



THE KEYS BREEZE

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SAVE THE KEYS REPORTS TO ASSOCIATION

By Jim Majewski

Since the last meeting several things have happened which I think are of interest. On Saturday March 2 (the Saturday after the big rain) the Saves the Keys Committee (STKC) hired an environmental consultant to take samples of the water, the stuff floating on the water and soil samples. Samples were taken at the Barronca, the end of the Surfrider channel, the end of the Seahorse channel and the basin. Also probably 1000 pictures were taken of the results of the storm. We could not get down one of the channels due to the high level of debris plugging up the cooling system on my engines. The results of



Storm Blocks Keys Waterways

these tests should be available March 22. The next interesting item that happened is that I received a call from Barbara Frosbrink. Barbara informed me that the City was being given an emergency dredging permit from

the Coastal Commission but the permit would only allow that material that ran into the Keys from the past storm (March 1) could be removed. Since then much discussion on dollars and two time dredging and three things become

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE from Brad Barnes

This year we have gotten off to a slow start due to the unfortunate loss last December of our President, John Sugden and Board Member John Grey. The Board is looking forward to having a progressive year in accomplishing some major reconstruction to the Big Beach. Upon completion of the reconstruction, we plan on holding our annual BBQ to celebrate the beach's reconstruction. The planned capital improvements to the Big Beach will not only improve the facility but should also help

enhance the property values of the homes in the Keys. The Board is also very involved in keeping track of the developments involving the dredging and pollution issues of the Keys canals. We are basically working closely with the Save the Keys Committee since they appear to have proceeded the furthest in negotiating with the City on these issues. We receive monthly updated reports from the Save the Keys Committee regarding

President's Message cond't these issues. The latest chloroform level test shows that the beaches are within acceptable levels. However, the Arundell Barranca continues to show extremely high levels of chloroform bacteria and appears to be the major source of this pollutant in the Keys. This will result possibly in the Big Beach closing to swimming off and on throughout the year. The City is testing weekly and we receive the results on a monthly basis.

We hope that everyone will see fit to pay their Key's Association Fees for this year as we tentatively expect to spend much of the monies to improve the beach and recreation areas. I would like to proceed with the program of having a capital fund to take over the trimming of the palm trees by the Association since it appears quite clear that the City will not come forward and perform the service.

If anyone would like to discuss any Keys issues with me, I can be reached at my office, 805-650-0215. I look forward to serving our community over the next year.

GOOD NEWS-BAD NEWS

By Ray Russum

The Good News is The Venturians, for honest government have persuaded Ventura County Tax Assessor, Jerry Sanford, to reduce property taxes due to market conditions and other factors. Many Ventura Keys property owners should get reduced property taxes. The Bad News is that principally all property within the Keys development area, Seaward on the North, Harbor Blvd on the East, Arrundel Barranca on the South and the lots facing Bayshore will be included in any Benefit Assessment District (BAD) the City is now trying to impose to clean the pollution out of the Key's waterways. This can result in big tax increases for ON and OFF water property owners including apartment, condominiums, duplexes and commercial property, not just waterfront homes. For further information, contact Ray Russum at 805-642-6110.

KEYS WELCOME WAGON

The Ventura Keys new residents will receive a personal welcome from the Ventura Keys Association Welcome Committee. Janine Arthur is this years Chairperson and would like to hear from any new residents that we have not already provided a hardy welcome. Janine would like to hear from any new resident in the Keys to explain the purpose of the Keys Association and provide information on the special services provided by the Keys Association. If you know of anyone, please call Janine at 805-642-9102.

This month we welcome:

Dave and Leslie Herbruck
2892 Surftrider Avenue

Roger Lewis
2884 Surftrider Avenue

The Keys Association will be providing a small welcome gift as well as a community package of information for all new members of our community. We also will encourage new members of the community to join and participate in the Keys Association.

**NEXT BOARD MEETING will be held on Wednesday
April 10th at 7:30 pm at the home of Desiree
Foraste, 1361 Beachmont. All members Welcome!**

Report Cont'd

interesting. One, is that we could sell that the emergency dredging of the Keys be expanded to allow for the next rain storm so there is someplace for all the stuff to go. I believe we could sell this because if the Keys fills up with silt/crap, the entire storm drain system of Ventura shuts down. Two, that the City doesn't intend to use the emergency permit - the City really intends to hide behind the 60 day expiration of the permit - saying they tried but they couldn't get the permits from other agencies thus time ran out and tried to do something but couldn't. Three, that Major Francis has said publicly that they (the City) are doing everything but now the STKC will not meet with them. About 70 people have signed both agreements for preparation of legal action against the City. Over 200 residents are contributing to the STKC organization with about 150 signed pledges to date. Should nothing more happen, legal counsel for STKC will be insure the interests of the STKC.

NEW MEMBERS Join Us

By now, you have probably revived your "bill" from the Ventura Keys Association (VKA). We hope you will join us in accomplishing many exciting tasks this year to improve our neighborhood. Our biggest project, utilizing funds generated from last year's contributions as well as new monies from this year, is to refurbish the Big Beach, from new asphalt up. Upon completion, our common area should look like new compared to 25 years ago when it was originally built. Our facility will be dedicated upon completion with a plaque in honor of the Sugdens and the Grays, whose many years of service to the KV were most appreciated; they will be missed. Please remember that our ability to maintain and improve our properties at both beaches and the entrance is directly tied to your participation financially. What a bargain to pay \$50 annually to protect your property

New Members Cont'd

value! The following people have already contributed for the '91 calendar year. We sincerely appreciate their support: Bayer, Burke, Carmody, Collins, Crew, Cunningham, Davidson, Halley, Knodle, Masse, McCoig, Nicholson, Plummer, Rieger, Rieman, Rush, Russum, Stoer, Therrien, West.

1991 COMMITTEES

The 1991 Committee Assignments have been formed:

BBQ Steve Ehret, Desiree Foraste

BEACHMONT CLOSURE - Bob Therrien

BIG / LITTLE BEACHS - Dave Bayer

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS- Harrison Fisher

ENTRANCE - Dave Bayer

INSURANCE - Brad Barnes

KEYS BREEZE - Mike Mellin

MEMBERSHIP - Patty Rush

PALM TREE TRIMMING - Brad Barnes

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FROM THE EDITOR

The purpose of the Breeze will be to communicate information to members of the Keys community. We will be attempting to have a monthly publication which we hope everyone will contribute to. We sincerely believe that the Keys Association can be a powerful force in our community to continue to make it a desirable place to live and enjoy with our families. There is no limit as to what the Association can do but we need your help and participation. We get out of an organization what we put in, so we need your help. Along with improving the neighborhood and facilities this year, the Association is planning on bringing back many of the social activities such as the Annual BBQ, a Ship Wreck Party, a Giant Garage Sale, pancake breakfast and maybe progressive dinners.

MOBILE HISTORY

John Trahan called the other day to let us know that he and his team have put together a Mobile Display of the Keys History and information on the Save the Keys Association. In addition, they are displaying pictures of the recent storm damage and flooding.

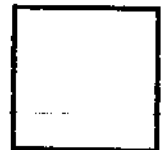
Displays and tables will be set up at the beaches on alternate 4 day week end periods. Feel free to stop by and say hello or ask questions.

BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

Resolution to prohibit posting of signs on Keys Association Property without permission. Also the beach committee will provide volunteers to cut annual maintenance costs (\$4000) of Keys property. Approval has also been given to fix the lighting at the

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