

# KEYS BREEZE

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Fall 2001 [Ventura Keys Association]

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Mark your calendars for the following events:

**Annual Holiday Light Contest:** Judging to take place on Friday, December 14. Prizes will be awarded for top three decorated on the water homes, top three decorated off the water homes and two best decorated duplexes. (A note to on the water houses; Judging takes place from the water so please mark your dock with your address to assist the judges.)

**Homeowner's Association Annual Meeting:** The Board is targeting holding the annual meeting the last week in January at the Sheraton Four Points Hotel. Look for details regarding exact date and time in the annual dues notices to be mailed in early January. All are welcome and encouraged to attend. An election for Board Officers for 2002 will be held and the awards for the Holiday Light contest will be presented.

## DUES UPDATE

The Board would again like to extend a thank you to all of those homeowners who have paid their annual Association Dues. The Board welcomes and encourages participation in the Association. Remember, every property owner is a member in the Association regardless of payment of dues. Dues income is used for general

maintenance, payment of liability insurance premiums, etc. Dues notices will be sent out in early January. Please pay your dues.

## PLAYGROUND 2001

There has been overwhelming support expressed for the Playground 2001 fundraiser. The goal is to raise enough money to put in regulation playground equipment at both the Big and Little Beaches. The equipment encompasses low profile structures with small slides. Maria Angel, the fundraising chairperson, has been working closely with an equipment dealer to ensure that the equipment will be safe. The project will also entail removing the play structure currently at the big beach. In just the past few weeks, the fundraising committee has raised over \$7,000 towards the goal of \$30,000. Thank you to everyone who has been so generous toward this effort by sending in monetary contributions, offering to help, and supporting the bake sale which took place at the BBQ. Look for additional fundraising events in the near future. (Please note that all proceeds raised are placed into a separate fund, apart from annual dues, and earmarked specifically for the Playground only.) Donations may be sent to Ventura Keys HOA, P.O. Box 1086, Ventura, CA 93002.

## ART JURY UPDATE

The Art Jury has been working with City officials to obtain greater recognition of their function within our community. The Art Jury members (Lucy

Ledner, Nora Lewis and Glen Farr) have been busy reviewing building and remodel plans for homes in the Keys. Remember, if you are planning a remodel, addition or building of your home, the Codes Covenants and Restrictions (CC&R's) require the Art Jury's approval prior to beginning your project. If you need to contact an Art Jury member, you may do so by leaving a message on the voice mail at 677-2601.

### **MAINTENANCE STUFF**

**In the past few months the Association put a new coat of paint on the entryway walls, fixed the boat dock at the big beach and has been making efforts to freshen up the landscaping. The initial bids received to resurface the basketball court area with cement (project voted on last January at the annual meeting) were quite high. The Board is in the process of obtaining additional bids and concurrently obtaining bids to replace the asphalt, rather than use concrete. The bids will be discussed at the annual meeting in January.**

**The cautionary Children Playing signs have been installed. Thanks to all the homeowners who volunteered to have them put into their yards. The Board has received additional requests for more signs and will be reviewing the need for additional signs at a later date. The City has finally also added some**

**additional speed limit signs in the neighborhood.**

**Thanks to Mike Malloy for fixing the "ravine" at the big beach. Thanks also to David Bayer for his relentless commitment to maintenance issues in general.**

**Visioning Questionnaire Tally**  
The Visioning Questionnaire responses have been tallied. 140 responses were received in total (with 20 of those coming from members of the Pierpont Association.) 81% of those who responded expressed a desire to protect the small town feel of Ventura and keep growth at slow or none at all. 75% did not want to see the hillsides developed. 44% want to see the Anchors Way vacant lots developed as a public park with parking, 32% indicated development of commercial or tourism oriented businesses would be acceptable with 8% approving an apartment complex.

With regard to the vacant lot at the corner of Seward and Harbor, responses ranged from a desire to see a combination of residential and commercial (30%), to exclusive commercial complex (27%) and public park with parking lot (23%.) Odors bother 66% of people who responded and silting of the harbor bothered 73% of those who responded.

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