



THE KEYS BREEZE

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JANUARY MEETING/1984 FORECAST

The annual meeting and party was held at the Ventura Yacht Club this year. The bar was open, Bette Hawk provided lots of munchies, and if you did not come, you missed out on a good time.

The meeting portion of the evening was kept to a minimum. The 1983 Board reported on the status of the Association, the Holiday Home Decoration Contest awards were presented (see page 2), and the 1984 Board was elected. The new Board consists of: Dennis Trenten, president; Bill Schulze, vice president; Edna Withers, secretary; John Sugden, treasurer; Sue Liserani, membership and newsletter; John Gray, waterways; Ray Loehr, big beach; Larry Hartley; Will Hoag; Muriel Larsen; Elizabeth Mylander; and Pat O'Leary. Alternates for 1984 are Charles Withers, immediate past president; Bette Hawk, Art Jury; Ron Harrington, Art Jury; Terry Towner, City Hall liaison; Lou Liserani, little beach; Dixie Cramolini; Tamara Green; Mary Powers; Andy Soter; Arlene Virtue; and Barbara Waldman.

We want to thank all those who worked so hard on behalf of the Keys last year. Special thanks go to Shirley Donovan, membership chairman the last two years, who is now moving away, and Mary Powers and Joanne Lipman who came to the rescue and filled in as treasurer and secretary.

Byron Lawler brought us up to date on waterway issues: the channels are due to be dredged if the dredge ever arrives, and the city is still planning to proceed with reactivating the Portobello Maintenance District. Byron went on to point out that we have no control over what is being dumped into the channels via the Arundell Barranca and other sources and no influence over those who do. The only way we can hope to solve this and other Keys concerns is to become more politically active.

Charles Withers mentioned that residents of Beachmont and Seafarer received notification that a proposal to enlarge the Scotch and Sirloln

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HOLIDAY HOME DECORATION CONTEST WINNERS

Thanks, all of you who decorated your homes this year. The lights and decorations really make the Keys special during the holiday season.

To judge the waterfront homes, about 40 of us toured up and down the channels aboard the Bay Queen attempting the nearly impossible task of deciding which decorations were "better" than others -- a subjective process at best. Those of you who put your house numbers out helped us quite a bit, by the way.

After seeing everything, we asked the judges to pick their three favorites and tell why each was special. Three homes received almost exactly the same number of votes but for entirely different reasons. So we have three equal winners who each received engraved silver plates at the January meeting.

- The Collins' home at 2913 Seahorse was called "a unique fairyland," "the most dramatic," and was the best use of little white lights.
- The Riegers at 3098 Seahorse did the most creative, most artistic job of decorating. Their home is in a very prominent location see by everyone passing the paddle tennis courts, and we are fortunate the owners choose to create such marvelous designs each year -- last year the poinsettia, this year the bells and bows.
- The Supples at 2936 Sailor used a manger scene in their decorating which was considered the best religious theme.

Other homes which were popular with the judges but which did not receive quite enough votes to win were the John Grays, who wrote "Noel" in script with colored lights; the Harringtons, who used twinkling lights in their trees; and the Deans, who created a large wreath and bow using green and red lights.

Dennis Kane, who always has spectacular displays using lights and animated figures and who won the contest last year, asked not to be judged this year and participated in the judging of the other homes. Dennis decorates because he obviously loves to but also to encourage the rest of us to do so. Thanks, Dennis.

After the boat trip, we jumped into our cars and drove around to judge off-water. We asked the judges to choose their two favorite houses and one duplex, in order to encourage participation from the owners and renters of the duplexes.

modys at 1237 Beachmont had a child-pleasing display
nta in a train on their roof.

ganchuks at 1204 Seafarer used lots of lights and
ita on their roof.

lex winner was the Lees at 2613 Bayshore who used
rossed colored lights around the railing of their
pstairs balcony.

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KEYS BEAUTIFUL

going column we will be honoring Keys homeowners who are
mproving their properties, and the Keys, by either
r remodeling. At the end of the year we will list all
oned throughout this year and ask you to vote for the
it project of 1984. An award will then be made to the
nnual meeting next January.

beautiful nominees for this issue are the Crikelairst of
l the Barefords of 999 Oyster. Go by and look at the
ese people have made, and if you are aware of other good
s, let us know.

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ered by the city. The meeting, originally scheduled in
een postponed until March 27. Due to increased traffic on
is a result of harbor development, we voted nearly
tell the city we will approve the enlargement provided
; Beachmont to vehicle traffic at the harbor entrance (an
reviously but rejected by the city because traffic is
heavy enough).

ard agrees the focus for 1984 should be the political
recommended. We will be monitoring meetings and officials
ie newsletter or special fliers, may be asking you to
inions or attend meetings or whatever it takes.

ART JURY NEWS

In the last newsletter we discussed the modifications the Planning Commission had passed in September "to establish a set of parameters that would accommodate the majority of existing patio covers as well as set standards for new covers" on waterfront lots. As promised, here are those new guidelines from Planning Commission Resolution No. 5679:

"SECTION 3: A Modification is granted to use the described property as follows: To allow patio covers and patio enclosures in the rear yard area of the waterfront lots of the Ventura Keys, subject to the following conditions:

1. The eaves and supports of patio covers and/or patio enclosures and windscreens in the rear yards may extend to the rear lot line.
2. The eaves and supports of patio covers or enclosures shall be set back 10% of the lot width from the side lot line.
3. Patio covers or sunscreens shall be constructed of lattice, slats or other similar materials which allow for the free movement of light and air through at least 50% of the cover surface. Portable covers or removable elements such as temporary structures or cloth awnings are not acceptable materials under the provisions of this modification.
4. Patio covers or sunscreens may have vertical enclosures on one-half of the perimeter of the unattached sides of the cover. Where no patio cover or sunscreen is proposed, windscreens may be constructed on one-half of the perimeter of the rear yard area.
5. Enclosures or windscreens shall be of a clear, uncolored material such as glass or plastic. A minimum distance of 36 inches on center shall be provided between vertical support members. Vertical support members shall have a maximum overall dimension of 6 inches unless large supports are structurally necessary. The bottom 24 inches of the enclosure and/or windscreen measured from the finished floor level of the patio floor may be of non-transparent material to act as a support for the upper portion, such as a wall or planter area. Windscreens may be moveable, so as to allow them to be rearranged to optimally block the wind.
6. This modification does not supersede any requirements of the tract's codes, covenants and restrictions or the Ventura Keys Art Jury.
7. This resolution hereby supersedes Planning Commission Resolution No. 4651 adopting guidelines for patio structures on waterfront lots in the Keys.

SECTION 4: This Modification shall be void if the applicant does not comply with the conditions hereof."

A problem arose, however, concerning total lot coverage, so at its January 10 meeting the Planning Commission passed a clarification stating that "covers or sunscreens which meet conditions 1 through 7 of Section 3 of Resolution No. 5679 shall not be included in lot coverage calculations due to their open nature and special need for weather protection on waterfront lots. This clarification relates only to this modification and shall not be considered as precedent for other situations."

NEWSLETTER POLICY

The Keys Board has made a policy decision regarding the newsletter. We will not print any anonymous letters. In the last issue, after much soul searching, we printed such a letter concerning motor homes only because it represented a kind of composit of what so many Keys residents have been saying (and contrary to what at least one resident thought, it was NOT written by a Board member). We welcome all your thoughts and ideas (if you would send them in I would not have to write so much myself), but please have the courage to sign your name.

In addition, we will not attempt to solve the Keys-related problems of anyone insisting on anonymity so your neighbors will not know you are complaining about them. The Board members are neighbors, too, and volunteered to try to give something back to the community, not to be some kind of "enforcers." And, unlike some homeowners associations, the Keys Association has no enforcement provisions. We must rely on neighborliness, public opinion, and city statutes. The Keys Board will try to help by publicizing general problems, working with the city and other agencies, and by putting you in touch with the proper authorities to solve your problems (they, too, by the way, request that you identify yourself before investigating a complaint). I personally resent being asked to investigate a Keys neighbor by "a friend of a resident" as happened recently.

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TREE TRIMMING UPDATE

By Dennis Trenten

Since the last newsletter in which I wrote about the palm trees in the Keys needing trimming, I have had two persons recommended for palm tree trimming by Keys residents. Both allegedly meet or beat Steve Marshall's price (mentioned in the last newsletter) for trimming, cleanup and hauling away fronds and other debris. For estimates call:

Richard's Tree Service, 653-1724, or
Don's Tree Service, 485-4740

An additional resource for heavy yard work and cleanup is Pat Kelly, 642-2298, who is a Keys resident, I understand.

This information is provided solely to allow Keys residents information about services to the community that are provided at reasonable prices by responsible persons. If any resident knows of responsible persons providing services not easily found, please contact the newsletter and we will make it known to other residents.

COMING IN THE NEXT ISSUE: WHERE TO GET HELP

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