

KEYS BREEZE

Summer 2001 [Ventura Keys Association]

IT'S BBQ TIME!

Mark your calendars. The annual Homeowner's Association BBQ will be held on **September 22** from 12:00 to 4:00 at the Big Beach (corner of Beachmont and Seaview.) There will be lots of food and fun. Tri-tip or chicken dinner for \$7, and hot dogs for \$3. This is a great time to meet new neighbors and renew old friendships. Please join us!

DUES UPDATE

The Board would 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 and covered by the Association's liability insurance regardless of payment of dues. A second invoice will be sent this month to all who have not yet paid. Please, pay your dues. This money is the only source of income for the Association and allows for the continued maintenance, and improvement, of the neighborhood. Bids for resurfacing of the blacktop area at the Big Beach were higher than expected and we cannot undertake such a project without everyone's help. Additionally, the Association has planned a general revamping of the entryways and would like to put in new benches

and play structures at both beaches.

A warm Thank You to all who made an extra dues donation to the Association this year including John and Karen Davidson, John and Mona Clements and Diane Cunningham. Thank you so much for your generosity.

SHOW SOME SPIRIT

A Keys homeowner recently pointed out that most waterfront homes, and many non-waterfront homes have flagpoles, but residents rarely fly the American flag. What a great way to show our community spirit if everyone flew the flag on the 4th of July. It would look great and really make those tourists jealous so join in the celebration and FLY THAT FLAG.

SLOW DOWN!

Please be cautious about speeding. Remember, the number of young children playing in the area has increased in recent years and there are also many kids going to and from school and bus stops daily. It only takes a split second for a child to dash out in front of a car with devastating consequences. **PLEASE DRIVE SLOWLY!** Summer break for schools began June 15. The Association Board has obtained City approval to have warning signs posted in the neighborhood. If you are interested in having a caution sign regarding Children Playing installed in your yard, please call Maria Angell at 642-0080. The City will permit the signs to be installed, but only on private property.

On a related note, please be cautious when driving in the Vons shopping center. Many residents use the parking lot as a thoroughfare to and from Seaward and Harbor rather than as a parking lot. There was a recent accident in the lot that injured a Keys' resident and was caused by a vehicle parked in the "No Parking" portion of the lot. Only use designated parking spaces and proceed with caution.

Other Items of Interest

The Keys has been experiencing problems with vandalism including graffiti on the block walls and destruction of the landscaping. Such acts increase the cost of maintenance. Crime Stoppers Tip Line can be reached at 385-8255.

Thank you for all those who returned the Visioning Questionnaire distributed with the last newsletter. The Board is compiling the results and comments to be published in the next newsletter. Thank you also to those who have signed the petition being circulated to keep the speed limit on Harbor Blvd. at 45 m.p.h. If you have not signed the petition and would like to, call Leonard Weber at 654-1789.

NEEDED

The Keys Association Board is looking for someone interested in becoming an Art Jury member. The art jury consists of two individual Keys residents who review and stamp renovation and construction plans for new construction and remodel of homes in the Keys. At this point, the City Building Department does not require the Association's Art Jury stamp of approval prior to approving building plans for Keys homes. Anyone interested in becoming actively involved as a liaison between the Keys and the City

Building Department should contact the Board. There will also be two officer vacancies (President and Treasurer) on the Board in January 2002. Call or e-mail the Association Board if you are interested in having your name submitted for officer elections at the annual meeting.

NEED TO CONTACT SOMEONE ABOUT A PROBLEM???

Below is a listing of some contact phone numbers:

Abandoned vehicles 339-4432

Animal control 388-4341

Police Dept. (Non-emergency)
339-4400

Fire Dept. (Non-emergency) 339-4300

Streetlights (Edison Co.) 800-655-4555

Port District 642-8538

Parks Department (including
Marina Park facilities) 642-4550

Crime Stoppers Tip Line 385-8255

City Council 654-7827

A number of homeowners have requested the Association Board become more involved in reporting and tracking various ordinance violations to the proper authorities. If anyone is interested in becoming involved in this type of project, please call and leave a message on the voice mail.

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