



THE KEYS BREEZE

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SEPTEMBER 14TH BARBEQUE

Saturday, September 14 has been selected as the date for the 4th annual Keys barbeque. Undoubtedly some of you will be away on vacation, but we have tried to minimize that number. We chose a day right after school starts so those of you with children will be back home, and those of you without children may not have left yet on your after-the-kids-are-back-in-school vacations. As in previous years the barbeque will be a lunch from about noon to 3 P.M. Around the first of September the banners will go up around the Keys and I will send out a flyer with all the details. Plan to attend! If you would like to volunteer to help out in some way, call Sue at 642-6867.

KEYS BEAUTIFUL

The Shearers' house at 3191 Outrigger and the Larsens' house at 1200 Seafarer share the curve where the two streets meet. The two families recently surrounded both front yards with a very attractive retaining wall and then relandscaped the area as one yard. Nice work!

The houses at 2523 Clearview, 2783 Sailor, and 2972 Seaview have something in common. These houses were all in rather sad shape. All were sold during the last year or so, and all the new owners immediately set about making tremendous improvements. We want to thank these people for their hard work toward making the Keys more beautiful.

LAST CALL!

A couple of people have mentioned not receiving dues envelopes in the mail and have wondered if they are still on the Keys mailing list. We have handled dues collection differently the last two years. Since we now have the newsletter delivered to each home in the Keys, the dues envelopes are no longer mailed but are included in the first newsletter of the year. If you missed that issue, feel free to use any old envelope to send in your \$15 check.

As of August 1, here are the members who joined the Keys Association since we prepared the list for the last issue: Aggen, Bailey, Belew, Bellisime, Berssen, Binder, Buchanan, Burnette, Calvin, J. Chess, Collins, Colwell, Conklin, Conley, Cotta, Crikelair, Daly, Delgado, Dick, English, Erskine, Ferraro, Fickerson, Franz, Gaines, Gendron, Gillen, Goodwin, Hansen, Haskins, Heyder, Huey, Ingalls, Jaffe, B. James, Knodle, Kogan, Kotanjian, Kukuchek, Larson, Lasell, Lawler, LeBus, Lopez, MacIntyre, K. Martin, Maxwell, Mayta, Modugno, Moore, Munding, Myck, Nething, Owens, Packard, Pelland, Rasmussen, Russum, Salowitz, Schechter, Schink, Shearer, Stark, Steele, Stumpf, Theys, Trenten, Veit, Vigus, Waldman, Wehmeyer, Welsh, Winter, and Withers.

A large number of absentee owners actively support the Keys Association. We thought you might be interested to know where some of our members live. Besides numerous members throughout Southern California, we have members from more distant places such as Hawthorne, Nevada; Oakland, California; Upper Saddle River, New Jersey; Antigo, Wisconsin; Colorado Springs, Colorado; Eastsound, Washington; Carmichael, California; and Anchorage, Alaska! These people could very easily simply turn their backs and collect their rent checks, but luckily for all of us they care.

Next issue we will again update our list of members, but this will be my final newsletter appeal for members this year. I hope those of you who have not yet joined will realize how important it is to contribute your fair share toward our rather special community and will send in your checks as soon as possible. (If you have not paid, we should not see you using the Association's facilities this summer!)

Have you seen the car with the license plate VTA KEYS?
Fantastic - wish I had thought of it first!

UPDATES

ART SHOW AND SALE

There has not been enough interest to go ahead and plan such an event in conjunction with the barbeque. I still think it is a great idea, though, and hope someone can put it together in the future.

NAME THE PARK CONTEST

We have some entries in the contest to name our park at the corner of Seaview and Beachmont, but we need many more to really have a contest. Send your entries to our post office box or call 642-6867 by September 1.

BOATING BUDDIES

In response to last issue's section on boating buddies, weekender Al Lowry wrote: "I would like to meet someone who needs a sailing crew hand. I am temporarily between boats, my last one being a 46' Kettenberg sloop. I get to the Keys frequently during the summer months and would be glad to lend a hand to any boat owner who needs one. Call collect (818) 984-2595 or (818) 987-3898."

RESPONSE TO "SETTING THE RECORD STRAIGHT"

Thanks to all of you who sent in comments about this article in the last newsletter. Obviously there are many opinions on the issue, and all the comments have been passed on to the committee studying parking. What I hope you all realize after reading my article is that the city, not the Keys Association, is ultimately responsible for parking problems.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

The Keys Association has located and is negotiating to purchase some special, official waterfront Neighborhood Watch signs. These should soon be posted at prominent points along the waterways for our growing number of boating tourists to see. Remember, the best protection against crime is to KNOW YOUR NEIGHBORS!

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STEVE MARSHALL IS BACK

Steve Marshall, poet and free spirit, shows up every year or so to trim our palm trees, and he is here now. Flag him down, leave a message for him at (818) 985-4747, or hire someone else if you prefer, but please consider trimming your palm trees.

Some personal observations on the palm trees: (1) We all agree the city should trim its own trees, but our pleading is met with excuses such as Prop. 13, the trees don't need it, etc., etc. (2) Since the city refuses, we should care enough to maintain our own neighborhood (and most Keys owners are doing just that). (3) The streets look so much better when the trees are trimmed. Compare a street where they are trimmed (e.g. Reef or Cove) with one where they are not (e.g. Seahorse, between Peninsula and the shopping center). One street looks kind of gray and overgrown while the other looks light, clean and airy (regardless of how the individual properties are kept). (4) During the recent fires I heard references to palm trees acting like torches. Do you really want a tree with all those dead, dry fronds next to your shake roof? (5) I have heard that certain rodents like to live among the palm fronds. No way do I want to encourage tree rats around my house! (6) IF YOUR PROPERTY IS A RENTAL YOU CAN WRITE OFF THE TRIMMING AS A MAINTENANCE EXPENSE!

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