place so you can be sure to have your lights on. Get your decorating plans made right away so the Keys will be beautiful during the holiday season.

Board President Charles Withers has recently undergone heart surgery, but we understand he is home and starting to get out and about. We wish you a quick and full recovery, Charlie.

WE GET LETTERS

Campers and motor homes parked all over the neighborhood are the leading cause of complaints received by the Board and the newsletter. The Board cannot do anything more about the situation than the average resident - alert the police so they can enforce the 72-hour law, unless there is an electrical hookup or trash being thrown around, in which case the police might act sooner.

The following is an excerpt from a letter signed only "Association Member and Property Owner" which illustrates how many residents feel.

"The Advantages and Disadvantages of Recreational Vehicles (R.V.'s) and Pickup Campers Parked in the Ventura Keys Area.

Advantages

R.V. Owners

1. Savings of money, R.V. storage yard
2. Convenience

Non R.V. Owners

1. No advantages

Disadvantages

R.V. Owners

1. Unsightly.
2. Lowers property desirability
3. Lowers property value
4. Violates 72-hour city ordinance
5. Prevents street from being cleaned
6. Restricts passing motorist view and increases possibility of accident with darting child or vehicle backing from driveway
7. Sleeping in R.V. and discharge of substance from R.V. on street

Non R.V. Owners

1. Unsightly
2. Lowers property desirability
3. Lowers property value
4. Violates parking law
5. Prevents street cleaning
6. Restricts passing motorist view and increases possibility of accident with darting child or vehicle backing from driveway
7. Sleeping in R.V. and discharging substances on public street

"Note: Most developments now, even lower cost condos have restrictions on R.V.'s parked in the development either on the public streets or alleys as well as on private property but still in public view.

"The Ventura Keys was built before the popularity of R.V.'s and campers and this property owner requests if a supplement to our property restrictions can be made to correct this matter."

ART JURY NEWS

MODIFICATIONS COMMITTEE

For the past several months Art Jury member Bette Hawk has been working extremely hard with the Code Enforcement and Planning Department people on behalf of you waterfront owners who want patio covers and/or wind screens.

Code Enforcement had received complaints regarding illegal patios or room additions in the rear yards of waterfront homes. They investigated and found 18 such additions without building permits. In order to try to get these additions approved, each homeowner has to have a hearing before the city's Modification Committee (\$125 fee). Most of the homeowners involved, whose additions do not meet established city guidelines, have requested that the city guidelines regarding such additions be modified to accommodate their structures.

Realizing that sun and wind screens are needed in the Keys (as long as they do not block views), in September the Planning Commission passed a resolution modifying the code to allow patio covers and enclosures (not enclosed rooms) subject to new, more relaxed conditions. This, theoretically, should have made it unnecessary for all of these homeowners to need individual Modification Committee hearings if their additions meet the new guidelines. However, there is another code provision which was not addressed, and that is the 45% lot coverage rule. Most of the homes involved in the patio question are already at 45% or more of lot coverage, so in order to add patio covers (which add to lot coverage), a Modifications Committee hearing is still necessary.

In January the Planning Commission will hold another hearing to resolve this problem and will in all probability (we hope) pass a new resolution making it unnecessary for owners whose homes are already at 45% or more of lot coverage to go before the Modifications Committee if they want to add a patio cover or wind screen which meets the new guidelines. Naturally it is still necessary to apply for a building permit.

If you would like a copy of the September Planning Commission resolution containing the new guidelines (which we will probably print in the next issue), contact Bette at 642-6631.

ART JURY MEMBER NEEDED

Is there a retired engineer out there who would be interested in serving on the Art Jury? (A non-retired engineer would be great, also, but the job does take some time.) Call Bette (642-6631) for details.

KEYS SHIRTS

Those of you who missed the barbeque also missed the debut of the now famous Keys shirts. The shirts are navy blue, have a small Keys logo (the boat that also appears on the newsletter) and "Ventura Keys" written in white on the left front, and come in a variety of styles suitable for everyone.

Now you have another opportunity to get your shirt (they would make terrific Christmas presents, also). The styles are described below, and the order form on the back of this page shows the sizes available in each style. All the styles run roomy except the ladies' polo, which runs small. I would recommend buying one size larger in this style, or, if you need an even larger size, the men's polos are suitable for women, too (just remember that they come only in men's sizes - a men's size small would probably fit if you normally wear a ladies' size medium, etc.) Be sure to get your order in by the cutoff date in the ordering instructions because we do not plan to send in another order in the near future. A couple of you were late getting your orders in after the barbeque, so they will go in with this group. If you have any questions, feel free to call Sue at 642-6867.

STYLES AVAILABLE

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| Men's Golf Style: | 50% cotton/50% polyester; short, straight sleeves; pocket; pointed collar; 4-button placket (like Munsingwear "Grand Slam") |
| Men's Polo Style: | 50% cotton/50% polyester; short sleeves; rib-knit collar and cuffs; 2-button placket (like "Polo", "Le Tigre", "Izod") |
| Men's T-Shirt: | 100% cotton traditional T-shirt; short sleeves; pocket |
| Ladies' Round Neck T-Shirt: | 50% cotton/50% polyester; semi-fitted "French cut"; short sleeves |
| Ladies' "V" Neck T-Shirt: | Same as above except for neckline |
| Ladies' Polo Style: | Same as men's polo except cut for ladies (runs small, more like junior sizes) |
| Kids' T-Shirt: | 100% cotton traditional T-shirt; short sleeves |

KEYS SHIRTS ORDER FORM

ORDERING INSTRUCTIONS

Indicate number of shirts desired in each style and size. Attach check made payable to Ventura Keys Association or cash if ordering in person and mail or deliver order form to Dennis Trenten, 2849 Sailor (644-3911) or Sue Liserani, 2710 Surfrider (642-6867). Cutoff date for orders is Wednesday, November 30. Shirts should be delivered within 2 weeks after cutoff date.

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Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

Style	Price*	Sizes						Total Price
		XS	S	M	L	XL	XXL	
Men's Golf Style	12.50	█						
Men's Polo Style	15.25	█						
Men's T-Shirt	7.00	█						
Ladies' Round Neck	8.75							
Ladies' "V" Neck	8.75							
Ladies' Polo Style	15.00	█				█	█	
Kids' T-Shirt	6.25	█				█	█	
							ORDER TOTAL	

* Price includes sales tax

Form of payment: cash check

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