



THE KEYS BREEZE

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B B Q 1988- BIG BEACH

WE HAVE decided on September 17, 1988 as the big event date. We are going to need a lot of help from both adults and teens in order to make this a very special, happy event. We could use teens 16 years and over to help with games for the smaller children. Also, Adults for ticket sales, decoration, food, etc. Please contact either Alyce Long, co-chairman at 644-4829, or Lea Sessa, at 644-9331. We need all of you so LET'S HAVE FUN.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

ON A RECENT OUTING to the Big Beach, located at Seaview and Beachmont, I noticed a lot of trash and broken glass on the sand. A family was having a picnic lunch nearby and did not notice when the wind sent their paper bag across the sand, over the wall and onto Seaview Street. For those of you who frequent our Keys beaches, please help your Beachmasters keep them clean.

Russ Thomas has been our Waterways Chairperson for several years and is diligent in his efforts to keep them clean and beautiful. Recently Russ questioned the water quality within our Keys and had samples collected and sent for analysis. Additional testing is now being conducted by the County Environmental Health Department. Three comparative tests are taken at various locations and times. Once we obtain the results of the tests we will advise you if there is anything negative found.

DON'T FORGET--We still need more members and donors. If all who were eligible joined or donated their \$30.00 we would have over \$20,000 for our annual budget. We are trying to make it on \$10,000. We need your assistance.

PIERPONT SCHOOL still needs your support and help. Please call Diane Peterson, Principal, at 648-5141, or Dottie Potter at 648-2566.

WE ARE PLANNING A NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEETING IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

PAT AND STEVE EHRET

ONE OF OUR MOST active board members is Steve Ehret. Here is a short biography of both Steve and his lovely wife Pat.

Steve was born in Los Angeles and raised in the San Gabriel Valley. He has a B.S. in Civil Engineering and a Masters in Public Administration.

Served with wife Pat for two years in Peace Corps in Venezuela where he learned to speak Spanish. Steve worked as Deputy County Engineer and also worked on a special project in the Amazon. Pat set up and operated a pre-school for Barrio children, provided social services to Barrio families and served on the Peace Corps staff.

Steve has been employed as a civilian with the Navy for 15 years, first as an Environmental Engineer, and currently as Head of Planning for the Navy's research lab in Port Hueneme. Pat is a Marriage, Child and Family Therapist with a private practice in Oxnard.

Steve enjoys skiing, camping and sailing with Pat and their two children Matthew, age 11 and Kristin, age 9.

Steve joined the Keys Board as a way of getting to know his neighbors and because he wanted to contribute to the Keys neighborhood he and his family enjoy so much.

"ALWAYS ASK A BUSY PERSON IF YOU WANT SOMETHING DONE, FOR THEY WILL DO IT." Thank you Steve and Pat from all of us. We are lucky to have you as our neighbors.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR new secretary Robin Grace, who is doing a great job. We all miss Jeanne Jones, but we wish her best of luck in her new endeavor. We wish to welcome Robin and her husband and all other new residents to the Keys. WE HOPE TO MEET YOU AT OUR ANNUAL BBQ AT THE BIG BEACH.

SUMMER IS HERE. PLEASE BE SURE TO INSTRUCT YOUR KIDS TO BE CAREFUL ON OUR BIG AND LITTLE BEACHES AND, REMEMBER, ADULT SUPERVISION MUST BE PROVIDED AT ALL TIMES.

ARUNDELL BARRANCE- A meeting will be held July 11, 1988, between our County Supervisor, Susan Lacey, Mr.'s Webster and Chase (Maxwell Ranch owners), The Lusk Company, Bill Frank and County Engineers. VKA representatives will also attend.

1988 MEMBERS AND DONORS: The membership drive is still on. Please send us your \$30.00. BLOCK, BAILEY, D., CARMODY, T. CUMMINGS, J. CRAMOLINIS, DER YUEN, DUNLAP, FAWCETT, GRACES, GOODWIN, P.J., GARRETT, J. HEREFORD, M., HOLLER HIBBS, INGRAM, ISBELL, LONG, N., LOPEZ, MILLER, R.C., PHELPS, C., RICHARDS, STRUCHFIELD AND TAUTZ. Thanks to all.

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VENTURA KEYS BARBEQUE

ATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17
FROM NOON TO 3PM
THE PADDLE TENNIS COURTS
Big Beach Area

\$3.00 lunch includes:

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HAPPENINGS IN V.K. " SO YOU ARE GOING TO REMODEL."

THIS COMING SUMMER AND RIGHT now, there are a great many individuals either building new homes or remodeling their old ones. Here are some practical tips to help you find your way:

1. Get an architect who is reasonable, competent, knowledgeable and works with you. Be sure that he understands what the requirements are in the Keys. Make sure that he wants to complete the project, not just collect his fee.
2. Get your plans completed.
3. Get your bids (at least three estimates).
Make sure you see their work completed and also in progress. Ask a lot of questions of their previous employers.
4. Get approval from the ART JURY in the Keys, Herb Johnson 644-6801.
5. Submit your plans to the City for approval. 654-7800.
6. Appear before the Buenaventura Coastal Commission for Development at 501 Poli Street, in Ventura, for your building and coastal permit. We are all in the coastal area and must go through this. If there are major problems, such as view obstruction, etc., your neighbors will be notified by the Commission and may appear at this time to express any objections. An Art Jury member may also appear, either on your behalf or on behalf of an objector, or on behalf of the V.K. Association.
7. Now you must wait for your plans to be approved and a permit to be granted. This permit is valid for 6 months to a year and can be renewed if you are in the midst of construction and need an extension.
8. Pay for your permit and school taxes.
9. Hire your contractor. Be sure that he is insured, carries liability insurance on all his subcontractors, and that he gives you a reasonable completion date.
You may subcontract some of the work directly. Be sure that you know your subcontractors. You may save some money that way. Most contractors will help you with this and allow you to hire their subcontractors directly for additional work, like plumbing fixture replacemnt, etc. You must have your own insurance. Check with your insurance agent to see if your home owners policy would cover you for liability and work-mens compensation insurance.
10. ENJOY YOUR NEW OR REMODELED HOME.

C. C. & R's:

A number of new residents have asked for copies of their C.C.&R's. If you did not receive them at the time of your purchase, you may request them from your Title Company. Call your Title Co. or your Escrow Co., or Broker or Seller. We all have C.C.&R's and if we all know what they are, we might be able to enforce them and comply with them, together, both owners and tenants.

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IF YOU ARE TIRED OF LOOKING at your old, useless, broken, worn out antenna, on your roof or other's, and are paying for cable anyway, why not get rid of yours and help your neighbor and friends to do the same. The antennas on our roofs are definitely against all our existing C.C.&R's. Let's make the Keys as pretty as we can.

WE ARE STILL IN NEED OF BOTH BOARD MEMBERS AND ART JURY MEMBERS. It is imperative that we fill these positions with people from our community. An active Art Jury can help keep this area well maintained and in compliance with our Rules and Regulations, which benefits all of us. We are looking for diplomatic, good natured, well informed people to join us. It is an important and rewarding voluntary position. WE NEED YOU... Please call Dennis Adams, our president, at 658-6670 or Steve Ehret, our treasurer at 654-8068. Thank you.

COMING TOGETHER IS BEGINNING;
KEEPING TOGETHER IS PROGRESS;
WORKING TOGETHER IS SUCCESS.

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